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4th of July Celebration was a Bang-Up Success!!

A grateful community thanks Jeremy Bousquet and his incredible "Recking Crew" for a perfect 4th!! PAWS thanks area residents for their support at our Bar-B-Que and the great turn out. And everyone thanks Bobby Ellison and Kirby Robertson for their nautical skills and dedication; their boat rides up the river were great!! What a wonderful day!!

Class Of 1958

Twenty Four Classmates with 14 spouses along with Mr. and Mrs. Conway, attended the 50th year reunion gathering of the Milo High School Class of 1958 held Saturday from noon until 4pm at Pleasant Park Community center.



Names: back row David Gardner, Alan Treworgy, Carl Mayo, Larry Keef, Paul Bradeen, Roland Richardson, Bill Heath, Louise (Royal) Larrabee, Wane Gerald, Emmons Brown, Gloria (Golden) Willis, Carl Williams 2nd Row: Jackie (Stevens) Smith, Virgil Valente, Rosalie (Weston) Seavey, Gwen (Stevens) Bradeen, Marilyn (Horne) Bailey, Judy (Fisher) Eichel, Judy (Conlogue) London, Front Row Marylee (Cunningham) Brown, Norma (Patterson) Artus, Phyllis (Chase) ?, teacher Kay (Johnston) Conway, Laurel (Grindle)



Ok folks....Maine has a wonderful array of wildlife, but cute little, friendly black bunnies are not part of the mix.

This sweet guy was found by the Sebec Riverbank in downtown Milo! He (she?) must belong to someone and we would like to find out who!! He is currently at PAWS, and if you think he is yours, call 943-2324. Until then, he will spend his time wondering why all the "bunnies" at PAWS (Kittie's) ears are so short!

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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!

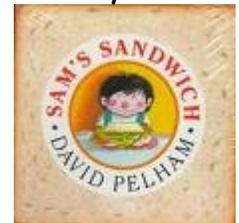


Speaking of Maine Wildlife...Karen Clark sent me this photo of her backyard on a recent Maine morning! I see turkeys, and a sweet little deer, but notice the absence of little black bunnies!!!

Milo Free Public Library

By Judith D. Macdougall

How busy the library is this summer! The CATCH THE READING BUG summer reading program has just completed its second week. Melanie Hussey was the Story Time reader this week and read to 14 children and 8 adults. Among other books she read



Sam's Sandwich and reported that the children really enjoyed this Lift-the-Flap book. The premise of the story was that as Sam's sister was making a conventional sandwich putting in cheese, lettuce and tomato, the reader would lift the flap and see that sneaky Sam was also inserting worms, spiders and ants. When the sandwich was completed, Sam was too full to eat it and let his sister to consume the whole thing. The children in the audience thought the story was just hilarious. The children also enjoyed The Wolf's Chicken Stew. Melanie reported it was a great group of children, and she had a wonderful time reading. When the children surged upstairs filling the upper room, they were very happy and excited.

Other downstairs activities include several young teen boys who are using the library as a place to meet friends and play games. The downstairs is cool, quiet and includes several tables. They have played downstairs quietly for the past week on the days we are open.

Although the Learning Center has not met downstairs this past week due to being on a vacation hiatus, we usually have the teacher, Eve Salley, and several pupils meeting there every Monday and Friday afternoon. A tutor and young pupil also use the downstairs at times for one-on-one reading activities.

These downstairs activities are all in addition to patrons doing reference and looking up non-fiction titles. Our downstairs is getting a lot of use this summer.

Upstairs is equally busy. Our five patron computers remain busy from 2:00p.m. until 7:45p.m. when they are shut down. Most patrons are able to stay online as long as they wish, but sometimes we have to ask someone to release a computer. However a computer user is always guaranteed 30 minutes, and this latter request to release a computer happens rarely, so if you need to use a computer with the internet and printing potential come in when the library is open.

The library staff is lucky to have Dearle Flint. Dearle not only has spent the winter dusting and organizing the

library, but is now helping out during the summer reading program. When Dearle heard that Pam was quite busy working on the electronic cataloguing, she offered to give us a couple of hours a day as often as she could. What a help she is dealing directly with the SRP kids by guiding them to sign up for prizes and stamping their hands with their choice of insect, putting books away and watering the plants. Dearle admitted she is enjoying giving us a hand and having a chance to interact with the children. No need to say, we are certainly enjoying having her with us.

