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For all the Medvil community since 2008.
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Medvil pride.....shows inside!
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GREETINGS, NEIGHBORS!

Are we enjoying winter yet? Karen Kirkpatrick, who shared with us the cartoon at right, is enjoying it enough to inform us that the man who invented the umbrella was only going to call it “Brella,” but he hesitated when telling someone about it. We hope *you* are only burdened by the hesitancy to go out in the kind of gloom nature and the continuing pandemic have been dumping on us recently. Stay safe, dry and warm, and soon. . .though not soon enough to suit most of us. . .spring will bring more pleasant times.



A HUGE THANK YOU TO THE D STREET BAND!

ATTENDANCE AT THEIR DECEMBER 12TH CONCERT WAS ESTIMATED AT 80 PEOPLE AND THE REVIEWS WERE STELLAR! “EXCELLENT MUSIC,” “GREAT VOICES” AND “A LOVELY DAY” WERE SOME OF THE COMMENTS MADE ABOUT THIS MUSICAL ENSEMBLE.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO FUTURE PERFORMANCES BY THIS GREAT GROUP OF MUSICIANS.



Due to a last-minute rewrite in January’s newsletter, this was inadvertently left out of the issue. We apologize for not picking up the error before releasing the issue and want the folks who scolded us for not thanking the band for their performance to know we had every intention of doing so.

BOARD NOTICES

OPERATIONS

Typically, it's a quiet time of year in the Maintenance department. . .till you get hit with a snow, pouring rain, slush and ice storm. A storm of this nature takes many hours to clean up. Not only do the guys have to plow and salt the roads, paying particular attention to the mail houses and hilly areas, but they also have to be sure the ramps and stairs at both clubhouses are treated and kept safe and all the drains are cleared of snow to allow for proper drainage. Yes, I, and they, know that this is their job but I'm asking that you please be patient and allow them the time they need to get the job done when we're hit with a storm of that messy magnitude.

Just one other thing. I would like to ask that when the guys are plowing, you not approach the truck with questions or concerns. This presents a definite safety issue for you as well as for them. Please feel free to call the reception office and leave your contact information and I will be happy to call and listen to your concerns or answer your questions. Just remember, it may not always be the answer you're looking for. 😊

Onto other things. We started the Tree Cutting Program and have 2 days of cutting completed. We have 3 more days to schedule and we are making every attempt to complete as many of your requests that the budget will allow. For those of you who have requested limbs to be cut, the plan is to rent a lift this summer and Shawn and Fred will be addressing those work orders so long as it can be done safely with no threat to your home. I want to thank Norm Proulx and Gerry Montminy for volunteering to be my safety monitors during this process especially during the frigid temperatures we've been experiencing. It's very important that the tree workers and residents remain safe, so your help is very much appreciated!

I'm sure some of you are wondering what the status is with the trash truck. No one is looking forward to its delivery more than the Maintenance Team! The delay is due to the difficulty of getting parts. We've all experienced this at the grocery store these days and apparently the situation is no different with truck parts. The owner assures me he's doing everything in his power to get the repairs completed. He said he does not want to sell the truck unless it's in 100% working order. It's kind of hard to argue with that.

While waiting for the next snowstorm to hit, the guys are continuing the preventative maintenance on all the landscaping equipment and trucks. We want to be sure that the plow trucks, the sander and the backhoe are in good running order and ready to tackle the storms ahead.

I think that's it for this month. Thank you all for reading. If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to reach out.

As always, thank you Jeff and Shawn for all your hard work and dedication to our community.

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OTHER NEWS AND NOTICES

THE D STREET BAND CHRISTMAS CONCERT WAS A HUGE HIT!

On December 12 the Medvil community was entertained with a Christmas concert by the fabulous D Street Band. For nearly two hours at the very well attended event, everyone was filled with the joy of the season as nearly everyone there joined in the singing. Santa attended dressed in his finest regalia with his jingle bells. He often joined in the singing. The band played all my favorite Christmas songs, and I felt my personal sense of Christmas being restored. They even sang a new song written



by David Mann especially for Santa Claus, much to the enjoyment of us all.

There was no fee to attend the concert, but we were asked to bring a toy for the Toys for Tots campaign. Due to Medvil's usual generosity, three huge boxes were filled with toys. The young Marine that was there was duly impressed with the enormity of our giving. The commitment of our community to our young men and women serving gave the Marine a standing ovation as our way of saying "Thank You for your service". He told one of the band members that he had never received such an outpouring of support at any function that he had attended before. He himself was nearly in tears as was Santa.

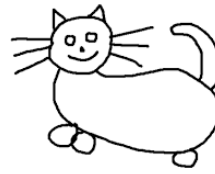
A special thanks to the D Street Band, Santa, and of course those who attended. Please note that D Street Band plays concerts during the spring and summer months basically until it is too cold to play their instruments outside.

