



BARNSTEAD BANNER

Good News from a Small Town

The Troubadour of Barnstead

If we did not have storytelling, or some form of it, we would not be the society we are today. Luckily for us, humans are driven to share their knowledge. Think back to the days of the troubadours and their wandering ways. These talented storytellers would travel from village to village, spreading news, sharing events, and entertaining the villagers with antics from neighboring towns (stuff like, hey...did you hear about Darius the Dashing riding into battle with his helmet on backward again? He ended up in the pond!). Sharing information not only bonds us, it leads to innovation and revelation. We grow through stories, both as a society and as individuals. From stories, we learn facts and history, how to do critical thinking, the difference between good and bad, and how oftentimes we have both sides within us. We use stories to teach, to unwind at the end of a hard day, to learn about other ways of being, to travel and explore the world without leaving our homes. When 'properly' told, stories bring us together and give us the means to fight against injustice and ignorance. Stories are important and necessary.



Today we have many different kinds of troubadours to tell the stories of our people. There are printed books and audiobooks, magazines, newspapers, TV and movies, songs, social media, art, photographs, and more. Here in Barnstead, as with many villages around the world, we are lucky and privileged to have our own built-in troubadour: the Oscar Foss Memorial Library. Here you can access all the storytelling sources mentioned above, plus we have a telescope, virtual reality glasses, museum passes, even a ukulele.



We don't have all the accoutrements of a big city library, but we do have bathrooms! And comfy couches for reading and doing homework. And computers for research and printing out important documents. And a big-screen TV to show one of our many movies. For a little library, we have a grand selection.



To protect our storytellers—our disseminators of information—is to protect our future. So be sure to visit us here at OFML, a small library with a big heart. This is a place we Barnsteadians can be proud of. Maybe you might even want to donate a new favorite book to the Classics section or the children's section or any of them, really, and become a part of preserving the next generation!

Kristina Schram

Barnstead Parks and Recreation

PLANNING FOR SCOUT CAMP TO PARTNER WITH BARNSTEAD

Hidden away in the southeast corner of Barnstead lies an unexpected prize: almost 1,000 acres of forest with hundreds of feet of frontage on two ponds: Adams and Wild Goose. The land is now forever protected from development by an "in perpetuity" conservation easement, thanks to the dedicated work of the Barnstead Conservation Commission, the Bear-Paws Regional Greenways, and the TL Storer Scout Camp. It is so large that it spills over into the neighboring towns of Pittsfield and Strafford.

For decades boys and young men from Boston have spent one, two, or more weeks learning scouting lore and earning scouting badges at the camp. Generations of American men have fond memories of their days at TL Storer and other camps across the country. But national membership in the Scouts BSA is less than one third of its 1973 peak membership of 4 million.

Fortunately the Scouting organization has made the choice to hold on to this beautiful property and work with the three towns in which the property lies to make it a resource to those communities.

The vision is to make all the multiple resources of the camp available to organizations and citizens of the three towns. Resources ranging from archery and shooting ranges to beaches, canoes, and kayaks, trails, cabins and more.

Upcoming events include a Winter Sports Weekend on January 7 – 9, and the Klondike Derby on February 4 – 6. The trails shown on the map (<https://scoutspirit.doubleknot.com/maps/tl-storer-map/66809>) can be used for hiking, snowshoeing, and cross-country skiing at almost any time. Please check with the camp at (603) 418-1418.

Extensive discussions are underway between the Barnstead Parks & Recreation Commission, the BAZ Barnstead Adventure Zone program, and TL Storer to develop

joint and coordinated programs that will increase the accessibility of the camp services and resources to Barnstead residents. Watch the Baysider, Barnstead Banner, and the Barnstead Parks & Recreation (<https://www.facebook.com/barnsteadparks>) and TL Storer (<https://www.facebook.com/StorerScoutReservation/>) Facebook pages for more information.

WELCOME OUR NEW PARKS AND RECREATION COORDINATOR!

The Barnstead Parks & Recreation Commission is delighted to welcome our new Parks and Rec Coordinator, Gail McCullough. Gail and her husband Bill are new arrivals to New Hampshire. Gail was born in Michigan and lived there until moving here two years ago.

She loves the beauty of New Hampshire, the many hiking trails, and especially being close to the ocean.

She brings exceptional management, coordination, and organization skills to the Parks & Rec Commission. These will be particularly valuable to the Commission's goal of building a rich and sustainable program whose success will be totally dependent on extensive volunteer support.

Gail volunteers for two challenging, rewarding, and important programs: Big Brothers and Big Sisters, and CASA. She has just concluded her CASA training which prepares her to "provide a voice for abused and neglected children and youth."

Her last job in Michigan was as project coordinator for a massive effort by General Motors to redesign their office space from closed door offices to open concept. She worked with people across the industrial spectrum: from GM Executives to minimum wage workers.

We're excited to work with Gail to bring great programs and a new natural playground to the community!

Library Corner

BEAUTIFUL PAINTED WINDOWS, COURTESY OF THE NATIONAL ART HONOR SOCIETY

The Prospect Mountain High School National Art Honor Society visited us in December to paint beautiful winter scenes on our library windows! Stop by and enjoy some of the art work. We're excited to welcome the NAHS again in the spring!



Barnstead Historical Society

THE STAGE COACH

An excerpt from History of Barnstead, New Hampshire by Jeremiah P. Jewett, M.D.

