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## JAMBOREE RESCHEDULED TO MARCH 8

Milo Town Hall's Winger Auditorium will be the place to be on Saturday night. 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. Supper items will be available at 5PM: the cost is by donation!**

### PAWS NEWS

Do you recognize that sweetie? She was found Friday night by the Grinnell's on the Medford Road, a short way past



Wyman's Farm. She was cold and hungry, but otherwise in perfect shape!! We named her Shakira because she was shaking so! Thanks to the Grinnells, Shakira didn't get trapped under a building by the snow from Saturday's storm, or worse. She must be causing her owners a lot of anguish!! Call 943-5116 if you recognize her.

We at PAWS want to give everyone a huge, hairy, hug!! Thanks to your generosity we raised close to \$500 at our food sale at Maine Savings Federal Credit Union. We want to let you know we will be there on March 28<sup>th</sup> and will have tons more chicken pies, beans, biscuits, whoopee pies and cakes!! Now that we know what our supporters like, we are going to give it to them!!

And what a surprise when we went to Mike Comeau's Three River's Feed and Redemption to pick up some items. Mary Jean put the stuff on the counter and it came to \$60. She asked what was in the envelope that the boys put our money in and there was \$59! Tell me that isn't fabulous!! Leaving us your can and bottle money supplied us with food for a month!! Together we are sure to make a difference!!

### Anniversary Celebrated

A small group of friends and family dropped by with a cake to help Jan and Donnie Richards celebrate their 30th Wedding



anniversary Saturday night! ( Actual date was Sunday February 24):

The other picture was of course taken at their actual wedding 30 years ago. Shown in the photos helping with the celebration were Tinker Richards(Donnie's Dad) and Tammy and Joel Vail. Tammy is Donnie's sister, Joel is the family's designated "Celebrator!".



**WE NEED YOU AT THE 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>

The Milo Garden Club will hold its March meeting at the Milo Town Hall on March 11 at 1 p.m. Program will be "Soil and Water Conservation Summer Camp", slides by Joanna Terrazi.

**STATEMENT OF POLICY**

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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!

**FRIDAY - MARCH 14, 2008**

The Piscataquis County Republican Committee will meet at 7:00 pm-in the Piscataquis Room of Mayo Regional Hospital Resource Center (on Dwelley St.) in Dover-Foxcroft. All registered Republicans are encouraged to attend. Agenda items include upcoming State Convention and matters to be voted on. Call 564-0856 or 717-5099 for info.

**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*

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 Lake View Plantation Office in Brownville  
will be closed Tuesday, March 4th.**

**University of Maine Cooperative Extension  
offers session to Simplify Your Life.**

According to the Soap and Detergent Association cleaning survey, 98% of the respondents feel good about themselves when their home is clean, and 94% report cleaning reduces incidences of illness, allergies or asthma. Are you one of the families that have 25% more furniture and 75% more toys than you need? Are you trying to deal with the clutter in your home or office space, don't know when to toss something 'cause you think you'll need it or just don't know where to start? Well, Simplify Your Life is for you (or someone you know).

Jane Conroy, Extension Educator in the Piscataquis County office will be offering a one-and-a-half-hour session on Thursday, March 13, at 10:00-11:30 am at the UMCE office in Dover-Foxcroft.

The session will focus on three main areas- **Simplifying Life in the Kitchen** by organizing your kitchen, including safe storage information and ideas to reduce clutter and increase efficiency.

**Keep, Take or Toss** will help us decide what to keep, give away/donate, or toss out. It will also include information on organizing important papers.

**Simplify Cleaning** will focus on reducing the number of different cleaning products we use – as well as information on how to store, use and dispose of them safely.



There is a small charge of \$5 to cover materials. Pre-registration is required by calling the Extension Office at 564-3301 or 1-800-287-1491 or emailing to [jconroy@umext.maine.edu](mailto:jconroy@umext.maine.edu) no later than March 8<sup>th</sup>. Space is limited so call early!

Citizen of the Week Mercedes

**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.

**BROWNVILLE ELEMENTARY TERRIFIC KIDS**

K-Spencer Black 1-Pheonix Dodge 2- Samantha Gibson 3-Ryan McIntosh 4- Danielle Sanders 5-Phillip Cook 6- Nicole Padilla





Mrs. Russell's PE classes recently held their annual "Salute to Daytona" activities.

Coming out on top in 3rd grade are Justin, Jordyn and Derek.

Students at Brownville Elementary recently visited the Gulf of Maine Museum in Portland. Enjoying a relaxing bus ride were Blake and Josh. At the museum below are Michaela, Alexis, Emily and Lauren. The students studied the "Mystery of the X Fish". All expenses for the trip are paid for through the sponsors of the museum.

## COOK SCHOOL NEWS

Jacob Baker, Harli Moores, and Sariah Harmon were honored as Terrific Kids at our Leap Day assembly.

Mrs. Nott: Jacob Baker is my terrific kid this week. Jacob has been doing a wonderful job getting along with his



classmates. He is working very hard at letting people solve their own problems and concentrating on his own work. He is doing a great job in his classwork and is making sure he is returning his math homework every time. Nice job, Jake!

Miss Brown: Harli is the terrific kid this week because she has gotten right to work this week on all of her assignments. She has given a lot of thoughtful answers during class discussions and she has done well in her reading group.

