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THE MIRACLE OF SMALL TOWNS

BY VALERIE ROBERTSON

As most of you know, Nate Robertson, son of Patty and Kevin has been battling a very aggressive form of cancer. He was diagnosed around this time last year. The prognoses was a bit scary, but Nate was as hopeful and optimistic as could be, and his Mom and Dad were stronger than I could dream was possible. Patty spent literally every waking moment researching his type of cancer and tracking down every possible treatment. She became a specialist in every aspect of the disease, as well as the side effects from the myriad of treatments Nate underwent.

Every time I went out, people from the Three Rivers area asked about "Kevin's boy", and how he and his family were holding up. I am so pleased to share the following with you. I find it proof positive that the human spirit can oftentimes overcome the greatest obstacles when a positive attitude prevails. Medical treatments are most effective if administered with a dose of hope, laughter and well-wishes from friends, family and even strangers

Here is Patty's latest entry to the Caring Bridge blog she has bravely and meticulously maintained through her family ordeal..

Tuesday, January 17, 2006 6:50 AM CST

Update #1

We're headed to Portland today for a doctors appointment, chemotherapy, and a Cat Scan. Phew, busy day. Nathan made his blood count yesterday so he can start chemo today. We'll be rolling everything into the visit just for convenience sake. Thankfully the weather has decided to cooperate. Although frigid outside, the sun is out. The forecast for Wednesday isn't so promising, so this visit today will work out for us.

I'm always nervous when it comes to the CT. Continued treatment is based on what is found on the CT. We are praying for stabilization or no evidence of disease. Nerve wracking. Will keep you all informed.

Update #2

Nathan's CT was clean! No evidence of disease!

It was quite an emotional experience for us when we realized what Dr. Hamilton was saying. She couldn't stop smiling when she brought us the news. All I could do was give her a big hug and whisper, Thank You! Nathan's CT revealed that the remaining spots had disappeared. He also had scans done in the abdominal area... no sign of tumors.

We had met with Dr Hamilton earlier and she thought he looked terrific. We then went next door (literally - it's in the same building) for his Cat Scan. That went smoothly. We then returned to the Children's Cancer Clinic for Nate's chemotherapy. Two hours later we were getting ready to leave when Dr Hamilton poked her head in with the news. She said she had been just as nervous as we were waiting for the results. She said that it made her day.

It is so hard to describe the emotional roller coaster that we have been on since this all began. We realize that sarcoma is an unpredictable disease that can suddenly reappear elsewhere in the body. We know that we will need to be vigilant to stay one step in front of this beast. We do not know how long this journey will last. But... today... today was a good day. And we mean to enjoy it.

What a grand way to begin a New Year!

A Thank You from PAWS.

We at the Paws shelter would like to thank the family of Janet Valente for thinking of us amidst their sorrow. The generosity shown is a strong indicator of the love of your friends and family. Many, many homeless animals will receive a chance at a happy life because of the donations.

Julie Gallagher



AND FUN WAS HAD BY ALL....

Brent Bailey treated his Lady Patriots and few of his closest fans to a fun day....the team went down to UMO to watch the Lady Black Bears play, then out to eat at Applebees, then of course, "The Mall" for a little while and ended the night by going to the boys Varsity game vs. Orono, which we won in overtime. Thanks Coach Bailey it was a memory making event!

AMERICAN LEGION AWARDS SCHOLARSHIP

Jordan Allen, son of Barbra and Timmy Allen was presented a \$500.00 scholarship check from the Joseph P. Chaisson American Legion Post #41 for the successful completion of his fall semester at the University of Maine - Fort Kent. Jordan is majoring in nursing and continues to play basketball for UMFV varsity.

Notice-Lost Raincoat

On Saturday, January 14, Walter Macdougall attended Janet Valente's Memorial service at the United Methodist Church and lost his L.L.Bean Goretex raincoat and his keys which were in the pocket. The coat does have his name on a label on the inside of the collar. If anyone accidentally took it from the

church or knows of someone who might have, would they please



get in touch with Walter Macdougall at 943-2331.

Where the buffalo roam....

By Valerie Robertson

I have been doing my training as a Rural Carrier for the US Postal Service, and I often wonder if other carriers in the country have a note on their written directions that reads "Turn around in the driveway at the field with the buffaloes in it"!

