



BARNSTEAD BANNER

Good News from a Small Town

The Mysteries of Barnstead



By Kristina Schram

I've always wanted to live in a small town/village rife with quirky characters and strange happenings. Probably because I grew up watching *Murder She Wrote* and read a LOT of cozy mysteries over the years. I also might possibly enjoy the Hallmark Channel's offerings a bit too much. But they've all taught me a lot about life. Here's one of the many useful tidbits I've collected: If you move to a small town and want to open your own business, especially a bakery, a bookstore, or an antique shop, or you're an author or librarian in that town, you will encounter – and have to solve – at least one murder a year for as long as you live there.

Maybe I'm asking for trouble. There's a Chinese curse that ominously bids, "May you live in interesting times." There's also the saying, "Be careful what you wish for." Those pessimistic statements being said, I still like living in a place where something is always afoot. Now I'm not asking that murders happen here, but having mysteries to solve does add a bit of spice to life, don't you think? Besides, I need to put all those detecting skills I've acquired to good use. This is why I like living in Barnstead. We have some strange "goings on" round here that cry out for some serious cogitating. For instance: What will the Barnstead resident(s) with the skeleton horse on their lawn that's pulling a carriage carrying bunny passengers put out next?

Giant gnomes chasing tiny humans? The Grim Reaper courting Cupid? A Raptor hugging a teddy bear? So many options!

Then there's the mystery of why Barnstead has so many parts to it, and just how many of them are there exactly? When I first moved here, I found it confusing, mainly just wondering "Why is this a thing?" Now I understand. Having mini-hoods makes us look bigger than we really are, and thus, more powerful. That works for me.

It's like the time I was confronted with a black bear while innocently strolling through the woods, not expecting in the least to meet up with such a large and hairy neighbor (with the exception of our neighbor dude, Biggie Foote – I always see him coming), and I threw out my arms and jumped up and down to look bigger than my typical size of Hobbit. It worked...the bear ran off. (My dog chasing it and me screaming at my dog to come back had nothing to do with it.) But anyhow...there are answers to these mysteries, I'm sure. In these cases, however, I don't want to know what they are. It's more fun making up stories and/or waiting with bated breath for the big reveal, and way better than pondering the mystery I was often confronted with while raising three boys, three cats, and a dog: What in the name of all that is good and sacred is that horrid smell?! It's one of the few mysteries I never wanted to solve (but prayed I could so I could make it go away). So keep the quirky coming, Barnsteadians. I can't wait to see what future surprises you have in store for us aspiring detectives!

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Historical Society 50th Anniversary Join the Celebration!



The Barnstead Historical Society was created in 1972 by an active group of citizens interested in preserving the town's history. Fourteen of those individuals, who served as the steering committee, elected officers, and board of directors were: Richard Golden, Stuart Merrill, Herbert Holmes, Helen Grove, George Hartshorn, Helen Merrill, John Locke, Ellen Grau, Eda St. John, Carl Knirsch, Hazel Clark, Carolyn Johnson, Dorothy Mulcahy and William Jenisch. Since the first official meeting on June 29, 1972, the Society's members have changed, but their dedication to its purpose has not.

Many events have been scheduled for 2022 to honor our Golden Anniversary.

The public is invited to join us on June 29 at 7pm in the town hall for a Barnstead Story night. Bring your memories of Barnstead, no matter how recent or historic, to share. Ken Pitman will be sharing stories as related to him by his father George, and we will be reading some of "The Last Stories" by Malcolm Locke. Our goal is to remind folks of all the things, past and present, that make Barnstead home.

Other events include:

June 29 at 7:00PM: Barnstead Town Hall, 50th Anniversary Celebration

July 28 at 6:00PM: Barnstead Town Hall, NH Humanities to Go Program, A Walk Back in Time: The Secrets of Cellar Holes

August 20 at 10:00AM to 4:00PM at Barnstead Town Hall: Open Farm Day. Exhibit of farm materials pictures, books and town reports for sale. Refreshments available.

August 25 at 6:00PM at Barnstead Town Hall, NH Humanities to Go Program Family, Memory, Place; Writing Family Stories

Please call Denise at 269-5871 for more information on any of these events.