Harli is a great friend to others and she is always willing to help out whenever needed. Harli can be counted on to follow directions and follow the rules. Congratulations Harli!

Miss K.: Sariah has worked very hard to earn Terrific Kid this week. She has arrived at school with a smile on her face and her Planner signed. She has had all of her homework finished and even remembered to return it. Sariah is using many strategies when reading her novel and she is enjoying reading. She is very helpful to Mrs. Nott when working in her room at recess time. Great job Sariah. Keep it the great work!

Bus Kids: Colleen, Shalene, Alyssa N.

Happy Birthday Frankie 8 years old



Daytona 500 Cook Cup Trophies: Josh, Michael, Kendra, Jordan, Dakota H., Aubrey, Alyssa V.

Caught Being Good Prize Winners: Kylee, Kortnie, Scott, Kyle, Haley B.

## Milo Free Public Library News

By Judith D. Macdougall

I guess everyone has noticed this is a hard old-fashioned winter. In February alone it has snowed every other day, if it hasn't snowed every day. Sometimes there has been just a little snow, sometimes a lot of snow, but whatever we get for weather, Dean Henderson, the library custodian, keeps our floors clean. Doing that is quite a job. Almost every day for the last few months when we leave in the evening, the floors are tracked up, wet and dirty. When we arrive at 2:00 the next library afternoon, the floors are sparkling clean. Dean has been hard at work in the early morning. Last week the walls in the bathroom started to leak water in from the melting snow outside. They drained into a depression on the floor and overflowed. Dean dipped the water out of the depression as many times as it was necessary, even coming in on Saturday and Sunday to check on the problem. Pam and I agree that Dean has gone above and beyond to check on library problems and to take care of them. We are very lucky to have Dean Henderson as our dedicated custodian. Thank you, Dean.



MARVEL! (Maine's Virtual Library) has been around a while and is extremely useful. Do you use it? MARVEL!



provides every resident of Maine 24 hour access to full text and abstracts from magazines, newspapers and reference books that are credible, reputable resources. The vast majority of the journals available through MARVEL! are not available for free on the Web or in any other electronic format. MARVEL! is an option for a search, but better than most if you are looking for accuracy. MARVEL! allows you to see the whole article so you can tell who wrote it, what the publication was and the page number if you wish. To check out The Bangor Daily News simply go to a source called "Proquest Newspapers", then click on newspapers, then click on Maine Newsstand and finally click on Bangor Daily News. We have been given a DVD with Tim Sample and the Rockport librarian, Molly Larson, answering questions about how to use MARVEL! and its importance. If you'd like to borrow it, just come in and ask. It is only 22 minutes long. MARVEL! is for all Maine people, but only for Maine people. This research tool could be informative and fun so give it a try. Here is a link to Marvel <http://libraries.maine.edu/mainedatabases/>

For income tax purposes we have received our second volume of reproducible pages. With volumes #1 and #2, we must be able to reproduce every known income tax form. But, I noticed with alarm, that the volumes #1 and #2 this year are 1/3 thicker than the volumes #1 and #2 of reproducibles last year. Are they ever going to simplify this system? If you need forms, do come in. I'm sure we can help with paper forms we already have, with reproducibles, or with forms from the Internet.

New books from Baker & Taylor have arrived to just about finish up on our February order (only one remaining book is expected). By the time you read this column, I will have sent in the March order. Selecting new books is always great fun for me.

Atherton, Nancy	AUNT DIMITY:VAMPIRE HUNTER (I like the little touch of the supernatural in this mystery series)
Daheim, Mary	THE ALPINE TRAITOR
Kinsella, Sophie	REMEMBER ME (The heroine has had amnesia for 3 years. This sounds like a hilarious winner)
Lescroart, John	BETRAYAL
Steel, Danielle	HONOR THYSELF
Winspear, Jacqueline	THE INCOMPLETE REVENGE

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

### RECYCLE OLD HEARING AIDS

*The National Student Speech Language Hearing Association (NSSLHA) of the University of Maine is conducting their annual hearing aid drive. NSSLHA is a chapter of the national organization (American Speech-Language-Hearing Association-ASHA) of an on-campus student group that participates in several philanthropic activities associated with speech, language, and hearing. The group has regional and national members, comprised of undergraduate and graduate students, who are majoring in Communication Sciences and Disorders.*

*Over the past 6 years, NSSLHA has worked hard to make the on-going hearing aid drive a success. We are asking for donations of hearing aids that are working or broken. We will then send the collected donations of hearing aids to the*

*Starky Foundation to be cleaned and refurbished. Once we have sent an ample amount of hearing aids, the Starky Foundation organizes mission trips throughout developing nations in need, such as Guatemala, Dominican Republic, Panama, Columbia, and Vietnam. They also sponsor missions throughout the United States. Several graduate students will be eligible to participate in these mission trips and travel with clinicians to fit hearing aids to people in these nations. As of 2000, the Starky foundation has provided more than 240,000 hearing aids worldwide to those in need.*

***If you have a hearing aid (or aids) that you are willing to donate, working or broken, please mail it to the above address. Be sure to include a name and address with the hearing aid, so that a letter of receipt for tax deduction purposes can be sent.***

*For more information about the Starky Foundation and the mission trips they organize, please visit the following website: <http://www.sotheworldmayhear.org>*

*If you have questions regarding the above information, please call 581-2009. Thank you for your support and consideration. We look forward to hearing from you.*

***Here in Milo, hearing aids may also be dropped off at Salley's Auto Repair, 60 High Street, in Milo for transfer to the University of Maine's chapter of the National Student Speech Language Hearing Association.***

### NEWS ABOUT TOWN

Thanks to Betty and the selectmen for their continuing dedication to keep Milo's citizens informed and involved in our Town's exciting new direction.

