



Three Rivers News



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The 5th Grades from Milo and Lagrange visited Boston on Friday thanks in part to the efforts of the parents who helped raise the money for the trip. The class visited the Museum of Science, Omni Theater, Bunker Hill, The Old North Church, The Constitution, Paul Revere's House, the Granary Burial Ground, and the site of the Boston Massacre while walking on the Freedom Trail. Both Mrs. Weston and Mrs. Knowlton were very impressed with the good behavior of the classes. The weather was beautiful and everyone had a terrific day.

Thank-You Milo Police Department and Chief Williams!!

By Valerie Robertson



What does this little guy have to thank Chief Kenny Williams and his caring officers for? Probably his life. "Little Chief" (what else would we call him?) was part of a colony of cats Milo ACO Joe Guyotte has been trapping in a local trailer park. He enlisted my help in picking up the trapped cats. On one of my trips I was told that one of the mama cat's 4-week-old kittens had been taken to one of the trailers. It is illegal in the state of Maine for a kitten or puppy to be taken from its mother before it is 8-weeks old. A baby needs to be nurtured and nourished by its mama in order to thrive and receive the proper immunities to sicknesses. The resident refused to give the kitten to me so I called Milo PD and after a visit from one officer the man still refused to give Little Chief to me, so Big Chief Williams paid him a call. Needless to say, Chief Williams got the job done. Next thing I know he pulls up to the shelter with the baby. I am so happy to live in a town where children and animals receive the benefits of this wonderful man. Not only does he devote extra time to his job by taking off-hours calls at no extra pay, he coaches kids' sports AND is an advocate for animals. Milo is sure lucky to have him and his family.

Kiwanis will be taking orders for the Community Birthday

Calendars until June 1st!! If you would like to order one, call Sherri at 943-5031 or Laurel at 943-2134. They make a great gift.



Annual LaGrange Days to Be Held July 9th and 10th

Friday, July 9 All Events at the Cook school!
5 PM Kids Parade Decorate anything with wheels, but no motor.
5:30 Auction: All new items 6:30 Dan Baker Magic Productions
7:30 LaGrange Idol Talent Show 1st, 2nd, and 3rd prizes 15 and over, 14 and under Saturday, July 10 Events at the Fire Station
9 AM Parade Line up
10 AM Parade: Masonic Hall to Fire Station Grand Marshall: Rosie Drake
10:45, 11:45, 12:45, and 1:45 Cake Walk
Throughout the Day: Dunk Tank, Bounce House, Balloons, Air Brushed Tattoos, Vendors, Pig Raffle 11:00 Kids Egg Obstacle
11:00 Lunch: Burgers, Hot Dogs, Dough Boys and French Fries
11:00 Greased Pole-11:30-12:30 Pony Rides
12:00-1:00 Paint Ball Shoot
12:00 Kids Balloon Toss (Partners) 12:30 Women's' Skillet Toss
1:00 Pig Scramble-2:00 Band: New Relm ATV Poker Run
2-3:00 Registration Fire Dept. \$5 per hand (You must be 18 and over to play).
3-5:00 Poker Run 5:00 All hands must be turned in.
Start and end at the Fire Station For more info: Call Jen Baker 943-2402

Saving Penquis Close Up

For 28 consecutive years Penquis Valley High School has participated in the Close Up government studies program. During this time span nearly 500 students have traveled to Washington, D.C., to study our nation's capital and the federal government "close up."

While on the Close Up program, our students role play being the President, Senators, Representatives, advisers, and lobbyists. They learn how the government makes decisions which affect Americans and people around the world. Our students meet and speak with Maine's Congressional delegation and people who work in various governmental departments and agencies.

Our students use Washington's monuments, memorials, and museums as classrooms. The Great Depression takes on new meanings when walking through the FDR memorial. World War II seems even more important when standing in the middle of the

World War II memorial. The Civil Rights movement comes to life when climbing the steps at the Lincoln Memorial. The Vietnam War becomes very personal when students see their reflections among the names carved on that black granite wall.

Our students learn the importance of becoming active citizens. They are shown how they can apply what they learn during their week of study to their hometowns. They meet students from all over the country and learn about life in other parts of the United States.

This Close Up experience is unique and special. Nearly all of the students who have gone on the program have asked if they could go again. Many students say it is the most amazing time they had in high school. It's a fantastic return for a relatively small investment.

