



# Three Rivers News



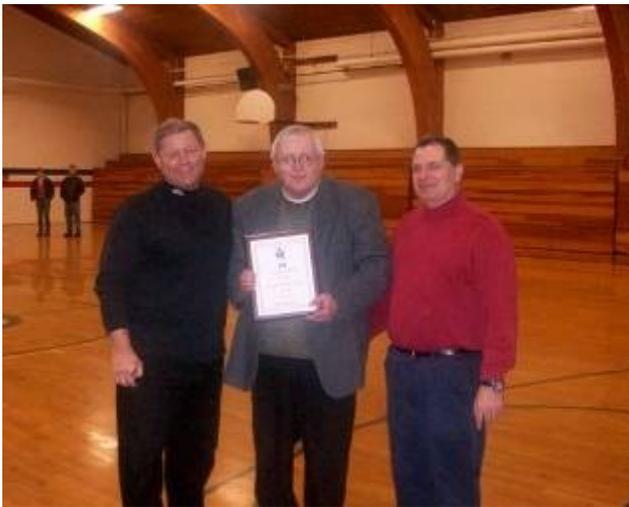
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LIVE SIMPLY-LOVE GENEROUSLY CARE DEEPLY-SPEAK KINDLY

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Bill Sawtell stands with Coaches Tony Hamlin and Wally Russell as he accepts the 2nd Annual Elaine & Alasco Carey Fan Participation Award.....This award is given to a loyal Penquis fan who follows the teams at home and shows his or her support.



Commander Pete Johnson, 1st Place Eric Sanborn,  
Chairman Bob Lee  
Commander Pete Johnson, Shelisha Clark, Chairman Bob

## So that's where everyone is....

A group of folks in Florida, who all have camps on Schoodic Lake, got together yesterday for lunch in Sarasota. As you can see most of them are smiling - probably because they were avoiding the wintry weather in Maine. Present were Mary and Smokey Bridges, Betty and Ray Graunke, Nancy and Tom Harrigan, Delores and George Mayo, Elaine and Joe O'Reilly, Laura and Jim Schnell, Lyn and John Sherburne, Esther and



Bourke Trask, Cathy and Art Witham, and Nancy and Lonnie Woodward.



Lee  
American Legion Oratorical Contest District  
(Piscataquis) Awards presented on the 9th. Story  
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## BINGO...BINGO...BINGO!!!

THE MILO AMERICAN LEGION POST 41 HAS BINGO EVERY FRIDAY NIGHT. A MEAL IS SERVED FROM 5:00PM UNTIL 6:15 PM.

BINGO STARTS AT 6:15 AND ENDS AT 9:30.

SEE YOU THERE!

## District Legion Contest Held

**Milo, Maine. February 9, 2008.** Pete Johnson, American Legion 14<sup>th</sup> District (Piscataquis) Commander, visited American Legion Post # 41 in Milo to enjoy the Oration of Eric Sanborn on Equal Rights. He presented Eric with a \$100 Check for his first place finish in the Post # 41 American Legion Contest. Shelisha Clark received a check for \$50 for her second place finish and Brian Lippincott will received a check for \$25 for finishing third.

Both Eric and Shelisha will compete in the East Brackett at the state championship at Thomas College at 10AM on Saturday February 16<sup>th</sup>. The East and West Brackett winners will compete at 1PM for the State Championship and a trip to the National Championships in Indianapolis, IN.

The purpose of the oratorical contest is to develop a deeper knowledge and appreciation of the Constitution of the United States on the part of high school students. Students may compete each year of High School. The contest is most challenging. Each contestant must present a "Prepared in Advance



Oration" of 8 to 10 minutes, but delivered without notes or aids.

The Winner from each state will compete at The National Contest at Indiana University – Purdue University in Indianapolis in April. The American Legion provides air travel and accommodations for the State Champion and their parent/guardian or coach. The National winners will receive significant scholarships: First \$ 18,000, Second \$ 16,000, and Third \$ 14,000. Numerous \$ 1500 scholarships will also be awarded.

**Information and details may be found at [www.legion.org](http://www.legion.org)**

## ANTIQUITIES

Receive a beautiful 10"x13" sepia-tone portrait of your child/children for only \$10!

Sponsored by the Marion C. Cook PTO.

The photo sessions will be at the Marion C. Cook School in LaGrange on March 1, 2008.

Please contact Jennifer Stone at 943-0928 or Stacey Robichaud at 732-4012.

Antiquities will photograph children ages infant to 16 years. The Antiquities style of dress consists of bare feet, overalls, blue jeans, lace dresses, etc. Clothing will be provided for children ranging in sizes from infant to age 16. A

parent must be present during the photograph session. Limit one coupon per household.



## AREA SCHOOL NEWS

You can help our schools just by shopping!!! The Box Tops for Education Program pays your town's school 10 cents for each and every coupon clipped!!! When choosing your product at your grocer, look for the Box Tops for Education logo, use the product, and then clip and save the Box Tops coupon. You can drop them of at your local elementary school, put them in the special box by the registers at the Milo Farmer's Union, or slip them into the money slot in the *Three Rivers News* display boxes.

