



# BARNSTEAD BANNER

## Good News from a Small Town



## Love (and Hot Choccie) is All You Need



by Kristina Schram

In honor of this month, in which resides the holiday meant to celebrate love, here are all (well, some of) the things I love:

1. Warm chocolate chip cookies, complemented by a sinfully rich hot choccie
2. Really thick brownies with chocolate chips in them, complemented by a sinfully rich hot choccie (I'm sensing a trend here)
3. Fires (well, the contained ones anyway)
4. A good book, especially when you learn it's the first in a series and there are more of them! (The worst is when you realize it is NOT the first in the series and then you have to go back and find the first one before you can even begin to read. Even worse are the people, like my mother, who don't mind not reading them in sequence. Sacrilege!)
5. Snowstorms, until I have to clean up after them
6. Trees at every season, until I have to clean up after them
7. The ocean, especially when the waves are really big and I can go boogie boarding like an incredibly athletic older person
8. Laughing, but maybe more so making people laugh, especially if I can get them to shoot whatever they just drank out their noses
9. Finding a perfect gift for someone (a rarity for me, even though I should think just being around me would be perfect gift enough)
10. Sliding between nice cool sheets on a hot summer night, or between toasty warm sheets on a cold winter night, followed by an amazing night's sleep filled with dreams about me being able to fly or at least able to leap through the air like an Olympic gymnast with wings, and maybe I'm also the Queen
11. Listening to Christmas music and singing along with complete abandon (I don't, however, love the complaining about my completely abandoned singing)
12. Snuggling with babies (until they spit up on me)
13. Traveling to new and exciting places. I also love returning home again because I miss my routine (until I get bored with my routine and start to plan my next adventure)
14. Not having to cook or clean or think while on vacation
15. Movie theater popcorn with extra, EXTRA butter and salt (please don't tell my doctor), accompanied by a diet Coke, followed by a chocolatey treat chaser (again, mum's the word)
16. My husband and kids, but only as long as they stay away from my cookies, brownies, popcorn, and hot choccie

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## February Library Happenings

**Library Hours:** Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 10:00AM-6:00PM, Thursdays and Fridays from 12:00PM-8:00PM, and Saturdays from 10:00AM-4:00PM. We are closed for staff training on the second Thursday of every month until 3:00PM.

**Good to Know Info:** Writers Forum has changed its meeting time to be the last Thursday of the month. **Meet the Candidate's Night will be on Thursday, 2/22, at 6:00 PM at the Town Hall.**

**Sat. 2/3 @ 10:00AM-1:00PM Take Your Child to the Library Day:** Celebrate "International Day of Education" with a visit to the library (open 10:00-1:00). Check out our book collections and everything the library has to offer. Try out our passive programs, crafts, and games. There will be prizes, too! Light snacks will be served. No registration required.

**Wed. 2/7 @ 6-7:30PM Meet and Read at the Library (Ages 18+):** This month we will be discussing Everything I Never Told You by Celeste Ng (don't say I didn't tell you). Feel free to bring food for yourself and/or to share. (Theme-based food is always a hit - last month we had scones with Devonshire cream to aid in our discussion of Rebecca, which takes place in jolly old England.) Next month's book will be the Murder on the Orient Express by Agatha Christie.

**Thurs. 2/8 @ 6:00PM Galentine's Day Party:** Stop by the library for a Galentine's Day celebration! We will have craft supplies out for making spring door hangers or frames, we'll be showing the Barbie movie, and light refreshments will be served. This event is for ages 16+.

**Thurs. 2/15 @ 4-6:00PM Anti-Valentine's Day Party (Teens and Tweens):** Feeling brokenhearted? Hate all things Valentine's Day? Bring all of those emotions and your friends to the library for our Anti-Valentine's Day party. We've got it all: pizza, cookie decorating, music, even a broken-heart pinata to take all your feelings out on!