As we are in the second week of the program we have had two food drawings. Winners the first week were:- pizza, Rosa Cianci; soda, Diana Demers, Tiffany Young; ice cream, Stephen Newman, Haley Morel and Crowell Garland. Second week winners are:-pizza, Miranda Pomerleau; soda, Tiffany Young, Emily Monohan; ice cream, Camryn Rolfe, Olivia Kuchinski, and Brady Goulette. If your child or someone you know has won remind them to come in. Tee shirt winners were Mercedes Ames, Diana Demers and Victor Eastman.

Library Summer Hours
Mon.-Weds. -Fri. ---2:00-8:00
Telephone 943-2612

"The family of Alexis Coover wishes to thank everyone for the out-pouring of prayers, donations of time and of money. The money has been placed in a fund to be used for her medical needs, the completion of her bedroom and bath suite, and other things to keep her busy and happy during her recovery (like a Wii Game System!).

The community has been so generous and the family is very, very appreciative."

Hey Alexis!!! Every single person who knows you is so glad you are feeling better and we know that as sweet, strong and smart as you are, you will lick this and be perfectly healthy really soon!!!

My Newest Internet Find....

By Valerie Robertson

Anyone who knows me knows I love Milo and everything about it...OK, the taxes are a bit high, but my good friend Jeff and his band of merry selectpeople are trying their best to remedy that problem in the coming years so I'll ignore taxes for now...but I digress.

While doing a search for an online picture of Milo I came across a gem of a blog by a past resident of Derby, Jim Degerstrom. He recalls memories of growing up in Derby and I emailed him asking if I could use his wonderful articles in the Three Rivers News.

His reply: Hi, Val,

Thank you for writing about my Growin' Up in Maine blog with stories of Milo and Derby, and the interest for TRN. Be my guest doing reprints. Please let me know when and the copyright credit you will use. The © symbol and my name with the site address should be sufficient (no year

required). A hyperlink in the online PDF version of the news would be great! I have had inquiries including being approached about a book, but the storytelling has already gone beyond my original intentions.

The blog began as an experiment in custom blog design as part of my full time work in web design, and I intended to pull it offline and scrap it after one month of testing. Haha. The popularity surprised me. As an example, if you search Google for "lawn ducks" without the quote marks my blog is listed #1 on page one after paid listings out of over 1 million results about lawn ducks. Manufacturers of lawn ducks would pay a fortune for #1 on page one. Now that I find funny.

Warm regards, Jim Degerstrom --Growin' Up in Maine
www.mainestories.blogspot.com ©

I know everyone doesn't use the computer and even I would rather read a physical copy of a story or book than do it on my computer screen, so I am going to reprint his blog entries in our little paper! I also am pleased to announce I have asked another writer to contribute to the paper and she said "Yes!". Meta Staples is going to submit some stories and as you all read last week, she has some great anecdotes to share. I eagerly await her next one.

I received quite a few responses to last week's nostalgic articles and here is a representation of the comments:

From Lanny Ellison (lannyaellison@aol.com): Many thanks for publishing "The Old & New Swimming Hole" stories in the June 30th edition. All are such gifted writers to record such memories. I truly felt I was back in time to the late 50's and early 60's. We never know what we really miss until it is recalled. Thanks for making my day!

And from Caroline Fisher Werner: Hi Val...you don't know me but I am an old MHS grad....Class of '49...First I want to say how much I appreciate the weekly news...although I am long gone I still think of Milo as "home". This week's issue was particularly full of nostalgia....I jumped off both the bridge and the float. But what really got me to write an e-mail this time was the article on the 3G's club. Will you please pass it on to Gwen that the time line must have been the very late 50's and early 60's. The Palmers...Laura and Annie were my Aunt and Nana. Laura' middle name was Gertrude and she worked in the bank (Merrill Trust) and was active in the Rebekahs. And my Nana made quilts with the ladies of the Baptist Church. As near as I can remember there were no other Palmers in town. Again ,my compliments to all who are responsible for the publication of the TRC...It is a wonderful touch of home for me as I am in Oregon and you can't get much further away and still be in the USA. My best to every one..

.Carolyn (Fisher) Werner.....

Mimaquilts@aol.com

What fun to hear from those who are impacted by our paper!

