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A Visit from St. Nicholas

by Clement Clarke Moore

'Twas the night before Christmas, when all through the house
Not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse;
The stockings were hung by the chimney with care,
In hopes that St. Nicholas soon would be there;
The children were nestled all snug in their beds;
While visions of sugar-plums danced in their heads;
And mamma in her 'kerchief, and I in my cap,
Had just settled our brains for a long winter's nap,
When out on the lawn there arose such a clatter,
I sprang from my bed to see what was the matter.
Away to the window I flew like a flash,
Tore open the shutters and threw up the sash.
The moon on the breast of the new-fallen snow,
Gave a lustre of midday to objects below,
When what to my wondering eyes did appear,
But a miniature sleigh and eight tiny rein-deer,
With a little old driver so lively and quick,
I knew in a moment he must be St. Nick.
More rapid than eagles his coursers they came,
And he whistled, and shouted, and called them by name:
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Now dash away! dash away! dash away all!"
As leaves that before the wild hurricane fly,



When they meet with an obstacle, mount to the sky;
So up to the housetop the coursers they flew
With the sleigh full of toys, and St. Nicholas too—
And then, in a twinkling, I heard on the roof
The prancing and pawing of each little hoof.
As I drew in my head, and was turning around,
Down the chimney St. Nicholas came with a bound.
He was dressed all in fur, from his head to his foot,
And his clothes were all tarnished with ashes and soot;
A bundle of toys he had flung on his back,
And he looked like a pedler just opening his pack.
His eyes—how they twinkled! his dimples, how merry!
His cheeks were like roses, his nose like a cherry!
His droll little mouth was drawn up like a bow,
And the beard on his chin was as white as the snow;
The stump of a pipe he held tight in his teeth,
And the smoke, it encircled his head like a wreath;
He had a broad face and a little round belly
That shook when he laughed, like a bowl full of jelly.
He was chubby and plump, a right jolly old elf,
And I laughed when I saw him, in spite of myself;
A wink of his eye and a twist of his head
Soon gave me to know I had nothing to dread;
He spoke not a word, but went straight to his work,
And filled all the stockings; then turned with a jerk,
And laying his finger aside of his nose,
And giving a nod, up the chimney he rose;
He sprang to his sleigh, to his team gave a whistle,
And away they all flew like the down of a thistle.
But I heard him exclaim, ere he drove out of sight—
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TRENDY Dining Guide

Everybuddy's Casual Dining

By Gary Scruton

During the busy holiday season there are times when you never know just when the time will come to stop and get something to eat. We managed to schedule our eating experience for a Sunday afternoon.

Even though both Janice and I have been fighting this cold and then cough that has been circulating the area, we were both feeling better and Janice even started the day by first driving to Lebanon for an errand. When she returned we were both hungry and headed right out the door again to go north to Lyndonville and the dining spot called Everybuddy's Casual Dining.

We arrived around 2:00 in the afternoon so the place was relatively quiet. One of

the waitresses met us shortly after we walked thru the front door and offered that we could choose our own seats and she would simply follow us with menus. We headed fro the glassed in area (much like a greenhouse room) and sat at one of the smaller tables next to the windows. She left our menus and told us that our waitress, Karlie, would soon be over to visit.

We began our search of the menus to see what would please our pallets. It was not long before Karlie came over to take drink orders, or our meal request if we had decided. My first question was regarding breakfast. Karlie informed me that they only served breakfast until 2 PM and we had just missed that. So Janice and I both ordered a glass of water and some

more time to decide.

Our waters came right back and a while later we finally came to some decisions. Janice liked the look of an Alfredo dish. It came with Scallops and a side salad. She stayed with her water for a beverage.

I went in a whole new direction ordering a BBQ Bacon Burger meal. For a side I went with onion rings. I also chose to up my beverage a bit and after a question or two settled on a Sam Adams seasonal draft.

I mentioned that there were not a lot of other customers when we walked in, but one table of four near us was quite vocal in the story telling going on, and we were able to hear some fairly heralding tales of their past experiences that they were sharing.

Not long after Karlie took our meal orders she returned with my draft. Our conversation continued until a short time later our meals came out to our table.

Janice's Alfredo was all that she wanted and then some. the pasta and alfredo sauce was just smothered with tender scallops. In fact she seemed to know right from the start that some of this was going to become Monday's lunch. But she very much enjoyed every bite that she did consume this day.

My burger was stacked high with two patties, onions, lettuce, tomato and bacon strips. It was one of those burgers that you stop and wonder if you can bite this and still look somewhat reasonable. But the big surprise with my meal was the order of onion rings. Now there were only about a half dozen or some rings, but each one was probably four or five inches in diameter and about an inch tall. Now that's an onion ring. And the onion was nice and big inside the coating. Just the biggest onion rings I think I have ever seen. But I was up to the

task of eating my entire meal and was happy to finish up every morsel.

In fact, when I was done with my meal my taste buds were still asking for another treat of some nature. So when Karlie came back to our table I asked her about the types of fruit pies that were available.

She let me know they had apple, blackberry, and I think she mentioned one other, but I was already settled on the blackberry. I asked for it to be warmed up just a touch. More than room temperature, but not "hot".

Once again, my request was fulfilled just as I had requested. Janice even tried a bite of my pie and agreed that it had been warmed to perfection. Great pie!

I wrapped up our dining experience by finishing off the Sam Adams and pulled out the credit card for Karlie to take to the counter to run it and pay for our bill which totaled \$34.73 including tax. As we normally do Janice and I left a cash tip on the table before we headed our way out the door and back home.



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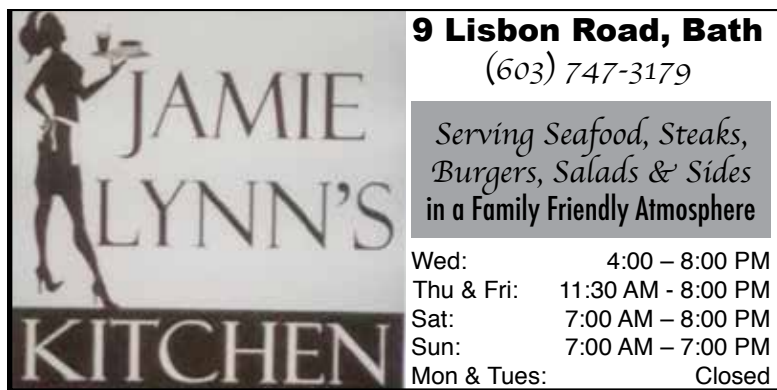
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Peacham, VT: The Peacham Library will host its annual "Coffee House" live music series with performances each month from January through March. The Coffee House series brings community together around live music, warm beverages, refreshments, and camaraderie during cold winter evenings. Local musicians Don & Jenn, Fifth Business, and Deb n' Dean will entertain the audience, and the community is invited to join in during an open mic session following each show.