Liz Warren



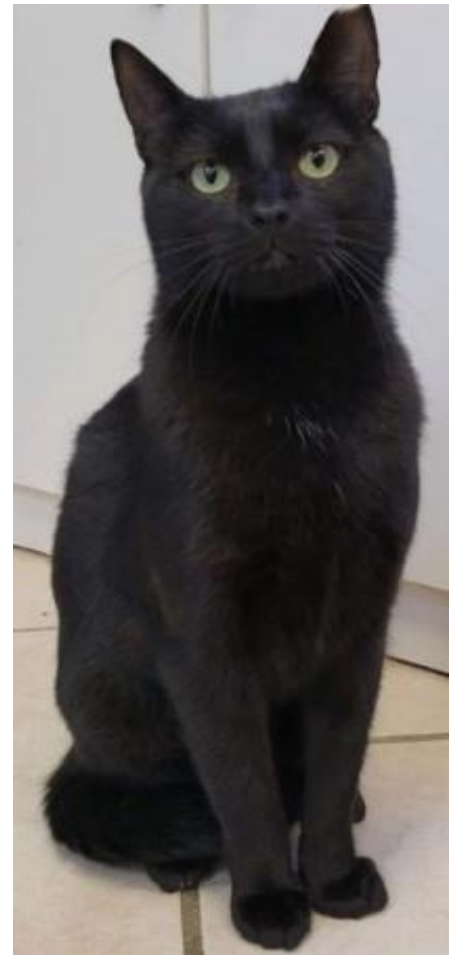
Above and Right: Buttons and Lasagna, captured last summer and recently adopted.

FERAL CAT PROJECT



Great news this month! Lasagna and Buttons, who were trapped in the Spring, have been adopted! Volunteers at the shelter have been working with them to help them learn to trust people, and staff searched for the best homes for them. Both cats went to homes with other cats and loving humans. Because of our Feral Cats Project, two more cats now have a chance at a long, healthy life!

Donna Duford



COMMITTEE REPORTS



EVENTS COMMITTEE

Well, here we are in February already. At our February meeting (which happens after the newsletter is published) we will be discussing the Valentine's Day Pasta Dinner/Dance (2/12). Our January events were cancelled due to low sign-ups, (possibly due to concerns about COVID) so we'll have to wait and see if we are able to move forward with our February plans; please watch the mail house for updates. The bright thought to remember is we are one month closer to spring.

Judy Patrick



It is not uncommon for a person to find themselves in need of a little help from time to time.

If you could benefit from a little friendly assistance, don't hesitate to reach out to the Helping Hands Committee.

Need a prescription picked up? Maybe a few groceries?

Or even a ride to/from a doctor's appointment?

Safety and health are of great concern and importance to everyone so gloves and masks will be available.

If you need help or have questions about the committee and what they do, please reach out to Anita O'Brien at akelliher38@gmail.com or by phone at (603)494-4246.

FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE



Contact Irene Gagne at 603-622-1869

Monthly Pool--The 1/1 winner was Mark Decato for \$250. All numbers are being played with a guaranteed winner. There are currently two residents on the wait list. **PLEASE CALL THE VOLUNTEER OFFICE TO PLACE YOUR NAME ON THE LIST – 603-497-4440, OPTION 0.** It's only \$5/month and you can play more than one number.

Yard Sale -- If you have items to donate, please contact Irene. We are taking small donations at this time. Please call Irene to arrange a drop off or a pick-up. However, we do not take electronics, TV's, large appliances, furniture, or exercise equipment. **Please do not place any items in the mailhouses.**

Committee Members – We are a committee of nine. We are looking for more members with fresh ideas and help with yard sales.

Ideas Needed – You don't have to be a committee member to give us suggestions for projects to use our funds for the benefit of the Medvil community – call Irene with suggestions and costs.

Irene Gagne



REAL ESTATE COMMITTEE

The Medvil Real Estate statistics for the month of January are: We had seven showings, three listings with one under agreement.

If you are thinking about selling your home, please consider letting Medvil Real Estate help you.

It is a winter wonderland in Medvil! Get out and have fun making a snowman.

 Dorrie Kossuth



MEDFORD FARMS SALON
 Wednesday - Saturday by Appointment
 Pick-up, drop-off & home visits available
 603-494-4941

IN SYMPATHY

Heartfelt condolences to those who have recently lost a loved one:

- Peggy Hatfield on the loss of her sister;
- Gisele & Jack Bradley on the loss of Gisele's uncle Bert DesRochers;
- James & Charlotte Eddinger on the loss of Charlotte's mother;
- Antonio Roy Jr on the loss of his wife.



We meet them in the lives they've shaped. We enjoy them in the jokes and wisdom they've passed down. Be active in the community they've built. It is a way of walking with them into the future. It is a way of never losing them.

Linda Robinson, Sunshine Lady (603) 851-5209

HEALTH

PREVENTION ON A BUDGET!