These huge guys live at a farm on the end of the Notch Road in Dover. They have been much closer to the road when I was there, and their heads are as wide as my Saturn's windshield. They each weigh at least 2500 pounds and I would love to see a moose along side them; I think it would look teeny by comparison. .

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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!

Middle School Hoops By Bill Sawtell

Railroaders Drop First

Milo, January 13--The PVMS Railroaders lost their first game of the season here after a long layoff 40-28 at the hands of the SEDOMOCHA Eagles, who broke open a close game in the fourth period thanks to the rebounding of Ben Richardson, among other factors.

Jake Lyford paced the home team with eight points, and Jerell Arafein played a great all around game for Chris Cowing. Mitchell Fadley led all scorers for the victors with 12.

SEDOMOCHA turned the ball over 35 times, Penquis 36.

Quarter Scores:

SEDO	7	18	25	40
PVMS	8	18	22	28

Railroaders Rout Hichborn (Howland)

Milo, January 17--Bryan Russell and Kiel Larson hit early layins and the Railroaders never looked back enroute to a 51-18 win over the Cougars from down the Piscataquis .

Once again Chris Cowing's club played good man-to-man defense and exhibited fine ball control.

Richie Russell's 11 points led the Railroaders.; while Charlie Gardner had double figures for the Cougars.

Quarter Scores:

Hichborn	5	11	16	18
Penquis	16	31	41	51

Officials: Andrews and Knowles

Seen here are Richie Russell, high scorer of the Hichborn win, flanked by Joe McLaughlin and Lucas Grinnell, floor generals



Sebasticook Girls Crush Lady Railroaders

Milo, January 19--The powerful Sebasticook girls team came to town and left winners of 61-16 rout of the locals.

The wildcats were led by Julie Smith. Ashley Burch paced Penquis with seven, connecting on a pair of nifty three pointers.

Quarter Scores:

Seba	24	28	51	61
Penquis	0	3	8	16

Officials: Merrill and Favley

Railroaders Defeated by Sebasicook (Newport-Corinna)

Milo, January 19--Kiel Larson and Justin Artus scored early layins to put the Railroaders 4-0 early. But Sebasicook stormed back and never trailed thereafter. The Penquis boys made a few valiant attempts to get back into the game.

The Wildcats spent much of the game on the foul line.

Tyler Wintle paced the winners with 10; while Caleb Stanley had eight for Penquis.

Quarter Scores:

Seba	17	31	39	57
Penquis	5	19	25	31

Officials: Merrill and Favley

Seen here is Ashley Burch who lit up a pair of three



pointers against Sebasicook



Pictures above is Kristy Chapman, who led the Lady Railroaders in their win over Hichborn here.

Lady Railroaders Down Hichborn

PVMS Girls 34, Hichborn (Howland) 27

Milo, January 17--Dawn Russell's girls team held off a late rally by the Hichborn girls to post a hard fought 34 to 27 win here after leading all the way.

The Hichborn girls refused to quit, cutting the lead to just two points at half time after trailing 10-2. And after trailing by 10 after three quarters, the Lady Cougars cut the lead to three with less than two minutes to go in the contest. So Penquis fans were squirming in their seats.

But up stepped Shelby Weston to the line to hit on two free throws to give her team some breathing room. And Shelby Fowles followed with one a few seconds later to help seal the verdict.

Kristi Chapman paced the Lady Railroaders with 10 and made some fine passes. Erica Green threw in 15 for Hichborn.

Quarter Scores:

Hichborn	6	14	18	27
Penquis	12	16	28	34

Officials: Andrews and Knowles

PVHS HOOPS By Bill Sawtell

Justin Morrill's free throw with 18 ticks left in regulation tied the score at 47 and sent the game into overtime. Russ Berry's base line move layin in the overtime gave the Patriots their first lead since once in the first quarter. A baseline fallaway by Alex Zwicker put Penquis up by three. Morrill then hit on two more free throws to make the margin five before Orono's Travis Dunton threw in a three, followed by a pair of freebees by Alex Zwicker and a free throw by Morrill.

Ian Carey grabbed some big boards in the late going.

