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"OLD FASHIONED RUMMAGE AND BAKE SALE TO BENEFIT PAWS, ON FEB 28th FROM 9 - 3 AT THE MILO TOWN HALL."



BEAT THE WINTER DOLDRUMS BY HELPING YOUR LOCAL SHELTER.

BOOKS-NEAT USED STUFF-DELICIOUS BAKED ITEMS!!



Bryant Lugo and Casey Marks tag beer cartons with warning stickers as part of "The Sticker Shock" campaign. Story on page 2.

The Piscataquis Public Health Council partnered with Penquis Valley High School students to increase underage drinking awareness in the community by promoting the Sticker Shock Program
Goal is to Reduce Underage Access to Alcohol

Dover-Foxcroft – The Piscataquis Public Health Council (PPHC), our region’s Healthy Maine Partnership has teamed up with students from Penquis Valley High School to increase awareness of underage access to alcohol in the community by promoting the Sticker Shock Program. Students Caitlyn Ballard, Bryant Lugo of YIPP and Mentoring Club, and Casey Marks of Key Club took time away from winter carnival activities on Friday, February 13th, to visit several stores to coincide with the annual Schoodic Lake Fishing Derby. They were accompanied by Community Partnership Specialist Shannon Bishop of the Piscataquis Public Health Council.

The Sticker Shock Campaign is designed to reach adults who might purchase alcohol legally and provide it to minors. Stickers warning about the penalties for furnishing alcohol to minors are placed on all multi-packs of beer, wine coolers, and other alcohol products that might appeal to underage drinkers. The impact of the stickers is increased by longer-lasting signs to be displayed by participating retailers. The campaign raises public awareness about underage drinking, and strengthens the deterrent effect of the law against providing alcohol to minors.

Special thanks to those retailers who participated in the program: C & J Variety of Milo, Milo Exxon Mini-Mart, Robinson’s Fuel Mart, The General Store and More, and Station Market located in Brownville.

If you would like more information about how you can get involved in addressing tobacco and alcohol use by youth in your community, please contact Shannon Bishop, Community Partnership Specialist, Piscataquis Public Health Council at

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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!

A BIT OF VETERAN’S HISTORY

By Richard L Graves Sr.

Reginald C. Earley Sr., of Alton, ME.

A member of Joseph P. Chaisson Post 41 for five years, holding the position of Sgt of Arms, 2nd Vice Cmdr and presently Commander, he received a Meritorious Citation Award from the American Legion National Commander for exceeding the 2008-2009 membership goals.

Reggie joined the United States Marine Corps during the Korean War, September 15th, 1953, and had basic training at Parris Island, South Carolina. He was specialized in communications at Camp Geiger, North Carolina and went on to advanced combat winter training in Colorado in preparation for deployment to Korea. Upon completion he was processed through Camp Pendleton and San Diego, then onto a troop ship to Kobe, Japan. He was assigned to the Twelfth Marine Division in the vicinity of the 38th parallel, Korea, during the period of armistice; Reggie spent twenty-seven days in Korea before being assigned to Camp Fuji, Japan. In 1953 the Army had turned over the North Camp to the Marine Corp.

Mt. Fuji at the time was a premier training area as it provided live-firing training for larger guns. Reggie’s communication skills became very important to live-fire range control. He remembers that they lived in tents for thirteen months and the snow was so deep, only smoke stacks could be seen above the snow. The sleeping bags were doubled to keep warm. From the Mt Fuji assignment, he was reassigned for six months in Okinawa, Japan, and discharged from the Corps at Camp Lejeune, NC, September 15th, 1956.



The Penquis girl’s basketball team takes the floor amidst our cheerleaders’ enthusiastic support. Although they came up a bit short, the game was exciting and well-played. Congratulations for a GREAT YEAR!! More photos at : <http://www.facebook.com/album.php?aid=78937&id=549010740&l=9b320>



Three Rivers Kiwanis, Milo-Brownville

February 18, 2009, Regular Meeting Minutes

There were sixteen members present at the morning meeting at Sandee's Restaurant on Wednesday morning. We had an inter-club from Dover with four members present and three members from the Key Club: Josh, Camille, and Stephanie.

We also had Stephanie Gillis present, one of our honorary members. Good to see you, Stephanie.

Eben DeWitt led us in the Pledge of Allegiance, Herbie Dunham offered the Morning Prayer, and Jim Lord provided the Thought for the Day. Herbie and Merna have an anniversary on February 20th.