**January 10, 2008**

**GUESTS:** See attached sheet. **MEMBERS PRESENT:** Joseph Beres, Jerry Brown, Rick Gallagher and Tony Hamlin. **MEMBERS ABSENT:** None. **STAFF:** Betty Gormley. 6:00 PM Call to Order by Jerry Brown, Chairman  
**AGENDA ADJUSTMENTS:** None.

**MINUTES:** Joseph Beres made the Motion to sign the Minutes of the Meeting of December 13<sup>th</sup> as prepared. Second - Rick Gallagher. Passed - unanimously.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Jerry received a letter which he forwarded on to the Selectmen, Planning Board and Board of Appeals Members from the Department of Environmental Protection stating the soon-to-be-implemented laws. Jerry received a draft copy from Brownville for the Transfer Station permits.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS:** Valerie Robertson stated that Bobby Ade was very pleased with the Police Department concerning the return of his dogs.

Donald Crossman was concerned about the vacancies on the School Board. At this time there have not been enough people who have taken out papers to fill these vacancies. Jerry informed him that he knew of a few candidates that had stated they would be in to get the nomination papers. The deadline for returning is January 25<sup>th</sup>.

Sheila Ellis stated that during a dance recital being held upstairs, the dance instructor could not dim the lights as needed because no one was familiar with the system. Jerry informed her that normally Blaine Chadwick was responsible for

this and that this situation may simply have slipped through the cracks. When the Hall is rented out, the renter needs to specify if someone will be needed for lights or for the sound system.

Lois Wagner wanted to compliment the Public Works crew for the excellent job they have been doing keeping the streets cleared and sanded.

**AGENDA: SCHOOL CONSOLIDATION DISCUSSION:** Tony Hamlin spoke about the School Consolidation being a huge issue with the residents of Milo. He stated the possibility of MSAD #41 ceasing to exist.

Shirley Wright, School Superintendent, stated that Maine State Law requires the school to at least be talking to another district. The Milo residents will still get to vote on the issue when it gets to that point. Shirley spoke about the different options they are looking into right now. Central is planning on standing alone. The School Board would rather not go with Foxcroft at this time which leaves the possibility of our school going with Howland. There are still many questions and with the laws continuously changing, it is difficult to say when or what will happen with MSAD #41. Shirley will keep the Board informed.

**FINALIZATION OF TAN NOTE BID AND PREVIOUS TAN NOTE UPDATE:** Jerry informed the Board that the TAN note has been finalized and that \$415,000 was mailed out for the final payment on the last TAN Note.

**CASH FLOW SHEET:** Jerry informed the Board that Robin's estimated projections were \$60,000 low. The school payment will be paid this week. The Cash Flow is good.

**EPIP MINUTES REVIEW:** Jerry informed the Board that work on securing the prison at the Industrial Park is still moving forward and looking very positive.

**TAX ACQUIRED PROPERTY:** Betty updated the Board on the properties that went out to bid: 4 pieces have been paid in full with 4 still needing to be paid. When all payments come in, the total will be \$47,347.50. The last day for payment is January 18<sup>th</sup>.

The Selectmen received a new list of owners for the 2005 unpaid taxes. The deadline for payment on these is January 11<sup>th</sup>. Some of the property owners have set up payment arrangements while others haven't contacted the office at all.

The final page in the handout shows the 2 pieces of property that did not sell during the bid process and the 1 piece of land the Town needs to hold onto for 1 more year.

**AUDIT UPDATE:** Jerry informed the Board that the Auditors will be starting the audit February 4<sup>th</sup>.

**RECYCLING COMMITTEE UPDATE:** Jerry informed the Board that the Recycling Committee had met and that Fred Trask will be in touch with DEP.

**MEDFORD READJUSTMENT BILL:** Jerry Brown recommends writing off this bill for Medford. The Fire Department assisted in a call with the Ambulance.

Joseph Beres made the Motion to write off the bill as presented. Second - Tony Hamlin. Passed - unanimously.

**THREE RIVERS KIWANIS:** The Board discussed possible sites for the Kiwanis to have a building for storage. The Board agreed for Jerry to write a letter stating the Town has nothing available at this time, maybe in the future.

**DEPARTMENTAL UPDATES: Police Department:** Robin informed the Board that the Police Department saved \$8300. MMA may also be reimbursing the Town for some costs.

**Recreation Department:** Robin informed the Board that John Pokrywka has signed off on his accounts for the Rec. Dept. at Maine Savings. Robin has been put on until a new Rec. Director is hired. The Library also had accounts there with people's names that are no longer employees. Robin removed the names and added hers. The Board approved of doing this.

**Fire Department:** The Fire Department has filled one position.

**Other:** Tony Hamlin reminded the Board they will need to discuss at the future meeting the increase of the Cemetery fees and the EPIP sale.

**NEW/UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Resignation:** Tony Hamlin made the motion to accept the resignation of Cheryl Benoit as MSAD #41 Board of Directors with regret. Second - Joseph Beres. Passed - unanimously.