This past year I asked the MSAD #41 school board to add Close Up to the list of extracurricular activities. I made this request for two reasons. I wanted to insure the Close Up tradition continued for future Penquis Valley students after I retired. My second reason was financial. For the past several years I have had to pay my way to take the kids on the trip. This happened because we were not taking the minimum number of students. All of the Close Up teachers I have met over the years receive compensation for their efforts from their schools and I felt it was time for MSAD #41 to make a small investment for me and future Close Up coordinators.

Sadly, without any discussion about the merits of the Close Up program, the school board dismissed my request to add Close Up to the extracurricular schedule B pay scale. As a result of this decision I will no longer offer Close Up as an activity for Penquis Valley students.

If the Penquis Close Up tradition is to continue, Close Up alumni and the parents of alumni need to contact their school board members and tell them this program is worth saving.

Thanks, Russ Carey
Close Up coordinator

STATEMENT OF POLICY

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BROWNVILLE: The American Legion Junior Auxiliary will be having a bottle drive on Saturday, June 5th in the Brownville and Jct area.

Proceeds to help sponsor projects for veterans, community and youth.

For more info call 965-3631

Coupon Special!!!

Bring This In For A Free Glass Of Iced Cappuccino With Any Food Purchase!!

Come Try Our Fresh Fish And Chips And Have A Refreshing Glass Of Sweet, Rich Cappuccino!!

Yum!!

Hobnobbers Pub

45 West Main Street Milo 943-5312



Dear Citizens of SAD 41, As teachers of your children, we believe it is important to communicate clearly our commitment to the quality of education here in SAD 41. We believe that every student in our district has the right to the best education possible. We believe that quality educators are critical to ensure that.

Contract negotiations began over a year ago with a proposal from teachers including new language supporting professional growth, time for collaboration amongst teachers and a modest benefit package designed to attract and retain quality teachers. Because of worsening economic conditions the teachers' association is willing to accept a proposal that includes none of the above and has no pay raises for the next two years. They do this with the hope that this will keep programs intact for students. This "no raise" contract still sits un-ratified by the school board even though each side has already reached tentative agreements on each paragraph in the contract. This inaction is troubling as it creates an atmosphere of distrust and the appearance that the School Board is not focused on what is best for students.

Volunteer activities such as chaperoning dances, raising funds, and taking students on overnight trips always enhance the quality of an educational experience but there is little research to say these are what create a high quality learning environment. Attracting and retaining high quality teachers, ensuring a collaborative and trusting working environment, and increasing the amount of relevant job embedded professional development opportunities are widely supported district actions that research indicate DO improve student learning. None of these were supported in the contract now held up at the school board level. None of these were communicated in progressively limiting proposals offered by the School Board. Instead, SAD 41 teacher salaries were not only made less competitive but good will for providing additional services and trust in a system that supports quality education is now severely hampered between teachers and administrators.

Please urge your school board members to keep their eyes on what really matters, providing high quality, well supported educators for every student in SAD 41. MSAD #41 Educator's Association

Brian Russell of Lagrange Boy's State Delegate

The American Legion, Post 41 Commander Randy Kluj is proud to announce Brian Russell of Lagrange is the PVHS area Delegate to the 63rd Annual American Legion Dirigo Boys State program at Thomas College in Waterville during the week of June 20-24, 2010. The purpose of Boys State is to provide Maine high school juniors with the opportunity to participate in a program that supplements their high school courses in government and its functions. In this program, young men role-play as they learn to campaign for local, county and state offices and then organize and carry out the functions of the state government. Previous delegates have highly endorsed the

program, food and accommodations. Full sponsorship is provided by Post 41. Brian Russell was nominated and highly recommended by PVHS Principal Clay Savage and the PVHS faculty. Brian is the son of Dawn and Jamie Russell.

Milo Free Public Library News

By Pamela Flanagan, Rochelle Williams and Margaret Pinette

Ms. Pinette is a valuable member of the library staff, who works as a substitute for us during the winter months. She very graciously contributed to the article this week, giving us all an informal account of this month's book group as follows:

The Three Rivers Book Group met on Tuesday evening in the library. This group, formed over two years ago, meets at 6:30 on the third Tuesday evening of each month. Members take turns choosing a book and leading the discussion, which is usually lively and often relates the themes of the reading to issues in the group members' lives. The group reads books of all types--fiction, nonfiction, Maine authors, memoirs, and so on. The group welcomes new members.