## WIN A TRIP TO A NASCAR RACE

**2 tickets to the September 14, 2008 NASCAR RACE at Loudon, NH**

**2 night stay at the Sleepy Inn in Londonderry, NH (30 minutes from the race track) Room for 2 with 2 double beds**

**3 day car rental \*Some restrictions apply**

**Tickets: \$1 each or 6 for \$5**

**Proceeds to benefit the Marion C. Cook School Playground Fund Drawing on July 19, 2008 during LaGrange Days**

For more information please contact Jennifer Stone at 943-0928

\*RESTRICTIONS:

RENTAL CAR: Must be at least 25 years old to accept rental car. Must hold a valid license and valid debit/credit card. Must purchase rental insurance unless proof of insurance through personal auto policy is guaranteed.  
HOTEL ROOM: Package includes the cost for a room for 2 people with 2 double beds.  
Any other charges are the responsibility of the winner. The winner is responsible for all expenses incurred beyond those outlined below.

The Marion C. Cook School PTO, the Marion C. Cook School and M.S.A.D. #41 are under no circumstances liable or responsible for any losses, injuries or damages sustained by the winner or his/her guests while participating in this weekend event. All risk or loss, injury or damage caused by any reason is at the risk and is the responsibility of the winner.

## MILO'S TERRIFIC KIDS

Mrs. Hayes - There is a special valentine who warms our hearts all through the school year. She is a kind and caring person to both students and staff. She is a lover of life. She enjoys dark chocolate, golfing, skiing, swimming at Schoodic Lake, her dog, her friends and her husband. She especially loves to listen to children read. Mrs. Linda is a child at heart and our Extra-Special Terrific Valentine Kid this week.



Mrs. Dunham - Our Terrific Kid is a girl who has worked very hard to receive this honor for a second time. Her assignments are always done on time and she is very responsible with her homework and planner. She is a kind and helpful friend to all. She follows the I Care rules every day. Her cursive handwriting has shown wonderful improvement. Congratulations to Alexis Peters.

Mrs. Mills - Our terrific kid has worked hard all week to earn this award. He completes his work and is helpful to friends. He is kind and caring. He works hard at any job given to him. It is certainly great to have Travis Pearl in our class.

Mrs. Knowlton - This student is extremely hard-working and very, very responsible. His planner is ALWAYS signed, his work is ALWAYS done on time and he does a great job making good choices, even when his friends are trying hard to distract him. One of the greatest things that I can say about this student is that he is ALWAYS willing to lend a helping hand.

Whether it's cleaning up at the end of the day or running errands to the office, I can count on Logan Robinson!

Mrs. Gillis - With President Tyler he shares his name, In our class this week he's earned some fame, He's buckled down and done his work, And led our ship like Captain Kirk. Congratulations, Tyler Cyr!

Mrs. Clukey - I HAD ONE STUDENT THIS WEEK WHO WAS ON FIRE. HIS HAND WAS UP TO ANSWER QUESTIONS ALL WEEK LONG. HE WAS FULLY ENGAGED IN WHAT WE WERE DOING, THE SHINING STAR FOR THE WEEK. HE EVEN HAD ALL HIS ASSIGNMENTS IN ON TIME. SO IT IS FOR THESE REASONS I WOULD LIKE TO ACKNOWLEDGE JEFF LYFORD AS OUR TERRIFIC KID THIS WEEK.

Ms. Clark - I have several TK's this week. Being out sick two days, I had to have a sub. These kids stepped up and were helpful and respectful to the substitute. Thank you for being a great student and a great leader. Nice job Kendra Chase, Michelle Baker, Colton Larabee, Macy Leonard, Amber Webb, Kelly Patten, and Rebecca Glidden.

## A "Thank-You" from Jeremy

Growing up in a small town in busy Connecticut was a great time for me, even though it was always a go go go setting, people still kinda knew who you were and neighbors would do anything for you. I thought that life in rural Connecticut could not be any better, I was wrong. Over the past couple of weeks I have truly learned three very important things,

1. This community is the best, the greatest community I have ever experienced. Never in my life have I experienced such an outpouring of support and willingness to give. Ever since word got out that I fell, I have been showered with cards, letters, food, company, and even the sometimes needed, "can I do anything for you?" question. I have nothing but gratitude, respect, and love for this community and what it does for people in need, even people who in twenty-five years have not learned how to walk!

2. I owe a huge thanks for the love and support of my new family, and I mean that when I say it. The things the faculty of SAD #41 have done for me over the past three weeks have been above and beyond the call of duty, I am a person that has shared the halls for less than two years with some of these people and the support and wishes that I have received are incredible, I don't know how I will ever repay each and everyone of you, but I will find a way, I promise.

3. I know I am getting long with this but I need to thank, in a public forum, my better half. If it were not for Rachel, I would not make it through this. She has been around for everything and besides getting the chocolate when I asked, has gotten and done anything that I have asked. Caring for me as well as maintaining the schedule she has, is a grueling and tremendous task, but then, taking me on is a task in itself. I have grown to love and admire her more than she knows over the past couple of weeks, even though some days it might not seem like it. I am very thankful for what she is doing, what she accomplished, and most of all to be marrying her later this year. She is my backbone and I am forever in debt to her (with or without the ring), I love you Rach.