Kiwanis One Day committee will be meeting to work out the details on the Pleasant River Walk cleanup tentatively scheduled for May 23rd. Ethelyn rescheduled the Orono/Oldtown inter-club due to a town meeting in Milo on Tuesday night. She will be rescheduling for March. The Young Children Priority One committee will meet today following the morning meeting.

There will be a Division 2 meeting and training in Dexter on Saturday, February 18th, at noon. Our speaker next week will be the pastor from the Brownville Jct. Methodist Church and Josh Clement will speak on March 4th. March 5th is the next board meeting and regular members are invited to attend anytime.

We had sixteen happy/Sad Dollars- Lois is happy to be here this morning and we are happy to see her; girls lost at the tournament; nice to be here; and, many sad dollars for the loss of Dylan.

Our speaker today was Gil Reynolds, the interim superintendent for SAD 41. Gil has been a teacher, principal, and superintendent during his career. Today Gil addressed the question of what happens now that the school consolidation in Milo has been voted down. The communities involved voted 1043 to 451 against regionalization. The range of communities was from Lagrange to Jackman with a total of 160 miles between the towns. SAD#68 was the exception and voted in favor of the plan. There is a state penalty of approximately \$107,814.00 that will be split between the school districts. SAD #68 has asked the state for a delay on the penalty as they voted in favor of the regionalization.

An AOS is an alternate structure that is being explored that allows for more local control and would only share transportation, special education, and a superintendent. At this time two consultants from the DOE have been into the schools. At this time, Dover and Milo have interim superintendents and talks are going on about sharing a superintendent. SAD#41 and SAD #31 are continuing to discuss how they could work together. In November there will be a statewide vote on repealing the consolidation law.

Gil answered many questions about consolidation. An AOS school unit could have 1000 to 1200 students. If the RSU had been approved, SAD#68 would have had 10 voting positions on the board and SAD#41 would have had 9. Each vote would have been weighted based on population at 192 votes per board member in Dover to 103 votes per board member in Milo.

The goal of the State was to save at least \$15,000 per school district and cut the number of superintendents with their original plan, but it would actually add cost to local school districts to set up central offices. SAD#41 could save

\$15,000 just by sharing a superintendent at this time. Edwin brought up the very important question of "What is better for the kids?" No one has really been focused on what is better for kids.

The process has been frustrating, time consuming, and costly to schools as time, effort, and resources have been used trying to meet the Governor's requirements. This is at a time when the state has just announced a cut of 27 million out of school budgets due to the state having less money in their own budgets.

We would like to thank Gil Reynolds for speaking today to the Kiwanis.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Heidi Finson, Secretary

Young Children Priority One (YCPO)

Committee Meeting February 18, 2009

Members present:

Val Robertson

Cathy Graves

Jan Barton

George Barton

Heidi Finson

Lois Trask

We discussed projects that we already do that would meet our requirement for 2 YCPO projects a year. Typically the age group targeted is birth to 5 years old. RIF is one of the projects and the support of preschool playgrounds with a \$500 contribution to Milo Head Start (spring of 2008). Note: We may need to consider this as counting towards last years activities, not this year.

The bike rodeo can count for YCPO though the children are of elementary age and this was supported at a recent Division 2 meeting on February 18th. Our Key Club is quite active with collecting books for young children and providing Kiwanis Bears to children who have gone through some kind of trauma. These could count as joint projects if the Kiwanis work with the Key Club.

We discussed the Library Reading Program that Val will be organizing later in the spring. The program will start in April and will end the last full week of school, lasting from 4-6 weeks. The program's goal is to get kids to use the library and get their own library card. This also supports the library in receiving state funding based on numbers of people using the library. The children from 1st to 3rd grade meet Wednesdays at the library for reading and activities. We discussed what Val needs for support from the Kiwanis members for this project.

Students walk to the library weather permitting. The bus drops off otherwise. Val needs 4 volunteers counting herself each week. She needs two to walk the group from the school and two more to volunteer at the library when the children arrive. Val plans activities for the children, who typically like beads and rubber stamps. Val will inventory her supplies for the spring and let the committee know if she has any needs. Members present volunteered to assist in setting up activity kits to be prepared for the weekly project. Val has been assured that Kiwanis members will support this project with volunteers. Frank typically volunteers each week. Val would like volunteers to know that the kids like to have fun, are

loud (there are about 30-35 children), and they are busy, so come prepared to have fun with them. Val will keep us posted on the date starting.

