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JAMBOREE TO BENEFIT PAWS and The Performing Arts Center-MARCH 1, 2008



On Saturday, March 1, the Milo Town Hall Performing Arts Center will be the place to be. Our own Ronnie Knowles, along with his troupe of talented musicians, will perform an old-time American Jamboree. If you have never been to one of their shows, this is your chance to participate in a rousing, heart-warming tribute to America and the music you grew up on. Country, gospel, Rockabilly, and Maine classics are performed and not a toe in the place can keep still! For those of you who enjoy dancing, a dance area will be available as the classic oldies get you out of your seat!!

Admission is by donation at the door, as are the refreshments. There will also be a 50/50 drawing. Refreshments will include Val's Famous Chicken Pie, Elaine Blethen's Equally Famous Homemade Baked Beans, fresh biscuits and of course, Bright Red Hot Dogs! Desserts and beverages will also be available.

The show features musicians from the area as well as further away, who play everything from acoustic guitar to steel guitars, electric guitars, pianos, mandolins, tambourines and other instruments. One of the highlights of last fall's show was watching a very talented percussionist play along with maracas and a set of big spoons!! Another highlight was seeing Slim Andrews, a Maine Country legend, who has been inducted to the Maine Country Music Hall of Fame. As you can tell, the music was highlighted by singing from some very fine vocalists. A rendition of Roy Orbison's "Crying" was flawless, and the selections included everything from country music to blues, gospel and old favorites.

We at PAWS would like to thank Ronnie and his gang for thinking of us and allowing us to provide the refreshments to raise money for our shelter. In addition, their efforts to make improvements to the Town Hall Arts Center is also appreciated. Come and show your support!! (And have fun to boot!)

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>



AMAZING NEWS FROM PAWS

We have received our 501(C) 3 status! 501(c)(3) is a tax law provision granting exemption from the federal income tax to non-profit organizations. What does it mean to PAWS? Well, first of all, it means Mary Jean Pokrywka is a very smart lady! She did the paperwork, leg-work and brain-work and applied for us. Now bear in mind, this is a process usually done by lawyers or accountants, yet our Mary Jean waded through the endless forms and questions and got the job done. We are so lucky to have her as our treasurer!

It also means that the building we are using will be turned over to our little rescue group and we will be solely

responsible for the operation and cost of operation...YIKES. A little scary, but as shown by our fearless treasurer, we are up to any challenge!! We are hoping the town will budget us money for this first year so we can see just what it will take to run the shelter as a corporation. In the meantime, Sandy, Janet, Joyce, Laurie and the rest will make sure that all calls for animals in need will be seen to. And just such a situation occurred last week.

On Wednesday, February 20th, Laurie Brown called me from Clarence Langevigne's old house on Riverside Street and said she had a cat trapped under her porch. When I got there, she, her son Christopher and 2 of his friends were digging and shoveling.

Laurie explained that she had been hearing a cry from beneath her porch for 4 or 5 days. She has 4 cats of her own, so it took a while to isolate exactly who was crying and where it was coming from, but when she did, she jumped to action.

She and the boys had made a hole big enough for the frantic orange cat to stick his sweet face out, but the frozen earth stopped the progress.

We went the entire width of the porch looking for a hole big enough to coax the kitty out, and each time he cooperated, physics didn't; He couldn't get his head through. It was so pitiful watching him try to pull himself out!

We talked to sooth him as I called Kirby to come help. He arrived with a magical tool, some kind of crow-bar thing and chipped and chipped and chipped away at the frozen ground and sure enough--it worked!! Out crawled a full-grown orange and white male. He was starved for food, water and attention!!

We took him to the shelter, set him up in a warm room with plenty of food and water and he ate and ate and ate!!

Well, he is still at the shelter. No one came or called to claim him. So if you are in the mood to adopt a very nice, neutered leukemia -negative cat, have we got the guy for you!!

If you would like to help us in our efforts, we appreciate all donations!! Our mailing address is:

PAWS
PO Box 81
Milo-ME 04463.

As always there are other ways to help. We love having items dropped off on the porch of the shelter. Purina Cat Chow, laundry soap, bleach, Mr. Clean and wood shavings make us very happy! Also, you can drop your spare change or whatever you can afford, into the cans at the Milo Farmer's Union. Also Three Rivers Redemption and Feed accepts donations of either money or cans and bottles for us.