Now, back to Jim. His blog homepage states:

Growin' Up in Maine

This blog features childhood memories of Growin' Up in Maine during the 50's and 60's in Derby (pop. 300) which is a suburb of Milo (pop. 2500) and about one hour north of Bangor. Visitors are welcome to share stories of Maine.

About Me-Jim Degerstrom-Born 1949 in Milo, Maine

Three generations of the Degerstrom family lived in Derby, Maine from the early to late 1900's. This small railroad

town was more like a suburb of Milo with 2,800 combined population.



The portrait with my wife was taken "Down Back", one of my favorite places Growin' Up in Maine. Send me your story for consideration by email.

Valerie here again...Jim started his blog in 2006, His premier entry in the Three Rivers News is actually two of his blog entries, and give a great sample of the literary treats you are in for in coming issues. Here we start our adventure back in time to a different time, a time we remember as "The Good Ol' Days".

Wednesday, April 25, 2007

Old Lady and Her Roof Pigeons



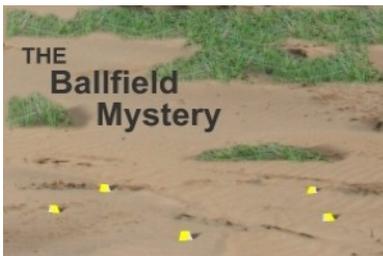
One summer day in the late 1950's, a dear old lady on Railroad Street in Derby, Maine decided the roof pigeons had to go. Her afternoon naps were interrupted listening to constant cooing while an army of tiny footsteps scratched around on the roof. Throughout the entire day antics included coordinated flights of a couple dozen pigeons flap-flap-flapping coming and going. Droppings were another nuisance.

It was time for action. Stepping outside and back a few yards, she let loose with a pistol and fired off 4 or 5 shots trying to at least scare if not kill a few of the rascals. Ayuh, it worked. They were gone in a flash as a few feathers went flying, and after a wide sweep around the block the entire flock returned back to her roof. Each was unscathed and fearless. Unfortunately for the widow, she missed the pigeons completely but managed to aerate the roof with 5 holes that leaked like the dickens come next rain.

Thursday, April 26, 2007

Ballfield Mystery in Derby Maine

During our early teens in Derby, Maine, a friend and I encountered 2 youngsters during an incredible and scary sight. On the way to the iron bridge over the Piscataquis River, we took a shortcut through the old baseball field rather than take the railroad tracks. That day was clear and unusually hot pushing 90 in the shade.



The ball field was long abandoned and grown over in many places with very large patches of sand in the infield. It

was in a remote spot at the end of town, and the open field was hidden back 50 feet behind some trees. As we rounded a corner into the opening, there they were.

Two boys, probably 8 or 9 years old, were crawling very slowly across a stretch of sand, and gasping. They barely moved. From the trail left in the sand they had crawled a good 10 yards at least. Running up for a closer look, we asked what happened and were they all right. One turned slowly as if in agony, coughed once or so, and then gasped "We're... okay. We're... playing desert." We left 'em crawling. The desert adventure and pants load of sand would have to wait for another day.

Reflecting on moments like that make me wonder about childlike imagination. A few years later I had the pleasure of crawling in sand through barbed wire with 50 caliber machine gun fire whistling overhead. Those boys had it made.

I want to thank Jim for giving us the opportunity to share his writing. What wonderful images and memories he helps us relive. He has truly given us an invaluable gift.



WHAT'S UP DOC?

BY: DR. KEVIN CHASSE

Q: I would like to have a healthier lifestyle but I don't even know where to begin. Any suggestions?



A: Eating properly and exercising are keys to your health. In the near future I plan to implement a wellness program to help individuals that would like learn how to change their bad habits. Give my office a call if you would like to set up a time to discuss it.

Have a great week! That's all for now folks!

Dr. K- 564-2211

drchasse@verizon.net

Penquis Alumni Reunion

Friday, August 8th
8pm - Bon Jovi / Journey Concert at The Junction

Saturday, August 9th
9:30am - Brunch at PVHS
10:30am - Business Meeting at PVHS
11:30am - Tour of the High School
2-5pm - Individual reunions
(classes organize on your own)

8pm - Aerosmith Concert at The Junction
(tents & chairs advised)



Project Linus - Celebrating 10 years and over 12,000 security blankets to Maine kids!!!