RECIPE CORNER

Baked Italian Lasagne

From the Barnstead 250th Anniversary Cookbook compiled by the Barnstead Historical Society in 1976.
This recipe was donated by Mrs. Fred Aversa, a longtime resident of Barnstead.

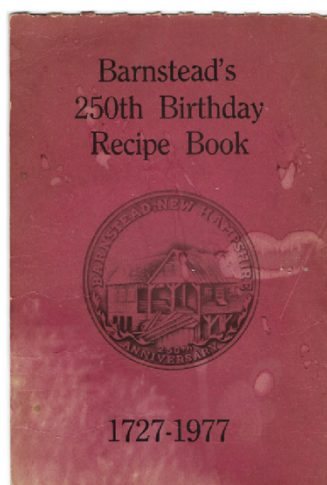


- 1-1 ½ lbs sweet Italian sausage
- ¼ cup olive oil
- Clove garlic
- 1 lg. can Italian tomatoes
- Handful of parsley
- ¼ tsp. pepper
- 1 lg. can tomato paste
- 1 lg. tomato paste can water
- 1 sm. can tomato sauce
- 1 tsp. salt
- 1 Tbsp. sugar.

Brown garlic and sausage in the oil in a large saucepan. Add tomatoes, crushed with a potato masher, the tomato paste, sauce, salt, pepper, sugar and parsley. Simmer 3 hours, stirring occasionally. Remove sausage and crush with a fork.

- 1 lb. box lasagne noodles
- 1 lb. container ricotta, blend with 1 egg
- 8 oz. pkg. mozzarella
- Grated Romano cheese

Cook lasagne noodles according to directions. Spread a 13 x 9 x 2" pan with ½ c sauce, a layer of noodles, then spread about ½ c ricotta on noodles, ¾ c crushed sausage and ¾ c sauce. Dot with mozzarella and sprinkle with grated cheese. Alternate layers ending with a layer of noodles. Spread with remaining sauce and sprinkle with grated cheese. Bake at 350 for 30 minutes.



In the early 1970's, Barnstead Elementary School offered a 4-week enrichment program with different interests such as downhill skiing, science, and Italian cooking. Mrs. Aversa volunteered and taught Italian cooking to a small group of 7th & 8th graders. This recipe has been part of our family since she shared it with us all those years ago.

Nancy Carr
Barnstead Historical Society Board of Directors



BARNSTEAD CUB SCOUT AND TROOP HAPPENINGS

I have been writing a lot about the Cub Pack lately, so here is some more information about the Troop. These are our older scouts, who are currently learning about leadership by doing. The more experienced Scouts lead and mentor the newer Scouts.

This group recently had a Merit Badge Counselor present Rocketry to the group. The Counselor brought a lot of model rockets from his collection and explained about the history, types, and most famous rockets. He also showed the group how to assemble and shoot off model rockets, and cautioned them about rocket safety. He will be at the Camporee we are attending, where Scouts can earn a Rocketry Merit Badge and actually fire off their own rockets. There will also be a lot of other merit badge choices available.

The Troop is planning their Summer Camp Trip. Our group of older Scouts usually travel to Maine at Camp Hinds for some different offerings and a change of scenery. The Scouts are all signed up and are earning money to help pay for this.



Another activity Scouts are involved in each year is assisting our local American Legion Post #42 to replace the American flags at the Riverview Cemetery. This year we would especially like to thank the Legion for taking over as our chartered organization group.



Interested in joining the Scouts?
 Contact Doris Williams at
mommydoris@metrocast.net
 Or call 603-435-7054 (Leave a message and
 your call will be returned.)

Barnstead Parks and Recreation News

Barnstead Summer Concert Series to Kick Off June 18th

The Barnstead Parks and Recreation Commission is proud to bring back Barnstead's favorite summer activity – the Barnstead Summer Concert Series! Each Saturday from June 18th through August 20th, from 6 to 8 PM, come on down to the Barnstead Parade Gazebo to listen to great music. This year's line up of bands features a wide array of music, from country to bluegrass, classic rock to special concerts just for children! The full lineup can be found by visiting www.barnsteadnhparks-rec.com/events



Bring a blanket, or a chair, or sit in the back of your pickup truck, and enjoy the summer evening. Concessions will be offered by a different local organization each week, so bring an appetite! Any cancellations due to weather will be announced on Barnstead Parks and Recreation's Facebook page. Please note – there will be NO CONCERT on August 6th, due to the Balloon Rally in Pittsfield. See you at Barnstead Parade!