You can also help by ordering a copy of **UP ON THE FARM** a compilation of stories of animal rescues and antics as told by me, Valerie Robertson. The stories will make you laugh, cry and get a feel for what it takes to be a crazy animal rescuer. Write to the above address if you would like a copy. \$10 and all proceeds go to PAWS to feed and care for the critters.

However you chose to help, we are eternally grateful! Having the support of our community gives us the energy to do the things that at times seem undoable! Thanks to you, we are making a difference in the lives of stray, neglected and abused animals in our area.

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!

STATEMENT OF POLICY

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Nancy Willinski, 10 Belmont St. Milo, Maine 04463, e-mailed to nancy2310@roadrunner.com or call 943-5809.

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WE NEED YOU TO HELP BUILD A BETTER MILO

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 tourist 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**

AND THEN....

The Milo Tourism Task Force will hold the Community Kickoff Event on 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 attend 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.**

The Piscataquis County Economic Development Council will be submitting an application for a housing assistance grant to the Maine Department of Economic and Community Development's Office of Community Development. The grant would provide home repair funds for low and moderate income residents of Parkman, Medford and Wellington.

If successful, the grant would provide \$250,000 to be awarded to qualified applicants to repair roofs, siding, new windows and doors, septic systems, wells, lead-based paint removal, removal of architectural barriers, weatherization projects and other housing repair and assistance needs.

The grant would be administered by Peter Duncombe who is certified by the Department of Housing and Urban Development. Mr. Duncombe was selected in a competitive request for proposal process administered by the Piscataquis County Economic Development Council. He was chosen by the First Selectmen of Parkman, Medford and Wellington.

The Town of Parkman will be the lead town for the multi-jurisdictional housing program. A joint committee from the three towns made up of selectmen, community citizens and housing grant recipients will establish guidelines and priorities for making housing awards, review and screen applications and determine grantees.

Anyone wishing additional information about the housing assistance program can contact Dr. Kenneth B. Woodbury, Jr., Community Development Specialist at the PCEDC at 800-539-0332.

AREA SCHOOL NEWS

No school last week--but

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 off 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.

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.

Reminder - Adult Education-Classes available with the dates they run.

Drawing-3/11-5/6

Painting-3/11-5/6

Decorative Painting-3/17-5/12

Knitting-3/17-3/31

Open Art Studio-3/11-5/6

American Sign Language-3/27-4/1

Defensive Driving-4/23&24

Digital Photography-3/13-4/17

Reading for Pleasure-3/6-4/10

Sign Language-3/17-5/12

Writing for Enjoyment-3/5-4/9

Writing for Publication-3/26-5/7

For additional information please call:

564-6525.

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

MILO FULL GOSPEL MISSION
High Street in Milo
Sunday Services at 10:30 a.m.



Families welcome-Children welcome
Non-denominational-Rev. I. F. Kerr, Pastor

GRAMMIE McCLEARY'S WEATHER

February/March 1972

(Observed from Van Horn Avenue, Brownville Jct.

25-Sunny-16° at 6:45 am.-26-Snow-20° at 5 pm.

27-Sunny am Mostly cloudy pm-32° at 2 pm.

28-Snow flurries am Sunny awhile pm-38° at 12.

29-Dusting of snow Partly sunny pm-30° at 5 pm.

1-Snow-18° at 6:45 am.-2-Light snow-8° at 12.

Free Help Finding Child Care

Free child care referrals from the Penquis Child Care Resource Development Center (RDC) are available for all families in Penobscot and Piscataquis Counties. Choosing child care is one of the most important decisions a family must make. Parents searching for a safe and healthy environment for their child will be provided with a checklist of questions to ask a prospective provider and things to look for when visiting child care programs. The list of available child care providers in Penobscot and Piscataquis Counties includes licensed Child Care Centers as well as certified Family Child Care providers and Care for ME (legal, exempt) providers caring for children in their homes. The Penquis RDC provides a referral list, but does not make recommendations. Families make their own choices. All information is confidential and an experienced Referral Specialist is ready to help. Please call the Penquis Child Care Resource Development Center at 1-888-917-1100 or visit www.penquis.org/rdc. *Good Beginnings Last a Lifetime!*

The Villages of Piscataquis County (The Villages Tour) announced they have received a \$5,000.00 infrastructure grant from the Maine



Humanities Council.