**Warrant #44:** Tony Hamlin made the motion to sign Warrant #44 as prepared. Second - Rick Gallagher. Passed - unanimously.

**Other:** Jerry mentioned to the Board that Catherine (Kitty) Ellison came into the office to state she was wrong about the dates of the buildings and that the Comprehensive Plan is correct.

Jerry Brown received a letter from Dan Gilbert requesting his 2007 pay as Interim Code Enforcement Office and Interim Building Inspector. Jerry asked the Board for guidance as to his payment. Should he receive the amount of \$1400 which Dan is requesting or the remaining balance in the accounts set aside for the position. The Board recommended paying him the full \$1400.

Tony Hamlin made the motion to enter Executive Session at 7:20 PM to discuss Legal, Personnel and Real Estate Matters under Title 1, M.R.S.A. subtitle 405 (6) (A) and (C). Second - Joseph Beres. Passed - unanimously.

Tony Hamlin made the Motion to come out of Executive Session at 7:50 PM.

Motions: NONE

Joseph Beres made the motion to adjourn at 7:51 PM. Second - Rick Gallagher. Passed - unanimously. Adjournment

**Jan. 14, 2008**

Joseph Beres made the motion to enter Executive Session at 4:00 PM to discuss personnel matters under Title 1, M.R.S.A. subtitle 405 (6) (A). Second - Rick Gallagher. Passed - unanimously. Joseph Beres made the motion to come out of Executive Session at 4:50 PM. Motions: None. Joseph Beres made the motion to adjourn at 4:51 PM. Second - Rick Gallagher. Passed - unanimously.

**January 24, 2008 MEMBERS PRESENT:** Joseph Beres, Jerry Brown, Rick Gallagher and Tony Hamlin. **MEMBERS ABSENT:** None. **STAFF:** Betty Gormley. 6:00 PM Call to

Order by Jerry Brown, Chairman **AGENDA ADJUSTMENTS:** None. **MINUTES:** Missed this. Next meeting.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Joe informed the Board that he sent an e-mail to Olympia Snowe, Susan Collins and Mike Michaud regarding the Industrial Park. He stated the need for this area to have more opportunities and asked if they had suggestions or resources that would help the Park.

Jerry informed the Board that a grant for the sewer lines for Park Street to the Industrial Park is in the process of being written. Ken Woodbury is helping with this.

Jerry informed the Board that a meeting will be held on February 5<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 for the drinking water.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS:** Glenn McMannus asked the Board where they were in the process of hiring a new Town Manager. Jerry stated that interviews will be starting soon. With 23 applicants, there will be 8 interviews. Some very qualified people applied.

Lee McMannus questioned the Board if the residents of Milo would have a vote regarding the possibility of a jail coming to the Industrial Park. Lee felt this may have a negative response. Jerry assured the public that the residents of Milo would have to vote on this, but the Selectmen still have to look at all options. There is also the possibility of a biomass boiler coming to the area.

**AGENDA: VILLAGE OF PISCATAQUIS COUNTY TOURISM PROJECT:** Gayle Watson and George Barton made a presentation to the Board and the public regarding their organization. They are looking for unique stories for the area towns on a trip through Piscataquis County. They would provide 2 - 5 signs for the area stating different topics. The Board stated they were in support of the project.

**PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICER DISCUSSION with Robin Mayo:** Robin Mayo spoke about the new qualifications that are needed for a Public Health Officer. They need to be certified along with knowledge on the statutes. Robin will consider taking the position which will be paid by a stipend.

**RECOMMENDATION OF REMOVAL OF JAIL CELL:** Dave Preble has spoken to Jerry about the jail cell in the Fire Department. It has not been used for many years except for the storage of files. The files will be moved to the attic in the Community Hall. The cell can be offered to the Historical Society first or possibly selling it if the Historical Society does not want it.

Tony Hamlin made the motion for Leon Brown to proceed as appropriate. Second - Joseph Beres. Passed - unanimously.

**TAX ACQUIRED PROPERTY UPDATE AND QUITCLAIM DEEDS:** Betty informed the Board that all payments were in on the tax acquired property bids but one. That person stated he would be in within the next few days. The Board signed the quitclaim deeds which will be filed at the Registry next week.

Betty also confirmed to the Board that the procedure the Town has been doing regarding Tax Acquired Property was correct. MMA stated that they feel it is a waste of money to deed properties to the Town before selling. The quitclaim deeds are sufficient. Property becomes tax acquired at the end of 180 days and not because of certain paperwork.

**DEPARTMENTAL UPDATES: Fire Department:** The Fire Department is still looking for volunteers.

**Town Office:** The audit is scheduled to start the first week of February.

**Other:** Tony Hamlin complimented the work the Water District does by being on call 24-hours. Some jobs go unrecognized until the time that their services are needed. The same is true for the Police Department, Fire Department and Ambulance services.

#### **NEW/UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**Warrant #2:** Tony Hamlin made the motion to sign Warrant #2 as prepared. Second - Joseph Beres. Passed - unanimously.

**Abatements:** Tony Hamlin made the motion to sign abatements as prepared. Second - Rick Gallagher. Passed - unanimously.

**Supplemental:** Tony Hamlin made the motion to sign Supplemental Tax Warrant as prepared. Second - Joseph Beres. Passed - unanimously.