Alex Zwicker paced Penquis with 19 and was ably seconded by Nate Allen who tallied 17 including some big hoops down the stretch.

Seth Dwyer scored 15 for Orono.



Quarter Scores:



Penquis	8	17	31	58
Orono	13	24	37	53

Seen here are Railroaders Jerell Arafein, Chad Badger, and Caleb Stanley, who had good games against Sebasicook in their team's loss at home on January 19.

Seen here is seventh grader Julie Smith of Sebasicook, who scored more points than the entire Penquis team here in her team's win.



Ian Carey is at the foul line while Nathan Allen looks on as the Patriots play the Red Riots in Orono. Nathan Allen, Russell Barry, Ian Carey, Brian Zwicker & Luke Landry prepare to take the floor following a time-out at Orono.



Paul Larrabee: An Interesting Artist

By Bill Sawtell

Artist Paul Larrabee with Painting



Paul Larrabee has been painting professionally for some 25 years now. After a ten-year hiatus, he is just now getting back into it. For two months now he has been working on a view of Bangor as seen from Brewer in the 1890s. Paul has had to do much research for this one to be as historically accurate as possible in recreating buildings and ships and calls his work "Of Masts and Steeples," which will require another nine months of labor.

Paul is a retired third generation railroad engineer and actually painted at bunkhouses in MacAdam and Lac Megantic in his off hours when he worked.

With the advent of the new railroad, he was unable to mix his two lines of work and had to stop painting for a while.

His paintings require from 200 to 300 hours of work and can sell for some thousands.

Paul had a publisher in Toronto for a number of years, Conception Enterprises and has sold over 13,000 prints in the US and Canada by them.

Overall he has sold 40-50 originals and some 15,000 prints.

Paul has also participated in three shows at the New York State Museum in Albany..

A Paul Larrabee Painting



Katahdin Country Club Pond!!

Unseasonable rain, followed by seasonal cold has recently formed this pond, located to the left of #9 green at the KCC golf course. The rink has provided area children with a chance to skate on a perfectly safe surface.



PEE WEE BASKETBALL NEWS

BY THE NEWS DIVA

Tuesday, Jan. 18th, Brownville Elementary was rockin'. Milo Fire Department turned up their defense and rallied to bring home a victory 25-22 over the #1 team Lakeview Realty, led by veteran coach Chuck Stevens. The game was close all the way and tied at 22 with less than a minute to go when Colton Larrabee stole the ball and got a nice look and swished it to put MFD ahead by 2. MFD stole the ball again on the inbounds play and Lakeview had to foul Cody Larrabee to stop the ball, putting him on the line for 2, of which, he made 1 and that would be enough for the win. Lakeview was led by Darren Lewis with a big 3 and a bucket for 5; Klay Stevens had 4, and Jordon Nutting added 4.

For MFD: Trevor Lyford led all scorers with 7; Cody and Colton Larrabee with 5 each and Isaiah Bess with 4. This game was won on the foul line with MFD making 5 of their foul shots at half time. Each boys team has had a loss, which means that they are pretty equal on the court; making for some real exciting basketball. Great game Boys!

Milo Fire Dept. 31 vs. Brewer Electric 16

Saturday, Jan. 21st, it was Milo Fire vs. Brewer Electric at the High School. Isaiah Bess led all scorers with 8 buckets and a foul shot at half time for a total of 17. Trevor Lyford had 5 buckets, some of which were off the give and go from William Dean for a total of 10. William didn't score but it was one of his best games because he stayed on his feet, did a good job of seeing the ball and made some nice looking passes. Alex Zelkan played tough defense as always and made his foul shot at half time. Cody Larrabee didn't score but has a great knowledge of the game and knows how to set picks, read plays and steps up on help defense when needed. Josh Leighton had 1 by making his foul shot at half time. Jon Harrington didn't score, but did a good job rebounding and getting a couple of put backs. Colton Larrabee had a bucket for 2 and also plays great defense on the other teams tougher players. Colton is another one who has a great sense of the game, and always plays hard and well without me even realizing it. David Cianci is starting to understand the game of basketball and his overall skills are developing. Tony Jay, Chris Crescelus and Tristen Beckett are my most improved players.....they want the ball and they are NOW going after the ball. Great job boys, great defense. Brewer Electric was led by George Cowing who does a great job handling the ball and is usually guarded by the opposing teams best defensive player making it hard to drive to the bucket, but he still managed to sink 3 buckets for a total of 6. Skylar Beard is always tough and does a good job rebounding and usually will burn the other team with his putbacks. Skylar had 4 points. Shane Emery is very quick and plays good D....and made his foul shot at half time for 1. Cody Cobb had his work cut out for him with Isaiah guarding him but managed to make some nice moves for a bucket. Shawn Pullyard had a nice looking shot for 2 and Austin Fogg made his foul shot at half time for 1. Josh Brown, Jake McSwine, Shayne McSwine, Dylan Stevens and Kenny Tarnoczy all did a great job of guarding their man and playing tough defense. Good game boys.