All performances take place in the Peacham Library Community Room (565 Bailey Hazen Road, Peacham, VT 05862). A \$5 suggested donation is requested. Visit www.peachamlibrary.org, the library's Facebook page at www.facebook.com/peachamlibrary, or call 802-535-3682 for more information.



Saturday, January 11th at 7:00pm

Don & Jenn are Don Sinclair and Jennifer Grossi from Bradford, Vermont. This is their first show at the Peacham Coffee House series, but they have performed in Peacham as part of the David Rosane & The Zookeepers library benefit tour. For the past decade they've provided inspiration for music-lovers of all ages through their music and performance education company D&J Music. Don & Jenn are also the founders of the Summer Street Music Series, an event coordinator and musicians' network based in their home town of Bradford. Their "Book of ZOO" album with David Rosane won a 2019 Best Vermont Rock Album Tammie award. As a duo, their style cycles between blues and soul, gentle folk and sexy jazz. They are married - but that doesn't stop them from playing music together. They promise a heartwarming, fun, and sometimes cheeky, show.

Saturday, February 1st at 7:00pm

Fifth Business is a crowd favorite, rejoining the fine folks of Peacham for (at least) the 5th year in a row to fight the chill of winter by huddling around the metaphorical fires of song and mirth. They will be sharing pub songs and art tunes leavened by the occasional sincere ballad. Nicolas Anzalone's fiddle contributes ethereal flights and wry commentary; Stuart Corso keeps everyone alert with his accordions; Hannah Davie adds sparkle with mandolin; and Steve Davie leads the herd with guitar and octave mandolin. Heather Alger and Kate Davie provide random percussion, and everyone sings in a repertoire that is Not (entirely) Safe For Work.



Their collaboration creates a unique sound as they explore their varied musical interests from country classics like Merle Haggard and Mary Chapin Carpenter, singer/songwriter legends like Joni Mitchell and Jackson Browne, and pop music of The Beatles, Bob Dylan, and Wilco creating a versatile songbook that is always evolving.

Peacham Library is a 209-year-old incorporated library. It is a central part of Peacham's intellectual, educational, leisure, and cultural life. The Library strives to represent all of the community's interests in its collection; promotes use of the Library by all residents; and meets the needs of all residents for information and other library resources, either from its own collection or through the networks to which it belongs. www.peachamlibrary.org

Saturday, March 7th at 7:00pm

Deb 'n Dean, otherwise known as Debbie Gray and Dean Bornstein, are an acoustic/electric duo who perform an energetic variety of pop, country, and blues music. Combining acoustic and electric guitar and bass for a more eclectic sound, they have played solo gigs and with bands across Vermont and New Hampshire.

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If students switch from public to charter schools, the state will be spending \$7,800 for each student. This will crowd out the other education funding that is needed. Much of running public schools is fixed. With less available money from the state, we won't be able to provide the same level of education support (losing state funding for 2 students for every 1 charter student).

Property tax relief remains a top legislative priority. High property taxes hurt retirees, businesses, and the real estate industry. Senior citizens often decide to sell their lifetime homes because of unmanageable property taxes. Some cities and towns can't raise tax rates any further, which has led to school shutdowns and a re-emergence of Claremont-style lawsuits against the state. A high property tax rate depresses home prices and home availability, which discourages young workers from moving to or staying in NH. And our businesses need workers.

In separate news, there is a bill to expand the meals and rooms tax to include ski lift tickets. This bill will come to the Ways and Means Committee, and we will vote it down. I appreciate the emails on this topic. Your comments help!

Jerry Stringham represents Lincoln, Woodstock, and Waterville Valley in Concord, serving on the House Ways and Means Committee. If you need to reach Representative Stringham, email jerry@jerrymstringham.com.

The Charter School Federal Grant – Why It's Really About Public School Funding And Property Taxes

Members of the legislature recently voted down a federal grant that would provide partial funding (\$10 million with this tranche) for building 25 new charter schools in the Granite State. The governor stated on his state website that the committee vote "sickened him."

Charter schools are state-supported. Unlike private schools, students do not pay tuition to attend them. Some feel that the charter school structure provides a better mechanism for schools to offer unique learning environments compared to the more structured public schools. Some students have done well in charter schools. However, by law, charter schools are supposed to be 50% funded by sources other than the state government. By and large, this has not been the case.

The federal grant does not address the main issue in the charter school system – ongoing funding without taking money from public schools.

The federal government, in part due to an anti-union sentiment, is sup-

plying grants to encourage the building of new charter schools. What is wrong with that? The top priority for the NH legislature this year was property tax relief. Cities and towns are burdened with the highest percentage property tax in the country. In the most recent budget, we were able to increase the state education fund by \$130 million statewide for this budget period (two-year cycle), providing a needed relief valve from continually escalating property taxes. This allows cities and towns to maintain public schools with lower property taxes, our top priority for this term. The state provides about \$3,800 of education funding to cities and towns for each public school student enrolled in their school. The state provides about \$7,800 to the charter school for each student it enrolls. So, each time a student switches from public to charter, the state commits to giving the charter school \$2 for every \$1 it would give for public school funding. Creation of additional charter schools will snowball this financial commitment.



46M Education Grant Thwarted Along Party Lines

In a roll call vote on Friday, December 13, the Democrat controlled Fiscal Committee voted along party lines, 7-3, to not approve \$46 million in federal funding that would directly benefit New Hampshire's charter schools and students.

New Hampshire's 28 Charter schools are open enrollment, public schools of choice, and each school is granted a "charter" for a term of 5 years by the State Board of Education. Students may attend any charter school in the state and enrollment is not limited by zip code in which a student lives. Public charter schools are independent, tuition free and open to ALL students. Charter schools are accountable for both academic results and fiscal practices and allow all families increased options in public education. The school's "charter" outlines the mission statement, educational program, student achievement goals and objectives, methods of assessment and measures of success. The State Board of Education holds every charter school accountable for meeting academic, financial, organizational and programmatic goals and objectives as outlined in its charter.

Currently, there are several charter schools in this region: Ledyard Charter School (Lebanon), Mountain Village Charter School (Plymouth), North Country Charter Academy (Littleton and Lancaster) and opening in FY2021, Heartwood Charter School (also in Lancaster). Per NH statute, each attending charter public school pupil is eligible for the same amount of state aid that district public school pupils receive, \$3,709 plus applicable differentiated aid along with an additional school grant of \$3,479, totaling a minimum of \$7,188 per student. The state average cost per public school pupil is \$15,865. Charter schools are

not allowed to raise revenue through local taxation.

