



# BARNSTEAD BANNER

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## Out of Tune in June

by Kristina Schram

I'm getting old. I can tell this by a few things, one of them being that my kids no longer go to school in June (don't ask about the other things - that's between me and my unnecessarily, and increasingly, hostile mirror). No school in June is a relatively new state of affairs, and I'm still adjusting to it. What's even harder to accept is that back in May my two oldest kids finished up attending school of any kind. That doesn't seem right. I just graduated a few short decades years ago, how can they be doing the same? I can only conclude that, somewhere along the way, the bending of the space-time continuum occurred when I wasn't looking.

In Minnesota, we were out of school by the end of May (so tourist businesses (i.e., crafty adults) could make the unworldly teens working summer jobs for them deal with the touron invasion). Here in New England, by the time the youngins get done getting educated for the year, it seems like half the summer is gone. Add snow days, and it's pretty much the 4th of July before the prisoners are released. (Admittedly, getting let out of school right around Independence Day does have a certain irony to it.)

New Hampshire kids, however, have it better than British bairns, who attend school all year long, with only short breaks between terms. Would I love having school year-round, or hate it? And would I like it better or worse depending on whether or not I'm the parent or the child? Because isn't that the crux of it? As a parent, one doesn't always mind so much that one's children are in school for long stretches of time, even in the summer. But as a kid, well, my guess is that they wouldn't mind it if they stayed out of school for long stretches of time...like, forever.

Anyhoo, back to my original point (what was it again?). Because of how school is done here, I'm still in the mindset that summer doesn't really start until the end of June, which, being that summer is woefully short in our Northern climes, feels wasteful.

Basically, I need to reconfigure my brain to start thinking SUMMER the moment June hits. That means, if I wanted to, I could plan summery events, like going on a picnic or hitting the beach or leaving off the long underwear, starting June 1st. June 1st! This could open up a whole new world for me!

Now that I've recognized the problem, I vow to do better. I shall no longer be out of tune in June. But unfortunately, as the experts say, the best predictor of future behavior is past behavior. So I'm guessing that come September, I will, once again, bemoan the shortness of summer and wish I'd started doing things earlier to make the most of this precious time. What do you think? Will I take advantage of June, or wait until July before I realize summer has begun? It's anyone's guess. But I do know one thing for sure. Come June 1st, the long johns are coming off!

## BE THE CHURCH

*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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# JUNE HAPPENINGS

**Library Hours:** Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 10:00AM-6:00PM, Thursdays and Fridays from 12:00PM-8:00PM, and Saturdays from 10:00AM-1:00PM. We are closed for staff training on the second Thursday of every month until 3:00PM (6/13).

**Good to Know Info:** Summer Reading Registration begins **Tuesday, June 25th!**

Our Summer Reading Program (SRP) is fast approaching! The theme this year is: Adventure Begins at Your Library (aka Adventuring for Adventurous Adventurers). We are planning all sorts of activities starting at the end of June and going throughout July, ending with **Shirefest (Saturday, 7/27, 10-3)**, an epic gathering of all things LOTR-ish (think medieval fantasy and you'll get it). We'll be featuring blacksmith and leather-working demos, ax throwing and archery, food caravans (aka trucks), face painting, crown making, treasure hunting, and more!

**Storytime meets every Wednesday at 10:30**

**Wed. 6/5 @ 6-7:30PM Meet and Read (Ages 18+):** This good time takes place on the first Wednesday of the month in the library's Meeting Room. This month's book will be "The Feather Thief" by Kirk W. Johnson. Next month's book is "The Lonely Hearts Book Club" by Lucy Gilmore. Books are available at the library. Come join us for a rousing discussion on what looks to be an interesting topic. Bring food, bring thoughts, bring a friend!

**Tues. 6/11 @ 10:30AM Toddler Music and Movement Storytime:** \*NEW!\* Join us for an interactive storytime filled with stories, songs, and loads of sensory play specifically for toddlers.