AMERICAN LEGION TO SPONSOR ORATORICAL CONTEST

News Release -- American Legion Post #41, Milo Maine January 17, 2006

Penquis Valley High School (PVHS) students have been invited by American Legion Post # 41 in Milo Maine to compete in the Annual American Legion National High School Oratorical Contest. The invitation to enter the competition was extended by Post Commander Randy Kluj and Post Oratorical Chairman Bob Lee.

Principal Scott Gordon and Teacher/Oratorical Coach Zach Gray of the Penquis Valley High School faculty have assisted with the contest arrangements and student preparations.

The subject in the Prepared Oration portion of the contest must be about some phase of the Constitution of the United States, emphasizing the duties and obligations of a citizen to the United States of America. The Prepared Oration must be the original effort of each contestant and must be 8-10 minutes in length. The judges at each level are civic and academic leaders.

Competition is scheduled to commence at American Legion Post 41 in Milo on Wednesday

February 1, 2006. Family and Friends are invited to a Lasagna Dinner for the contestants at 5:30PM. The contest will immediately follow the dinner.

The Post # 41 winner will be presented a Gold Medal and \$250 award,

2nd Place -- Silver Medal and \$150 and

3rd Place -- Bronze Medal and \$100.

The Post # 41 winner will proceed to the 5th District (Three Counties) Contest at American Legion Post 29, 78 Park St.

Dover-Foxcroft at on Sunday, February 12, 2006. Lunch will be served at noon followed immediately by the contest. The 5th District will present cash awards for the first three places.

On Friday evening, February 17, 2006 The Winners from each District will compete in Augusta at the State Level for the American Legion Department of Maine Title and a chance to compete in the National Contest in Indianapolis, IN. Contest will be at 7:00 PM at the Maine Veterans' Home on Cony Road in Augusta. Significant cash prizes will be awarded.

The winner from each state who competes in the first round of the National Contest will receive a \$1,500 scholarship. Participants in the second round who do not advance to the National Final round will receive an additional \$1,500 scholarship. The top three youth orators who have won all previous elimination rounds of the contest will vie for top honors in the National Contest on April 22-23, 2006, at the Indiana and Purdue Universities Conference Center and Hotel, Indianapolis, IN. In addition to the awards by winners of the various elimination rounds of the competition, University scholarships of \$18,000, \$16,000, and \$14,000 will be awarded to the first through third places in the National Finals

The American Legion will pay expenses for the State winner and his or her coach for the trip to the National Contest.

PVHS students can contact Zack Gray at PVHS, 943 7346 or zgray@msad41.us

Other interested high school students can contact Bob Lee at 965 9721 or bobandmarylou@earthlink.net

SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL SCHOOL!

THE MARION C. COOK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PTO WILL BE RAFFLING OFF A MINIMUM OF 100 GALLONS OF HOME HEATING FUEL.

THE DRAWING WILL BE HELD ON MARCH 3, 2006 AT THE SCHOOL'S ASSEMBLY. THE WINNER WILL BE NOTIFIED BY TELEPHONE.

RAFFLE TICKETS WILL BE AVAILABLE FROM THE MARION C. COOK STAFF AND STUDENTS. THEY WILL ALSO BE AVAILABLE AT THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS AND TIMES:

RITE AID

JANUARY 26 FROM 10 A.M. TO 2 P.M.

FEBRUARY 16 FROM 10 A.M. TO 2 P.M.

UNITED KINGFIELD BANK

JANUARY 23 FROM 10 A.M. TO 2 P.M.