NH's charter schools have a total enrollment of 3,932 students. Contrary to the thinking of the fiscal committee's majority, there are not 1,000 empty seats in charter schools. According to the Department of Education, it is just the opposite, there are 1,000 students on waiting lists to enter charter schools, and some communities do not have access to charters. This federal grant would put NH on the pathway to opening more charter schools to better address individual student and district wide program needs in those areas. Locally, the grant had the potential of expanding and integrating programs such as business tech and cyber security into the secondary curriculum.

Commissioner Edelblut worked tirelessly on behalf of students to secure the largest public charter school grant in the country; however, through a disastrous party line vote, politics has thwarted this opportunity and success for many NH students and families. Throwing away a \$46M federal grant designed to strengthen education and to better serve many students and families who do not have the resources available to enroll in a challenging, alternative learning situation is simply wrong. This grant was meant to give all children, especially those from economically or disadvantaged situations the opportunity to achieve and move forward on a productive learning, pathway. Unfortunately, yesterday's 7-3 party line vote was governed by politics. It is a shame that we have gotten to that point where politics and special interests are controlling the lives and future of so many young people. Respectfully Submitted, Rep Rick Ladd Ranking Member, House Education Committee

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HHI Executive Transition In 2020

Haverhill, NH — With regret and with deep appreciation, the board of directors of Haverhill Heritage, Inc. (HHI) at Court Street Arts at Alumni Hall announces Executive Director Keisha Luce's transition in 2020 to executive director of the Highland Center for the Arts, a larger performance and event venue in Greensboro, VT.

Keisha joined HHI as executive director in 2010. During Keisha's tenure, our organization established strong partnerships across the region and developed Court Street Arts into a vibrant community institution. "We have grown from a fledgling organization with few performances into a well-established venue that draws people from far and wide in New England, opened a café, and added a whole range of event opportunities for everyone from concerts, theater performances, sum-

mer camps for children to art classes, rentals for events and community gatherings," said HHI Vice President, Pat Buchanan. Court Street Arts now welcomes over 7,500 people each year to its diversified events.

Keisha leaves HHI's legacy project, Court Street Arts at Alumni Hall, and the newly initiated Wentworth Brown Project in a very strong position and we are deeply grateful for her dedication, vision, and leadership. "We are confident that the Highland Center for the Arts will also flourish under her direction, and wish her the very best," said Jane Quigley, HHI board member.

Keisha's last day will be Tuesday, December 31. The HHI board has begun the search for a new executive director. Meanwhile the board, Keisha, and the Wentworth Brown Project Committee are working together to make this a smooth

transition for our members, donors and supporters.

For inquiries about the transition or the organization, please email the Board of Directors at info@alumni-hall.org.

For specific information on the Wentworth Brown Project please visit the project website <https://www.wentworthbrownproject.org>.

Haverhill Heritage, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization based in Haverhill, New Hampshire with the mission to identify and find community use for under-utilized, but significant historic buildings in Haverhill Corner listed within the historic district and recognized by the National Register of Historic Places, and to enrich community through arts, culture and place-making.

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A link to the YouTube videos can be found on the Town's website under Selectboard Minutes for easy reference.

We hope that by making Selectboard meetings more accessible residents will feel more involved in local government.

www.haverhill-nh.com

Merry everything.

Holiday Hours

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Closed Sundays until May

Calendar of Events

A Full Page of Events from Local Non-Profits, Schools and Towns. *Presented FREE by Trendy Times.*

MONDAY, DECEMBER 23

Happy Hanukkah

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25

Merry Christmas

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 26

Happy Kwanza

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31

KNIGHT OF QUEENS
8:00 PM - MIDNIGHT
Alumni Hall, Haverhill Corner
See Ad on Page 3

FIRST NIGHT - NORTH

4:00 PM - MIDNIGHT
St. Johnsbury
See Ad on Page 7

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1

Happy New Year

MONDAY, JANUARY 6

HVERHILL SELECT BOARD MEETING
6:00 PM
Morrill Municipal Building, North Haverhill

TUESDAY, JANUARY 7

NORTHERN GRAFTON COUNTY REPUBLICAN COMMITTEE MONTHLY MEETING
7:00 PM
Littleton Regional Healthcare (LRH) Conference Room (next to the cafeteria)

THURSDAY, JANUARY 9

ST. LUKE'S COMMUNITY MEALS
5:00 - 6:30 PM
St. Luke's parish House, Woodsville

ROSS-WOOD POST #20 SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION MONTHLY MEETING
6:00 PM
Post Home, 4 Ammonoosuc Street, Woodsville

SATURDAY, JANUARY 11

NOTCH ABOVE PHOTO CLUB
1:00-3:30 PM at the
Bethlehem Public Library.

DON & JENN CONCERT

7:00 PM
Peacham Library Community Room
See Article on Page 3

SUNDAY, JANUARY 12

BENEFIT TEXAS HOLD "EM POKER
Cash 11:00 AM - Tournament 1:50 PM
Moose Lodge 1779, Portland St, St. Johnsbury

THURSDAY, JANUARY 16

VFW POST #5245 MONTHLY MEETING
7:00 PM
VFW Hall, North Haverhill

TUESDAY, JANUARY 21

BIRD CONSERVATION: THINKING GLOBALLY, ACTING LOCALLY
6:30 - 8:00 PM
Fairlee Town Hall Auditorium

SUNDAY, JANUARY 26

BENEFIT TEXAS HOLD "EM POKER
Cash 11:00 AM - Tournament 1:50 PM
Moose Lodge 1779, Portland St, St. Johnsbury

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6

WOODSVILLE WELLS RIVER 4TH OF JULY MONTHLY COMMITTEE MEETING
7:00 PM
Woodsville Emergency Services Building

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8

MIDDLEBURY NEW FILMMAKERS:
"THE DOG DOC" & "DON'T BE NICE"
3:00 & 7:00 PM
Fairlee Town Hall Auditorium

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9

BENEFIT TEXAS HOLD "EM POKER
Cash 11:00 AM - Tournament 1:50 PM
Moose Lodge 1779, Portland St, St. Johnsbury

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11

PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY DAY
IN NEW HAMPSHIRE

PRESENTATION: OUR WILD NEIGHBORS,
THE REAL EASTERN COYOTE
6:30 PM
Fairlee Town Hall Auditorium