What could be more comforting to a child than a warm blanket "hug" from a hand-made security blanket?? In 1998 the first Maine Project Linus blankets went to children at Eastern Maine Medical Center in Bangor. In the past 10 years,

more than 12,000 Maine children have been comforted in the same way that Linus from the Peanuts comic strip is comforted by his security blanket. With the support of the Pine Tree Quilters Guild, Marden's stores, and many, many community groups and organizations, Maine Project Linus has grown to 11 chapters and has volunteer blanketmakers from every corner of our state. Blankets can be quilts, afghans, and fleece as long as they are washable and handmade. They are given to children from birth to age 18, so all sizes are welcome. There's a Project Linus coordinator in your area - call today to see how you can help or find us on the web at www.projectlinus.org/chapter.php and click on Maine.

TRC Corner

By Seth Barden
www.trcmaine.org

We have started the process of revamping our website! Several new additions are in the works, as long as visual changes to some familiar sections.



View from Milo's webcam

We are looking for anyone who would be interested in writing a "blog" for TRC. We're hoping to add several local-themed blogs to our Headlines section. So far, we have Val signed up to do "Up on the Farm", and would like to get a few more going! If you'd be interested, please get in touch with us! This new blog section should be up and running a week or two.

We are also planning to bring forums back to TRC. We had an old bulletin board in the past, and have missed it the few years its been gone. We need some volunteers to serve as moderators on this new forum, so if you'd be interested or think you have what it takes, get in touch with us. Look for this new feature sometime over the next month.

The biggest new feature over the coming months will be our new webcam! We are in the process of purchasing a new webcam to go at the location in Milo that will be able to see better after dark. The current camera is going to be moved to a location in Brownville Village. Look for more information on this in the upcoming month!

Contact Info: sbarden@trcmaine.org or 478.1735

TRC Community Calendar

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

Monday, July 7

8:00a Basketball Camp - Boys
 8:00a Basketball Camp - Girls
 9:00a Monday Morning Quilters
 11:45a Meals for ME
 1:00p Tennis Camp (10-14)
 5:00p D-F : Voices of Maine
 6:30p Medford Selectmen
 7:00p Alcoholics Anonymous
 7:00p Sebec Selectmen

Tuesday, July 8

8:00a Basketball Camp - Boys
 8:00a Basketball Camp - Girls
 9:00a Womancare Outreach
 9:00a Tee Ball

10:00a Farm League
 1:00p Milo Garden Club
 1:00p Tennis Camp (10-14)
 3:00p MSAD #41 Technology Committee
 5:00p Milo Water District
 5:30p Line Dancing
 6:00p Lake View Assessors
 6:00p Milo Area Writers Group
 6:30p Post #92 Bingo
 7:00p Sebec Historical Society Meeting
 7:00p Sebec Village Associates

Wednesday, July 9

6:30a Three Rivers Kiwanis
 8:00a Basketball Camp - Boys
 8:00a Basketball Camp - Girls
 9:00a Milo - VA Advocate
 10:00a Church Thrift Shop
 1:00p Tennis Camp (10-14)
 5:00p Milo : Strawberry Festival
 5:00p Tennis Camp (4-6)
 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, July 10

8:00a Basketball Camp - Boys
 8:00a Basketball Camp - Girls
 9:00a Tee Ball
 10:00a Farm League
 11:45a Meals for ME
 1:00p Tennis Camp (10-14)
 4:30p Tae Kwon Do Class
 5:00p Tennis Camp (7-9)
 6:00p Boy Scout Troop #112
 6:30p Line Dancing
 6:30p BJHS Card Party
 7:30p Composite Lodge #168

Friday, July 11

9:00a Milo : Kids Fishing Day (7/11/08)
 11:45a Meals for ME
 1:00p Tennis Camp (10-14)
 6:15p Post #41 Bingo
 7:30p Piscataquis Lodge #44

Saturday, July 12

9:00a Sebec : Craft Fair

Sunday, July 13

2:30p Tiny Tigers Tae Kwon Do
 6:00p Alcoholics Anonymous
 6:00p Scrapbooking
 6:30p K.I. Riders
 7:30p Alcoholics Anonymous



July -----Hello everyone!