FEBRUARY 3 FROM 10 A.M. TO 2 P.M.

MAINE SAVINGS CREDIT UNION

JANUARY 30 FROM 10 A.M. TO 2 P.M.

FEBRUARY 13 FROM 10 A.M. TO 2 P.M.

All proceeds to benefit the Marion C. Cook playground fund sponsored by the PTO.

COOK SCHOOL NEWS

Mrs. Wright welcomed our Cook School family and friends to the January 20 assembly. Eddie Lufkin, Shalene Cody and Shae Grant were honored as Terrific Kids. Miss K. and Mrs. Andrews are very proud of Eddie. He completed all of his assignments, arrived with smile on his face and had a terrific attitude. Mrs. Carter said that Shalene has been doing really well. She has learned to be a positive leader. Shalene is very responsible, does all that is expected and makes up all her work after being absent. Miss Brown informed us that Shae is a true leader. She is very helpful to her classroom friends. Shae gets her work done on time, does extra work and is a very bright girl.



Bus Students: Sonny, Dakota K, Hannah Bess
Happy 12TH birthday Eddie Lufkin!

Mrs. Carter's class sang, "Elbow Room." The song ties in with their Social Studies Unit. It explains the movement of our pioneers from the east coast to the west.

Caught Being Good Bags: Ryan, Taylor, Eddie, Logan and Dillon.

Congratulations to all of our Terrific Kids.

THE THREE RIVERS NEWS IS LOOKING FOR LOCAL REPORTERS

The TRN staff is eager to expand its publication to include additional local news, photos, and items of interest. We are extending an open invitation to all our past, present, and future readers and subscribers to submit their articles and pictures.

We are small communities but Milo, Derby, Brownville, Brownville Jct., LaGrange, and surrounding areas are alive with rich histories and memorable people and events.

Please contact the *Three Rivers News* staff to submit your items.

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THANK YOU!

GRAMMIE'S WEATHER

JANUARY 1968

23-Snow all day-20° at 6:30 am.

24-Sunny-12° at 5 pm.

25-Cloudy-4° below at 7:30 am.

26-Sunny-18° at 5 pm.

27-Sunny-24° at 5 pm.

28-Cloudy-4° at 7:30 am.

BRAND NEW AT MAYO REGIONAL HOSPITAL

A son, John David Badger II, to Jessica and John Badger of Corinna on January 11, 2006. Wt. 6 pounds 13 ounces.

Milo Free Public Library News

By Judith Macdougall

As this is the beginning of the year, it might be a good time to mention our Interlibrary Loan (ILL) service. We use Bangor Public Library as our main server which gives the patrons of the Milo Free Public Library access to all the books at the Bangor Public Library that circulate. Last year we asked Bangor Public Library for 20 different titles, and we received them within a few days if they were available. Some, of course, are out, and one did not arrive for several months, but when that title was available Bangor Public Library did send it to us. If you request a book, and we do not have it, we will be glad to try to get it for you. Of course, the most recent titles will be harder to get as they will be circulating more with Bangor patrons.

On our very rainy Wednesday we had quite a few calls checking to see if the library were open. We were very pleased that our autumn message about inclement weather and library hours had been read and remembered. We have been told to close in the evening once or twice so far this winter. Calling ahead is a smart idea.

This may be of interest to our readers. A few weeks ago we received a letter from Corinne H. Smith of Athol, MA. As the result of her library making an addition, she became interested in other Carnegie libraries and wrote an article for the American Libraries Journal. With the results of her search, she plans to launch a web site featuring information and photos of all the 85 Carnegie Libraries in New England. She reported that 68 are still being used as libraries and only 3 are no longer standing. The site will be searchable in a variety of ways and will include an easy virtual tour to all 85 buildings. Each library will have a page dedicated to it with photos and history. She will be launching the site on February 1, 2006. The web site can be reached at www.necarnegies.com.

A patron asked us the other day if we had a returnable bottle account with Mike Comeau at the Three Rivers Redemption and Feed Store. He thought it would be a good way for the library to receive donations from interested citizens turning in their bottles. We did not have one, but I checked with Mike on Friday and he would be glad to keep one for us. If any persons would like to donate their returnable bottle money to the benefit of the library, just tell them at the store and they will put the money toward an account for the library. Thank you.