The Villages Tour is an audio driving tour of Piscataquis County highlighting the history and culture that makes that area of



the state truly unique in Maine and the world. The tour route winds through 15 villages, covers approximately 134 miles and takes 4 hours if driven in one session. A beautiful color logo directs the traveler to the sites along the route, which are complemented with interpretive signage. Signs are already in place at Lowe's Bridge on Rt. 15 in Guilford, Shirley Center, Sebec Village, and Brownville. Ultimately, 25 to 30 sites will have signage.

The interpretive signage will be linked together with a series of CD's, which will contain stories, voices, and original music from Piscataquis County as well as guidance to chosen sites. A website will also be an integral part of the project in the future, where potential tourists could visit it and burn portions of, or the entire tour, on CD, or download it to their iPod or an mp3 player. Snippets of tour sites, stories, and music will enhance the website and entice the visitor to learn more. Printed maps and tour guides will complete the package. The

CD's, maps, and tour guides will be made available through local businesses and tourism venues as well as on the web.

"We're all very happy to have received this generous grant from the Maine Humanities Council. We'll be using these funds to help produce the audio portion of the tour as well as to build a website for marketing and sales of the Villages Tour materials." said Gayle Watson, Chair of the project.

"This grant award is clear evidence that The Villages Tour is an extremely worthwhile, high-quality, unique tourism product. Perhaps its biggest selling point is that it is entirely locally created and manufactured, allowing Piscataquis County residents to decide which stories should be told through the signs' text, as well as keeping more dollars circulating in the local economy," said Thomas Kittredge, Executive Director of the Piscataquis County Economic Development Council (PCEDC).

The mission of The Villages Tour is to generate a positive effect on the Piscataquis County economy by highlighting its unique cultural history, and by enhancing the understanding and appreciation of this beautiful county, while educating, entertaining, and creating a sense of community and cultural pride.

The Villages Tour began as a project of the Penquis Leadership Institute Class of 2005-2006. Some of the graduates of the class formed the Villages Committee to follow the project through to completion. Villages is now under the umbrella of the Piscataquis Tourism Task Force, a committee of the PCEDC.

Three Rivers Kiwanis, Milo - Brownville Minutes of Meeting Feb. 20, 2008

Sixteen members gathered at The Restaurant on Wed. morning and were joined by five members of Dover-Foxcroft Kiwanis Club and guest Amber Gahagan.

Eben DeWitt led the Pledge of Allegiance and George Barton offered the Morning Prayer.

Herb & Merna Dunham celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on Feb. 20 and Don and Janet Richards celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary on Feb. 24. Congratulations to these couples for these milestones in their lives.

Discussions were held regarding the Canoe Race to be held on June 7 and the vacant lot at the corner of Elm and Main Streets. The Variety Show committee will be meeting to formulate plans for the show. We intend to get started on taking orders for the Community Birthday Calendar very soon in order to get it taken care of before auction time.

Our speaker today was Shirley Wright, Superintendent of SAD 41, who talked to us about the impending consolidation of schools, which, she says, has created a lot of chaos, as the law is hard to implement.

After consultations with Dover, it appeared that due to their population, they would outweigh us with votes, so it didn't make any sense. Negotiations also were held with Corinth, Bradford and Hudson, but due to the higher valuation of these towns, this did not make sense either. Then SAD 31 (Howland) became a consideration. Milo would have the most votes, but other factors also need to be considered, so no decision has been made. It appears that we will need to follow the law and adapt because of the huge financial penalties imposed by the state if we don't comply.

It appears that more funding goes to schools in towns where cost of living is high. Cost of living here is low, so we would lose funding due to cost indexing. She feels that the only way we could save money by consolidating is to cut programs and cut jobs. Otherwise we would not see any savings. The formula also depends on large classes; we have small classes. Transportation would be expensive and the equity is uneven.

There needs to be an advantage to consolidation and the major advantage would be cost savings and a better education, but due to the formula it does not appear that this would work for our area.

She did reiterate that SAD 41 schools are in good physical and financial shape at this time and with the anti-bullying program, the wellness team, drug awareness and computers in the elementary schools, our children are doing well.

Lois Trask, Sec.

Note to Kiwanians and any one else who would like to attend:

This Wednesday, February 27th, we will be meeting at 6:30 AM at the Pleasant Park Community Building. The menu will include fresh cinnamon rolls, omelets, toast, juice, oatmeal and coffee-all for \$5. Laurel will be there to serve and I am anticipating a fun-filled meeting. Virgil will be giving a talk on his trip to Italy and it will be a great meeting. We would like to invite any of The Restaurant patrons, Friends of Kiwanis and YOU to come and hang out with us. The more the merrier!!

