





The Kenny Chronicle



And now, without a word of warning from the Ghost, they stood upon a bleak and desert moor, where monstrous masses of rude stone were cast about, as though it were the burial-place of giants; and water spread itself wheresoever it listed, or would have done so, but for the frost that held it prisoner; and nothing grew but moss and furze, and coarse rank grass.

Down in the west the setting sun had left a streak of fiery red, which glared upon the desolation for an instant, like a sullen eye, and frowning lower, lower, lower yet, was lost in the thick gloom of darkest night. "What place is this?" asked Scrooge.

"A place where Miners live, who labour in the bowels of the earth," returned the Spirit. "But they know me. See!" A light shone from the window of a hut, and swiftly they advanced towards it. Passing through the wall of mud and stone, they found a cheerful company assembled round a glowing fire. An old, old man and woman, with their children and their children's children, and another generation beyond that, all decked out gaily in their holiday attire. The old man, in a voice that seldom rose above the howling of the wind upon the barren waste, was singing them a Christmas song—it had been a very old song when he was a boy—and from time to time they all joined in the chorus. So surely as they raised their voices, the old man got quite blithe and loud.

- Charles Dickens

"A Christmas Carol," 1843



"Fezziwig Would Approve"

Our "holiday house" was featured in a festive article in the Winter edition of *Worcester Living Magazine* and in the *Worcester Telegram & Gazette*. The story included photos of us, our house, and many of our 30 trees. Didn't see it? Visit www.fezziwigs.com.

Debbie's New Job

Due to the coronavirus, Virtudent's growing on-site dental business suddenly stopped in March, and Debbie found herself looking for a new job. In August, she started as Director of Customer Success at LearnLux, an employee financial wellbeing program.

Historical Society Website

Tim created the first-ever website for the Lancaster Historical Society at lancasterhistoricalsociety.org, a place to share a little about the history of our 367 year old town.

The Kenny Kafé

Over the summer months we hosted a few distanced breakfast events on our screen porch. Family and friends got to order their breakfast favorites. We cooked omelets to order and delivered pancakes, cinnamon rolls, and other treats to their seats.

Traditions Endure

Despite a year without parties, we did what we could to celebrate holidays to the fullest. A few highlights included an Easter dinner for two, a very cool dragon candy chute we made for Halloween, and a family Thanksgiving food swap in our garage.

Tim the Tool Man

Tim dedicated much of the year to home fix-it and woodworking projects. He honed his skills making a fireplace mantel, a table, a revolving round book case, and more.

Trail Czars

For better or for worse, we were named "Trail Czars" at WCT in Alstead, NH, a 3,000 acre membership organization dedicated to Enjoying and Preserving Nature. We'll take the lead in maintaining and mapping the many existing trails, as well as blazing some new ones.

Instant Pots and CSAs

Like many people, we spent a lot more time cooking and eating at home this year. We became big fans of our new Instant Pot for cooking almost anything, and enjoyed participating in the Harper's Farm CSA, which provided a weekly abundance of local fruits and vegetables to enjoy.

International Dinners

We got in one international dinner, Latvia, before the shut down. We all learned how to make puzurs, a Latvian Christmas decoration made from straw. Since then, we've enjoyed staying connected with our friends over weekly Zoom calls. When we resume the dinners, Sizchuan is up next on the list.

Christmas Carol Collecting

Tim's *A Christmas Carol* collection has grown to 1075 books. There's never been a better year to enjoy this story of holiday cheer, love, and redemption. We miss you and are thinking of you all. As Tiny Tim observed, "God bless us, every one."

Happy Holidays

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Tim & Debbie

Jiffy Corn Casserole

Here's a new recipe from our friend, Andrew Bowers, that we and several other friends tried for Thanksgiving this year. It's quick to make and a different twist on corn and cornbread. Give it a try and let us know what you think.

Ingredients:

- 1 can (15 oz) whole kernel yellow corn (drained)
- 1 can (15 oz) cream style sweet corn
- 8 oz of sour cream
- 2 eggs, beaten
- 1 stick butter, melted
- 1 box Jiffy Corn Muffin Mix

Procedure:

1. Mix all together in a large bowl.
2. Pour into a greased, tall casserole baking dish (2 qt).
3. Bake at 350°F for 55-65 minutes.
4. Cool for 10 minutes before serving.