Here is a list of our newest titles.

Barnes, Julian	ARTHUR & GEORGE (a novel about Sir Arthur Conan Doyle)
Braun, Lillian Jackson	THE CAT WHO DROPPED A BOMBHELL
Cornwell, Bernard	THE PALE HORSEMAN
Crusie, Jennifer	ANYONE BUT YOU
Goodwin, Doris Kearns	TEAM OF RIVALS (Lincoln's Cabinet)
Grogan, John	NFMARLEY & ME (world's worst dog)
Hawke, Richard	SPEAK OF THE DEVIL
Knight, Erika	NF ESSENTIAL CROCHET
Sockabasin, Allen	THANKS TO THE ANIMALS (Passamaquoddy author)
Truss, Lynne	TALK TO THE HAND (humorous book of the lack of modern manners)

We have also been given two donated books.

Queen, Ellery	QUEEN'S RANSOM
Kelley, Lee	'TWAS THE BITE BEFORE CHRISTMAS

Melissa Hill will present her PRESCHOOL STORY HOUR on Monday, Jan. 23 at 3:30-4:30. Stories, songs, crafts and fun for the preschool crowd. All welcome. Caregivers are expected to stay. See you at the library.

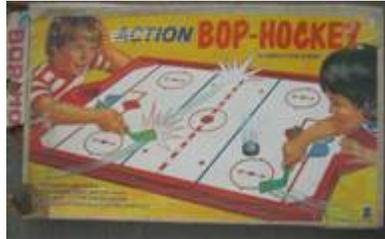
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Mon.-Wed.-Fri.---2:00-8:00
Saturday 2:00-4:00
Telephone 943-2612

Traditions of a Milo-ite

by Kathryn Witham

To any of you reading this who grew up in the 50's and 60's in the greater Clinton Street neighborhood of Milo....Greetings

and guess what?!?! Do you remember that game that Slim Moore made his kids...you know, the one we called Board



Hockey? I've got a homemade Board Hockey game! No kidding!!! That's right....right here in my own house my husband...from a picture I found in a catalog, and from what I could tell him about my memories of the game...made me a game. I've been talking about ordering it and reminiscing about it with friends lately. I guess he got sick of listening to me prattle on about it and he finally got one made.

This cracked me up....he told me over the phone he'd finished the game. He said, and I quote, "You'll never be able to get that puck through the hole." WHAT!! "I can get it through in one stroke of the stick," brags I. My only disappointment was that he wasn't home to watch me do it! I hit it through the first time....put the puck back on the board and hit it through again. I'm a pro! Of course when he got home, I proved it to him. We played that game by the hour when we were kids. Of course, it's like a riding a bike, you don't forget the moves. My grandchildren are going to have so much fun with that game! I can hardly wait to get a tournament going with them. Right now we are playing with a poker chip puck and two wooden spoons for sticks. If we don't ever find anything else to use, these will do. I'm right into homemade games.

While my granddaughter, Brianne, was home from school last week with a touch of the flu, she made up a game using her mother's Trivial Pursuit board and a deck of cards. Her game doesn't resemble Trivial Pursuit in any way...it was just the design of a center, spokes, and a wheel that she needed to have in order to play her game. She had the rules all figured out...with a few variations which have to be agreed on by all the players. She was quite specific about these rules, and I had to get them all straight in my mind and then we typed them up on the computer. Bup cut her a piece of board and I found paper to cover the board. We drew a center, spokes and a wheel and then used colored paper to lay down each block. In the areas that weren't necessarily pertinent to the game board I cut out pictures of her sweet self and we glued them on. I told her the game reminded me a little of Parcheesi and so she decided that a good name for this game would be Parbreezi...a cute little reference to her nickname...which is Breezy.

We covered the whole board with a sheet of tough plastic to protect it. Auntie Marilyn gave her some little Wade Pottery animal figurines to use as game pieces, and I sprung for a new deck of cards. We found a little wooden box to put the game supplies in, and she's got a new fun game to keep herself occupied. It was a great

learning experience for her and ended up being a wonderful craft project for her Nannie, not to mention the fun we've had playing with her.