Well summer is officially here, even though Mother Nature hasn't realized it yet. Our deck is open and we have seated exactly 4 parties out there so far on the few nights it hasn't been raining. The new addition of "small plates" to our menu has become very popular. They are lighter and less expensive menu options for those of you who miss our lunches. As for the Wednesday night "taste of the world" we are only going to be offering that menu the last Thursday of the month, so please call far in advance if you would like a seat that night. This month we are featuring the cuisine of the Caribbean. Most of you know Uyi, my chef, is from Puerto Rico so this will be very authentic. It will feature a four course menu for \$35/ person with cocktail options like Mojitos or Pina Coladas. Please remember that Sunday night's Italian menu is by request only. Just mention it when you call for a reservation or ask your server about it when you arrive. Unfortunately, due to the rising cost of all food and deliveries I have to raise the price of the Italian menu to \$12. I was hoping the rising oil prices wouldn't affect us much here at Valerie Jean's but unfortunately I can't escape them

Caribbean Menu

- Tostones- twice cooked green plantains with a dipping sauce
- Bacalao Salad - dried cod with avocados, tomatoes, onion and lettuce
- Rice and Beans - with your choice of pork or chicken
- Mango and Coconut -Mango carpaccio with coconut ice cream

(please remember to call 24 hours in advance)

Italian Sundays

Every Sunday we offer a \$12.00 Italian dinner along with our regular menu. This price includes our foccacia and Caesar salad and a choice from the following menu in July. Please request this menu when making your reservation or when being seated.

- Grilled Italian Sausage served over cheese tortellini with marinara
- Atlantic Cod sauteed with lemon, capers and butter over fresh pasta
- Chicken Saltimboca over Spaghetti
- Baked spinach and ricotta manicotti with sauce and cheese

I am trying to create a menu that will please all my customers. You all know by now that we make as much as we can here in the bistro and we buy only all natural meats when available. We shop locally and offer seasonal menu choices. If you have any dietary restrictions, just mention them when you make your reservation and we will be happy to accommodate you. Our new schedule will be Thursday-Sunday starting at 5pm.

Thank you and I hope to see you soon. Melissa



Classic Caesar Salad



Shrimp and Lobster Scampi over fresh pasta



Escargot en croute



Caramelized Onion and Gruyere Cheese Crepe with a crimini- sherry reduction

Roasted Pork Tenderloin with a Dijon Mustard Sauce

HONOR ROLL 4TH QUARTER PENQUIS VALLEY SCHOOL MILO, ME

**SENIORS
HIGH HONORS**

LYNN DOWNING
HOLLY MOORE
REBECCA PERRY
SARAH PHILBRICK

HONORS

ELIZABETH BLANCHARD
NYCOLE CAREY
CHELSEA CLARK
HALEY FLANDERS-PATTEN
JENNIFER GOODINE
JESSICA KAHL
AMANDA LARSON
MELISSA LEMIK
RYAN MADDEN
BRIAN ZWICKER

**JUNIORS
HIGH HONORS**

ERICA LYFORD
KELSEY OTTMANN

HONORS

BRITNEY CROSS
LOGAN GREENLAW
JOSEPH LELAND
PAIGE MCGUINNESS
STEPHEN MORSE
JONATHAN SPENCER
ASA SPROUL
ALANA WORSTER

**SOPHOMORES
HIGH HONORS**

RACHEL EMERY
TIFFANY TUSCANO

HONORS

MICHELLE BUCCI
ASHLEY BURCH
JUSTIN FEENEY
MORGAN HALL
COREY HERBEST
ETHAN HERRELL
JAMIE KLEINKAUF
KATHRYN KORONA
SARA LEMIK
JESSE MCLAUGHLIN
CRYSTAL MILLS
MIRANDA NEWBERT
RICHIE RUSSELL

**FRESHMEN
HIGH HONORS**

MALLORY BIGALOW
HANNAH RIDEOUT
JOSHUA USHER
SHELBY WESTON
SADIE ZAMBRANO

HONORS

BRIANNE ANDREWS
CAROLYN BESS
JOSHUA BESSEY
DARLENE DESROCHERS
ALEXANDER DRUMMOND
JOHN KEARNS
KAYLA KEARNS
BROOKE MCLAUGHLIN
DANIELLE NEWMAN
KENDRA NEWMAN
JUSTIN OTTMANN
WESLEY ROUSE
SPENCER TRAYLOR