TRC Community Calendar

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

Monday, February 25

9:00a Monday Morning Quilters

11:45a Meals for ME

4:00p Penquis Solid Waste Corp.

6:00p Volley Ball

6:30p Atkinson Selectmen

7:00p Alcoholics Anonymous

7:00p Piscataquis Amateur Radio Club

Tuesday, February 26

9:00a Womancare Outreach

5:30p Line Dancing

6:30p Post #92 Bingo

7:00p Sebec Planning Board

Wednesday, February 27

6:30a Three Rivers Kiwanis

10:00a Church Thrift Shop

6:00p K.I. Riders

6:00p Wednesday Night Quilters

6:30p LaGrange Selectmen

6:30p Order of the Rainbow

6:30p Boy Scout Troop #115

6:30p Brownville Selectmen

7:00p Overeaters Anonymous

7:00p Bowerbank Selectmen

Thursday, February 28

11:45a Meals for ME

4:30p Tae Kwon Do Class

6:00p Boy Scout Troop #112

6:00p Post #92 Meeting

6:00p Milo : Public Hearing

6:30p Line Dancing

6:30p BJHS Card Party

7:00p Brownville Days Committee Meeting

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Friday, February 29

10:00a Milo : P.A.W.S. Benefit Food Sale

11:45a Meals for ME

12:00p Three Rivers Senior Citizens

6:15p Post #41 Bingo

Saturday, March 1

1:00a LaGrange : Childrens' Portrait Fundraiser

5:00 P-Jamboree!!!

Sunday, March 2

2:30p Tiny Tigers Tae Kwon Do

2:30p Post #92 Auxiliary

3:30p Square Dancing

6:00p Alcoholics Anonymous

6:00p Brownville Jct. : Scrapbooking

7:30p Alcoholics Anonymous

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Robertson-A compilation of stories from the life of a crazy animal rescue woman.

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

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Address _____

Phone # _____

Special Inscription _____

Use extra sheet if necessary.

Mail to: _____

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5 Elm Street Milo

Community Connection

PENQUIS SOLID WASTE CHANGES

The transfer station is closed on Sundays for the winter.
Newly approved charges : Unstripped mattresses and box springs...\$ 5.00
Refrigerators and air conditioners (gas in)...\$12.00
Televisions, computer monitors, etc. ...\$ 5.00
Mattresses and box springs with the metal out and on the metal pile can still be left at no charge.

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*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 above. 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.

Community Health

MAYO LABORATORY SERVICES AT MILO

DOVER-FOXCROFT - Mayo Regional Hospital's Laboratory will provide weekly service to the public at Milo Family Practice starting March 20.

A Mayo laboratory staff member will be at Milo every Thursday from 7-11 a.m. to draw blood samples from any patients in the Milo/Brownville area who have a valid doctor's order. The service is available to any patients, not just those associated with Milo Family Practice.

It is suggested that only patients who need fasting blood tests come to the new lab service prior to 8:30 a.m.

The new service is being offered as a pilot project to gauge demand in the Milo area. Satellite lab services are also offered by Mayo weekly in Dexter. The expansion to Milo is designed to increase access and reduce travel for patients.

IN MEMORIAM

Ronald Richard Cyr

April 1, 1934 - March 13, 2008
BROWNVILLE - Ronald "Ronnie" Richard Cyr, 73, beloved brother and uncle died unexpectedly on February 13, 2008, at his home on

Schoodic Lake. He was born Easter Sunday April 1, 1934, in Milo, Maine, the son of Albert J. and Alvina D. (Belanger) Cyr. He grew up in Derby, Maine. Ronald attended schools in Derby and Milo, and was a graduate of Milo High School. Ronald enlisted in the United States Navy during March of 1954 and was a 20-year veteran, serving with Company 58, 14th Battalion, 1st Regiment. His primary rank was as a Yeoman, but he also served in the capacity of a helmsman, a submarine tender, and as a recruiting officer. During his career, he was stationed in Hawaii, San Diego, Chicago, New York, and So. Weymouth, MA. He sailed on destroyers, including the USS Heylinger and the USS Brownsman; and, on the USS Sperry while in Hawaii. He especially enjoyed the time he spent in Spain. He remained in the reserves until 1984. He was employed by MSAD 41 as a bus driver for a short period of time after his retirement from his naval career.