We discussed other services we could provide to the community for young children with an emphasis on safety. The bike rodeo offers an opportunity for safety booths for parents if it takes place on a weekend. There is some discussion of it's taking place on a school day in the spring and this is supported by the schools. More information will be provided as the event is planned with the school.

We discussed fingerprint kits and outlet covers as prevention approaches to safety. The Variety Show could provide an opportunity to provide families with young children a safety kit. We will look into the items that can be acquired free or low cost through Kiwanis for these kits.

We discussed other items that are available such as a Spinoza Bear for therapeutic relaxation for young children. Heidi will bring in a bear to share with members to see if it is something we would like to get for the area preschools.

We would also like to know what is available for preschool children in the Brownville-Brownville Jct. area, because we would like to support these communities. We also discussed the project areas addressed by Kiwanis International, such as Maternal and Infant Health, Child Care and Development, Safety and Pediatric Trauma, and other general projects with education and support focuses. These topics and project ideas can be found on the Kiwanis International website www.kiwanis.org.

RIF will have a distribution in March and volunteers will be needed once we have a date with preschool and elementary school. Heidi also reminded the committee that the children at Head Start can benefit from community volunteers in their preschool at the Derby Community Hall and Head Start is a frequently supported program within Kiwanis nationwide.

Committee Members To Do List

- Cathy Graves will call Tom Lizotte to identify a speaker on Maternal and Child Health for our weekly meeting.
- Val will provide us with a schedule of when the reading program starts and any materials needed.
- Heidi will bring Spinoza to a meeting to review.
- Heidi will contact Kiwanis for availability of fingerprint kits and safety kits for birth to 5 to hand out at the Variety Show.
- George will put Val's reading program on the agenda to discuss with members.

Minutes recorded by Heidi Finson. There is no scheduled meeting for YCPO committee at this time. Thank you all for volunteering your time from your busy schedules to discuss the needs of the children in our community.

GRAMMIE'S WEATHER

February/March 1973

24-Sunny am Cloudy pm-30° at 12. 25/26/27-Sunny windy & quite cold. 1-Snow-20° at 12. 2-Cloudy-26° at 12.

Milo Free Public Library News

Judith D. Macdougall

Another snowy Thursday as I write this column. We were planning to have the Library Staff Appreciation luncheon today but due to the forecast I decided to move it to next Wednesday. Unfortunately, as is often the case, one substitute can't make the date but hopefully the rest can.

This past Tuesday evening the Three Rivers Readers Book Club met at the library. There were 7 of us present, and the book we discussed was Blaze by Richard Bachman (aka Stephen King). Ginny Foss had chosen this book to present and gave us some facts about Stephen King's life. He was born in Portland, Maine in 1947. When he was 2 years old, his father walked out of the house to get cigarettes and walked out of his life. He lived in several different states while his mother supported him and his older brother, but he returned to Maine at the age of 10. He attended UMO in 1966 where he majored in English, and in 1971 he married Tabitha Spruce. His books have sold 350 million copies, have been made into movies, TV and comic books. He and his wife have generously donated money to many different charities.

Blaze, written by King when he was 25 years old, was heavy with swear words which I found tiresome, and child abuse during the first quarter. I was not interested at all in the book, and would have quit right there if the book had not been the February selection. However, the book did become more interesting even though there were still upsetting episodes. The book was well written, the characters very three-dimensional and the story was different. Blaze is Clayton Blaisdell, Jr., a slow-thinking man living in Maine. He meets George Rackley, who wants to make big money by kidnapping a baby, Joseph Gerard, IV. The two make their plans, but before the crime can take place, George, the brains of the pair, is killed. Blaze decides to go through with the job anyway. Blaze, a gentle giant of a man, is 6'7 with a large dent in his forehead making him quite noticeable. Blaze was very much under George's control and heard George giving him advice as he thought through the project. Things go very wrong during the kidnapping, but Blaze ends up escaping with baby Joe, and soon is fascinated with him. He marvels at the baby's skin, fingers and eyes. I feel that Stephen King must have been awed by his own babies at this time and incorporated his own feelings into Blaze toward Joe. Blaze protects Joe as well as he can and dreams of raising him rather than returning him to his parents for the ransom. However, the story ends, as I knew it would have to, due to the situation.