**8TH GRADE
HIGH HONORS**

CAMILLE CRAMER
RYAN HEATH
SHELBY PATTEN
KLAY STEVENS
ALLISON VALVO

HONORS

ASHLEY GOODINE
SHANE MCSWINE
JOSHUA STANHOPE
STEPHANIE VACHON

**7TH GRADE
HIGH HONORS**

MINDY DOWNING

HONORS

GEORGE COWING
KENDRA HALL
TYLER PELLETIER
SARAH WILLINKI
EVAN WORSTER
RACHEL WORSTER



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TREE & BRUSH REMOVAL

GRASS PLANTING

GROUND WORK,
LIGHT GRADING

FERTILIZER
SPREADING

FREE ESTIMATES ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE CALL

Three Rivers Kiwanis, Milo - Brownville Minutes of Meeting July 2, 2008

Sixteen members met at Sandee's Restaurant for the weekly meeting. An interclub from Dover-Foxcroft joined us along with Jessica Clement, Haley Knowles and Kendra Hall from the Builders Club and Camille Cramer and Josh Clement from Penquis Key Club, and candidate for Kiwanis membership, Jim Lord.

Eben DeWitt led the Flag Salute and George Barton offered the Morning Prayer.

Birthdays this week: Emily Dana Trask - turns 3 on July 5.

Information regarding the New England District Convention in Danvers, MA was received. Anyone interested in attending can contact Pres.- Elect George Barton who has the information and meeting schedules.

Happy & Sad Dollars: Happy dollars were given for a sailing adventure, Dover's upcoming Auction, seeing the sun, daughter and children visiting, young Key Club and Builders Club members in attendance during their summer vacation, class reunions, trip to Orlando International Kiwanis Convention where 1700 clubs were represented. Only Sad Dollar was for the Red Sox slump.

Pres. Val Robertson reminded everyone about the 4th of July activities scheduled for Friday. The Kiwanis sponsored Dunk Tank needs volunteers from 10:00 to 2:00. The BBQ will be at the Gazebo at 5 p.m. with Fireworks at dusk.

Plans are being formulated for the Fifth Wed. July 30th. This will be an evening meeting and a social time. More details will be forthcoming on this.

Our speaker today was Town Manager Jeff Gahagan who has been on the job for 3 months now. Jeff discussed several items of interest such as the Downtown Revitalization project, the Business Park, updating the town charter and working on ordinances, improving the budget, maintenance issues, improving relations with the Town of Brownville and the school department, and Police Dept. He is glad to see that the town now has a FEMA Director, Jerry Cole, and a new part-time Recreation Director, Jeremy Bousquet. He also provided some information about the possibility of a private prison being constructed at the Business Park and the infrastructure that would be needed for this project.

Thank you, Jeff, for updating us on these topics.

Meeting adjourned.

Lois Trask, Sec.

LaGrange Days Mark your calendars !

The LaGrange Fire Department and Veterans' Association are holding their second annual LaGrange Days on July 18th and 19th, 2008.

Activities for July 18

~ 5:00 PM - Kids Parade at the Cook School circle.

Decorate anything with wheels (non-motorized). 1st, 2nd, & 3rd place prizes.

~ 6:00 PM - Supper. Ham & Salami Italians at the LaGrange Fire Station.

~ 6:30 PM - Auction. All new items.

Activities for July 19:

~ 9:00 AM Parade Line-up

~ 10:00 AM Parade: Masonic Hall to Fire Station

~ 11:00 AM Lunch: Hamburger, hot dogs, sausages and French fries.

~ 11:30 K-9 Demonstration

~ 12:00 PM Drill Team Performance

~ 12:30 PM Women's Skillet Toss

~ 2:30 Kids Pig Scramble Age groups (5-8) (9-12) Adult Pig Scramble \$5 entry fee

~ 4:00 PM Lawn Tractor Pulls

~ 5:00 PM Chili Cooking Contest followed by supper: Chili, Chili Dogs & Meatball Subs

~ 6:00 PM Local Blues Band

On July 19th, there will be vendor spaces available.

Vendors may set up at the firehouse anytime before the 10:00 AM parade.

Please call Jen Baker @943-2402 or email her at jrbaker@surfmk.com to register for a space or for further information about LaGrange Days.