Ronald was a devout Catholic and a life-long member of St. Paul's Catholic Church in Milo, where his parents had served and worshiped for over 70 years. His faith was important to him, and he demonstrated his love for God and his church through his commitment and service to his church in a number of capacities. He enjoyed his role as a greeter and an usher.

Ronald was a member of the Joseph P. Chaisson American Legion Post #41. His father Albert, a WW I veteran, was one of the founders of this legion post. Ronald enjoyed his solitude at Schoodic Lake, where he had made his home for the past 30 years. He loved to hunt, fish, and go snowmobiling. Ice fishing was one of his favorite recreational activities, and there was never wont for conversation if one were to engage him in a dialogue about his fishing escapades. The fishing derby at Schoodic Lake was one of the highlights for him each year.

Ronald was predeceased by his beloved parents and sister Anita Corinne (Cyr) Gero Langevine. He is survived by his beloved family, including his brother Eddie A. and R. Eleanor Cyr of Milo; nieces and nephews, Carole Ellis, Linda Decker, Dennis Gero, Joel Cyr, Lisa Buchanan, and Amber Murphy; and several great and great- great nieces and nephews. He is also survived by his best friend and fishing buddy, Maynard Emery; and his neighbor and friend Myron Long.

There will be no visiting hours. A mass of Christian burial was held on Tuesday, February 19, 2008, If you would like to remember Ronald in a special way, contributions may be made to the Three Rivers Ambulance, PO Box 432, Milo, Maine 04463.

FISHING DERBY RESULTS

LARGEST FISH Boy & Girl 16 yr. or under-Boy: Cody Cobby, 27" togue, 5.84 lbs Girl: Krishanna Cook, 22" togue, 2.86 lbs.

REGISTERED FISH DRAWING

- Hunting Tree Stand Nancy Webber, Dexter
- Brutus Hunting System Tree Stand Duane Heal, Ebeemee
- Ice Fishing Equipment Tom Jay, Corinth
- Digital Camera & Recorder Mike Carey, Milo
- Country Cabin @ CC Polaris for 1 weekend Wade Witham, Sebec
- 1 cord of 16" cut/split/delivered Firewood Paula Copeland, Brownville
- Two 6-foot Subway Party Subs Jeffrey Seney, Brewer
- Jet Sled with Hitch and Cover Ben Jay, Milo

SHORE PRIZES

GRAND PRIZE: 2008 Arctic Cat 366 4x4 ATV

- Cat Trax, LaGrange Rob Ellison, Medford
- Lakeview House for a weekend- Adam Nickerson, Enfield
 - A Whale of a Weekend in Plymouth, MA - Captain John Boats / Bob Avila Mindy Downing, Brownville
 - Cabin for one week (June-Aug 25) Beech Ridge Camps Drew ??, Connecticut

- Cabin for One Week - Schoodic Lake 4 Seasons Camp Roy Corbin, Bangor
- Dog Kennel - Sebec Fencing Mike McCormick, Dexter
- Coffee table - J&S Furniture-Nick Hanson, Shirley
- \$200 Irving Gift Cert. - C&J Variety Brian Perkins, Brownville
- \$200 Flag & flag pole - World of Flags USA Elmer Cunningham, Milo
- \$200 Cash Card - A.E. Robinson-Lisa Grant, Milo
- \$150 Gift Cert. - Jeff's Taxidermy Steve Proctor, Lincoln
- \$150 Gift Cert. - Graves Service Station Paula Fierravanti, Connecticut
- \$100 Cash Card - Harmon's Shell Marvin Lundin, Brownville
- \$100 Gift Cert. - Reuben's Doug Reil, Topsham
- \$100 Gift Cert. - Bailey Lumber-Jack Webb, Milo
- \$100 Gift Cert. - S&L Auto Parts Ronald H. Brooks, Bowdoin
- \$100 Gift Cert. - Milo Farmers' Union Beverly Wheeler, Brownville
- \$100 Gift Cert. - Pat's Pizza Bobby Brennan, Lebanon
- \$100 Gift Cert. - Joe's Repair Shop Alan Gates, Lincoln
- \$100 Gift Cert. - Dick's Sporting Goods-Jon Knowlton, Auburn