**Wed. 6/19 & 6/26 @ 12:30-3:30PM The OFML Sewcial Club:** \*NEW!\* This club meets the 3rd and 4th Wednesday of the month. Guests can bring any sewing or quilting project they are working on (along with their sewing machines and supplies) to the library to socialize and share tips while they sew.

**Thurs. 6/20 @ 6:00PM Bridgerton Tea Party:** In honor of the new season, we will be hosting a Bridgerton tea party! There will be tea, mocktails, light refreshments, and Bridgerton-themed crafts, as well as a (possibly scandalous) discussion about both the show and the books.

**Fri. 6/21 @ 4:00-5:30PM Family Crafternoon:** Family Crafternoon happens every third Friday of the month. On Jun. 21, stop by to participate in the pure joy of crafting. We have supplies for painting, hand-sewing, and crocheting projects to spark your creativity. Light refreshments will be served.

**Thurs. 6/27 @ 6:00-8:30PM Books & Banter:** Join us for a different type of book club! Come ready to discuss the last 3 books you have read or are reading. Romance, fantasy, sci-fi, historical, thriller, non-fiction, anything goes! Give the group a brief synopsis and your thoughts so we can discuss. This group will be 18+. A list with the book titles and authors talked about will be provided via email the next day.

**Sat. 6/29 @ 10:00AM-1:00PM Bilbo's Birthday Kickoff:** Help us kick off our Summer Reading Program by celebrating Bilbo's 111th Birthday at the library! Enjoy potato snacks, a birthday cake, games, and a few easy crafts. Don't forget to sign up for summer reading and discover which team you'll be on for your summer reading adventure!

Writers Forum will be going on a hiatus until September. Check back with us then for details on dates and times!

**Contact us at 603-269-3900 or email [ofmlstaff@gmail.com](mailto:ofmlstaff@gmail.com) to register or for more information.**



## BARNSTEAD HISTORICAL SOCIETY

### Stuart (Twink) & Grace Merrill Materials

For all those who have asked about the volumes of materials our beloved Twink gathered over the years, we are pleased to share that we have received several boxes of items from the law firm representing the family.

Included are multiple photo albums filled with pictures from cemeteries, a quilt top with hand-stitched panels that include the names of contributors, two lovely paintings Twink had commissioned of the Town Pound, another of a local mill and waterwheel, a framed 1850 map census map showing the names of residents living in Barnstead, and various other items.

We will be going through and creating a catalog of the materials in hopes of sharing pieces with you all soon!

**HAPPY  
FATHER'S  
DAY**

### Fritz Visits Barnstead!

New Hampshire Chronicle and Fritz Wetherbee made an unexpected visit to the Town Hall in March.

Cold temperatures thwarted scheduled filming, thus changing their plans. Instead, stories of Barnstead were filmed in the Town Hall, using both the Historical Society display cabinet featuring items from the 1976 Bicentennial and the stage curtain as backdrops. Tales of earthquakes, catamounts, and the long life of John Pitman were shared with viewers.







**BARNSTEAD  
FARMERS MARKET**

**JUNE 1 - SEPTEMBER 28  
9AM-1PM**

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# END 68 HOURS OF HUNGER NEEDS YOU!

***We are seeking 2 Program Coordinators for our Barnstead/Pittsfield Program. These are volunteer positions offering 2-4 hours a week.***

## **Description:**

**Program Coordinator Admin:** This position requires certification with the NH Food Bank (no cost to you) to purchase food on a monthly basis for the program. It also requires a volunteer to pick up in Manchester and deliver to End 68 location in Pittsfield. Coordination of program with volunteers, donations, fundraisers and participation in community events. Manage the bank account and monthly reporting.

**Program Coordinator: *volunteer and family coordinator:*** Volunteering Friday morning 8:30 to 9:30am. This position requires creating the weekly meals schedule and packing bags. Coordinating the volunteer packers and drivers for weekly delivery. Keeping inventory and working with admin on food needs and purchasing weekly bread for Friday. It also requires maintaining our location and keeping clean.

The position starts School year 2024-25, however training begins immediately! We would love for you to join our team!