This month's book was Mary E. Hull's *The Boston Tea Party in American History*. Jane Fairchild led the discussion, starting with research she had done on tea, which was first introduced to England by Charles II when the monarchy was restored in the late 17th century. The discussion included afternoon tea parties, high tea, and tea dances. The colonists' resistance to paying the British tea tax wasn't based on the cost of the tea--in fact, the taxed tea imported by the East India Company was cheaper than that previously available--but came from the reluctance to accept taxes levied by the British without colonial representation and a fear that the East India Company's monopoly on tea would expand to a monopoly on all imported goods, cutting out the colonial merchants. Interestingly, most of those who took part in the dumping of the tea into Boston Harbor remained anonymous, even after fear of British punishment was long past.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, June 15 at 6:30 at the library. Barbara Crossman will lead the discussion on several short stories: Dorothy Parker's "The Standard of Living"; Shirley Jackson's "The Lottery"; Flannery O'Connor's "A Good Man Is Hard to Find"; E. B. White's "The Door"; and John Steinbeck's "Of Mice and Men." Cathy Knox will select the book and lead the discussion for the July 20 meeting.

In additional news the Kiwanis Kids Korner had a So Long for the Summer party at the library last Wednesday. Refreshments included ice cream, cupcakes and watermelon. Story-time and crafts were included in the activities. Sixteen children attended as well as Frank Cochran, Val Robertson, Bonnie Hurley, and Natalie Hitchcock. We want to thank everyone involved for making this such a fun and successful venture for the kids. Hopefully we'll see you all back here when the program starts again in the fall after school starts.

In the meantime mark your calendar for the Sign-up week of June 14th for this year's Summer Reading Program! There will be more about that next week.

The Milo Free Public Library will be closed Sat. the 29th and Monday the 31st for Memorial Day weekend, which will herald the start of our summer hours.

Summer Hours

Mon. 2-8, Wed. 2-8, Fri. 1-7

PAWS Sale will be HUGE!!

The fact that PAWS, the animal shelter located in Milo, has added two days to its summer yard sale can only mean one thing. Two days is not enough to unpack everything that has been donated so far, to help the kitties who are awaiting Forever Homes. And it's early yet!

As of now the shelter could literally fill a house with all the items to be sold. It would not be at all surprising to find everything from "A to Z" at this yard sale....but not all on the same day!

With limited yard space and such a large inventory, you can plan to find something new every day as PAWS volunteers continue to unpack over the four day yard sale "Event" on June 10th, 11th, 12th, and 13th. Hours are 8 TO 4 each day at 39 Clinton Street in Milo. What's more!! Prices are not fixed. Everything is being sold for a reasonable donation. For more information please call 943-2400.

Mark these dates on your calendar and bring a pickup truck you'll be glad you did...and so will the kitties.

Three Rivers Kiwanis, Milo-Brownville May 19, 2010 Regular Morning Meeting

The meeting at Hobnobber's was called to order at 6:45 AM, and was attended by seventeen members. We had an interclub from Dover-Foxcroft with four members and seven from Key Club.

Eben led us in the Pledge of Allegiance and Herbie offered the Morning Prayer. Josh Clements and Jim Lord will be celebrating their birthdays on May 23. Fourteen happy/sad dollars were collected – Jim Lord back in town; end of school library program for this season; Red Sox; flags up around town and how nice they look; rain needed for gardens; happy to be here; golf games. One piece of communication reminded us of the International meeting to be held June 5 at Tufts University.

There will be a Canoe Race Committee meeting on May 20 at Treworgys and will include review of the plans for the Kiwanis Auction. On Saturday, May 22 there will be a bottle drive by the youth who are supporting the bike path to be put in at Harris Field.

Upcoming Programs: May 26 – Key Club members will tell us about their recent trip to Spain. June speaker chairmen are Jim Lord and Frank Cochran.

Other dates to remember: June 19 the Canoe Race; June 25 and 26 the Annual Kiwanis Auction; June 27 the Cruise In. Calendar sales orders are due by June 1. Also, the town is coming together for a Black Fly Festival to be held on July 3. Details will be available soon.