CASH PRIZES

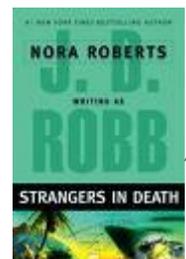
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	27" 7.10		
	2nd - \$50	Rudy Pepin, Acton	28" 7.05
Salmon	3rd - \$25	Raymond Murray, Dexter 27.5" 6.52	
	1st - \$100	Wade Pinkahm, Portland 26.25" 5.33	
	2nd - \$50	Robert P. Gervais, Grafton, MA 23.5" 4.95	
Trout	3rd - \$25-Harold Carson, Guilford	25.75"	4.42
	1st - \$100-Norman Gove, Gardner	18"	2.05
	2nd - \$50-Ernie Case, Milo	18"	1.83
Pickereel	3rd - \$25 Louis Ellison, Milo	19"	1.56
	1st - \$50 David Bragdon, Millinocket	24"	3.14
	2nd - \$20 Jeff Butler, Atkinson	23.25"	2.75
Cusk	1st - \$50 Mark Sinclair, Glenburn	29.75"	5.71
	2nd - \$20 Isaac Burt, Hudson	28.5"	5.47
Bass	1st - \$50 David Bragdon, Millinocket	18.5"	3.57
	2nd - \$20 Joel Trask, Corinth	17"	3.33
White Perch	1st - \$50 William R. McCormick, Prospect	14.25"	1.65
	2nd - \$20-Maurice Witham, Sebec	14"	1.56
Odd	1st - \$50 Patrick Libby, Dixmont (for a sucker)	22.5"	2.75

Milo Free Public Library News

By Judith D. Macdougall

I want to take a paragraph of this column to thank Val. She takes extra time to include a picture of a book mentioned in this column. I do not insert the picture of the book in the column because I do not have the technology to know how to do it or even



where to find the picture of the book. I'm always surprised when I notice a book cover inserted and realize it is one of the books mentioned in the column. Last week she included a copy of the cover of The Secrets of the Highlander by Janet Chapman. Val, thank you. That addition is a nice touch to many of the columns.

We can never tell about patrons and library use. Some vacation days we are swamped with teens and young patrons. On a sunny Wednesday of this past vacation week there were no teen computer users waiting to come in when we arrived. In fact, there were no teens in all day to use the computers. Pam and I were very surprised. Anyway, adults and younger children had a great time. They could choose when they wanted to go onto the computers, and stay as long as they liked. We did have lots of adults in, but saw nary a regular teen user. We wondered if they had all gone to the tournament? The snowy Friday of vacation week was just the opposite. We had teen computer users in all afternoon and most of the evening. They had to keep taking turns. Some adult patrons ask us when would be a good time to come in to use the computers. We can take an educated guess, but can never be certain.

More new books from Baker & Taylor have arrived.

Ford, G.M.	NAMELESS NIGHT
Palmer, Michael	FIRST PATIENT
Robb, J.D.	STRANGERS IN DEATH
Scottoline, Lisa	LADY KILLER
Wilson, Budge	BEFORE GREEN GABLES

I usually don't like authors who take over other author's characters, but I noticed in this author's description that she is Canadian and has written quite a few juvenile books. I read bits of the book, and Budge Wilson appears to have done an accurate job. For those readers who enjoyed Anne of Green Gables perhaps this new book will add even more delight to the original story.

Again, I want to remind patrons that from now until Saturday, March 1 is FINES-FREE WEEKS. I have tried to call or send a letter to patrons with overdue books, and this certainly would be a good time to get those overdue books back to the library. If it is more convenient for those of you who have children in the Milo Elementary School, overdue books can be left in that school office. The school staff has given their permission to accept the books there. I will go into pick them up during the week. REMEMBER---get your overdue books back to the library by SATURDAY, MARCH 1 during FINES FREE WEEKS. We really would appreciate getting our books back so other patrons may borrow them.

Library Winter Hours:
Mon.-Weds.-Fri. ---2:00-8:00,
Sat-2:00-4:00
Telephone 943-2612

Italy Part 13-By Virgil Valente

Tues. Nov. 13

Today we had an optional tour of the Dolomites. The Dolomite Mountains were formed of mineralized coral beneath the sea and were uplifted when the European and African continents collided 60 million years ago.

