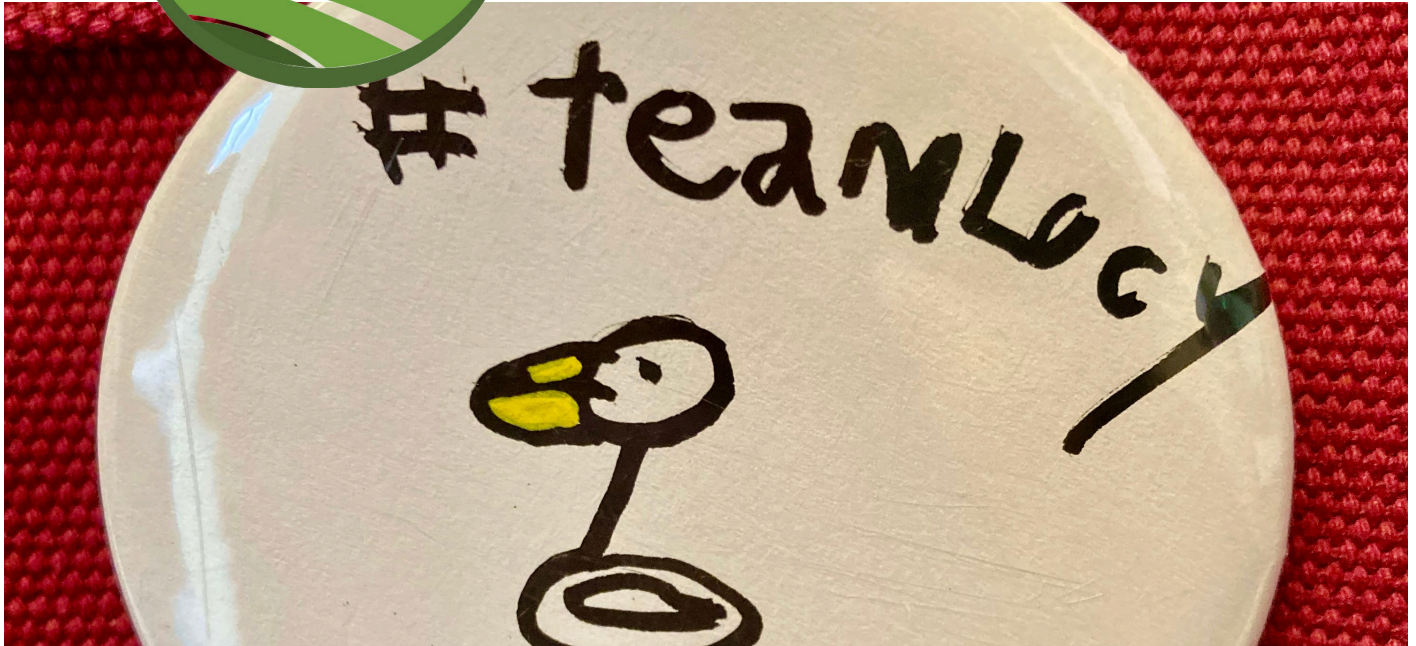




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Blood Will Out

by Kristina Schram

Back in February I gave blood at a very successful Blood Drive run by the fabulous members of #TeamLucy. They were out for blood and they got it! I've been donating on and off over the years, and every time I donate, I feel like I've done something pretty amazing. Because it truly is amazing that a person can literally give a part of their corporeal being to help another person. Makes giving the shirt off your back look a bit underwhelming, doesn't it? I like doing my part for keeping our species running along tickety-boo, and giving blood is a great way to do that (plus, unlike a shirt, blood regenerates).

Giving blood isn't for everyone, for a multitude of reasons, but for those of us who can give, I urge you to do so. Now, full disclosure: It's not my favorite thing to do—it drains me (ha, ha). But I don't like dusting my house (which also drains me), and I still force myself to do it (once a year whether it needs it or not!).

My biggest worry when giving blood, however, is whether my iron levels will be high enough. I've never missed the mark, but it's been close every time. Back in the day, they used to test your iron with a sharp, pointy thing. Now they're using this totally adorbs little thumb cuff (looks like a tiny blood pressure cuff). The only problem is that your thumb has to be warm enough for it to register correctly and on this particular day it was only in the 20s (thanks February). Luckily, my co-worker had given blood earlier and gave me the heads up, so I wore my warmest gloves and hiked the heat in my car up to a balmy 70 degrees. Stocking up on my iron intake a few days beforehand and not doing the test in cold blood did the trick, and I passed like a boss! My intake person then told me that my blood type (AB-) is really rare (less than 1% of the population has this type), and I told him I wasn't sure that's how I want to be special in life. Luckily I can receive blood from all negative types, which doesn't sound the best put that way, but I'll take it.

After you pass all the questions (most of them you can answer online ahead of time on the day of your donation), you get to park your carcass on a table bed (bed table?). The nurse will give you a little ball to squeeze, and then will draw 2 lines on your arm with a purple Sharpie marker that won't go away for a few days unless you really scrub at it. But maybe don't do that because that area is usually a bit sensitive after being poked, and also, if you wear short sleeves the next day people will ask you what that is on your arm and you can casually and modestly say that you donated blood because that's what heroes do.