Thanks so much for the love and respect this community, my new family, and Rach have given me, I will- and mark my words- will return the favor some how, some day, I promise!

Jeremy Bousquet  
 Penquis High School  
 Secondary Education History Teacher  
 Rm 8 Ext 126  
 "Is Today Tomorrow?" Ainsley Ade

It was another February Cabin Fever Reliever on Friday when the 4,5,6 grade students from Brownville Elementary went swimming at the YMCA before vacation. It was so much fun to be swimming again. The muscle men are Phillip, Dylan, Devon, Michael and Keith. And the cannonball girl is Zena.



Alyssa Neal, Haley Bernard and Cassidy Parker were honored as Terrific Kids at our 2-15-08 assembly.

Mrs. Nott: Alyssa is my terrific kid this week. Alyssa has done a wonderful job this week in science. She worked very well with her science partner and was very good about sharing and taking turns with the materials. Alyssa also did some extra spelling work with me this week. She is a good friend to her classmates and always makes me laugh every day.

Miss Brown: Haley has earned terrific kid this week because she has had a wonderful week! She has had great work ethic, working hard on all assignments and getting straight to work on her jobs. She has had a lot to offer during

classroom discussions, and she has given thoughtful answers to questions posed to the class. Haley has followed directions and has been respectful toward others. Congratulations Haley!

Miss K.: Cassidy has had ANOTHER terrific week. She is an excellent student. She does her best on all assignments and often will do extra work to exceed the goals. Cassidy is always on task. She is a wonderful, creative writer. Cassidy helps to get the calendar ready for the next school day. She did a terrific job on our class snow shoe trip. I appreciate her help in keeping me organized.

Bus Kids: Harli, Bree-Anna, April  
 Birthday: Angelique (6)

Civil Rights Award: Good Citizenship award was presented to all the students in the school for participating in our "Put a Cap on Name Calling" day.

An award was presented to the whole school for participating in the 6th Annual Mix It Up at Lunch Day in November.

Caught Being Good Prize Winners: Angelique, Dakota H., Levi, Frankie, Alyssa V.

Congratulations to all of our Terrific Kids.



4th and 5th grade students celebrated Valentine's Day by snow shoeing for a "Healthy Heart." The sun was out and everyone had a great time.

### ALUMNI MEETING FOR PVHS

There will be a reunion meeting for the newly formed Penquis Valley Alumni Association reunion committee on March 7 at 3:30 at Brownville Elementary School. The newly formed association is trying to put something together for this summer. They particularly would like to have someone from the various classes bring email addresses which would make contacting graduates so much easier.

For more information contact Roxanne Marsh Redding, Lori Woodard Gerrish, Seth Barden, Merlene Philbrook Sanborn or Lynn Zwicker Weston. If you were on the reunion committee but didn't receive notice of the first meeting, please mark your calendar for March 7. The Association is open to all former Penquis students from the classes of 1969-2008. Or go to

; <http://www.trcmaine.org/alumni/forums/index.php?board=1.0>

## New Business Announcement:

<b>LaPointe Plumbing</b> 24 Hour Service	
380 Anderson Road Orneville, ME 04463 (207) 943-5165 (207) 949-5583 (Cell)	<b>Michael LaPointe</b> Master Plumber

Offering plumbing services, including Well Pumps, Water Heaters and Freeze-Up help.

### Italian Night at Valerie Jean's Bistro

On Sunday, you can enjoy your Italian favorites at Valerie Jean's on Main Street, Milo.

Menu for February.

Each meal is \$9.95 and includes a Caesar Salad and Focaccia Bread.

For an entrée

you may choose from the following:

- ☺ Grilled Quail over Polenta with Tapenade Sauce
  - ☺ Portabella Marsala with choice of Polenta or Fresh Pasta
  - ☺ Baked Spaghetti with meaty Bolognese
  - ☺ Whole baby Clams steamed with White Wine, Garlic and Lemon Butter over Pasta
- Reservations are strongly recommended.

Call 943-7470 to ensure a spot!

Then on Wednesday Night, take a culinary trip to:

## Peru

### Empanadas

This Peruvian version is filled with black beans, corn and queso fresco (fresh cheese)

### Ceviche

The freshest fish we could find, cooked in lime juice with red onion and chile peppers

### Aji de Gallina

Shredded creamy chicken with walnuts served over rice with potatoes and eggs

Or

### Lomo Salteado

This Asian influenced beef dish is a stir fry with peppers and onions served with fried potatoes over rice

### Suspiro de Limena

Caramel custard topped with meringue

### Thirty Dollars

### Pisco Sour

This national drink is made from distilled brandy and mixed with key lime juice, sugar and egg whites blended with ice + \$3

## Community Connection

### FROM TOM ALLEN:

Saturday, February 16, I hope you will join me at Sangerville Town Hall from 11:00 a.m.-noon. The Piscataquis County Democratic Committee is hosting me for the morning and has kindly opened their meeting up to the public. I look forward to updating you on my campaign and hearing your questions and concerns.

I hope you'll make the trip on Saturday to talk about why Maine needs a Senator who opposes the War in Iraq, fights for working people, and isn't afraid to stand up to the Bush Administration.

