



BARNSTEAD BANNER

Good News from a Small Town

Out and About in Barnstead



The Barnstead ice skating rink is open! Hurray, because I just got me some new skates for Christmas! Barnstead Parks and Recreation volunteers put in a lot of work to make this happen, and I for one appreciate all their efforts. How cool is it having a rink right here in town? Especially a rink where you don't have to spend hours shoveling snow off it, like we did as kids out on the open, windswept lake during frigid Minnesota winters. By the time we finished, our toes and fingers were too numb for us to enjoy any skating. We also had to deal with wild rice stalks, which would freeze in an upside down V, ideal for tripping up skaters wearing hand-me-down skates always a couple sizes too big. So having new skates of my very own, which actually fit, and this awesome rink, with not a wild rice stalk in sight, seems to me to be the height of luxury.

If you get your timing right, you can have the whole rink to yourself, like I recently did. It was heaven. I got to try out stunts I haven't done since I was a kid, and shockingly, I didn't end up in traction! Skating backwards, 360 degree spins (well, spin), skating on one foot (only about 6 inches above the ground but still...rather impressive for this old gal). I might have wobbled a few times – okay, maybe more than a few – but I didn't wipe out. Basically, I had a lot of fun while getting exercise. That isn't normal for me.

Keep in mind that P&R could always use more volunteers to maintain the ice (someone with a Zamboni would be perfect) and the rink itself, to help run the sno-blower and clear the walkways. Preferably you big, strong youngins looking for something to do and people to impress. Okay, me. You would impress me.

So if the weather holds, along with the ice, we might think about having a “bonfire, hot chocolate, and s'mores” night skating party soon. Wouldn't that be grand? I think it would. Skol!

Kristina Schram

Teen Valentine Skate Night

Sponsored by the Oscar Foss Memorial Library Teen Advisory Group and Barnstead Parks and Recreation

Join OFML for our first Teen Valentine Skate Night! Barnstead Parks and Recreation has generously allowed us to borrow the rink for a night of skating, lights, snacks and music.

2/17/2022 from 5PM-7PM

for ages 13-18



Music



Snacks



Ice skating

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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Gordon Preston Outstanding Community Service Award

The Gordon Preston Outstanding Community Service Award is looking for nominees!

Mahatma Gandhi said, "The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others."

Gordon Preston's life epitomized this quote. He was devoted to serving the community for the benefit of all. When Gordon arrived in Barnstead many years ago, he immediately immersed himself into volunteering within the community. He continued to generously serve this town for the rest of his life. Gordon was welcoming of all newcomers to this town. He was truly inspiring about the importance of getting involved in the community.

In the Spirit of Gordon's unwavering service to our community, The Gordon Preston Outstanding Community Service Award, which was established in 2019, is presented to a person who embodies the same type of dedication to The Town of Barnstead. This award recognizes the unsung hero or heroine that continually gives their precious time to benefit our community as a whole. It is a small way to say thank you for all you do.



Kathy Preston (left) presents Ethel McConaghy, the 2020 award recipient (right) with the Gordon Preston Outstanding Community Service Award

The Gordon Preston Outstanding Community Service Award ceremony debuted last year at The Gordon Preston Celebration of Life Gathering. The initial award was presented to Nancy Carr of Barnstead for her unwavering commitment to the town. We are committed to continuing this award each year in Gordon's name.

Criteria for Nominees:

- Any volunteer who serves our community without compensation to benefit our town and the residents.
- This person consistently demonstrates the quality of outstanding service to the Town of Barnstead.
- Their actions have made a meaningful contribution to the community.
- Someone who is not normally recognized for their unyielding efforts that benefit our town...the unsung hero/heroine.
- Included along with the nominee's name and contact information should be your specific reason why this person deserves to be recognized.
- Any anecdotal information or quotes from those who were touched by the nominee would be greatly appreciated.
- All nominations must be submitted online no later than the end of February of each year. The award will be presented later on in the spring at a BOS Meeting.

We encourage residents to nominate someone whose commitment to and service in the Town of Barnstead has made a positive impact on the lives of the residents and the local community. We will be accepting nominees through the month of February.

Nominations can be submitted to Kate Crary at Kate.Crary@unh.edu

The advisory committee for the Gordon Preston Outstanding Community Service Award will review the nominations and select one recipient that exemplifies the spirit of the award.


Barn Building and Preservation with Red Fox Carpentry



With social media advertising and word-of-mouth referrals spreading fast of Jared's outstanding work and work ethic, his barn building business started to grow quickly. In 2016, at the age 26, Jared found himself honorably self-employed and building barns. Now, at the start of 2022, Jared has returned to NH from a barn building project in Ohio and has started his newest barn project for a wedding venue in Sanbornton, NH. His portfolio of monuments keeps growing as does his reputation of hard work, professionalism and reliability. Testimonials from his website: "His barns are reminiscent of years gone by" and "Jared is a true craftsman."