Several years ago my friend Lorraine Long Smith had made a board game using a deck of cards cut in two and glued onto the board. Since they showed us the homemade game, we've seen the game in stores and it's called Sequence...or Sequences. We immediately fell in love with the game and my husband made several of them...one for us and several for gifts. Our homemade game has a plexiglas top on it...which we've taped onto the board. For game pieces we used poker chips...in colors of red, white and blue. It's not a betting game, we just use the chips for game pieces. The object is to play your cards right, and get five chips in a row on the board. We haven't played this game in years, but I'm going to dig it out now that we are into entertaining ourselves with these great homemade games.

My point in telling you all of this is that for very little money we've put together three really neat games for our family to play. I even think the games are more fun to play because they are homemade. Have you priced games recently? Even those games that aren't electronic can run \$30-\$40. This is unbelievable! Kids can have a good time with games that are much less expensive and don't involve electronics at all. I also think it's important to point out that a kid uses a hand held electronic game because he's probably got no one to play with but himself. We should all be making time to play games with our children. They need to know how to compete with others....instead of just with themselves. They need to be taught how to be good sports....and that a game is just that...a game. There is so much to be said for a kid who understands these important principles.

The other day Merna Dunham gave me a wonderful recipe! I don't even know what to call it, but for lack of a better name I'm going to call it **Ham and Cheese Stuffed Bread**

2 packages of Crescent Dinner Rolls (either Pillsbury's or store brand work fine)
1/4 -1/2 lb. of ham **chopped up** (I used 1/2 lb. Honey of a Ham sliced on 3 at the deli)
1-1/2 cups shredded swiss cheese (I shredded about 2/3 of a stick of Cracker Barrel Baby Swiss)
2-1/2 cups frozen chopped broccoli or spinach cooked and well drained. (I cooked two of the boxes of frozen broccoli, but it was more than I needed. Probably 2/3 of a bag of frozen broccoli would be enough).
1 small onion, chopped
1/4 cup chopped fresh parsley (or 1-1/2 tsp. dry parsley)

Mix all of these ingredients in a bowl and add a dressing of:

2 Tbls. mayo (I used Kraft Miracle Whip)
2 Tbls. Dijon mustard (or you can use plain mustard or your favorite flavor of mustard)
1 tsp. lemon juice (I used Real Lemon just because I didn't have a fresh lemon)

On a pizza pan (I used my pizza stone and I gave it a squirt of Pam) lay your crescent rolls out (points pointing out like the sun) in a circle. The wide end of the dough overlaps near the center of the pan....but isn't all closed in. An empty circle at the center will form. Scoop the filling into a ring over the dough and then bring the points up over the filling and tuck in down in the center. This will leave open spaces where you can see the filling through. No problem! Heat oven according to your

package directions and cook as you would your crescent dinner rolls (I think it might have said 18 minutes and I left it 20). This is unbelievably good. Merna suggested using this for a meal with a tossed salad. That's just what we did and it was a wonderful treat. Thank you Merna. I think it would serve 4-6 people depending on the size of their appetites.

IN MEMORIAM

LOUREN E. ROSS MILO - Louren E. Ross passed away Jan. 15, 2006. Louren was born June 11, 1939, in Bangor, the son of Harland and Rita (Wade) Ross. Louren retired from Union Local No. 1377. He is survived by his wife, Joyce (Chase) Ross; five children, four stepchildren, eight grandchildren, seven step-grandchildren, two brothers and one sister. He was predeceased by one son. There will be no services at this time.

LINWOOD J. LANCASTER LINCOLN - Linwood J. Lancaster, 77, husband of the late Evangeline (Smith) Lancaster, died Jan. 15, 2006, at a Lincoln hospital. He was born Jan. 22, 1928, in Kingman, the son of Linwood E. and Ethel (Thibodeau) Lancaster. Linwood was a U.S. Navy veteran of World War II. He was a lifetime member of Avon D. Flanders VFW Post No. 1438, Lincoln Center and a member of the Lincoln Veterans honor guard. He is survived by a son, Timothy Lancaster and his wife, Debbie, of Bucksport; a daughter, Tamara Perry and her husband, Kevin, of Orneville; a sister, Althea Nason of Lincoln; four grandchildren, Rebecca and Jeremy Perry, Ashley and Sarah Lancaster. In addition to his wife, Evangeline, he was predeceased by a daughter, Brenda Lancaster. Graveside services, with military honors, will be held in the spring at the Lincoln Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to the funeral home. Arrangements with Clay Funeral Home, 7 Lee Rd., Lincoln. For an online register book, please visit www.clayfuneralhome.com.