I look forward to meeting you.

Sincerely, Tom Allen

Directions to Sangerville Town Hall:

From Dexter: Take Rt. 23 (Main St.) into the center of Sangerville. The Town Hall is on your left just before the four-way intersection in the middle of town.

From Dover-Foxcroft/Guilford:

Take Rt. 15/6 to Rt. 23 South toward Sangerville. Cross the Piscataquis River.

After going through the four-way intersection in the middle of town, Town Hall is on your right.

### Nathan Neal Robertson

By Burpee, Carpenter & Hutchins Funeral Home, Inc. THOMASTON (Feb 15): Nathan Neal Robertson, 20, died peacefully at his home Monday, Feb 11, 2008, after a three-year battle with desmoplastic small round cell tumor.

Born Nov. 13, 1987 in Rockport, he was the son of Kevin and Patricia Painter Robertson. Raised in Thomaston, he attended Lura Libby School, Thomaston Grammar School, and was a 2006 graduate of Georges Valley High School. Diagnosed with a rare cancer his Junior year, Nathan was still able to complete his education and graduate on time with his class. While in school he played basketball, was an active band member, and was involved with school plays.

He was employed at the Waterfront Market in Thomaston for four years, where he sorted bottles and enjoyed interaction with his customers. Nathan had loyal friends who remained in contact with him during his entire illness. They often would drop by the house to play video games, watch movies, or just hang out. Among his best friends were Tim Taylor, Charlie Walsh, Alex Hatch, Elias Edwards-Jenks, and Peter Griffith. After he became critically ill a month ago, Alex, Elias, and Peter flew home from California to spend quality time with Nathan every day. An avid on-line gamer, Nate developed friendships worldwide and shared that passion with his brother, Andrew. He also enjoyed spending time with his sister, Sarah, with whom he shared a love for dogs, particularly his standard poodle 'Duncan' and Sarah's poodles, 'Makki' and 'Daisy'.

Due to his familiarity with the healthcare system, Nathan was often personally involved in decisions involving his treatment. Never one to complain or delve in self-pity, Nathan offered himself to be subjected to experimental treatments in hopes of finding a solution to his rare cancer. He often commented that there was value in doing this no matter what happened. He explained that if it did not work, then that was important information, too. The past three years while in treatment Nathan developed wonderful relationships with the staff at Barbara Bush Children's Hospital and Maine Children's Cancer Center.

Nathan will be sadly missed by his parents, Kevin and Patty of Thomaston; brother, Andrew K. Robertson, student at University of Rhode Island; sister, Sarah E. Robertson of Thomaston; maternal grandparents, Lloyd and Connie Painter of

Owls Head; paternal grandmother, Denice Robertson of Milo; relatives, Kirby and Valerie Robertson, Joel and Marie Robertson, Tom and Sarah Painter, Rodney and Kathy Painter, John and Kati Painter; special cousin Kelen Painter; as well as extended aunts, uncles, cousins, neighbors, and friends.

Nathan's incredible journey was chronicled in an online journal kept by his mother, Patty, for the past three years. His story and inspiration touched the lives of many people. His journal can be found online at <http://www.caringbridge.org/me/nathan>.

Visiting hours will be held from 1 to 3 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 17, 2008, at Burpee, Carpenter & Hutchins Funeral Home, 110 Limerock Street, Rockland. A celebration of Nathan's life will be held at 1 p.m., Monday, at Rockland Congregational Church, 180 Limerock Street, Rockland. The Reverend Laura Edwards will officiate, along with Reverend Peter Jenks and Reverend Kate Braestrup, all of whom knew and loved Nathan. Interment will be at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Maine Children's Cancer Program, 100 U.S. Route One, Unit 107, Scarborough, ME 04075, or to Make-A-Wish-Foundation, 87 Elm Street, Suite 206, Camden, ME 04843. To sign Nathan's on-line guest book, please visit [www.bchfh.com](http://www.bchfh.com).

