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Ask Babs

This is a chance for you, our curious customers, to "Ask Babs" anything about the Halfway or life in general. Be fore-warned that Babs knows a little about a lot, and is an expert on nothing!

With that said, please email your questions to:

askbabs@thehalfwaycafe.com

Q: I noticed that you have a new Function Room in Holbrook. What is the capacity of this room? Also, did you get rid of the game room?

Susan – Braintree

A: Susan, we recently renovated our Function Room in Holbrook and moved it to where the game room used to be. It was a lot smaller before and is a much better room now. We can accommodate up to 50 people for a sit-down dinner and up to 75 people for hors d'oeuvres or a cocktail party.

We also have three 50" HD TVs in the new Function Room for you to enjoy. We moved the game room into the old Function Room, which you may have missed because the entrance is in the front foyer area.

If you have other questions regarding the Holbrook Function Room, please email us at:
HolbrookFunctions@thehalfwaycafe.com

~Babs

Wow, the holidays just crept right up on us this year, didn't they? We always have a lot going on here at the Halfway, so we try to keep you up to speed with the newsletter.

As always, we want to write about things that YOU want to read about, so if you have any suggestions, or questions, we will gladly welcome your input at comments@thehalfwaycafe.com.

If you're too busy to come in and pick up your Halfway gift cards for the holidays, you can order them online at www.thehalfwaycafe.com.

Happy Holidays!

From All of Us at the Halfway Cafe

Featured Halfway Cafe Employee: Danielle Wheeler, Server/MOD

Danielle has worked at the Halfway in Marshfield since May of 2008. She came in and begged Sean Finn, the General Manager in Marshfield, for a job for 3 weeks until he finally caved and gave her a few shifts!

Danielle grew up in Higham and still lives there now. She attended Umass Dartmouth for 3 years and has since transferred to Quincy College where she is majoring in Psychology with a minor in Spanish. One of her favorite things about working at the Halfway is the friends she has made, who have become her family. Some things you may not know about Danielle are that she shares a birthday with her younger sister, and her natural eye color is brown (not purple, as they occasionally are!)

Since we can't get rid of her, we figured we would try to embarrass her by featuring her in the newsletter! In all honesty though, Danielle has been a hard working, responsible employee since the beginning, which is how she has earned her position as Manager on Duty in addition to being a server. She is always willing to help out with volunteer and charity events that the Halfway participates in within the Marshfield community. Danielle has a very friendly and outgoing personality, which makes it easy to see why both staff and customers alike at the Marshfield Halfway truly enjoy her company.



Second Halfway Cafe Trivia Tournament

We recently held our second Trivia Tournament on Sunday, November 1st at our Holbrook location. Once again we had a great turnout of teams from most of our other Halfway locations as well.

All teams came out to win, but only one team could take home 1st place. This time around "The Great Humpkin" out of Holbrook won first place and all the cash!

"Sonic Death Monkey", the 2nd place team also from Holbrook, took home Halfway Cafe Gift Cards. Finally, "Bukkake Knockout" of Marlboro took home 3rd place along with a great Halfway Cafe gift pack!

Because we have had such a great turnout and response to the Trivia Tournaments we would like to continue to hold them every Spring and Fall, if not more often! Keep an eye out for the next Trivia Tournament for your chance to beat the reigning champions!

Halfway Cafe Recipe for the Season

Nonna Ferlito's Holiday Egnog

Combine in saucepan:

- 1 qt Half-and-Half,
- 2 cups Whole Milk,
- ½ cup Sugar,
- small dash both Allspice & Nutmeg

Heat over medium heat, stirring constantly, until just below simmering point.

Whisk 6 egg yolks smooth in bowl. Temper into hot mixture (add the hot liquid to the yolks, a little at a time, stirring constantly, to warm up the yolks). Combine and heat, stirring constantly, until mixture thickens slightly and coats the back of the spoon. Remove from heat, allow to cool to room temperature.

Add alcohol of your choice to taste if you choose. (Suggestion – about ½ cup or so of rum). Chill before serving, serve cold, sprinkle with grated nutmeg or powdered cinnamon. For a festive flair, sprinkle with chopped candy canes.

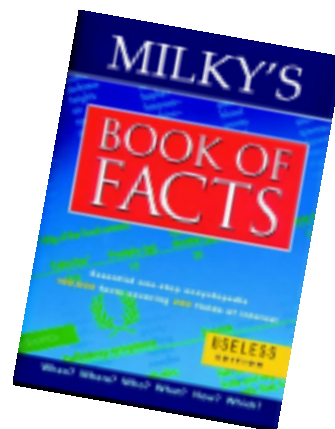
Milky's Useless Facts By John "Milky" Adams

"LET'S GO TO THE HALFWAY!!"

Hello to my useless fact fans. We hear that phrase a lot in the greater Boston area. But there are quite a few regions in this world that people are shouting out these same 5 words. As usual I've taken it upon myself to find the information so you don't have to. Here is an interesting but useless list of places that people might call "The Halfway".

The Halfway Grill in Kent, England
The Halfway Restaurant & Grill in Oldham, England
The Halfway Supper Club in Hells Canyon, OR
The Halfway Truck Stop Diner in Vassar, MI
The Halfway Grocery & Grill in Burgaw, NC
The Halfway House Restaurant in Richmond, VA
The Halfway Bridge in West Sussex, England
The Halfway House in Dublin, Ireland
The Halfway House In Liverpool, England
The Halfway Club in Reno, NV
The Halfway Restaurant in Oyen, AL
The Halfway Restaurant in Harrisonville, MO
The Halfway House Café in Canyon Country, CA
Halfway There Bar & Grill in New Berlin, IL
Halfway Home Bar & Grille in Charleston, WV
Halfway Inn, Greek Restaurant & Guest House in Pattaya, Thailand
Halfway Motel, Restaurant & Store in Essex, MT
Halfway Restaurant & Party in Rockford, MI

It must be noted that although these businesses could be called "The Halfway", there is only 1 Halfway Café...



Making Halfway History: Holbrook Pizza of the Week

Our now well known pub pizzas originated in Holbrook when we took over in 2006. Since then, we now offer a "Pizza of the Week" in all of our locations (except for Canton because they do not offer pizza).

In Holbrook particularly, Bob Demers, one of our cooks, has taken the "Pizza of the Week" special to another level. Bobby takes great pride in dreaming up some pretty creative pies.

Some of Bobby's favorites:

- Meatball Sub Pizza
- The Buzz Sauce Pizza
- Ham, Tomato, & Basil Pizza
- The Greek Pizza
- Chicken Pesto Pizza
- Bacon Cheeseburger Pizza
- Margherita Pizza
- Eggplant Parm Pizza
- Ham, Honey Mustard, & Peppers Pizza
- Spicy Sausage Pizza
- Chicken Cordon Bleu Pizza
- The Taco Pizza
- Chicken Stir-Fry Pizza
- Pineapple & Mango Pizza
- Chicken Parm Pizza



*And a Halfway Holbrook Favorite:
Mac & Cheese w/Hot Dogs Pizza!!!*

Creating these fabulous pizzas has earned Bobby the endearing nickname "Pizza Bobby"!

The next time you are in Holbrook, make sure you ask about the pizza of the week!