

## New Hampshire Circle Of Home And Family

By Judy Perreault  
NH Circle of Home and Family

We began the New Year in our favorite way: Lunch. We enjoyed creative sandwiches that were prepared and shared by the members accompanied by pickles, olives, and chips. A scrumptious coconut cake set back a few New Year's resolutions involving that dreaded "diet" word. Once we had exercised our stomachs, it was time to put the brain to work.

Did you ever try to make a word out of QVXJRM? Two more dice rolls to make a four, six, or seven letter combination that makes sense. Well, there is the option of making one, two, or three words using all the letters. (Like that's going to happen.)

Which dice should I keep, which should I re-throw? What are the odds of getting seven consonants or seven vowels. Where is the dictionary?

These were the decisions facing the Halcyon Seekers as they sought to master the game called Word Yahtzee. After this we bravely forged ahead and tried another word game called Banagram. It is similar to a crossword

puzzle, with a time limit. The packaging for this game was unique. A yellow cloth bag in the shape of a banana held the lettered tiles.

We had a lot of fun speculating on each others' words. There was a creative member who tried to convince the rest of us that "mumph" was a word. A quick threat to consult "Old Daniel" quickly brought a rearrangement of letters.

We all agreed these would be great games to play with nephews, nieces, and grandchildren. It certainly would strengthen spelling abilities, vocabulary range, and dictionary skills. Not bad for adults either.

We had more games to try, but the afternoon flew by and it was time to leave. I think another game day will be in our future. It's a great way to try games before you buy them. I know I have purchased games once I have had a chance to play them with friends.

Next month's topic is "You've Come A Long Way, Baby."

We meet the third Monday of the month. For more information on becoming part of our group, call 735-5493.

## Blazing Star Grange Winter Markets

By Mary Fanelli  
Blazing Star Grange

On January 2, the Blazing Star Grange hosted the first of four Winter Markets in 2010 to be held on the first Saturday of each month from 9 AM to 2 PM at the Danbury Grange Hall. Despite the early-morning snowfall, people braved the snow and cold to take advantage of a pancake and sausage breakfast, and by 1:30 the lunch of homemade chili and clam chowder that accompanied delicious hot dogs and coffee was nearly sold out.

Each month a vendor will demonstrate his or her craft. January's demonstration by Peggy Bruning of Kewl Glass showed how to cut, foil, and fit glass as part of the fabrication process used to design her unique pieces. Bonnie Herlihy of Poor Bob's Treasures showed patrons how to design and make their own jewelry.

A new vendor at the market this year is Steele's Ts. Andover artisan Steele Henderson displayed a wide variety of T-shirts, sweatshirts, and hats screen-printed on quality cloth with his own designs. For the past five years Steele has been designing products both for special order and for general sales. He has some very creative renderings of The Old Man of the Mountain in addition to fun and sometimes raucous commentary so ap-

preciated by T-shirt collectors.

Some other regular vendors at the monthly markets are:

The Purple Ant: tole painting, greeting cards, and jewelry

Cutting Farm: honey, beeswax candles, lotions, jams/jellies, baked goods, and pork

Huntoon Farm: farm-raised beef and a wide variety of baked goods

Newfound Farm Wool Works: felted wool items and clothing made from recycled sweaters

Lana Petty: spinning and wool products  
Marjorie Gorman: quilts, hats, mittens, and afghans.

Bob and Bonnie Herlihy of Poor Bob's Treasures craft their own jewelry, including pendants, bracelets, and earrings, and will be offering kits for those who are interested in designing and making their own earrings.

The Grange winter market helps to sustain area farms and craftspeople at a time when outdoor markets are not feasible. Buying local is a long-time community tradition, and the goal of our market is to bring local businesses and customers together to enhance the local economy and advance agricultural sustainability.

The next market will take place on Saturday, February 6. Breakfast and lunch will again be served.

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