Jared and Red Fox Carpentry can be found online at www.redfoxcarpentry.com. There you can preview his portfolio of garages, sheds and barns. "Every moment I shape my destiny with a chisel, I am a carpenter of my own soul." - Rumi


Barn Building is, in a way, a thing of the past. Old farm land is being subdivided into smaller house lots, and barns are being replaced with modern-day garages or sheds. Today some barns are made using modern-day pre-fabrication methods or steel frames and it becomes harder and harder to find a true timber framer. With wood cost on the rise and the overall cost of doing business going up every day, we can't blame the consumer for overlooking the traditional methods of true craftsmanship. However it's not just the cost that keeps inching up, but the age of the seasoned carpenters themselves. Who will be around the replace these relics of the past? Who will be here to preserve or erect these monumental barns of the North East? When Jared Hanselman, of Red Fox Carpentry, moved to Barnstead, New Hampshire in 2015 (a native from Chester, NH), he was set on his goal of preserving and building barns. Starting with his own farm, The Fox and Crow Farm, he and his wife designed structures that were most suitable for their livestock or storage.



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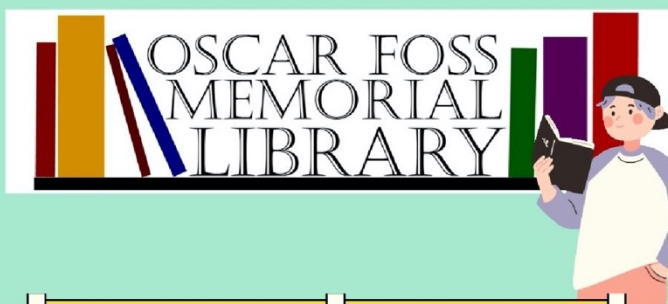
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Bait & Tackle

Library Corner

2021 YEAR IN REVIEW



CIRCULATION

Number of items circulated: **18,756**
 Number of active patrons: **1,941**
 NH Downloadable Books checked out: **6,747**



COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

- Barnstead Parks and Recreation
- Barnstead Elementary School
- Barnstead Adventure Zone
- Prospect Mountain High School
- Barnstead Farmer's Market
- Barnstead Helpers
- Barnstead Food Pantry

LIBRARY PROGRAMS

**In person programming began in May 2021*

Adult Programs: **147**
 Adult Program Attendance: **788**
 Youth Programs: **121**
 Youth Program Attendance: **1,567**
 Online programming and outreach (Jan-May): **40,832** views

GRANTS AWARDED

- Alton Rotary sponsored two summer programs - Wildlife Encounters and Storyteller Simon Brooks
- Summer Learning Grant - \$500 to purchase 3D printer and supplies
- Save the Children Grant - \$2,300 to expand literacy programs
- Storywalk Grant. - A program with Marek Bennett and a new Storywalk on the Two Rivers Trail
- ARPA Round 1 Grant - \$1,523 for outdoor seating area, wireless sound system and tent.
- ARPA Round 2 Grant - \$11,336 for the purchase of makerspace equipment, materials and workshops.

Thank you for supporting your library!
 We look forward to seeing you in 2022.

There's always something happening at the library!



Barnstead Historical Society

ORIGINAL DIVISION OF LAND IN BARNSTEAD
Source: History and Genealogy of the Barnstead
Early Settlers from 1727 to 1979 by Stuart Merrill

Barnstead was originally laid out in three separate divisions, with the first division established in 1731. Starting at the then-Barrington town line, it ran west 2½ miles. It then traveled 4½ miles north, along now what is known as Province Road. There were 120 original lots of 60 acres each in 12 ranges, 10 lots in each range. A 15 rod road ran north and south, with a 20 rod road running east and west. A rod is a unit of measurement, usually length, roughly 16½ feet.

In 1763, the second division was laid out, beginning on the west side of the first division, running west to the Gilmanton town line. There were 8 ranges, with 12 lots in each range. A 4 rod road ran between each range.

The third and last division was laid out in 1797 and is referred to as the "John Cate Plan." The town exchanged land with Mr. John Fisher of Salem for several lots in the first and second divisions in 1770, approximately 2,000 acres near the Alton town line. He then sold off lots in the area of what is now North Road. The rest was divided into 14 lots, running north and south, much of which is now Locke Lake Colony.

MEETINGHOUSES

Source: The History of Barnstead, New Hampshire
by Jeremiah P. Jewett, M.D.

One of the original proprietors of Barnstead was the Rev. Joseph Adams of Newington, who purchased several lots in the first division. His younger brother was President John Adams. This is now the area around Adams Pond that includes T.L. Storer Boy Scout Camp. The town charter required that houses for public worship be built within three years. Rev. Adams selected a parcel of land near a stream along the Strafford town line and built a meetinghouse of logs.

The second meetinghouse followed in the Parade around 1788 and finished in 1799. This was the first framed church edifice in Barnstead, on land donated by Eli Bunker. The Second Congregational Meetinghouse was the third built in 1803 on land donated by John Tasker, Esq., near his residence. The north meetinghouse followed in 1820. The Center meetinghouse was erected in 1840. The Freewill Baptist Meetinghouse was also built during this time.



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Barnstead Parks and Recreation

Winter fun continues with the 4th Barnstead Parks & Rec **Kids Ice Fishing Jamboree!** Come learn how to catch fish on a frozen lake at this festivity on ice.