**Contract for Disposal of Septic Tank Waste:** Joseph Beres made the motion to sign Contract for Disposal of Septic Tank Waste as presented. Second - Tony Hamlin. Passed - unanimously.

**Other:** The next scheduled regular Selectmen's Meeting will be February 7<sup>th</sup> with Tom Iverson speaking.

A Public Hearing will be held February 28<sup>th</sup> to talk about the downtown revitalization.

The Selectmen will meet with the Budget Committee on January 29<sup>th</sup> and January 31<sup>st</sup> of next week. Both of those meetings will be at 7:00.

Nomination Papers are due by 5:00 on January 25<sup>th</sup>.

Joseph Beres made the motion to enter Executive Session at 7:20 PM to discuss Personnel under Title 1, M.R.S.A. subtitle 405 (6) (A). Second - Tony Hamlin. Passed - unanimously.

Tony Hamlin made the motion to come out of Executive Session at 7:50 PM. Second - Joseph Beres. Passed - unanimously.

**Motions:** Tony Hamlin made a motion to approve having vacation days carried over for James Badger. Second - Joseph Beres. Passed - unanimously.

Joseph Beres made the motion to adjourn at 7:51 PM. Second - Rick Gallagher. Passed - unanimously. Adjournment

#### **BUDGET AND SELECTMEN MEETING Jan 28, 2008**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Joseph Beres, Jerry Brown, Rick Gallagher and Tony Hamlin. **BUDGET COMMITTEE MEMBERS:** Donald Richards, Paul McKusick, Ken Demers, Kevin Black, Isabelle Warren, Richard Mullins, Lee McMannus and Theresa McMannus. **STAFF:** Betty Gormley and Robin Larson

7:00 PM Call to Order by Jerry Brown, Chairman

**AGENDA:** Jerry Brown stated to all Members that with the budget being presented he was comfortable the Town could run on without going into the red. The auditors still want to increase the General Fund which should be over \$500,000.

Donald Richards suggested looking into increasing the General Fund by an Article Warrant at Town Meeting.

Jerry stated if money was left over it can go into the Fund Balance. There is \$29,000 from last year for the 30% increase on taxes which was never used. This money will get rolled over into the Fund Balance.

All members discussed at length the Police Department Budget, the Administration Department and the Selectmen's Budget.

Thursday, January 31<sup>st</sup> will be the next Meeting for the Selectmen and the Budget Committee at 7:00 PM.

Tony Hamlin made the Motion to adjourn at 8:25 PM. Second - Joseph Beres. Passed - unanimously.

Adjournment

### Jan. 31 2008

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Joseph Beres, Jerry Brown, and Rick Gallagher. **MEMBERS ABSENT:** Tony Hamlin. **BUDGET COMMITTEE MEMBERS:** Donald Richards, Paul McKusick, Ken Demers, Kevin Black, Isabelle Warren, Richard Mullins, Lee McMannus and Theresa McMannus. **STAFF:** Betty Gormley and Robin Larson

6:00 PM Call to Order by Jerry Brown, Chairman

**AGENDA:** The Selectmen and the Budget Committee discussed at length the budgets for the Public Works Department and different options to save money. The Recycling Committee needs to find ways to start recycling. They discussed looking into getting rid of curbside pickup. That alone would be a huge reduction to the Budget.

Both committees discussed minor adjustments to different departments. They are hoping to finalize the budget at the next meeting of February 5<sup>th</sup> with a possible meeting February 6<sup>th</sup> if needed.

Joseph Beres made the motion to adjourn at 9:00 PM. Second - Rick Gallagher. Passed - unanimously.

Adjournment

Feb 7, 2008

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Joseph Beres, Jerry Brown, and Rick Gallagher. **MEMBERS ABSENT:** Tony Hamlin. **STAFF:** Betty Gormley and Robin Larson 6:30 PM Call to Order by Jerry Brown, Chairman

**AGENDA ADJUSTMENTS:** None. **MINUTES:** Joseph Beres made the motion to sign minutes of January 10<sup>th</sup>, January 14<sup>th</sup>, January 29<sup>th</sup> and January 31<sup>st</sup> as prepared. Second - Rick Gallagher. Passed - unanimously. Minutes of January 24<sup>th</sup> need to be completed and approved next Meeting.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Jerry informed the Board that the Transfer Station has new hours and fees for certain items. He notified everyone to call the Town Office if they have any questions.

Jerry informed the Board that there will be a meeting February 26<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM at the Higher Education in Dover. Everyone is welcome.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS:** None.

**AGENDA: EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION with Tom Iverson:** Jerry Cole introduced Tom Iverson. Tom Iverson presented the Selectmen with an Emergency

Management Plan. Jerry Cole has completed 5 needed courses. He will need a total 150 hours of training. At least one member of the Board should receive some training of 23 hours. The Town of Milo is doing well on completing the needed work. The Town Hall is already considered a shelter. The High School needs a generator which Jerry stated a grant may make possible.

**RECREATION COMMITTEE DISCUSSION:** Sheilah Bissell, Val Ricker and Staci Beaulieu spoke to the Board in regards to the Recreation Department. They wanted an update on the funds available and what was being done about the Rec. Director's position. The Rec. Committee would like to purchase a new fry-o-lator for the Snack Shack along with a hood. Jerry requested a list of needed items and they can present it to the Board. The 220 wiring needs to be replaced. Lee McMannus asked if a licensed electrician would be needed or if the work could be done by volunteers. This is something the Board will look into. There was also discussion that fireworks will be available for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration. This needs to go through the Budget process before definite plans can be made.