“The first coach was started here May 23, 1823, and run [sic] from Portsmouth to Meredith Bridge, up one day and down the next. It was drawn by four horses: provisions were made for them on the way by the shareholders. The name of the driver was Bean. When it started off the road was lined with men and boys to witness its exit, and cheered it at the crack of the whip, when the mud turned up to bespatter its polished wheels. It was, indeed, a novelty in Barnstead to see a coach drawn by four horses, winding over the hills and at the speed of seven miles an hour. The same stage route is continued to this day, varying the route only by touching at the Parade, and passing around by the way of Pittsfield. Other mail and passenger routes have since been opened to meet the railroad cars at Alton Bay, and at Concord. A railroad is now opened to Pittsfield. Its steam whistle reverberates along the valley of the Suncook, and it is hoped one will sooner or later find its way within the lines of Barnstead in such form as to supersede the stagecoach in that locality almost altogether” (Jewett, 1872, p. 139, 140).

Just close your eyes and imagine climbing into a stagecoach with no air conditioning, no heat, and rocking and rolling mile after mile over the rough dirt road. Not many stops to make — except to water and feed the horses. The Railway did come into Barnstead in 1889 and went no further than the Center.

THE BARNSTEAD HISTORICAL SOCIETY ANNIVERSARY

The Barnstead Historical Society was created in 1972 by an active group of citizens interested in preserving the town’s history. Fourteen of those individuals, who served as the steering committee, elected officers and board of directors were: Richard Golden, Stuart Merrill, Herbert Holmes, Helen Grove, George Hartshorn, Helen Merrill, John Locke, Ellen Grau, Eda St. John, Carl Knirsch, Hazel Clark, Carolyn Johnson, Dorothy Mulcahy and William Jenisch.

The Society will be celebrating its 50th Anniversary in 2022. Planning events will begin soon and we are looking for suggestions. Is there something about Barnstead’s history that interests you? Or something about the town you’ve always wanted to know? Please call Denise Adjutant at 269-5871 with your ideas.

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Barnstead Cub & Troop Scouts



CONGRATULATIONS!

Photos from a recent Pack meeting where Scouts received their awards and badges.



RECIPE CORNER

Carrot Cake



Carrot Cake

1 cup oil and 2 cups sugar.
Mix together and beat in 4 eggs, one at a time.
Add 2 cups flour
2 tsp baking soda
2 tsp cinnamon
Beat one minute.
Fold in 1 cup nuts and 3 cups grated carrots.
Pour in 9x13 inch greased pan.
Bake at 300 degrees for 60 minutes.

ICING:

1 pound confectionary sugar
8 oz cream cheese
¾ cup butter
2 tsp vanilla



Submitted by Linda Nelson



One Word Titled Movies - Word Search

The list of movies hidden in this word search game has only movies that have only one word in their name. The words in this word search are hidden across, down, and diagonally, with backwards.

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Community Events

Story Time at Oscar Foss Memorial Library - Every Wednesday at 10:30am - Join us for stories, songs, dancing and crafts! Ages up to 5yrs.

Yoga at the Library - All Levels Yoga every Monday at 10:15AM, Senior Yoga every Monday at 12:00PM, Beginner Yoga every Tuesday at 4:15PM, Intermediate Yoga every Tuesday at 5:30PM

Teen Advisory Board Meeting will be held the fourth Thursday of the month at 4:00PM

After School Club - Every 3rd Friday at 4:00PM at the library

Family Movie Night at the Library: Cruella January 14th 6:00PM

Anxiety and You: A workshop on what anxiety is and the tools that can be used to alleviate it. Presented by Kristina Schram at Oscar Foss Memorial Library, January 13th at 6:00PM. Please call 603-269-3900 to register for this free event.

Teen Nerf Battle at the Library: (ages 12-18) Melissa and the Teen Advisory Group will set up a course in the library after hours. Bring your own Nerf equipment. Pizza will be served. January 26 from 4:00PM-6:00PM. Please call 603-269-3900 to register for this free event.

Art Journaling with Chrissy Roberge - Oscar Foss Memorial Library on January 21st at 6:00PM. Please call 603-269-3900 to register for this free event.

Writer's Forum at Oscar Foss Memorial Library (Ages 18+) - Come join local author, Kristina Schram, as she gives an informal talk about her origin story and process as a writer. If we have enough interest, we'll make this a monthly get together where aspiring writers can talk about all things writing and publishing. January 28th at 6:00PM. Light refreshments served. Please call 603-269-3900 to register for this free event.

The Supervisors of the Checklist will be in session January 18, 2022 for correction of the voter checklist from 7:00 to 7:30 pm at the Barnstead Town Hall. Please bring proof of residency.

Alcoholics Anonymous - Every Tuesday at 7pm at Center Barnstead Christian Church. Questions? Contact Jimmy at (603) 309-7010.

Youth day program during the NH school winter break. Activities to include; sledding, ice fishing, arts & crafts, igloo building, snow sculpting, bb's & Archery and much more at TL Storer Scout Reservation, 1513 Province Road Barnstead, NH. February 28th - March 4th from 8:00AM - 4:00PM. Cost is \$195.00 per child (Financial Assistance is available)

If you would like to submit an event or classified for the Barnstead Banner, please email danielle@oscarfoss.org with the details.

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