With the Omicron covid variant spreading so rapidly, we must all be on the alert for germs everywhere, but it gets expensive to buy antibacterial wipes all the time. Here's an antibacterial spray that works very well for indoor surfaces. Combine one quart of cool water with one teaspoon liquid chlorine bleach. Mix ingredients in a spray bottle. Use this solution to clean and disinfect surfaces in the kitchen and bathroom. Make it up in small batches to use immediately. Because bleach evaporates, it loses its germ-killing properties quite quickly.

Answer Lady

For more by The Answer Lady, see page 6!

GRATITUDE

To members of the Helping Hands Committee and neighbors on Rachael Circle and Riverledge Drive who have unfailingly assisted with rides to medical appointments and the grocery store while Alyn is recuperating from surgery—thank you so much!!! I'm not naming names because I know you're all modest people who would shun the accolades, but you know who you are. Your help has made all the difference as we gradually head back to normal. I feel very fortunate to live here in a community of such caring people. Thank you!

MB. Wulf



MEMBERS' CONTRIBUTIONS

THE ANSWER LADY

I enjoy watching old westerns on MeTV. My favorite character is Festus. What can you tell me about the actor who plays him? Thanks. (from A *Gunsmoke* Fan)

Dear Fan: That actor was Ken Curtis, born Curtis Wain Gates in 1916 in Lamar, Colorado, and raised in nearby Las Animas, where his father was the county sheriff. The family lived in an apartment above the cells and his mother cooked the meals for the prisoners, which Ken delivered while his mother held a shotgun "in case any of them got frisky," Curtis said in a TV Land interview.

He attended Colorado College, planning to study medicine, but found he had more of an aptitude to music, especially singing, so he headed to California, hoping to work for one of the big studios as a singer-songwriter. The songwriting gig didn't work out so well, but he did get work with the Tommy Dorsey Band after Frank Sinatra left.

However, his Big Band career was cut short by World War II when he enlisted in the infantry in 1942; he served in the Pacific theater and was discharged in 1945, after which he again picked up his singing career by doing guest spots on both radio and the stage.



His first acting roles were in 1945 and 1946 for Columbia Pictures in what were dubbed "western action musical"

films with the singing group called the Hoosier Hot Shots, including his official debut *Rhythm Roundup*. By 1947 he had joined The Sons of

the Pioneers as the lead singer, doing soundtracks and appearing in several of

John Ford's films, including *The Quiet Man* and *The Searchers*. He also won the heart of Ford's daughter Barbara, whom he married in 1952.

He made the move to the small screen in 1959 with roles on *Gunsmoke*, *Rawhide*, *Perry Mason*, *Wagon Train*, and *Have Gun Will Travel*. His first recurring role was on *Ripcord*, a skydiving adventure series that debuted in 1961 and ran for 76 episodes. In 1962 Festus Hagggen made his first appearance on *Gunsmoke*, and the positive fan reaction was a sign that he would be the character to add to the cast when Dennis Weaver (Chester) left in 1964. Curtis stayed in that role until the series ended eleven years later. In 1981 the entire *Gunsmoke* cast was inducted into The Hall of Great Western Performers of the National Cowboy and Western Heritage Museum (AKA the Cowboy Hall of Fame). Curtis died in his sleep of a heart attack on April 28, 1991. His ashes were scattered in Colorado where he was born.



The Answer Lady lives among us and bets some of you know who she is! Do YOU have a general interest question for The Answer Lady? Let us know.



Valentine's Day Dinner & Dancing
Saturday ☞ February 12th ☞ 5:00 pm
Donald Drive Club House



We will be serving pasta with sauce, meatballs*, salad, garlic bread, dessert, and coffee.

**For our vegetarian and vegan friends, the meatballs are kept separate from the sauce.*

All this for \$5.00 per person

BUT WAIT! If you sign up before Monday, February 7th @ 4pm you can come for FREE!!

You must sign-up and prepay at the Medvil Reception Office Monday – Friday from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm

For more information, please see the entire flyer that appeared in the January edition of the Medvil Messenger.



...and other stuff
you want to know about

The Medvil Messenger wants more material! Family recipes, helpful hints, reminiscences, jokes, poems, gardening advice, reviews of your latest vacation and day trip discoveries, hilarious tales of your pets' antics—just about anything! Please keep it upbeat and positive. Original material will take precedence over reprints from other sources, including printouts of email pass-arounds. If you submit previously published material, please try to cite a source. We reserve the right to reject material that may offend, divide our community or cause political

arguments. Please submit your items to our email: medvilnewsletter@comcast.net Or place a copy in the Messenger mailbox in the Reception Office in the DDC. Deadline for submissions is noon on the Thursday after the Board Meeting. (BOD meets on the 3rd Tuesday of the month.)

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Metal Pick-up: 1st Monday of the month, beginning at 8 AM *

Trash & Recycling Pick-up: Every WEDNESDAY beginning at 7 AM *

Yard Waste Pick-up: Every Thursday until first snow fall

*** Please have your items curbside by that time.**