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22

MARDI GRAS DANCE PARTY
6:00 - 9:00 PM
Fairlee Town Hall Auditorium

SUNDAY, MARCH 8

BENEFIT TEXAS HOLD "EM POKER
Cash 11:00 AM - Tournament 1:50 PM
Moose Lodge 1779, Portland St, St. Johnsbury

TUESDAY, MARCH 31

FROM MODPUPIES TO WOOD TURTLES
6:30 PM
Fairlee Town Hall Auditorium

MONDAY-FRIDAY, APRIL 13 - 17

GIANT PUPPET-MAKING WORKSHOPS
2:00 - 4:00 daily
Fairlee Town Hall Auditorium

THURSDAY, APRIL 16

JAZZ JAM SESSION
6:30 - 9:00 PM
Fairlee Town Hall Auditorium

TUESDAY, APRIL 21

VERNAL POOLS BY STEVE FACCIO
6:30 PM
Fairlee Town Hall Auditorium

Ongoing Weekly Events

MONDAYS

NEK COUNCIL ON AGING'S HOT MEALS
11:30 AM - St. Johnsbury House
NOON - Darling Inn, Lyndonville
BINGO - 6:00 PM
Orange East Senior Center, Bradford
TOPS (TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY)
6:00 PM - Peacham School
KIWANIS CLUB OF ST JOHNSBURY
6:15 PM - VFW Post, Eastern Ave.
DRAWING FROM LIFE - 6:00 - 8:00 PM
Joseph Patch Library, Warren
MONDAYS/WEDNESDAYS

RSVP BONE BUILDERS
10:30 AM - 11:30 AM
Linwood Senior Center, Lincoln
RSVP Bone Builders
1:30 - 2:30 PM
United Community Church, St. Johnsbury

MONDAYS/THURSDAYS

ADULT INTERVAL AEROBICS CLASS - 6:30
Woodsville Elementary School
GOLDEN BALL TAI CHI
8:30 - 9:15 AM - St. Johnsbury House
RSVP BONE BUILDERS
9:00 - 10:00 AM
Municipal Building, Lyndonville
9:15 - 10:15 AM
Congregational Church, East St. Johnsbury
6:00 - 7:00 PM
Community Church, Concord
MON./WED./FRI.
RSVP BONE BUILDERS
1:30 - 2:30 PM - United
Community Church, St. Johnsbury

TUESDAYS

BREAKFAST BY DONATION
8:30 AM - 10:00 AM
Horse Meadow Senior Center,
North Haverhill
RSVP BONE BUILDERS
9 AM - 10 AM - St. Johnsbury House
10:30 AM - 11:30 AM
Congregational Church, Danville
NEK COUNCIL ON AGING'S HOT MEALS
11:30 AM - St. Johnsbury House
NOON - Senior Action Center,
Methodist Church, Danville
NOON - Presbyterian Church, S. Ryegate
NOON - Darling Inn, Lyndonville
RSVP BONE BUILDERS
2:00 - 3:30 PM - East Haven Library
TOPS (TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY)
Weigh In 5:00 PM - Meeting 6:00 PM
Horse Meadow Senior Center, N. Haverhill
EMERGENCY FOOD SHELF
4:30 PM - 5:30 PM
Wells River Congregational Church
COMMUNITY DINNER BELL -
5:00 PM September 5- June 5
All Saints' Church, School St., Littleton
AA MEETING (OPEN BIG BOOK)
7:00 PM - 8:00 PM
St. Luke's Parish Hall, Woodsville
TUESDAYS/THURSDAYS
RSVP BONE BUILDERS --
8:30 - 9:30 -- Monroe Town Hall
ACTIVE OLDER ADULT STRENGTH CLASS
1:30 PM
Woodsville Post Office, S. Court St

RSVP BONE BUILDERS

2:00- 3:00 PM -East Haven Library

TUESDAYS/FRIDAYS

RSVP BONE BUILDERS

9:00-10:00 AM

St. Johnsbury House

RSVP BONE BUILDERS

9:30-10:30 AM

GRACE Art Gallery, Hardwick

GOLDEN BALL TAI CHI

8:30-9:30 AM

United Methodist Church, Lyndonville

WEDNESDAYS

AQUA AEROBICS

Evergreen Pool, Rte 302, Lisbon

ADULT STRENGTH TRAINING

1:30 - 2:30 PM - United Community
Church, St. Johnsbury

BINGO - 6:30 PM

Haverhill Memorial VFW Post #5245
North Haverhill

CRIBBAGE - 7:00 PM

Orange East Senior Center, Bradford

WEDNESDAYS/FRIDAYS

NEK COUNCIL ON AGING'S HOT MEALS

11:30 AM - St. Johnsbury House

NOON - West Barnet Senior Meal Site

NOON - Darling Inn, Lyndonville

THURSDAYS

GROTON LUNCHES W/FRIENDS

10:00AM - 2:00 PM / Lunch @ 12:00
Groton United Methodist Church

NEK COUNCIL ON AGING'S HOT MEALS

11:30 AM - St. Johnsbury House

NOON - Senior Action Center,
Methodist Church, Danville

NOON - Darling Inn, Lyndonville

ST PAUL'S BIBLE STUDY ON JAMES, 6:15

PM, 113 Main St., Lancaster

TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) --

Weigh-in @ 6:00 p.m., meeting @ 6:30

-- Monroe Public Library

FRIDAYS

RSVP BONE BUILDERS

9:00 - 10:00 AM - St. Johnsbury House

9:30 - 10:30 AM

Grace Art Gallery, Hardwick

1:30 - 2:30 PM - United Community
Church, St. Johnsbury

WORSHIP UNDER THE TENT- 7 PM

100 Horse Meadow Rd, No Haverhill

AA MEETING (OPEN DISCUSSION)

8:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Methodist Church, Maple St, Woodsville

SATURDAYS

STORY HOUR FOR CHILDREN - 10:15 AM

September thru May

Brainerd Memorial Library, No. Danville

SUNDAYS

LISBON BIBLE CHURCH, WOOLSON ROAD

Sunday School 9:15 AM

Worship 10:30 AM Bible Study 6:00 PM

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Worship and Sunday School, 9:30 AM

Refreshments at 10:20 a.m.