As the group discussed the story, one of our members mentioned that she had taught with Stephen King at Hampton Academy one year. She mentioned that he was a very popular teacher and was constantly reading. During that year he sold the hard cover rights to Carrie for \$3000 which was very exciting, but when he sold the paper back rights for the same book for \$120,000 he was on his way. It was really interesting to get a first hand report on him way-back-when.

The group felt that Blaze was a truly Maine book due to the mention of places, the language and the attitude of the people.

Next month the group will read White Oleander by Janet Fitch, and the discussion will be led by Trelba Rollins. The April selection will be a non-fiction choice No Time to Wave Goodbye by Ben Wick selected by Barbara Crossman. If

you would like to join the Three Rivers Readers, please join us on the third Tuesday of each month at the library at 6:30. You may call Gwen Bradeen for more information -943-2369.

Our newest titles from Baker & Taylor are:-

Beaton, M.C.	DEATH OF A WITCH
Binchy, Maeve	HEART AND SOUL
Child, Lincoln	TERMINAL FREEZE
Delinsky, Barbara	WHILE MY SISTER SLEEPS
Parker, Robert B.	NIGHT & DAY
Robb, J.D.	PROMISES IN DEATH
Strieber, Whitley	CRITICAL MASS
Winspear, Jacqueline	AMONG THE MAD

Library Winter Hours

Mon.-Weds.-Fri. ---2:00-8:00 Saturday 2:00-4:00

Telephone 943-2612

The Cook School was alive with the sounds of engines revving as Mrs. Russell held our annual NASCAR racing activities. Much laughter and great sportsmanship were the keys to a great day!



IT'S EASY TO BE GREEN!

Conservation District Annual Tree and Plant Sale

The Piscataquis County Soil and Water Conservation District announces their Annual Tree and Plant Sale, offering trees and shrubs to provide habitat and food for animals,

butterflies and bees, along with other plants that provide soil erosion control, and to protect water quality. We also offer composting bins to help speed up your production of valuable compost and rain barrels to catch rainwater from your roofs to prevent erosion and to save you the from using your well or town water for your gardens. Preorders must be placed with the district by Thursday, March 16th and the sale pickup date is Saturday, May 2nd. For more information please contact the district office at 564 - 2321, extension 3, through our website at www.piscataquisswcd.org, or by stopping at the United States Department of Agriculture Service Center in the Pine Crest Business Park at 42 Engdahl Drive, Dover - Foxcroft.

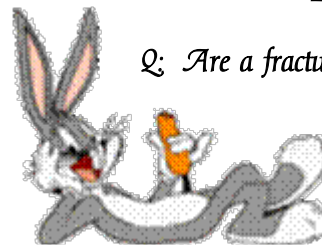
Annual Trout Sale Announced

Spring is the season for stocking ponds with trout. The Annual Trout Sale will be held on Saturday, May 9th at 11:30AM for customers who have preordered through the Piscataquis County Soil and Water Conservation District (PCSWCD). Rainbow and brook trout for stocking ponds may be preordered until Monday, April 13th.

A permit is required by the Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Department (IFW) for the species most appropriate for your pond. A copy of this will need to be submitted with your preorder. You will also need to bring your original to the sale in order to receive your trout.

If you do not have a permit you may pick up an application for this from the PCSWCD office, download the permit application from our website, or contact the IFW at 287 - 5261 or <http://www.state.me.us/ifw/>. You may contact the PCSWCD at 42 Engdahl Drive in Dover - Foxcroft, at 564 - 2321, Extension 3, info@piscataquisswcd.org or www.piscataquisswcd.org for more information on this sale.

What's Up Doc??



Q: Are a fracture and a break the same thing?

A: There are different types of fractures, some more serious than others.

For example, a hairline or greenstick fracture occurs where the bone is bent enough to break the cortex on one side of the bone, but not completely through the bone. On the other hand, a compound fracture is much more serious in which the bone is not only broken, but also can be displaced in its alignment and even break through the skin, causing potentially serious bleeding. So yes, a fracture is a break, and a break is a fracture, but let's be realistic, some are worse than others.

Have a great week!