**Fri. 2/16 @ 4-5:00PM Family Crafternoon:** Learn safety and self confidence using the Karate Technique with Mrs. Karen Chin. No registration required.

**Tues. 2/27 @ 12-2:00PM Name That Tune:** Teens and tweens, if you're feeling the midwinter blues, then we have the fix for you. Get out of the house and join us for pizza and friendly competition in a head to head battle to challenge your musical knowledge. Registration is required.

**Thurs. 2/29 @ 6-7:30PM Writers Forum:** Writers Forum - a group created and run by fellow writers to help you in your writing process, wherever that might be - runs on the last Thursday of the month, from 6:00-7:30. For ages 14+ and all levels of writing experience/expertise. Have you always wanted to be a writer? Maybe even a published author? Well, it's time to do something to make that dream come true. Besides, it's February. What else do you have going on?

**For events that require registration, please contact us at 269-3900 or [ofmlstaff@gmail.com](mailto:ofmlstaff@gmail.com) to reserve your spot!**

## Barnstead Historical Society

### Thank You for Your Support

The Barnstead Historical Society would like to thank all who contributed to making our 2023 Christmas Sale a huge success. From the vendors and crafters to the raffle donors and volunteers that we rely on for both set up and take down: your hard work made this our most successful event yet!

We also greatly appreciate the support of the Board of Selectman. The use of the space above Town Hall to store and work on our collection is invaluable.

Additionally, we would also like to express our gratitude to both "The Baysider" and the "Laconia Daily Sun" for continuing to provide a media outlet for our events. Last but not least, we owe a huge thank you to the Oscar Foss Memorial Library for showcasing our events and stories throughout the year.

We are looking forward to offering more programs and events throughout 2024!



### Elections

Source: "History of Barnstead, New Hampshire", by Jeremiah P. Jewett, M.D.

March 29, 1774. At a Meeting of the town, at the home of Benjamin Nutter (the town hall was not constructed until much later), it was voted that "Pittsfield Road" be laid out from near Suncook bridge on the Province Road, on the south side of the road near the river, as trees are now spotted through the land". John Tasker, Thomas Edgerly and Benjamin Nutter were elected as Selectmen.

November 22, 1775. Voters were called together for the first time to choose both State and county officers. This was called in connection with voters from Gilmanton at the home of William Parsons, junior. Joseph Badger was unanimously elected to the office of assembly man (representative) to attend a meeting of the legislature in December of that year in Exeter. A resolution was also passed recommending continuation of the war.

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*Protect the environment. Care for the poor.*  
**Forgive often. Reject racism.**  
**Fight for the powerless.**  
*Share earthy and spiritual resources.*  
 Embrace diversity. Love God. Enjoy this life.

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## **Barnstead Parks & Recreation Highlights**

### **ICE RINK**

We hope the weather allows for a wonderful skating season. If it is too warm, we may need to close the rink until the temperature drops again. Our Facebook page will be updated if close. If the chain and "closed" sign are across the rink entrance, please do not enter.

This winter we plan to schedule rink time for family skating and will have the warming hut open and basic concessions available. Stay tuned!

We have both figure skates and hockey skates available in all sizes to lend out. Reach out to us if you need to borrow a pair.

We are looking for kids chairs or PVC style walkers use for skating assistance for beginners. If you have some to donate, please reach out.

Keeping the rink open takes a lot of work - especially if we get a lot of snow. We are looking for volunteers willing to give us a hand with rink snow removal, shoveling the walkways, and helping out at rink events or other rink related tasks. If you would like to volunteer, please send us your name and contact information via email or fb messenger!

Information on rink rebuilding plans and other opportunities forthcoming.

### **FIRE AND ICE SKATE**

We are in the planning stage of our famous Fire and Ice event to take place in February. Keep an eye out on our FB page for event details.

### **ICE FISHING JAMBOREE**

The Barnstead Ice Fishing Jamboree will be held on February 24th, weather permitting. Mark your calendars! This is a free annual event that is enjoyed by the whole family. We plan to hold the events at Varney beach. Watch our Facebook page for updates!