**DEPARTMENTAL UPDATES: Fire Department:** The Fire Department has received a couple applicants but needs to wait for the background checks to be completed.

**NEW/UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Warrant #4:** Joseph Beres made the motion to sign Warrant #4 as prepared. Second - Rick Gallagher. Passed - unanimously.

**Quitclaim Deed:** Joseph Beres made the motion to sign Quitclaim Deed for Carol Lopes from 1937 as prepared. Second - Rick Gallagher. Passed - unanimously.

**Appointment:** Rick Gallagher made the motion to sign appointments for Scott Larson for the Board of Appeals as prepared. Second - Joseph Beres. Passed - unanimously.

**Water/Sewer District Trustee:** Rick Gallagher made the motion to approve Jerry Cole for Trustee of the Water/Sewer District Board as requested. Second - Joseph Beres. Passed - unanimously.

**Other:** The next scheduled regular Selectmen's Meeting will be February 20<sup>th</sup>. A Public Hearing will be held February 28<sup>th</sup> to talk about the Downtown Revitalization. Lee McMannus asked the Board if the jail was still moving forward at the Industrial Park. The Board confirmed that it was but still nothing definite yet. They are just following up with all possibilities.



Joseph Beres mentioned receiving an e-mail from Mike Michaud in response to his e-mail sent. A meeting will be held February 5<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 PM with Steve Levy and Tim Gormley from the Water District to discuss drinking water and the new state regulations. The Town needs to meet State Standards by April 2009. Joseph Beres made the motion to adjourn at 6:45 PM. Second - Rick Gallagher. Passed - unanimously.

Adjournment

**February 8, 2008 GUESTS:** Donald Richards, Chairman of the Budget Committee. **MEMBERS PRESENT:** Joseph Beres, Jerry Brown, Rick Gallagher and Tony Hamlin. **MEMBERS ABSENT:** None. **STAFF:** Betty Gormley and Robin Larson

5:30 PM Call to Order by Jerry Brown, Chairman

**AGENDA:** The Board spoke with Donnie in regards to the results of the audit.

Joseph Beres made the Motion to adjourn at 6:05 PM. Second - Rick Gallagher. Passed - unanimously.

Adjournment

**GRAMMIE'S WEATHER MARCH-1991**

- 3-Rain-38° at 5 am.
- 4-Snow hail rain-26° at 12.
- 5-Cloudy Sunny awhile pm-25° at 9 pm.
- 6-P sunny am M Cloudy pm-44° at 12.
- 7-Rain hard all day-38° at 10:20 pm.
- 8-M Cloudy all day-26° at 1 pm.
- 9-Sunny L wind-16° at 5 am.

**IN MEMORIAM**

**Eckert Sr., David P.**

MILO - David Paul Eckert Sr., 76, husband of Wilma (Wing) Eckert, passed away peacefully Feb. 22, 2008, at his home. Dave was born May 4, 1931, in Bangor, the son of John and Bertha (Bradford) Eckert of Glenburn. He was a graduate of Bangor High School, Class of 1949. After graduation he completed military service with the U.S. Marine Corps during the Korean War. Dave married Wilma (Wing) from Hampden Highlands, Aug. 7, 1951. He retired from New England Telephone and Telegraph in 1989, after 36 years of employment as an installer and repairman. Upon retirement, he operated the Sebec Dam until 2006, when illness kept him from working. Dave enjoyed golfing, old VW's, snowsledding, hunting with the Turner Howe Road Hunting Club, family reunions and horseshoe tournaments at the old family camp on Schoodic Lake. He also enjoyed puzzles, always completing the daily crossword, riding his four-wheeler, coffee with friends at The Restaurant and special times spent visiting with his granddaughter, Denise. He is survived by his wife of 56 years, Wilma of Milo; his children, David Eckert Jr. and his wife, Ruth Osborne, of Old Town, Susan Cota of Standish, Jane Clark and her husband, Bub, of Milo, Sally Eckert of Bradley and Steven Eckert of Kansas City, Mo.; his grandchildren, Daniel Fleming of Bangor, Denise Ricker and her husband, Aaron, of Turner, Karen and Stacey Cota of Port-land; special great-grandson, Connor Jones of Dover-Foxcroft; his siblings, Philip Eckert and his wife, Marguerite, of Kings Mountain, Orrington and Doris Clement of Biddeford. He was predeceased by his parents; three sisters, Helen, Carmie and Blanche; and a brother, Donald. The family wishes to extend thanks to Mary and Joe with Home Dialysis, the staff at Boyd Center Dialysis Unit and Eastern Maine Medical Center Dialysis Unit for their care during David's illness. Graveside services will be held in the family lot at Evergreen Cemetery in the spring. Those who wish to remember Dave may make gifts in his memory to Dialysis Unit, Eastern Maine Medical Center Charities, P.O. Box 931, Bangor, ME 04402 or to the charity of one's choice. Messages of condolence and memories may be expressed at [www.laryfuneralhome.com](http://www.laryfuneralhome.com).