## **Requirements:**

- Food Bank certification
- Background check
- Leadership skills
- Organization skills
- Team work

If interested, please contact/text: Lori at 603-490-5254.

## **BARNSTEAD PARADE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH**

**Worship Service 9:00 A.M.  
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## Community Events

**Senior Service Committee** meets on 6/4 at 11:30 in the Oscar Foss Memorial Library meeting room.

**Board of Selectmen Meetings** will be Tuesday 6/11 and Tuesday 6/25 beginning at 5:30 PM at the Barnstead Town Hall.

**School Board Meeting** is 6/19 at 6 PM in the Barnstead Elementary School Library.

**Prospect Mountain High School Graduation** is 6/14 at 6PM.

Mark your calendars for **Old Home Day!** The event will be held on 8/10 and this year's theme is "A Salute to Veterans".

### Every Kid Outdoors: Annual 4th Grade pass

You and your family get free access to hundreds of parks, lands, and waters for an entire year.

Available to U.S. 4th graders (including home-schooled and free-choice learners 10 years of age) with a valid Every Kid Outdoors paper voucher.

The pass is valid for the duration of the 4th grade school year through the following summer (September - August).

Paper vouchers can be obtained by visiting the Every Kid Outdoors website and can be exchanged for the Annual 4th Grade Pass at Federal recreation sites that charge entrance or standard amenity fees.

## TOWNWIDE YARDSALE

**JUNE 15, 2024 10A - 2P**

**96 MAPLE STREET  
(OLD MAPLE STREET CHURCH)**



\$10 for a spot on location.  
Email us to reserve a spot or to be put on the map for your own location.  
friends.bpnr@gmail.com

**The Gravy Train and Good Eatx 603 food trucks will be on site**



## 2024 SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

Free concerts - bring a blanket or chair and cash for concessions



**6/15 Wayne Potash** - Engaging music & movement for kids

**6/22 Green Heron Music** - Old time, folk, bluegrass, blues, country & celtic

**6/29 Aches & Pains** - Classic rock

**7/06 Christine Bonoli** - Classics, folk & rock



**7/13 Windham Community Band** - Selections from Broadway shows, movies, patriotic themes, marches & other popular band pieces

**7/20 North River Music** - Americana band, rock, bluegrass and country

**7/27 Morgan-Nelson** - Coun try & bluegrass

**8/10 White Dog Duo** - 70's music

**8/17 SaxxRoxx** - 60's-90's Classic rock & pop



Saturday's from 6-8pm on the Barnstead Parade Grounds, 1 Parade Circle





# JEANNIE'S RECIPE CORNER

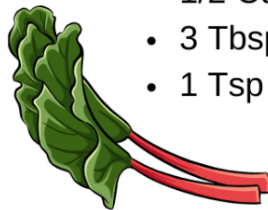
## RHUBARB COBBLER

### Main Ingredients:

- 4 Cups diced rhubarb
- 1 Cup sugar
- 2 Tbsp flour
- 1/2 Cup water
- 3 Tbsp butter
- 1 Tsp vanilla

### Topping:

- 1 1/2 cup flour
- 3 tsp baking powder
- 3 Tbsp butter
- 1/4 tsp salt
- 1 egg
- 1/3 cup milk



### Directions:

- Heat oven to 350 degrees.
- Mix the main ingredients and put into a 9"x13" dish.
- Mix the topping ingredients and pour over top.
- Bake for a half hour. Top with vanilla ice cream or whipped cream.

### Rhubarb Pointers:

To pick rhubarb from the garden grasp stalks then pull and twist. Stalks that are ready to eat should pull easily. Remove leaves and wash stalks. At the grocery store or farmers market look for firm, shiny stalks without blemishes.

If leaves are attached, they should appear fresh and not wilted.

Store rhubarb stalks in refrigerator and use within 2 weeks. The ends will dry out easily, so wrap in a towel or reusable produce bag.

You can also freeze rhubarb for up to 1 year, Cut into 1" to 2" pieces, blanch in boiling water for 1 minute then into cold water. When cool, pat pieces dry and put into freezer bags.

Have a great month,  
Jeannie