CRIBBAGE - 1:00 PM

American Legion Post #83, Lincoln

Horse Meadow Senior Center Activities

Closed on 1/1 and 1/20
Lunch is served daily at 12:00, except when noted
Find-a-Sticker: 1/8 @ Noon
Breakfast Buffet: Every Tuesday @ 8:30-10:00
50/50 Raffle: 1/15 @ Noon
*Meals are available M-F for home delivery

*A variety of Exercise Equipment is available daily in Bertha's room at HMSC

SPECIAL DAYS:

Chinese New Year on 1/24/2020, Special Menu
SENIOR SPLASH: At Evergreen * NOW ON MON-DAYS* 10:15-11:00
Call 838-6511

ENTERTAINMENT: Starts between 11&11:15

Phyllis Vogel: 1/14, 1/28
Barry Hayes 1/3
The Boy-z: 1/15
Byron Berwick: 1/7
Marshall Meade: 1/6, 1/27
Carl, Gloria & Friends: 1/8
Bob Benjamin: 1/9, 1/30
Wayne Klinger: 1/13

CLINICS:
1/3: Foot Clinic with Beverly Sinclair RN, starting at 9. Call the Center for appointments and dates 787-2539
ON-GOING ACTIVITIES:
Art/Painting: Thursdays @ 9:00, call ahead
Beginners Quilting: Mondays @ 1:00
Bingo: Wednesdays @ 1:00
Chair Yoga: 1/2 & 1/16 from 10:45 – 11:45
Cribbage: Thursdays @ 12:30

Domestic Trauma Support Group: 1/2 & 1/16 @ 10:45
Contact Jessica Aiken-Hall
Drums Alive - Tuesdays @ 12:30

Floral Arranging with Jane: 1/9 @ 9:30

Grief Support: First Monday of each month @ 10:30

Gripe Group: 1/9 @ 10:00
Contact Florence

Haircuts by Marshall Mead 1/6 & 1/27 @ 1:00
Cost is \$10

Hand and Foot Cards: Fridays @ 12:30
Healthy Lifestyle Share: 1/9 @ 10:30
Hearts & Hands Quilters: Monday 1/6 @ 1:00
Herbal with Elaine: 1/10 & 1/24

Interfaith Fellowship & Coffee: 1/7 & 1/21 @ 9:00
Mahjonn: Every Friday @ 9:30

Massage by Donna Paye, 1/7 @ 9:00 call or stop in to set up appointment time
Memoir Writing Group – 1/10 & 1/24

Nifty Needlers: Every Tuesday 9:00-2:00

Plastic Canvas w/ Gerrie: Tuesdays 1/7 & 1/14 (other Tuesdays by chance)

RSVP Bone Builders: Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays @ 9:30, Tuesdays and Thursdays @ 1:30

Veterans Services: 1/2 @ 9:00

Vintage Voyagers Writers Group: Wednesdays @ 10:30

*Also, Please think about volunteering here at Horse Meadow or delivering meals!

Orange east Senior Center Activities

All events held at the Senior Center are open to the public unless otherwise advertised.

1/2: Exercise @ 9:00
1/3: Exercise Class @ 9:00
1/6: Exercise Class @ 9:00
Tai Chi @ 10am, Bingo @ 6pm (doors open at 5pm)

1/7 Exercise Class @ 9:00
Line Dancing @ 10:00

1/8: Foot Care Clinic by Appt.
Computer Class @ 3-5pm,

Cribbage @ 7pm

1/9: Exercise @ 9:00
1/10: Exercise @ 9:00,
The Boyz Music (starts @ approximately 11am)

1/13: Exercise Class @ 9:00
Tai Chi @ 10:00,
Bingo 6pm (doors open at 5pm)

1/14: Exercise Class @ 9:00
Line Dancing @ 10:00

1/15: Foot Clinic by Appt,
Computer Class 3-5 pm
Cribbage 7pm

1/16: Exercise Class @ 9:00
1/17: Exercise Class @ 9:00
1/20: Exercise Class @ 9:00
Tai Chi @ 10:00

1/21: Exercise Class @ 9:00
Line Dancing 10:00

1/22: Foot Clinic by Appt,
Computer Class 3-5 pm
Cribbage 7pm

1/23: Exercise Class @ 9:00
1/24: Exercise Class @ 9:00
Barry Hayes Music (starts @ approximately 11am)

1/27: Exercise Class @ 9:00
Tai Chi @ 10:00
Bingo 6pm (doors open at 5pm)

1/28: Exercise Class @ 9:00
Line Dancing @ 10:00

1/29: Computer Class 3-5pm
Cribbage @ 7:00pm

1/30: Exercise Class @ 9:00
1/31: Exercise Class @ 9:00

****Our Senior Center will also be closed on Wed. Jan 1 in celebration of New Years Day ****

Want to Connect to Other Readers?

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The Bath Library Book Club will be discussing "The Signature of All Things", by Elizabeth Gilbert on Thursday, January 9th at 5 pm at the Bath Public Library.

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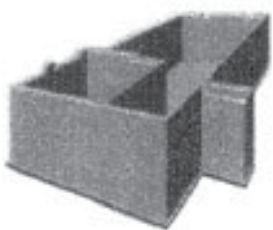
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Principal Notes

Time for reflection of the experiences during the past year and time to make those New Year's Resolutions! Those promises we make to ourselves that usually last from 1 day to a couple of weeks before those, too, fade into memories.

Reading to your child has many benefits. When you read to your child, early and often, s/he develops enhanced concentration and self-discipline. More logical thinking skills are developed as children who are read to have an increased ability to grasp abstract concepts, apply logic, and to recognize cause and effect. When children are read to in their toddler years, they acquire a better understanding of the fundamentals of language. By listening to you read, you are reinforcing the basic sounds that form language for your child to hear. There are numerous studies which all indicate that children who are exposed to reading in their early years are more likely to do well in all areas of academics. After all, if a student struggles to put together words and sentences, how can s/he be expected to grasp the math, science, and social concepts that will be presented throughout their school experience? The fear that the computer and internet would reduce the desire to read has proven unfounded. In fact, the necessity to read has actually become more valuable as the ability to learn about new subjects and find helpful information on anything from health problems and consumer protection to more academic research into science or the arts depends on the ability to read.

So if you aren't already, how about a New Year's Resolution to increase the

amount of time you read to your child or grandchildren? Make a resolution that won't dwindle with time, but will help make an impact that lasts a lifetime – for your child.

Physical Education Happenings!

In Physical Education, students have been working collaboratively with the parachute! All grades have been doing an excellent job following instructions and working together to be successful. Students have enjoyed playing sharks and lifeguards, popcorn, and experimenting with the clubhouse.

Guidance Classes

Throughout the month of December the children have been learning about the meaning of citizenship. We've talked about our responsibility to take care of this planet Earth that we live on. They learned about a little 10 year old girl named Samantha Smith, who in 1982 was worried that that the Soviet Union wanted to be at war with the United States. She made a differ-



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ence by writing a letter to President Andropov who assured her that the people of the Soviet Union wanted peace. The children learned that even at their age they can do something positive for their town, their state, their country or their world!