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Animal Welfare Program  
LOW-INCOME SPAY/NEUTER PROGRAM

February 24, 2008

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

More than 100 friends of Womancare came together at the first Annual Womancare Valentines for a New Day Ball on February 9<sup>th</sup>. We were treated to the exceptional music of Shane Ellis and the Foxcroft Academy Alumni Band, who played for more than 3 hours and delighted dancers with their waltzes, foxtrots, tangos and the like! Those dance lessons really paid off as couples twirled and cha-cha'd and samba'd their way across the floor! There was even a limbo, and a conga line!!

We are grateful to our underwriters for supporting this event : Mayo Regional Hospital, C. A. Dean Hospital, Hardwood Products Company LLC/Puritan Medical Products Company, LLC and Maine Savings. Many salons,



florists and restaurants too numerous to mention joined in this event by offering discounts to ticket holders to make the evening even more memorable for our dancers. Cynthia Scott designed a beautiful program for the evening to celebrate our many contributors to this wonderful evening. This event at Penquis Higher

Education Center was elegantly decorated by Clare Thomas and Iris Snowfire with help from Thomas Kittridge, Skip and Cindy MacDonald and Bonnie Guyotte. The appetizers and desserts donated by Melinda Wentworth, Elise Temple, Lauraine Paquette and the East Sangerville Grange were scrumptious and were served by our Key Club volunteers.

Our thanks to Ralph Gabarro for emceeing the 50/50 ticket and raffle events, featuring a variety of wonderful goodies – not the least of which was a painting by Lisa Lazer, a romantic plaque donated by Country Charm and a well stocked wine basket! Nearly \$4,000 was raised from this event and all of this was donated to the Womancare Capital Campaign.

We understand that the dance classes will continue and efforts to hold dances on bi-monthly basis to benefit local non-profits will be starting up shortly!

Mark your calendar for next year – the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Womancare Formal Valentine's Ball – on Saturday, February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2009! And again, thanks to so many who made this an evening to remember!

Thank you, community!  
Sue Mackey Andrews  
Co-Chair Womancare Capital Campaign Committee

**Connections-** Use Connections to post your own free classified ads and keep in touch with friends and family members in both the Civilian and Military service. Submit your Connections by emailing [info@trcmaine.org](mailto:info@trcmaine.org), mailing it to Connections c/o Izzy Warren; 6 Kimball Street, Milo, ME 04463, or submitting it online at <http://www.trcmaine.org/connections/>

#### FREE HELP FINDING CHILD CARE

Good Beginnings Last a Lifetime !

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](http://www.penquis.org/rdc).

#### Community Health

#### SUPPORT GROUP

I am looking for a support group/network in this area for people who have fibromyalgia, chronic fatigue syndrome or other similar disorders.

If there is no group/network in the area, is there anyone interested in creating a support group/network ?

Please email me at [m\\_gray29@yahoo.com](mailto:m_gray29@yahoo.com) Contact: [m\\_gray29@yahoo.com](mailto:m_gray29@yahoo.com)

#### TRC Community Calendar

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

#### Monday, March 3

9:00a Monday Morning Quilters

11:45a Meals for ME

6:00p Volley Ball

6:30p Medford Selectmen

7:00p Alcoholics Anonymous

7:00p Sebec Selectmen

#### Tuesday, March 4

9:00a Womancare Outreach

11:30a Mt. Katahdin Senior Citizens

5:30p Line Dancing

6:00p Piscataquis Writers

6:00p Milo Selectmen

6:00p Milo : Public Meeting on Financing

6:30p SAD #68 Board of Directors

6:30p Post #92 Bingo

6:30p Medford Planning Board

#### Wednesday, March 5

6:30a Three Rivers Kiwanis

10:00a Church Thrift Shop

6:00p K.I. Riders

6:00p Post #41 Dinner

6:00p Wednesday Night Quilters

6:30p Boy Scout Troop #115

7:00p Overeaters Anonymous

7:00p MSAD #41 Board of Directors

7:00p Post #41 Auxiliary

7:00p Post #41 Meeting

#### Thursday, March 6

8:00a Women's Ecumenical Breakfast

11:45a Meals for ME

4:30p Tae Kwon Do Class

6:00p Boy Scout Troop #112

6:30p Line Dancing

6:30p BJHS Card Party

#### Friday, March 7

11:45a Meals for ME

12:00p Three Rivers Senior Citizens

3:30p Penquis Alumni Reunion Committee

6:15p Post #41 Bingo

#### Saturday, March 8

6:00p Milo : AMERICAN JAMBOREE

#### Sunday, March 9

2:30p Tiny Tigers Tae Kwon Do

6:00p Alcoholics Anonymous

6:00p Brownville Jct. : Scrapbooking

7:30p Alcoholics Anonymous

Italy Part 14 By Virgil Valente

Wed. Nov. 14

Today we had a choice of exploring around Bolzano or taking an optional tour to Innsbruck, Austria. Most of us chose the optional tour. The bus left at 8:15 and we rose higher and higher into the Alps. The mountains were so close that sometimes the ground started rising at the shoulder of the road. The road itself was two lanes in each direction and the climb was so gradual I wouldn't have noticed the Brenner Pass except for the signs.

Once we crossed the pass and into Austria it started to snow. We rode across the tallest bridge in Europe (129 meters or almost 630ft). It was about one half mile long and fortunately for me it was snowing hard so I couldn't see the base.