THREE RIVERS KIWANIS NEWS



CHILDREN: PRIORITY ONE

JANUARY 18, 2006 MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

The Three Rivers Kiwanis Club meets at The Restaurant each Wednesday morning at 6:30 to eat breakfast, enjoy fellowship, hear speakers on various interesting topics, and to share ideas. All are welcome to visit with us. If you would like to join our organization, please contact Dorothy Brown or any other Kiwanian for an application. We are involved in many worthwhile local projects and would be very pleased to have you participate in them.

President Chris Beres greeted twenty-three members this day and an interclub from Dover-Foxcroft Kiwanis. Doc Sherman introduced the Dover members today; "Sugar" Bob Moore, Hoyt Fairbrother and Dick Carrier.

The flag salute was led by Eben DeWitt. Edwin Treworgy prayed for all those ill and bereaved and prayed for guidance so that we may help others.

Correspondence today was the Orono/Old Town Newsletter. Chris Beres read a note from the Dover-Foxcroft Kiwanis Newsletter.

Special birthday greetings go out to our own Joe Zamboni as he celebrates on the 24th.

Several happy and sad dollars were donated for a worried dad and a broken Honda, but the main thing is son is OK, a concerned dollar for a friend who is ill, a fun dollar from our member who is glad not to be considered a guest any longer, a questionable dollar for a phone call from the ACLU?, a thank-you dollar for taking a husband off her hands, a happy dollar as we welcome Mark, our speaker for today and a member who donated

a very happy dollar as she is so thankful for the work that she does with small fry who get confused about the use of a cow's udder.

Reports:

► Interclub: Chris Almy reported that there will be an interclub on Friday morning to Dexter Sunrise Kiwanis with Chris, Eben, Jan and George Barton attending.

► Key Club: Advisor Paul Grindle brought us up to date on the activities of the Key Club. Basketball is at the half-way mark and the food sales are going well. Key Club is held at the PVHS library on Thursday morning at 11:19. All Kiwanis members that are able are urged to attend to support our Key Club.

► Nancy Grant reported on a two hour meeting that occurred on Jan. 15 for the Kiwanis Public Relations committee. Several items were discussed. A club bulletin will be published with Jan and George Barton providing the major input for that project. The Three Rivers News will be seeking news reporters, not on a steady basis, to write articles for the Three Rivers News, to keep the public updated about local activities, area businesses, news items from the past and in general, items of interest as a community service. Our own local Historical Society might be able to provide some information, as they do such wonderful work.

► Joe Zamboni told our group about the possibilities of a Canoe Race here on the Sebec River. A Website will soon be in place to promote that interest. Sounds like an exciting event. The Canoe Race is planned for July during the Milo Fire Department's 100th anniversary celebration.

► Chris Beres advised us about the planning of the Kiwanis International Convention in Montreal for late June. Any Kiwanis member, and their guest who wishes to attend please see Chris Beres for additional information. There is also a Kiwanis New England District convention in March in Worcester, Mass. Please see President Chris Beres if you are planning on attending.

Cheryl Hamlin introduced our speaker for today, Mark Awalt, from JSI Store Fixtures in Milo.

Mark Awalt gave a brief description of the work that occurs at JSI Store Fixtures. They came to Milo in 2001 with 35 employees, at this date there are 93 employees. At peak there were 107 employees. Although there is a slow season in winter, there are other times when employees are able to work overtime hours. There is hope that there will be a 15,000 square ft. warehouse to be built this year, enabling additional production.

Mark advises that all of his employees are from the area and are a wonderful team. Weekly meetings with input from employees make a great team. Mark stated that he is most pleased that in a five year period of time, not a single day of work related to an injury has occurred.

Our Kiwanis Club was indeed pleased to have Mark Awalt today as our speaker. Thank you, Mark!

Speaker for Jan 25 TBA

Respectfully submitted by Dorothy Brown, secretary.

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