2nd Grade Coding in Technology

The 2nd graders participated in a Code.org lesson titled "Building a Foundation". Each class was divided into smaller groups. The groups were given 20 gumdrops, 50 toothpicks, 20 drinking straws, 20 mini marshmallows and a mission to build a load-bearing structure that was at least 2.5 inches tall and had the ability to hold a textbook for more than 10 seconds. The purpose of this lesson was focused on

turning challenges into success despite frustrations we may feel when things don't always work out as planned. We discussed the vocabulary for this lesson: frustrated & persistence. We talked about the importance of being persistent & persevering through things that are difficult.

Library News

In the library we've been gobbling up Thanksgiving

themed stories from the "Mayflower" to some funny ones about "A Plump and Perky Turkey", "10 Fat Turkeys" and "A Turkey For Thanksgiving". Students colored a turkey disguised as a crayon box with one of Jack Prelutsky silly poems on the back: "Gobble, Gobble", "If Turkeys Thought", "The Wishbone" or "The Turkey Shot Out Of The Oven".

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Year-end – Time for Some New Year’s Financial Resolutions

Have you thought about your New Year’s resolutions for 2020? When many of us make these promises, we focus on ways we can improve some form of our health. We vow to get more physically healthy by going to the gym, or we promise to improve our mental health by learning a new language or instrument. But it’s also important to think about our financial health – so it’s a good idea to develop some appropriate resolutions for this area, too.

What kinds of financial resolutions might you make? Here are a few suggestions:

- Increase your retirement plan contributions. One of the best financial moves you can make is to take full advantage of your 401(k) or similar employer-sponsored retirement plan. If you contribute pre-tax dollars to your plan, the more you put in, the lower your taxable income will be for the year, and your earnings can grow on a tax-deferred basis. So, if your salary goes up in 2020, increase the amount you put into your plan. Most people

don’t come close to reaching the annual contribution limit, which, in 2019, was \$19,000, or \$25,000 for those 50 or older. You might not reach these levels, either, but it’s certainly worthwhile to invest as much as you can possibly afford.

- Use “found” money wisely. During the course of the next year, you may well receive some money outside your normal paychecks, such as a bonus or a tax refund. It can be tempting to spend this money, but you may help yourself in the long run by investing it. You could use it to help fund your IRA for the year or to fill a gap in another investment account.

- Don’t overreact to market downturns. You’ve probably heard stories about people who lamented not getting in “on the ground floor” of what is now a mega-company. But a far more common investment mistake is overreacting to temporary market downturns by selling investments at the wrong time (when their prices are down) and staying out of the market until things calm down (and possibly missing the next rally). The financial markets always fluctuate, but if you can resolve to stay invested and follow a consistent, long-term strategy, you can avoid making

some costly errors.

- Be financially prepared for the unexpected. Even if you’re diligent about saving and investing for your long-term goals, you can encounter obstacles along the way. And one of these roadblocks could come in the form of large, unexpected expenses, such as the sudden need for a new car or some costly medical bills. If you aren’t prepared for these costs, you might have to dip in to your long-term investments to pay for them. To prevent this from happening, you may want to keep sufficient cash, or cash equivalents, in your investment accounts. Or you might want to maintain a completely separate account as an emergency fund, with the money kept in low-risk, liquid vehicles. If possible, try to maintain at least six months’ worth of living expenses in this account.

It will take some effort but following these resolutions could help you move closer to your financial goals in 2020 – and beyond.

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What’s It Worth?

by Maggie Anderson

As so often happens when teddy bear artists gather they spend some time looking back on the “glory days” and the conversation inevitably winds up centering on a mutual nemesis and the encounters each of us had with him.

Our particular nemesis, a guy - whose name will forever be redacted from any mention of his methods - rubbed me the wrong way once by bringing his business partner to my table at a show and asking her if she thought they could manufacture my stuff.

Then he had the nerve to ask me how I felt about them making mine, you know speeding things up so the money rolled in really fast

for me. Of course the undercurrent of the conversation gurgled quickly past the part where that steady stream would have been diverted into his bank account before he had to do any accounting to me for what eventually trickled down the channel my way! But I suppose he figured I would be so blinded by the constant flow of money whatever its volume I wouldn’t come to my senses soon enough to stem the flow.

Arrogant jackass! He’s lucky I didn’t punch him in the face! I told him I had spent the better part of my life creating each bear a stitch at a time, that I could tell my work from across the room anywhere in the world and NO! I didn’t want him whipping copies of my stuff through some sort of manufacturing process removing the soul from every bear I’d ever designed.

There are very few people I’ve ever met I’ve wanted to throttle more than I did him that day. His problem was that since he knew about Hank’s health and the constant financial struggle I

was usually up against he thought I would jump at the chance to flip a switch so the cash would flow like flood waters. He counted on it.

People like him, with that sort of twisted logic, will never know the pure joy of having a vision in your head, watching it take shape and showing the finished piece to a collector who doesn’t know one end of a crochet hook from the other, or how to thread a sewing machine either. There are few things more satisfying. He will never know that kind of satisfaction no matter how many artists he rips off.

I made it quite clear I had no intention of allowing anybody to twist my work into some sort of cash cow and that I was fully prepared to see that if somebody gave it a shot they would wish they’d ripped off another artist’s patterns.

He hasn’t bothered me since. And I’m happy to say I have never seen a bear straining to look like mine coming out of his foreign sweatshop’s dark bowels either. Don’t mess with me.

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By John Martin

Billy Aldrich: OBITUARY

Billy Aldrich, of Orford, NH, passed away peacefully on December 14th, at the Jack Byrne Center in Lebanon, surrounded by family and friends. Billy was born December 8, 1948, the oldest child of the late Robert E. Aldrich and Alice (Dube) Aldrich. Billy is survived by his five siblings and their spouses: Henry Aldrich and Karen McGonis of Plainfield, Louise and Maurice Langley of Lebanon, Yvonne Aldrich of Pennsylvania, Patricia and Brian Stout of Hartford, and Sally and Michael Conrad of Canaan. Also, son Jason, his wife Kari, and grandson, Tayton Ladd, as well as many nieces and nephews.

Billy grew up in Lebanon and attended Lebanon High School. He joined the army in 1967, earning his GED, and spending a year of service in Vietnam. There, he operated a bulldozer as part of a Specialty Construction Engineering Crew, building roads and landing zones. Billy received the National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam service medal and Vietnam campaign medal for his service as well as a sharpshooter badge and Marksman badge.