We arrived in Innsbruck around 10:45. Our first stop was at a beautiful Rococo church on the outskirts of the city where we picked up our local guide. Just above the church we could see the tower of the ski jump used in the Olympic Games. The temperature according to a sign was 34 degrees and it continued to snow. Our guide boarded the bus and we took a short trip to a parking lot near the old historic section built mainly in the 1400s.



We walked to the palace built for the Hapsburgs. It has over 300 rooms. Today around 20 rooms are a museum and the rest are rented out as office space. The palace is connected to the cathedral. The royal family had their own glassed-in balcony above the main altar that could only be accessed from the palace. Our guide took us to see what is known as the Golden Balcony. Its roof is made of copper covered with gold. Maximilian used this to greet the people. On it is a crest of the Emperor and his two wives. He loved his first wife, who bore him many children but died young. His second wife was an Italian princess. It was a marriage of convenience because she brought with her a large dowry. There was no love and in fact he didn't even bother to attend her funeral when she died.

We walked to the Golden Eagle Inn where many famous people stayed. It was here that Mozart lived. Workmen were putting up Christmas lights and decorations to get ready for the holidays. At the second floor level many buildings had life-sized fairy tale characters. We recognized Snow White and the 7 Dwarfs, The Frog Prince, Goldilocks and the bears and Sleeping Beauty. There were also a few clowns two stories high along the street. I would like to have seen it when they were done. There were many trucks still to be unloaded. Our tour ended at the Swarovski crystal store. It was a great place to stop as it had one of the few public bathrooms. They had many beautiful things for sale ranging in price from \$7.50 to thousands of dollars. I saw a pair of wine glasses with sparking crystal stems. They were only \$480 for the pair!! I did buy a couple of crystal ornaments in the shape of snowflakes for the girls.

After shopping, my sister and I went to a restaurant called Weinhaus Happ for lunch. When we were seated we saw Lou and Martha Vaughn from Arkansas who were also on our tour. Fernanda had told us to be sure to try the gulaschuppe or goulash soup when in Innsbruck so that is what we ordered. It was a vegetable and beef stew in tomato sauce and was excellent. It was nice and warm with the cold snowy day outside and it cost only 4.6 euro. I also had a small Austrian beer called Zipfer. The restaurant was very nice. Steff and Mary and some of the younger crowd ate the same thing at another restaurant that allowed smoking and were almost forced out because of it. They did have a show of sorts while they ate. They could see the waitresses take the dirty dishes back to the washing area. While there they

poured all the leftover wine and beer from customers together and drank it. Yuch!!

We poked around the shops in the old section and I bought three more ornaments for my tree. At 2:45 the group met at the Sacher Restaurant to have a famous Sacher Torte. The tortes are made in Vienna and shipped all over to their restaurants. In fact they make over 360,000 a year. It is a chocolate cake that was discovered by accident when one of the Hapsburgs ordered his favorite cake. The chef was sick so a young assistant tried to make it and didn't do it correctly. The result is a fine grained chocolate cake with a jelly filling and covered with a chocolate frosting. It has a chocolate medallion to certify it is authentic. Unsweetened whipped cream is added to the side of the dish. For a mistake it is delicious. In fact the emperor continued to ask for it. The restaurant is very large and its walls are covered with autographed photos of famous people. I saw the photos of Hillary Clinton, Grace Kelley Rainier and Leonard Bernstein near my table.

We left Innsbruck at 3:30 and arrived back in Bolzano at 5. It snowed until we reached the Brenner Pass and then the weather cleared and the sun was shining in Bolzano.

At 7PM Fernanda led 17 of us to Trattoria Bar Nadamas for dinner. It was a mixed group of family and others from the tour. I decided to try the risotto with melted Tagglio cheese and raw pear slices. It was fabulous. I have tried to duplicate it here but it is not the same. Mary had the pumpkin tortellini, while



others had gnocchi, salads and spaghetti. We had a very enjoyable evening.

Pictures are of the altar of the Rococo church and fairy tale figures.

## KIWANIS WOULD LOVE YOUR HELP!!

On Monday, March 3, 2008, we will be meeting at the home of Edwin and Ethelyn to start plans for the variety Show to be held May 2 and 3. We would absolutely love to have anyone who is interested in helping please attend!! You don't need talent, but if you are energetic, creative or just plain bored, show up at 6PM and lend your ideas.

If you do have an act or skit or dance or magic show or trained dog, let us know you would like to be included in our show. There is no reason to succumb to cabin fever...fight it with some good coffee, a tasty snack and fun dialog at the Treworgy house, the only yellow house on Alton Street.

This year's theme is "Anything Goes", and believe me... it is appropriate!



## **KIWANIS MEETING IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC...**

Three Rivers Kiwanis will be meeting in The Town Hall Dining room on Wednesday Mornings at 6:30. A breakfast will be prepared by Valerie Robertson and served by Laurel Harris! We have room for anyone who wants to attend. This is a great chance to visit with your friends and watch Val bumble her way through a meeting!! We look forward to these meetings and we would love to see our friends from past meetings.

**THREE RIVERS KIWANIS IS SELLING COMMUNITY BIRTHDAY CALANDERS, AND OUR FAVORITE KIWANIAN, LAUREL, IS COLLECTING THE ORDERS. GIVE HER A CALL AT 943-2184 TO GET ONE!**