We left Bolzano by bus at 8:30. We traveled into the valleys between the mountains. Our guide told us that people are allowed to harvest up to 1 kg of mushrooms in the park. Our first stop was in a ski area where we could take pictures of a group of peaks called the Marmolada. There was a small amount of snow on the ground. A restaurant was open where I bought a hot

chocolate. I was intrigued by the animals made out of straw as well as stuffed animals in the dining area.



As we continued to climb the snow got deeper and deeper. We finally reached what is known as the Sella Pass at 2244 meters or about 7400 ft. The snow was so deep beside the road that it was over a car parked there. We got out but I didn't stray too far from the bus. I did get a photo of some Ibex walking



lower on the mountain. We had many twists and turns as we drove around some of the mountains. We stopped in a small town known for its woodcarvers. I believe the name of the town was Ortisei St. Ulrich. We had a chance to view some of their best work in a museum and then we went to a restaurant to sample some hot spiced wine. I bought a couple of carved wooden angels for Christmas in a shop.

After an hour we returned to the bus and rode to a place called St. Michaels. It was about the smallest town I have ever seen. There was a tiny church, a restaurant and a couple of farms. Our included lunch was at the restaurant. Our first course was a salad served in a large soup bowl. It was finely cut cabbage, radicchio, lettuce, potato salad with peas and ham and all topped with arugula. Our second course was about two cups of beef soup with some type of bread or egg mixture that was cooked very thin and cut like pasta. Our main course was Weiner schnitzel served with something similar to hash browns. It was potato and onions fried together. The Weiner schnitzel was the largest I have ever seen. Mine was over a foot long and 6 inches wide. Everything was very tasty but the serving size was unbelievable. Some of the group asked for doggie bags. Finally we were served an apple strudel. We also had our choice of red or white wine, beer, water or apple juice. We asked why the

servings were so large and were told that living in the mountains requires a lot of calories and so the servings are larger.

After eating I went outside and enjoyed the cool 28 degrees before we boarded the bus. As we were leaving we were passed by two new BMWs. They were experimental cars and were being tested on the hair pin turns of the Dolomite roads. Our guide told us that the government is considering closing some of the road to cars to let people on bikes to use it.

We rode down the mountains for about 15 minutes passing chalets on the way. We were told that they use larch shingles on the roof. They are good for 25 years and then they are taken off, turned over and used another 25 years.

Our last stop of our tour was the town of Castelrotto. It was large for the alpine region with a population of about 5000. This is the region where many of the people speak the ancient Latin and have customs different from the rest of the region. For instance the wife always has to walk behind the husband. In church the men sit on the right and the women on the left. Farmers always wear blue aprons. If the bib is up they are not working, but if it is down then they are and shouldn't be disturbed. There was a funeral in the church while we were there. The cemetery is located behind the church. When the services ended the men filed out 3 abreast followed by the women and then the casket on a dolly.

We visited the cemetery and found that people are listed by the farm they come first and then by name. It seems there are very few last names here and it is easier to identify people by where they lived.

After touring the town with its beautiful paintings on the sides of the buildings and doing some shopping, we returned to the bus at 3:45 and left for Bolzano. We arrived back in town a little too early to see what is known as the Rosengarten mountain turn pink at sunset. I'm sorry we couldn't see it from the hotel.

Shortly after arriving back at the hotel I decided to go to a store called Mohr to buy a CD of yodeling. We listened to some on the bus and I liked it and wanted something to remind me of the trip. Buying the CD was an experience. I'm sure anyone watching me try to tell the sales person what I wanted would have had a lot of laughs. I finally made her understand and listened to a number of albums before picking the one I wanted.

After the HUGE lunch I decided to go without any dinner today.

Photos of Allison Brown, Steff (in shorts), Kelley Brown and Fernanda our tour director at Sella Pass, and Steph's friend.

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Or

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\$60 a couple, excludes tax and gratuity.
Mid-Maine Tae Kwon Do is Accepting New Students



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Their program offers proven "street smart" self defense, as well as a cardiovascular workout geared toward the individual needs of each student...young or old. They offer reasonable rates and generous discounts on martial arts gear and uniforms. Best of all, they encourage family involvement.

Mid-Maine Tae Kwon Do offers a unique class for children, age kindergarten through the 3rd grade, called the "Tiny Tigers". Tiger classes are held on Sundays from 2:30-3:30pm. All other ages are taught on Thursdays from 4:30-6:30pm.

Please call Bill or Karen at 564-3073 for more information. You can e-mail them at midmainetkd@yahoo.com, or check out the school's website at www.midmainetkd.com

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