#### Jardine Sr., Robert F.

MILLINOCKET and MILO Robert F. Jardine Sr., 89, husband of the late Edith C. (Morrell) Jardine, died Feb. 10, 2008, at his daughter's home in Millinocket. He was born April 22, 1918, in Greenville, the son of Daniel C. and Pearl (Lanpher) Jardine. Bert served his country with bravery and courage during World War II with the U.S. Army. He was awarded the Purple Heart as he was wound-ed in the Battle of the Bulge. He had worked for many years for Great Northern Paper and also enjoyed his work as a self-employed carpenter. He was a member of Columbia-Doric Lodge No. 149 AF & AM, Joseph P. Chaisson American Legion Post No. 41 and Green-ville Methodist Church. Bert enjoyed telling a good joke and hearing people laugh. He was an accomplished carpenter and loved working with his hands. Bert made so many gifts for family members and these beautiful pieces of work will be cherished forever. Bert was an avid outdoorsman, as he loved fishing, boating, snow sledding and hunting. He built a camp on South Twin Lake, Millinocket, to pursue these activities and by this he created many years of treasured memories, as well as those to come for future generations. Bert spent time with his family and he instilled values into his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren, with his gentle spirit and upstanding morals. Bert was a good, hard-working man, who through his actions was a tremendous role model for his family. He is survived by his children; a daughter, E. Claire Daigle and her husband, Terry, of Millinocket; a son, Robert Jr. and his wife, Vicki, of Orrington; grandchildren, Terrence Michael Jr. and his wife, Patti Daigle, and their children, Michael III, Seth, Hannah, Chris and Nikki; Matthew and his wife, Kim Daigle, and their child, Kristin; Jason and his wife, Janet Daigle, and their children, Joshua and Jordan; Stacy and her husband, Matthew LaBree, and their children, Cameron and Alexis; Heather and her husband, Marc Corey, Robbie and his wife, Carrie Jardine, Michelle and her husband, Dale Hayes, and their children, Miranda and Dale Ryan and George Simon; a sister, Thelma MacDonald; several nieces and nephews; two special family members, Theresa Germain and Debbie Daigle; and special friends, Mary and Gerry McLean, Dot and Jim Gustafson, and Ken McKinnon. He was predeceased by a son, Wayne C.; sisters, Charlotte Kirstead, Ruth Hamel, Hilda Whitney; and a brother, Paul Jardine.

Memorial contributions may be made to Brownville Community Church, P.O. Box 706, Brownville, ME 04414 or Katahdin Area Support Group, care of Jackie McAdam, 10 Field St., Millinocket, ME 04462. Messages of condolence and memories may be

#### Searles, Christina Larson "Bessie"

BROWNVILLE - Christina "Bessie" Larson Searles, 90, wife of the late Robert Searles, died unexpectedly Feb. 15, 2008, at a Dover-Foxcroft hospital. She was born June 1, 1917, in Canada, the daughter of George and Christina (McLeod) Hatton. As a young woman, Bessie worked at Lewis's Mill, Brownville, for the Canadian Pacific Railroad and later at Rollins Hat Factory, Brownville Junction. She retired from the Canadian Pacific Railroad in 1979. She was a member of St. John's Episcopal Church, Brownville. Bessie loved traveling and visiting. She especially treasured time spent with her children, grandchildren

and great-grandchildren. Bessie is survived by a son, Dennis and his wife, Irene Larson, of Williamsburg; a daughter, Brenda Buchanan and her husband, Tim, of Arkport, N.Y.; four stepdaughters, Roberta Smith and her husband, David, of Rockport, Susan Herring and her husband, Thomas, of Millinocket, DeeDee Ellingson and her husband, David, of Poulsbo, Wash., and Donna Curtis of Glenburn; two sisters, Viola Goodrow and her husband, Joseph, of Dover-Foxcroft and Laura Hamlin of Old Town; 12 grandchildren and several great-grand-children. She will be missed by a special friend, Rose Gennazzi. Bessie was predeceased by two brothers, James and Roderick; and her first husband, Oscar Larson. Friends are invited to call noon until time of the funeral service 2 p.m. Monday, Feb. 18, at Lary Funeral Home, Milo, with the Rev. Nancy Moore officiating. Spring burial will be in the family lot at Pinetree Cemetery. Those who wish may make memorial contributions to St. John's Episcopal Church, P.O. Box 751, Brownville, ME 04414. Messages of condolence and memories may be expressed at [www.laryfuneralhome.com](http://www.laryfuneralhome.com).

***"Even on the coldest winter's day, your heart shines with the promise that soon, spring will make everything new again!" - Elizabeth Spencer***

#### TRC Community Calendar

Visit <http://calendar.trcmaine.org/> for a full listing.

##### Monday, February 18

8:00a D-F : Babysitting Class Scheduled  
9:00a Monday Morning Quilters  
11:45a Meals for ME  
1:00p D-F : Diabetes Support Group  
6:00p Volley Ball  
7:00p Alcoholics Anonymous  
7:00p Sebec Selectmen  
7:30p Pleasant River Lodge #163

##### Tuesday, February 19

9:00a Womancare Outreach  
11:30a Mt. Katahdin Senior Citizens  
5:30p Line Dancing  
6:30p Support Our American Recruits  
6:30p Post #92 Bingo  
7:00p United Methodist Women

##### Wednesday, February 20

6:30a Three Rivers Kiwanis  
9:00a D-F : VA Service Officer  
10:00a Church Thrift Shop  
12:30a Milo - VA Service Officer  
6:00p K.I. Riders  
6:00p Sons of Post #41  
6:00p Wednesday Night Quilters  
6:00p Milo Selectmen  
6:30p Boy Scout Troop #115  
7:00p Overeaters Anonymous

##### Thursday, February 21

11:45a Meals for ME  
4:30p Tae Kwon Do Class  
6:00p Boy Scout Troop #112  
6:00p Brownville Snowmobile Club  
6:00p Milo : Recycling Meeting  
6:30p Line Dancing  
6:30p BJHS Card Party  
7:00p Milo Historical Society Meeting

##### Friday, February 22

11:45a Meals for ME  
6:15p Post #41 Bingo

##### Saturday, February 23

Sunday, February 24  
2:30p Tiny Tigers Tae Kwon Do  
6:00p Alcoholics Anonymous  
6:00p Brownville Jct. : Scrapbooking  
7:30p Alcoholics Anonymous

## Milo Free Public Library News

By Judith D. Macdougall

What an interesting meeting I attended on Thursday morning! The Tri-County librarians' meeting took place the day after the February 13 snow/ice storm, and I almost didn't go as my driveway and the road were both quite icy. However, I thought I should go as maybe there would not be too many there, and Janet Chapman, a romance author from Glenburn was to be the speaker. I needn't have worried about attendance. There were 16 of us from as far away as Cherryfield, Hartland and Princeton and from most of the surrounding towns as Guilford, Dexter and Greenville. Helen Fogler and the staff at the Thompson Free Library had a tasty display of donuts, coffee cake and fruit with a donation of heart shaped cookies from Liz Breault of Abbot Public Library.