Billy returned to Lebanon and married Linda Brown in 1971. Together, they moved to Orford where their son, Jason was born. Billy remained in Orford the rest of his life.

Billy loved the outdoors. His father, Rob, instilled in him a love of hunting, which continued throughout his life. Billy liked to tell the story

of getting his first deer when he was hunting alone near Poverty Lane in Lebanon. He was so proud of the deer, he dragged it all the way home to Church Street by himself. His father laughed about that and said that he would have helped him get the deer home. But Billy wanted to do it himself.

Billy became a skilled outdoor sportsman. Between hunting and fishing, he was outside year-round. He was an expert on the woods, streams, and ponds in Orford and surrounding miles. He hunted with bow, muzzle loader, and rifle, getting a deer every year. He made a mean venison stew. Billy also raised hunting dogs, including Blue Tick Hounds and beagles. Of the many dogs he trained, his last two beagles, Rose and Mary, were his favorites.

Billy's work at Dartmouth College on the Grounds Crew gave him the opportunity to be outside every day. He worked there for over 40 years, retiring in 2011. After retirement, some health issues kept him for a time from hunting, but he installed an outdoor motion-sensor camera that shot pictures of deer and bear in his backyard instead.

Billy was loved by many people. When he married Linda Brown, he became Ruth Brown's dearly loved son and brother to Diane and Lori. He had a special friendship with neighbors Matt and Nicole Gray. He helped Matt with landscaping and Nicole kept Billy well-fed with



homemade meals and — Billy's favorite — chocolate brownies. His brother and sisters were very close to Billy, spending special time with him this past summer, going out for lunch and to the Cornish Fair. Billy was a much-loved uncle to his nieces and nephews. Jason, daughter-in-law Kari, and 6 year-old grandson, Tayt were so excited when Billy visited them for the first time in Denver in May. In July, they were able to come east, spending a week with Billy in Ocean Park, Maine.

Billy is gone too soon, but he leaves us precious memories. We're so fortunate to have had him, even for a short time, in our lives.

A wake was to be held Thursday, 5-7pm, December 19, 2019, at Hale's Funeral Home in Bradford, VT. There will be no funeral. A small burial service will be held sometime in the spring.

Lila E. O'Donnell: OBITUARY

Bradford, VT - Lila E. O'Donnell, 82, of Taplin Hill Road died peacefully on Tuesday, December 10, 2019 at Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center after a brief illness.

She was born May 12, 1937 in Bradford, VT the daughter of Ernest and Nina (Shumway) Covey. She grew up in Vermont and attended Bradford Academy.

On June 4, 1955 she married the love of her life, Leo O'Donnell Sr., and together they raised six children.

Lila made her career in housekeeping working at Lake Morey Inn, Hanover Inn, Dartmouth College, and Brookside Nursing Home in Bradford where she retired from in 2000. After retirement, she enjoyed sewing, making quilts, baking, and making donuts, jams and jellies with her husband Leo and her sister Shirley Bruleigh. Lila enjoyed donating her quilts to various benefits. But most of all Lila enjoyed watching her grandson Derrick race, craft days with her girls, family get togethers, and preparing big meals for them including her famous Reese Pie.

Survivors include her husband, Leo O'Donnell Sr., her children, Rebecca Brocar and husband, Mark of Bradford, VT, daughter-in-law, Peggy O'Donnell of North Haverhill, NH, Sylvia Sweet and husband, Robert of Bradford, VT, Cris O'Don-



nell and wife, Cheryl of Bradford, VT, Lisa Spencer and Jim of Orange, VT, and Karen O'Donnell of Lebanon, NH, grandchildren, Michael Paige, Cassandra Lemieux, Kelley O'Donnell, Melinda Boutin, John Sweet, Ashley Osgood, Derrick O'Donnell and Chelsie Spencer, several great-grandchildren, siblings, Richard Covey, Burton Covey, and Karel Hill, one aunt, Brandi (Omie) Chalifoux, and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

She was predeceased by her parents, one son, Leo "Skip" O'Donnell Jr., sisters, Sandy Williams, Linda Chaffee, Shirley Bruleigh, Audrey Wadkins, brothers, Donald Covey, Merle Covey, Ernest Covey, and Lyle Covey, and her beloved dog "Junior."

Per Lila's wishes there are no calling hours or service. A graveside ceremony will be held in the East Corinth New Cemetery in the spring. Arrangements are by Hale Funeral Home in Bradford, VT.

Louise B. (Corey) Brady: OBITUARY

Brady, Louise B. (Corey) of Woodsville, NH, formerly of Westwood and Roslindale, passed peacefully on Dec. 3rd, at the age of 93. Beloved wife of the late William J. Brady. Daughter of the late Antonio and Rose Corey (Murad). Cherished sister of Dorothy Elliott and her husband Kenneth, of North Haverhill, NH, and the late Mary Stano, Josephine Alessi, Victoria Mutascio, Viola Corey, Joseph, Peter,

Paul and John Corey. Also survived by many loving nieces, nephews, in-laws and friends. Funeral from the Alexander F. Thomas & Sons Funeral Home, 45 Common St., Walpole, Tuesday morning at 9, followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at Blessed Sacrament Church, Walpole, at 10. Relatives and friends invited. Interment at National Cemetery, Bourne. Please, in lieu of flowers, all donations can



be made to www.stano.org.

Carol A. (Hood) Patch: OBITUARY

Brattleboro, VT - Carol A. (Hood) Patch, 60, of Brattleboro, and formerly East Corinth, VT, passed away December 9, 2019 at her home.

She was the daughter of the late James F. Hood and Gisele F. (Fournier) Hood.

Survivors include her devoted sister, Linda (Hood) White and her husband, Jerry, brother, Mark Hood and his wife, Tammy, and brother, David Hood and his wife, Mary.

Carol attended Oxbow High School and received her Associates Degree from Vermont College in Montpelier, VT.



Funeral services will be private. Remembrances may be made in Carol's memory to a charity of your choice. Arrangements are by Hale Funeral Home in Bradford, VT.

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What About Ma?

by Kellie Quackenbush

All About Giving From The Heart

We are now counting the hours until the "big" holiday gathering. Christmas is here again and we really want to give something great. Let us all take a breath and think about why we are giving a gift. There is a difference between a "thoughtful gift" and "it's the thought that counts" gesture gifts. This is especially true for seniors still living on their own.

Let us all be real, 75% of people over the age of 60, really, do not need or want a box of candy. If they have dentures, they do not want nuts or jelly with seeds. A household with one or two occupants would be hard pressed to eat a whole fruit basket before it goes bad. About that "stuff" -- unless you have found that rare treasure for their unique collection, do not add to an uncontrolled pile of "stuff".