The following Key Club members were present: Camille Cramer, Stephanie Vachon, Kendra Newman, Dani Newman, Alex Drummond, Alyssa Gray, and Dustin Ellison. They gave us a presentation of the New England Key Club Convention that took place the weekend of April 9 to 11 in Springfield, Mass. There were about a thousand attendees. They learned about projects that other Key Clubs are doing. They attended workshops intended specifically for officers on topics such as how to run a meeting, division of work for officers, how to report to national, and tips for efficiency. They had several mixers to get to know the other attendees and a couple of dances, so it was a lot of fun for all who attended. The ideas that they came back with for the local club are a better system for meeting minutes, having a project of the month, and be better prepared next year for the awards that are given at the convention. They thanked our club for all our support and sponsorship.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 AM

Respectfully submitted, Nancy Harrigan, Secretary



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IN MEMORIAM

Gail L. Burlock

December 14, 1937 - May 14, 2010



MILO - Gail L. Burlock, 77, wife of the late Al Burlock, died peacefully May 14, 2010, surrounded by her loving family at home. Gail was born Dec. 14, 1932, in Milo, the daughter of Sam and Estelle (Decker) McSorley. Gail was a waitress in Milo for many years. She loved her grandchildren, horse racing, dancing, playing cards, the beach and her velvet Elvis. Gail was predeceased by her parents; her brother, Charlie; and her sister, "Bunny" Colter. She

is survived by one daughter, Paula Dupont and her husband, Ben, of Brookline, N.H.; and three sons, Daniel Lyford and his wife, Cindy, of Nashua, N.H., Gary Lyford and his wife, Ella, of LaGrange and Dennis Lyford and his wife, Kim, of Milo. She is also survived by her siblings, Roy McSorley and his wife, Pat, of Ellitsville, Donna Paul of Brownville and Barry McSorley of Sebec. Gail leaves behind her 13 loving grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren. The family thanks her good friends and caretakers, Deanna Libby and Kelly York; and her very "special" niece, Susan Larson, for all their love and support. Graveside memorial services will be conducted 10 a.m. Tuesday, May 18, in the family lot at Evergreen Cemetery, Milo, with the Rev. Michele St. Cyr officiating. Those who wish may make memorial contributions to Community Health and Counseling Hospice, 1093 W. Main St., Dover-Foxcroft, ME 04426. Arrangements are in the care of Lary Funeral Home, Milo. Messages of condolence and memories may be expressed at www.laryfuneralhome.com.

PUBLIC NOTICES

Community Birthday Calendars

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Hobnobbers Pub Weekly Drawing

<http://www.hobnobberspub.com/drawing.php>

Hobnobbers Pub is now having a weekly online drawing for a certificate good for half-off one dinner!

Milo - Veterans Memorial Paver

http://www.trcmaine.org/veterans/paver_form.pdf

Order your own Veterans Memorial Paver for the new Veterans Memorial in Milo!

The Next TRC Webcam

TRC and the Schoodic Lake Association are looking to install a webcam at Lake View, hopefully with a view of Mt. Katahdin. We're looking for anyone who lives in Lake View, on or near the lake, that might have an internet connection we could use for this new webcam. If you'd be interested, or know someone who might, email us at sethen@trcmaine.org

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

Monday, May 24

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

Tuesday, May 25

9:00a - Womancare Outreach
5:30p - Milo: Senior Line Dancing
6:00p - Recreation: Open Gym
6:30p - Post #92 Bingo
7:00p - Sebec Planning Board

Wednesday, May 26

6:30a - Three Rivers Kiwanis
9:30a - WIC Clinic
9:30a - Enhanced Fitness Program
10:00a - Church Thrift Shop
10:00a - Sebec Quilters
5:00p - Group Strength & Cardio Class
6:00p - Wednesday Night Quilters
6:00p - Yoga Class
6:30p - LaGrange Selectmen
6:30p - Order of the Rainbow
6:30p - Boy Scout Troop #115
6:30p - Brownville Selectmen
7:00p - Overeaters Anonymous

Thursday, May 27

11:45a - Meals for ME
4:30p - Tae Kwon Do Class
6:00p - Boy Scout Troop #112
6:00p - Post #92 Meeting
6:00p - Recreation: Open Gym
6:30p - BJHS Card Party

Friday, May 28

9:30a - Enhanced Fitness Program
11:45a - Meals for ME
12:00p - Three Rivers Senior Citizens
6:15p - Post #41 Bingo

Saturday, May 29

No Events Today.

Sunday, May 30

2:30p - Milo : Tiny Tigers Tae Kwon Do
6:00p - Alcoholics Anonymous
6:00p - Brownville Junction : Scrapbooking
7:30p - Alcoholics Anonymous

TRN WEEKLY POLL

Would you use a free online farmers market on TRC?

Yes 52.2%

Maybe 26.1%

No 21.7%

Total votes: 23

NEXT WEEK:

Will you be attending the Memorial Day Parade?
Visit our website to vote!

Send us your poll suggestions!
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