Janet was a great speaker and held us all enthralled for over two hours. Of course, a romance author was the perfect speaker for Valentine's Day too. Janet was very down-to-earth and asked what we wanted her to talk about. She mentioned several interesting topics of the writing genre, and the audience demanded all of them. She began by telling us that as a teenager she read voraciously. After she got married and became a stay-at-home mom for her two boys, she still read. Finally one day after years of reading, she felt she wanted to write a book, and she did. She wrote and wrote for six weeks and finished her book, which she promptly put away in the closet. She then went on to write another book in the next six weeks. While Janet wrote intensely, her husband and boys began to do more and more of the household chores. Finally after completing 8 books, all of which went into the closet, Janet felt she should try to get published as a measure to see if she really was a writer or if she was just fooling herself.

She then began to look for an agent, but was rejected or ignored by many. Finally one kindly agent suggested she join the Romance Writers group and attend a conference. When she learned the next conference was to be in NYC, she made up her mind to go. Luckily she met Dorothy Garlock who took her under her wing and guided her through registering, etc. Later in the conference, she met another author who was impressed that she had actually finished a book (or 8 as was the case for Janet) and suggested the name of an agent. The established author said that having completed a book, Janet was in the top 10% of the people at the conference. Luckily for Janet the agent accepted her, was very impressed with the book she sent and walked it over to Pocket Books Publishing House immediately. Janet explained that the publishing of a book took a great deal of time, and it was nearly 2 years before the book came into the book stores. There were book contracts, negotiations, editing and lots of hard work, but Janet now has 10 books published and is quite a popular romance author.

She also elaborated on how books are published. Series are very popular. Publishers usually make nothing on the first book so a series is very important. When a book is consumed (read), the reader is then anxious for another by that author. As Janet said, "Feeding the Beast" is important. The



publishers brought out her first three books at 3 month intervals. She spoke of the popular authors who are prolific, and publishers want prolific authors in their business.

She answered several questions at the end of her talk. She does no research as she feels too much detail on specific subjects would take away from the characters and the story. She goes with what she knows and relies on her imagination. Writing is still fun, but she only writes one book a year. She now has had 10 published and has 10 in the closet so she feels secure. In fact, she is now making a living wage, and her husband retired in 2006.

She told an interesting story of a trip to Chicago where she had to sign 6000 books-1500 of each of 4 different titles. The people involved did an assembly line and she completed the task in three days in spite of terrific arm cramps -made worse by the fact that she is left-handed.

While she is writing one book, another is percolating in her mind. Sometimes she has a hard time finishing one book as she is so anxious to get started on the next one.

After the talk, she autographed the copies of The Secrets of the Highlander that she had given to each of us. Janet Chapman is a very pleasant and entertaining person to share a morning with.

The Milo Free Public Library is having FINES FREE WEEKS until the end of February. If you have overdue books please return them to the library before Feb. 29<sup>th</sup> and there will be no fines. If it is more convenient, we have contacted the Milo Elementary School and any overdue books may be dropped off by your child in their office there.

### Library Winter Hours

Mon.-Weds.-Fri. ---2:00-8:00

Saturday 2:00-4:00

Telephone 943-2612

## Italy Part 12

Monday Nov. 12

After breakfast we had a lecture by a local college professor about the area around Bolzano called South Tirol. People living here 150 years ago were mostly Austrian around Bolzano and mostly Italian in the area around Trento just a few miles to the south.

At the time of WWI, Italy hesitated in joining with the Allies until they were assured that they would get the southern region around Trento as part of Italy. They joined with the Allies and after the war it was decided that the southern 2/3 of South Tirol or the land south of the Brenner Pass would become part of Italy. This was done partly because it would be easier to defend as there were only a few mountain passes in that area and only the Brenner Pass could be used for traffic. When the socialists under Mussolini gained power in Italy they forced all the German speaking people to Italianize both their first and last names. They were so thorough in the process that they went back into all legal documents and changed the names of dead people as well. All names of natural landmarks, streets and towns were changed to Italian. Only Italian could be spoken so when German speaking children went to school they couldn't understand and flunked out. All jobs required that Italian be spoken and the speaking of German in public was forbidden. Fearing a vote to determine which country the people wanted to be part of, Mussolini imported lots of Italians and gave them housing and jobs. The German-speaking natives had a choice of completely Italianizing or moving to Austria. Seventy thousand moved north to Austria. Those with no relatives in Austria lived in slums with no jobs.