### **WINTER ACTIVITIES**

Winter blues got you down? Parks and Recreation wants to help! We're looking for program ideas to bring community members together. Some suggestions are board game nights, adult coloring night or snow tubing. Contact us with your ideas on facebook, or send us an email.

### **COMMISSION MEMBERS**

Join the fun! Interested in getting involved? Join the P&R Commission! We plan fun events for the whole community. Members decide how much time they can commit and what they would like to be involved with. Give us a call and let us know how you would like to help!

For more information, check out our website at [www.barnsteadnhparksrec.com](http://www.barnsteadnhparksrec.com) and our Facebook page (@barnsteadparks). We can also be reached at 802-332-3799 and [barnsteadparks@gmail.com](mailto:barnsteadparks@gmail.com) if you have any questions.

## News from TL Storer

Hello everyone,

Our names are Ellie and Jyllian, and we are reporters for a fun program called 4H. We meet on the first Wednesday of every month and do fun and educational activities. As of right now, we are working with soil and seeing how different soil helps crops grow and what soils work for what crop! The other project is working with a vehicle they call the pug. Don't see an activity that interests you? Then talk to one of our leaders; our two Co-presidents Jake and Eli, our vice president Hunter, if none of them are available there is Quin our treasurer, Ruth and Chase our secretaries, and our recreation leaders, Sammy and Henry. Talk to any one of them about questions or concerns and they will make sure they get shared. Here at 4H we want everyone to have a chance to get involved! Anyone is welcome ages 5-17. We are located at the T.L Storer 1513 Province road Barnstead NH. If you are interested, please pop in and say hello! If you have any questions, feel free to email or call the leader, Robb Ellis @ robb.ellis@scouting.org or 603-418-1418. Our next meeting is February 7th at 6:30. we hope to see you there! -  
Your reporters Jyllian Caswell and Ellie Adams




**STORER**  
**Winter**  
Day Camp

**February 26-March 1**

9:00-3:30  
Drop off starts at 8:30  
Pickup ends at 4:00

<https://experiencebasecamp.org/products/barnstead-youth-day-camp-february-2024>

**\$230.00** TL Storer Reservation  
1513 Province Road  
Barnstead NH

**BARNSTEAD PARADE  
CONGREGATIONAL  
CHURCH**

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**Worship Service 9:00 A.M.**  
**Rev. Sandy Pierson—483-2846**