Dr. K

drchasse@myfairpoint.net

TRC Community Calendar

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

Monday, February 23

9:00a Monday Morning Quilters
11:45a Meals for ME
6:30p Atkinson Selectmen
7:00p Alcoholics Anonymous
7:00p Piscataquis Amateur Radio Club

Tuesday, February 24

9:00a Womancare Outreach
10:00a D-F : Penquis Health Services
5:00p Brownville Jct. : Annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper
6:30p Post #92 Bingo
6:30p D-F : Winter Writers Series
6:30p Milo Selectmen's Meeting -Important Meeting to discuss Milo's Future!!

Wednesday, February 25

6:30a Three Rivers Kiwanis
9:00a Milo : Career Center
10:00a Church Thrift Shop
6:00p Wednesday Night Quilters
6:30p LaGrange Selectmen
6:30p Order of the Rainbow
6:30p Boy Scout Troop #115
7:00p Overeaters Anonymous
7:00p Bowerbank Selectmen

Thursday, February 26

11:45a Meals for ME
4:30p Tae Kwon Do Class
6:00p Boy Scout Troop #112
6:00p Post #92 Meeting
6:30p **Regional Public Hearing/Workshop** The Brownville Regional Community Development Housing Program is holding a public hearing and workshop at the Milo Town Hall on Thursday, February 26, at 6:30 p.m.. Join in the effort for a successful proposal requesting \$250,000.00 for housing rehabilitation in Brownville, Milo, LaGrange, Medford, Barnard, Orneville, and Williamsburg.

6:30p BJHS Card Party

Friday, February 27

9:00a Milo : Career Center
11:45a Meals for ME
12:00p Three Rivers Senior Citizens
6:15p Post #41 Bingo

Saturday, February 28

No Events Today.

Sunday, March 1

2:30p Tiny Tigers Tae Kwon Do
2:30p Post #92 Auxiliary
3:30p Square Dancing
3:30p Sebec Freedom Riders Snowmobile Club Meeting
4:00p TRC Meeting
6:00p Alcoholics Anonymous
6:00p Scrapbooking
7:30p Alcoholics Anonymous

Dylan Gregory Lyford



January 31, 1990 - February 15, 2009

MILO - Dylan Gregory Lyford, 19, died unexpectedly Feb. 15, 2009, at a Bangor hospital. He was born Jan. 31, 1990, in Bangor, the son of Gregory and Susan (Conklin) Lyford. Dylan grew up in Milo and graduated from Penquis Valley High School, Class of 2008. He was currently a freshman

at the University of Maine -Orono. Dylan was always active in school and liked to get involved in every school activity. He was a fun-loving boy who played hard and loved much. He was compassionate and caring. Dylan loved animals; he enjoyed all sports, especially soccer, and he was devoted to his friends and family. Dylan will be forever in our hearts and thoughts, and he would want his friends to remember the good times and to know that he loved them very much. Dylan is survived by his best friend and brother, Douglas Lyford; and his mom and dad, Susan and Gregory Lyford, all of Milo; his grandparents, Bertha and Roland Lyford, and Douglas and Sophie Conklin, all of Milo; his uncles, Rick Conklin and girlfriend, Sandy Leavitt, Doug Conklin and girlfriend, Joanna and their daughter, Anna-Jo, Kirby Lyford, Tony Lyford, John Paul Hoxie; and his aunts, Darlene Hoxie and Robin Lyford, all of Milo, Cindy and husband, Leroy Cronkhite, of Livermore Falls, and Rhonda Clark of Bangor. He also leaves his cousins, Phil and Allison Woodard, and Ashley Lyford, all of Milo, Kirby John Lyford of Texas, Krista and Kevin Gerrish of Brownville Junction, Val and Tom Hocking of Garland, Heather and Ryan Cronkhite of Livermore Falls, and Krystle and Spencer Leavitt of Milo. Burial will be in the spring in the family lot at Evergreen Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Dylan G. Lyford Memorial Scholarship Fund, care of MSAD No. 41, 37 West Main St., Milo, ME 04463. Arrangements are in the care of the Lary Funeral Home. Messages of condolence and memories may be expressed at www.laryfuneralhome.com.

IMPORTANT NOTICES

Tuesday, Feb. 24, at 6:30 at the Town Hall the Milo selectmen will hold an important discussion about the future of Milo. Your input is very important. Please attend if you possibly can.

Thursday, Feb. 26, at 6:30 the Brownville Regional Community Development Housing Program is having a public hearing and workshop at the Milo Town Hall. Please attend, as this meeting could be very important to you personally.