In the last stages of WWII, after Italy had surrendered, Hitler put the Italians of the region on trains and shipped them to

Dachau concentration camp. The Brenner Pass was bombed to cut off the remaining German army and also to prevent the deportation of the Italians.

After WWII the German-speaking people were allowed to return and reclaim their land and German names. For children there were German schools and Italian schools. All landmarks, streets and towns were given both Italian and German names. In school all children are now required to learn both languages and government jobs require people to be bilingual. The parliament of the region is divided according to the ethnicity of the population. This includes the 20% of Etruscan ancestry who still speak ancient Latin.

After the lecture we went on a guided tour of the city with a local guide, Luciano. I found him interesting, but Fernanda had to keep urging him on because we were on a tight schedule. We visited a large church and the old shopping part of the city before having him drop us off at the Dante Alighieri School. The 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders sang us some songs in Italian and asked a few simple questions in English. Since we were late getting there and



it was close to their lunch time, we had to cut our visit short. They sang the Italian National Anthem and asked us to sing ours.

Steff, Kelley, Eric and their girls and I went back to the bank near the hotel to exchange money. I found it interesting that no money is on the first floor. You take your money to a teller and they fill out paperwork and send it pneumatically to the second floor where it is exchanged and returned to the first floor. I suppose that prevents bank robberies.

We returned to an open market we had passed earlier and bought our lunch. I had a German sausage on a roll. Since we were having another hall party tonight we stopped at the grocery store. I picked up sausages, salami, cheese crackers, tomatoes and peanut puffs. The peanut puffs were like our cheese curls but peanut flavored.

Steff then left with a group to take a cable car up one of the mountains for a panoramic view. With my fear of heights there was no way I was going. As it turned out it didn't operate on Mondays. The museums were also closed.

At 4, when the siesta time was over and the stores reopened, I went for a walk. I bought postcards of castles in the area but mainly watched people. Italians are very fashion conscious and dress very well even when casual. Steff stuck out everywhere because she was the only person in shorts. During the day the temperature was in the high 50s and low 60s but dropped into the 40s at night.

At 6 we gathered in the rooms of my niece and nephew. They were at the end of a corridor and across from each other, which made it convenient for the 30 people who gathered from the group. The food was a mix of German and Italian. We had a nice time socializing with everyone. Fernanda called her boyfriend and some of us had a chance to talk to him. I returned to my room around 10.

The picture is of a site around Bolzano.

## News About Town

By Valerie Robertson

Because the Selectmen have been busy reviewing, interviewing and discussing candidates for our Town Manager's position, there have been no selectmen's meetings. However, things are busy, busy, busy in our fair town. Committees have been formed for exploring the endless tourism possibilities our area offers and I thought you might enjoy some updates on the progress of such things.

At the meeting of the Milo Tourism Task Force on February 12, we decided to schedule the Community Kickoff Event for Wednesday, **March 19, 2008, at 6 pm** at the Milo **Town Hall** dining room. A pizza buffet will be provided by the PCEDC. It is very important that those who have an interest in tourism in Milo and especially those who stand to benefit plan to attend this Kick-off event. They do not have to be "members" of the task force, but their presence at this kickoff and eventually returning to attend a meeting outlining our findings and recommendations is critical to our success. PLEASE take the time to plan on attending and engage members of the community you know and urge them to attend with you. Anyone who owns or runs a business in Milo MUST attend. Your future and that of your business could be greatly impacted!

**Milo Tourism Development Kickoff Event**  
**Public Invited, Pizza Buffet**  
**Milo Town Hall Dining Room**  
**Wednesday, March 19, 2008 @ 6 p.m.**

### **Town of Milo:** **Community Tourism Forums**

The Milo Tourism Committee is organizing two community meetings as part of its work on a tourism plan for the town. Community participation in listing visitor attractions, and later, discussing how the town wants to connect with tourism, is key to the success of the project goal set by the Milo Tourism Committee.

*The goal of the Milo Tourism Committee is to gather information about tourism attractions and make recommendations to the town about how Milo might benefit from enhancing the visibility of visitor opportunities and activities.*

Over 2008 the Milo Tourism Committee (MTC) will conduct the following activities which support fulfilling this goal:

1. MTC Plans and Organizes the Tourism Inventory
2. *Community Forum #1...* brainstorm and discuss visitor attractions
3. MTC Evaluates the base of possible attractions
4. MTC Assesses strengths, weaknesses, issues and opportunities for tourism
5. *Community Forum #2...* discuss community attitudes and hospitality
6. MTC Prepares "Tourism Recommendations for the Town of Milo"
7. Town of Milo discusses and decides about adopting the recommended plan

*Community Forums...*Community-wide participation in the 2 forums is crucial to completing this community tourism project. Here is what will happen at each forum:

*Community Forum #1...* Community pizza buffet and short presentation on tourism; community members will brainstorm a list of developed and undeveloped tourism attractions within and around the Town of Milo.

*Community Forum #2...*Community pizza buffet and presentation on "Small Town Success with Tourism;" MTC will present an overview of findings from the tourism inventory and evaluation, followed by an open, community discussion about attitudes towards tourism and community hospitality.