Dress warmly, bring a parent or guardian (and maybe a chair) and head to Locke Lake for a day of fun with friends and family. All fishing equipment and bait is provided. Enjoy hot chocolate, snacks, music and games as you fish.

The Jamboree will be on **Saturday, March 5th, from 9am – noon at Varney Beach on Locke Lake** (Varney Road and Rangeway Drive).

Open to kids 15 years and younger, no fishing license is needed. Adults, who may be tempted to help pull in a fish, need a fishing license. Mask wearing and social distancing is suggested.

Want to help at the Jamboree? **Fisher Helper** volunteers needed – training provided to assist with **drilling holes, setting bait and tip-ups while explaining the process to fishers; guide fisher on how to catch fish allowing them to handle trap and line; weigh fish; pack things up and have fun!**

Please contact Barnstead Parks & Recreation.



Bringing community together by doing FUN stuff!

volunteers rock our community -
get involved today

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RECIPE CORNER

Banana Split Cake

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Ingredients;

For Crust:

2 cups graham crackers

$\frac{3}{4}$ cup white sugar

$\frac{1}{4}$ lb. Butter, melted

For Cake:

$\frac{1}{2}$ lb. Confectioners' sugar

2 (8 oz.) packages cream cheese

$\frac{1}{4}$ lb. Melted butter

3 bananas, sliced

fresh/frozen strawberries, sliced

15 oz. can crushed pineapple, drained

12 oz. container of Cool Whip

12 oz. peanuts or walnuts, crushed

Chocolate chips

16 oz. jar maraschino cherries

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Mix graham cracker crumbs and butter together and spread (pressing down firmly) over the bottom of a 9x13 dish. Refrigerate until chilled.

Beat sugar, cream cheese, and butter together and layer over crumbs.

Slice 3 bananas, fresh strawberries (or frozen and drained), and pineapple and layer on crumbs and filling.

Cover cake with cool whip and decorate with nuts and chocolate chips.

Refrigerate and serve chilled.

Enjoy!



Submitted by Linda Nelson

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, 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: Valentine Double Feature! Madly Madagascar and Lady and the Tramp 2/11 at 6PM

Teen Valentine Skate Night sponsored by Oscar Foss Memorial Library and Parks and Recreation, February 17, 2022, 5PM-7PM for ages 13-18

Writer's Forum at Oscar Foss Memorial Library (Ages 18+) - Come join local author, Kristina Schram, for this monthly get together where aspiring writers can talk about all things writing and publishing. February 25th at 6:00PM. Light refreshments served. Please call 603-269-3900 to register for this free event.

Date: 2/12/2022

Time: 11am-4pm

Location: The Fox and Crow Farm, 948 Province Rd, Barnstead, NH 03218

Organization hosting event: The Fox and Crow Farm

Contact information: thefoxandcrowfarm@gmail.com or 603-892-4575

Description: Join us for our monthly farm open house for the "Love of Farming." Our event will be featuring our farm foods and handmade crafts and jewelry for sale from our on-site farm store. Free hot coffee and snacks will be offered.

Presidents Weekend Winterpalooza

T.L. Storer Scout Reservation

February 18th at 5PM - February 20th at 1PM

Sons of Liberty and Flintlock Districts "Polar Bear Challenge" Klondike Derby & Campout February 4-6, 2022, T.L. Storer Scout Reservation

Skating Under the Stars

Few images are sweeter than ice skating under the stars, and an ascending moon, with friends and family, music, a bonfire nearby and cocoa and smores. On February 12th, from 6 to 8pm, the Barnstead Parks and Rec in partnership with the Congregational Church of North Barnstead will host the traditional Fire and Ice and Family Skating evening. Sharpen your skates, check the condition of your laces and keep that night free for this special evening at the Barnstead Skating Rink behind the library.

PITTSFIELD SENIOR CENTER EVENTS

Wednesday, February 9, 2022 at 10:00am:

Let's get crafty with Beverly. We will be making centerpieces for the tables at the center. So please come in, talk, and have fun decorating the center. Supplies will be provided.

Monday, February 14, 2022 at 11:30am:

Valentines Celebrations and Luncheon - Come in and celebrate caring and friendship. We will have special nonalcoholic drinks and a lunch. The meal will be a turkey dinner, with mashed potatoes, green beans, cranberry sauce and apple pie. Please sign up by Monday, February 7, so the food can be planned accordingly.

Public Notice

Oscar Foss Memorial Library

February 9, 2022 5:30 PM

Notice is hereby given that a Public Hearing will be held in accordance with RSA 202-A:4-c by the Oscar Foss Memorial Library Board of Trustees.

The purpose of this hearing is to give notice to the public of the receipt of, and to accept, an \$11,336 grant award to the Oscar Foss Memorial Library through the Institute for Museum and Library Services' "Grants to States" program. The grant program is part of the American Rescue Act Plan of 2021 and is being facilitated by the N. H. State Library. The award is to be used toward the purchase of a Glowforge, archival art printer, kiln, accompanying supplies, and programs.

Suzanne Allison, Chair

Oscar Foss Memorial Library Board of Trustees