The Barnstead Parks and Recreation Commission has some exciting news!

A dedicated and passionate group of volunteers, former commission members and the current Barnstead Parks and Recreation Commission have gathered to create the "Friends of Barnstead Parks and Recreation" non-profit organization! The Friends of Barnstead Parks and Recreation is a group who believe in the Parks and Recreation Commission's mission and want to help us achieve our goals through fundraising, getting sponsorships from local businesses, and more.

What does this partnership mean? Barnstead Parks and Recreation Commission is still offering programming, recreational activities, and opportunities for all Barnstead residents. Often, we wish our events came at a lower cost to residents, or that we were able to offer more scholarships so everyone could participate in what we have to offer or have additional funds for new events or purchases (for example a movie screen for outdoor movie nights).

The Friends of Barnstead Parks and Recreation was formed to address these needs without putting additional burden on Barnstead's taxpayers. The Friends will have the ability to take sponsorships from local businesses, do independent fundraising, and fundraising at existing Barnstead Parks and Recreation Commission events. They exist to support the Barnstead Parks and Recreation Commission's mission through financial support.

Is the Barnstead Parks and Recreation Commission changing? Nope! Not at all – we have a dedicated group of volunteers and former commission members who saw a need that the Commission had and decided to take action by forming this non-profit organization. Barnstead Parks and Recreation Commission will still be doing all the same fun events and programming residents have come to know and love.

How can you get involved? If you're interested in learning more about Barnstead Parks and Recreation, send us an email at barnsteadparks@gmail.com. Also keep an eye on our website and social media for different opportunities to learn more, join the team or volunteer. If you'd like to volunteer with Friends of Barnstead Parks and Recreation, feel free to email them at friends.bpnr@gmail.com

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Community Events

Story Time at Oscar Foss Memorial Library - Every Wednesday at 10:30AM- Join us for stories, songs, dancing and crafts! Ages up to 5yrs.

Yoga at the Library - All Levels Yoga every Monday at 10:15AM, Senior Yoga every Monday at 12:00PM, and Intermediate Yoga every Tuesday at 5:30PM

Teen Advisory Board Meeting will be held the fourth Thursday of the month at 4:00PM at the library

Writer's Forum will be held the fourth Friday of the month at 6:00PM at the library

Plein Air Watercolor Workshop: June 4th from 10:00AM - 2:00PM. Registration required. Contact Oscar Foss Memorial Library at 603-269-3900 or email ofmlstaff@gmail.com

Family Movie Night at the Library: James and the Giant Peach June 10th at 6:00PM

Mead and Read Book Club - Meets first Wednesday of the month at 6:00PM at Over the Moon Farmstead. Pick up your copy of July's book "The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek" by Kim Michele Richardson at the Oscar Foss Memorial Library now!

Family Paint Night at the Library: June 17th at 5:00PM. Registration required. Call 603-269-3900 or email ofmlstaff@gmail.com

Library at the Farmer's Market: June 25th at 9:00AM. Visit Jerissa and sign up for Summer Reading!

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Session 1 is July 11-22

Session 2 is July 25-August 5

Deadline for signups will be July 1 for session 1 and July 15 for session 2.

The fee is \$40, with a \$5 sibling discount per each additional child in the same family. Non-Barnstead residents' fee is \$50, and the sibling discount still applies. A parent or guardian IS required to stay around the beach area during the lesson time.

Some financial assistance is available thanks to a donation from The Congregational Church of North Barnstead. Contact BarnsteadP&Rhelps@gmail.com to inquire on scholarship availability if needed.

Signup forms are posted on the forms section of the website, or you can email, barnsteadparks@gmail.com

CHUCKSTER'S PASSES AT A DISCOUNT

Barnstead Parks and Recreation is happy to offer discounted tickets to CHUCKSTER'S in Chichester for the 2022 season! Have a day to spend there or just an evening? We have you covered with three different ticket options!:

All day pass \$32 (Unlimited access to all attractions for entire day-except TimberTrek and Zipline & 2 rides on Go-Karts)

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