*Community participation is the key to success in any community tourism project. Residents have lots of knowledge about the natural resources and cultural heritage within their*

community. Brainstorming will provide the Milo Tourism Committee with a complete listing of possible attractions, created by community residents.

Enhancing tourism locally means a community has to become savvy about attitudes, customer service and hospitality. Addressing this in a community-wide meeting will help the MTC and the Town of Milo better understand how they wish to participate, or not, in enhancing community tourism opportunities for visitors.

"Community tourism development does not begin with the assumption that tourism is good for you. Instead, it begins with the notion that tourism may be good for you."

MSU, Community Tourism Handbook

**Town of Milo  
Community Tourism Project Partners**

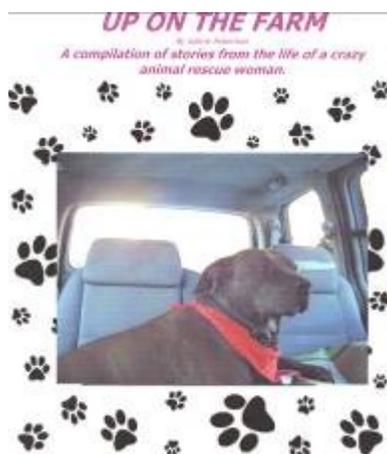
*Milo Tourism Committee:* Victoria Eastman, Jaye Olender, Cathy Knox, Fred Trask, Elaine Poulin, Isabelle Warren, Jeff Gahagan, Michelle Lemik, Mike Comeau, Val Robertson, Barbara Crossman, Sarahne LaGoy, Staci Beaulieu  
*Town of Milo -* Jerry Brown, Acting Town Manager  
*Piscataquis County Economic Development Council:* Ken Woodbury, Community Development Specialist  
*UMaine Cooperative Extension:* Roger Merchant, Extension Educator, Tourism Economic Development

**-And most importantly, the residents of the Town of Milo...**

Even more plans are in the works that will offer tourists destination activities in Milo. To see what exciting events and improvements are planned, come to the next meeting of the Downtown Revitalization Committee!

**Downtown Revitalization Public Hearing  
Thursday, February 28, 2008 at 6 p.m.  
Milo Town Hall Dining Room**

# PAWS NEWS



On Friday, February 29, PAWS will be having a food sale at Maine Savings Federal Credit Union. From 10AM to 4PM, you will be able to purchase Homemade Baked Beans, Chicken Pies, Fruit Pies, Whoopie Pies, Fudge, Brownies and other delectable sweets. Also, copies of "UP ON THE FARM" will be available. This is one of our major Winter Fundraisers, so we anticipate a huge out-pouring of support!

*Make Check payable to: Valerie Robertson  
\$10 each copy-\$3.95 for postage. Call 943-2324 if you have any questions.*

Mail to Valerie Robertson  
PO Box 81  
Milo, ME 04463

I would like to order \_\_\_\_\_ copies of Up On The Farm

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Special Inscription \_\_\_\_\_ Use extra Sheet if necessary.

Mail to: \_\_\_\_\_

**Copies are also available at The Head Shop--5 Elm Street Milo**

We are also accepting donations on the porch of the shelter as well as at Three Rivers Feed and Redemption and The Milo Farmers Union. Coupons for Purina Cat Food are needed as well as cleaning supplies, wood shavings and cash!!

**See you at our food sale on Friday, February 29<sup>th</sup>, at Maine Savings Credit Union!!**

# Friends of Kiwanis Program

It has been our experience that not everyone has the time or energy level to become a full time member of the Kiwanis. On the other hand, there are many people in the community who are anxious to help and can give four, eight or even twelve hours of their time to help out. So to take advantage of this tremendous resource of community support, we have come up with the Friends program. You have agreed to become a "Friend" and for that we are most grateful. By agreeing to give us a few hours of help during the next year you will make it possible for us to get more done in a more effective and efficient manner. The old expression "many hands make for light work" is a wise truth. By getting several people to give a few hours of work on a particular project is like having two people work two forty hour weeks, you get the picture. It makes sense doesn't it?

What you now have to do is tell us what project you want to help us with, the Auction, the Talent Show, the Canoe Race, you pick and pledge the number of hours you want to contribute. A complete list of our projects can be found on the TRC website or just talk to any Kiwanian, they can steer you in the right direction. Once you have done that you are in. Just let us know your choice of project and we will have the chairman of that particular committee get in touch with you and let you know the options for helping out. It is that easy.

## The Friends of Kiwanis Project

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Business: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Town: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Your Interest(s):            Please circle as many as you want!!

Veterans Park	Secret Santa	Auction:
Bike Rodeo	Community Calendar	Newspaper:
Golf Tournament	Scholarships	Community Calendar:
Key Club	Library Time	Variety Show:
Swim Program	Baking	Canoe Race:
Marketing	Senior BBQ	Web Site:
Auction	Veterans Dinner	Food Wagon:
Easter Egg Hunt RIF	Newspaper	Other: _____

Donation Opportunities:

Auction:	Value:
Baked Goods:	
In-kind Services: Value:	
Time:	Hours
Cash Donation:	
In memory of:	
Other:	

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