What is a "good" gift? Look at the individual and their special circumstances.

Make a casserole or meal that freezes well, include either a recipe card or a list of ingredients and the best way to heat the item and put it in a storage container (no larger than 4 cups per container) so they can freeze it and have a meal when they

really need one. Giving 2-4 of the dish in these 4 cup storage containers is truly a help in winter months when it is harder to get out or have people travel to visit.

It is just the idea of being thoughtful. Some of my friends write lovely Christmas letters and that is a thoughtful gift. Time is the most precious thing I have, spending time with my friends is a gift. Find a morning, afternoon or evening when you can truly relax and visit with someone who is special. Merry Christmas.

Acceptance

Topics

Disability and Aging
by Cyndy Wellman

Give Thanks

Thank a person who cares. Give a hug! Or do something simple for appreciation. Who ever it is in your life! They might call and check up on you. Visit or give rides. Just listen. You will know, who truly cares about you. In return, let them know. You care about them also.

One extra thanks! Nev-



er forget to thank a person: who is Senior, Military, role model and family members. The word Senior isn't awful. We're all going to be Senior sometime in our life. Don't be afraid of it. Senior Centers, Discount for Seniors and handicap parking. Whatever your situation is. Just adore them!

The Messiah

by Eleanor Mawson

My introduction to the Messiah was when I was in High School and the Glee Club sang the Hallelujah Chorus. I remember being amazed when the audience stood up while we sang. Little did I know that the Messiah would be a big part of my life from then on.

I bought a set of LP records which, over time, wore out because I played them so much. I sang every song, learned all the words, and even sang the tenor and soprano parts.

When my records wore out, I bought cassette tapes. In fact, I ended up with two of them because the first one wore out. The music was so uplifting I couldn't get enough of it. I began to wonder if I should join a group and sing in public!

Somewhere along the line, I learned of a "do it yourself Messiah" which meant there was a group of people who met just to sing. It was informal, open to anyone who wanted to participate, and it sounded like my cup of tea.

It was in a church in Portsmouth and I looked forward to it. Unfortunately I was coming down with what turned out to be pneumonia. I had to park quite far away

and arrived breathless at the church. When we started to sing I realized that the other participants were a lot more professional than I. I was really out of my league! But I stumbled through, trying to only sing the alto parts, and feeling like I was going to pass out most of the time. It ended up being an experience that I don't remember fondly.

We graduated to CD's. As I listened and sang along, it never crossed my mind that I had never seen a live performance of the Messiah!

This year I read that the North Country Chorus was presenting the Messiah and I resolved to go.

I never realized what I had been missing. Their performance was outstanding! There was an excellent orchestra. The soloists were wonderful. And the chorus couldn't have been better. Everyone stood for the Hallelujah Chorus! I loved every minute.

The Messiah is one of my favorite pieces of music. George Frederick Handel was a genius, who has given the world his best. I am happy it has been an important part of my life, and hearing it "in person" was a highlight I wouldn't have missed for anything.

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Jambalaya

Hello hello my fellow chefs! I hope you are well and enjoying this "Holiday Season". I put up a real Christmas tree and I am happy with the beautiful feeling it gives me. My son Nick is coming up to Vermont with my grandchildren Angelo and Abigail. I can't wait to see them. Only for a few days and they will be back home for Christmas. I'm tickled pink about them and the children still believe so it's a lot of fun.

Ok I want to share today's recipe with you and you will be very pleased with yourself. I found myself working diligently through the steps. I will make it as easy peasy as I can for you. It's best to do in steps. Here's what to buy and how to make it.

Ingredients

- 1 1/2 lb. Or half package of bacon sliced in vertical 1/4" slices
- 1 lb. Chourico 2 pack Gaspar's Portuguese sausage
- 1 lb. Fresh Pork sausage, take out of casing if in links.
- 4 boneless and skinless chicken thighs cut in cubes

- 2 Yellow onions chopped (I used my food processor)
- 2 Bell Peppers (I picked Orange and Yellow) seeded and chopped
- 4 celery stalks chopped
- 6 cloves of garlic minced
- 3 Cups of Converted long grain white rice
- 1 Teaspoon of dried Thyme
- 2 Bay leaves
- 1 Teaspoon of Smoked Paprika
- 1 Teaspoon of Cayenne Pepper
- 2 Teaspoons Celery Salt
- 1 28 oz can of Crushed Tomatoes
- 2 1/2 Cups of Chicken Broth
- 1 bunch of Green Onions
- 1 lb. Peeled and Deveined Shrimp (Shaws did mine)

In large pot (don't use what's in the picture use a taller one, I thought my copper pan would work but it was hard to mix, next time I'll know). Fry the bacon over medium heat. When you prep the bacon take the bacon out keeping the slices clumped together that's easier to cut vertically and do right from fridge nice and cold. Get all your prepping

done, like cutting up the meats, cutting all the veggies, take out your spices. Then add the chopped onions stirring as you go along, add the pork sausage breaking up with your hands, the Chourico and the chicken thighs and mix well, cover and cook for about 15 minutes stirring often. Remove from heat and put aside in a bowl, leave the juices in the bottom, using a slotted spoon. Add the onions, peppers, celery and minced garlic to pan. Cook for about five to ten minutes stirring often, add the 3 cups of dry rice and all the seasoning, the thyme, 2 Bay leaves, smoked paprika, the cayenne pepper, and celery salt. Add the crushed tomatoes and the 2 1/2 cups chicken broth. Mix then add meat back to pan and toss



well. The rice sticks to everything so that's good. Cook over low to medium heat for 1 hour or until rice is cooked. If it needs to be a bit more than moist add another half

cup of chicken and toss. Toss every 15 minutes or so so rice cooks evenly. While that's on the stove, rinse and dry with paper towel the shrimp. Make sure they took off the shells, take cover off the pan and put shrimp in and mix through gently folding the shrimp through out and the green onions toss also. The shrimp come perfect. They cook in steam from your great pot of goodness. They will turn white. Turn off heat and let it sit for about 10 minutes.

You will receive many great comments I assure you. Everyone will say "I always wanted to make good

Jambalaya". You can smile and say it's easy peasy just follow the steps. This is good for Christmas Eve, New year's Eve party or for Superbowl or if you have a large family anytime!! Enjoy with a red Merlot or a nice cold Brew. Remember to drink responsibly. It's great as a leftover.

Well folks that's it for this edition of The Trendy Kitchen. Please make this recipe and enjoy how "Delicioso" it is. If you have any questions please contact Gary and I will help you out. Until next time I'm signing off, Sincerely Cin Pin.

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