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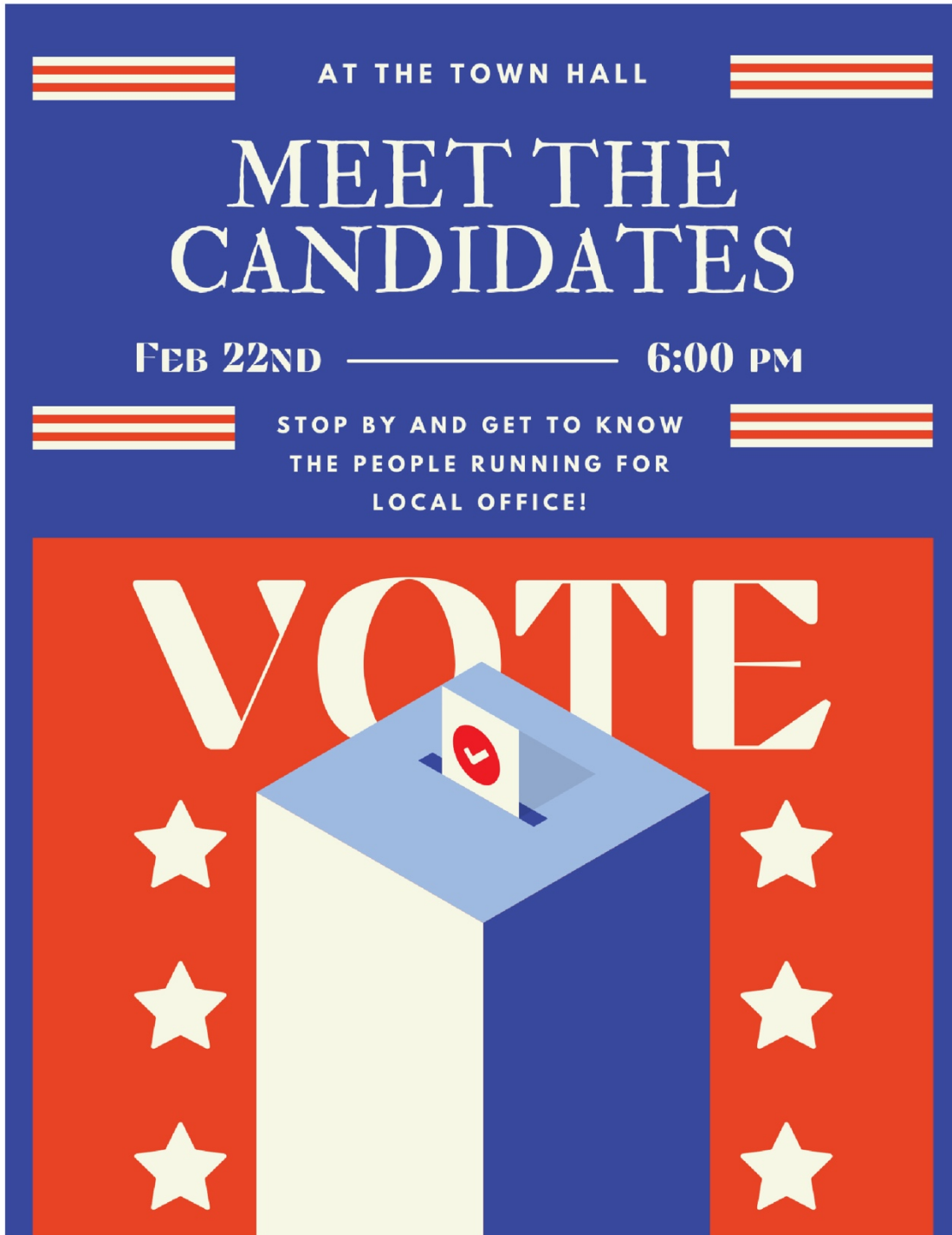
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### Town Election News

The Planning Board draft ballot questions can be found at the following link:  
<https://www.oscarfoss.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/02/DRAFT-Ballot-Questions-2024.pdf>

Questions can be directed to the Planning Board at  
<https://www.barnstead.org/planning-board> or there will be a public meeting on February 1 at 6:00 PM to discuss the questions.



# RECIPE CORNER

## CRAB DIP



### Ingredients:

- 3 packages softened cream cheese
- 3 cans of drained crab meat (2 white crab and one lump crab)
- 1 onion diced and sauteed until soft
- Italian seasoning to taste
- A dash of garlic powder
- 1 to 2 serving spoons of mayonnaise
- 1 pound of shredded cheese (a variety mixed together)



### Directions

1. Mix all together
2. Spray a 9x13 dish and add mixture
3. Sprinkle parmesan cheese on top and bake at 375 degrees for 20-25 minutes until it is brown on top.
4. Serve with scoops of toasted pita bread, or as a small meal with a green salad. As an appetizer it's great for Valentine's Day or weekend games!

Enjoy and have a great February!

Jeannie





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Barnstead  
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**CAREER  
FAIR**

February 21st  
8 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.  
(Volunteers can arrive at  
7:45 a.m. to set up.)

Any community members interested  
in participating can contact Amanda  
Cleveland at (603) 269-5161 x 207 or  
[acleveland@mybes.org](mailto:acleveland@mybes.org)




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