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Now usually it takes a while for my sluggish system to fill up my bag o'blood. But this time I was on fire! I filled it in under 5 minutes and the nurse said it was the fastest time they'd seen all day. At first I was pretty proud of that. Being an overachiever and liking numbers to back up my accomplishments, I was stoked. They say blood will out, and boy, did it! But then I started to think on it. What if I get shanked? I'd end up bleeding out faster than a stuck pig on blood thinners, because even though blood is thicker than water apparently my blood now flows like Little Niagra in the spring. But I did drink a lot of water starting the day before and continuing on the day of, so I think that's what did the trick. That, and my awesome ball squeezing.

After you're done, you can sit for a bit and nosh on a variety of victuals (spell-check keeps wanting me to change that word to victims). They had pizza, pretzels, cheesy crackers, cookies, trail mix, fruit gummies, and juice boxes. I had a little of each—I was feeling a bit peckish, after all—and could feel the blood regenerating as I ate. Easy peasy! So if it's in your blood, then give some of it and do your part to help your fellow blood brothers and sisters congeal and heal!



APRIL LIBRARY HAPPENINGS

Good to Know Info: We are closed for staff training on the second Thursday of every month until 3:00 (Apr. 9). Earth Day is 4/22. School vacation week is April 27 - May 1.

April is National Poetry Month. To celebrate we will have poetry by students from NHTI on display here in the library from Apr. 2 to Apr. 30! Swing by to see their creations during regular business hours.

We are once again hosting a **Seed Swap! From Apr. 4 - May 30**, stop by the library with seeds to donate, if you have any, and then grab some new ones, too!

Home School Group: Run by group members and takes place at the library meeting room on Fridays from 10:30-12:30. Involves a mix of stories, simple science/learning activities, and a creative art/craft activity that all go along with a theme for the week. The activities are geared towards kids ages 4 and up, and younger siblings are welcome to come along. There will be an event posted ahead of time on the group's Facebook page (Barnstead NH Library Homeschool Group) for each weekly meet-up, so you'll always know what to expect and if you need to bring anything.

Music and Movement Storytime, aka Littles Love to Learn! Join us on Tuesdays at 10:30 for an interactive storytime filled with stories, songs, and loads of sensory play designed specifically for toddlers.

Every Wednesday at 10:30 is Children's Storytime. Visit us at the library for stories, crafts, and singing. Then experience the cozy ambience in the children's area, which has all sorts of neat things to do. Make new friends. Set up playdates. Check out books, movies, and games, play with the trains, Legos, and puppets. Come for the learning, stay for the fun!

Start your week off with **Yoga Monday!** Gentle Hatha-Flow runs from 10:15-11:40, Senior/Beginner/Chair Yoga is 12:00-1:00, and Intermediate Hatha-Flow lasts from 5:30-6:50. Classes are by donation (suggested \$8). All are welcome and encouraged to attend, regardless of ability to donate.

NEW On the first Wednesday of the month (Apr. 1), starting at 3:30, we are hosting a **Young Readers Book Club for students in Kindergarten through 5th grade.** Participants will have the opportunity to share and recommend their favorite books while explaining what makes those stories special to them. They will also be encouraged to ask questions and engage in thoughtful group discussions. We'll wrap up the program with a simple craft activity, and light snacks will be provided.

Our Read the Room Book Club (ages 18+) takes place on the first Wednesday of the month (Apr. 1), from 6:00-7:30, in the library. This month's book will be "Paranesi" by Susanna Clarke. Next month's book will be "Uprooted" by Naomi Novik. Books are available at the library. Bring food, bring thoughts, bring a friend!

On Thursday, Apr. 2, we will be celebrating **International Children's Book Day!** This day is all about inspiring a love of reading and to call attention to children's books and authors around the world. Stop by the library and pick out a free book from our Book Nook/Donation Bin—take home a story and start a new reading adventure. We hope to see you at the library!

NEW Calling all **Mah Jongg** fans - come join us at the library! Players meet the first (Apr. 2) and third (Apr. 16) Thursdays of the month at 1:30. No registration required.

NEW (Rescheduled) We are starting a Lifelong Learning Series here at the library, and our first program is a **Plant Propagation & Seed Starting Workshop.** Come join us Saturday, Apr. 4, from 11:00-12:30. Master Gardener Michelle will be teaching the basics of starting your own garden, as well as offering propagation tips. All materials will be provided.

Jamming Tuesdays at OFML: 6:00–8:00 (ages 18+). Do you play a string instrument? Well then, dust it off and come make music with us! On the first (Apr. 7) and third (Apr. 21) Tuesdays of the month, join us for jam nights at the library (in the meeting room). No need to be an expert—just bring your instrument and a love of music. Share a few tunes, trade chords, get feedback (if you'd like), and most of all, have fun!

Thursday, Apr. 16, is an incredible day. Yes, it's **National Librarian Day**. Woohoo! Feel free to come into the library bearing gifts (e.g., chocolate) for your favorite librarians! Or check out a book or a DVD or a game. We like when you do that stuff, too.

Join us on Thursday, Apr. 16, at 6:30, for a hands-on **DIY Bird Bath Workshop** (18+). We'll provide the materials and guidance—you bring the creativity! Perfect for beginners and craft lovers alike. Space is limited so please call the library to register.

Family Crafternoon is a family-focused event that happens every third Friday of the month (Apr. 17), at 3:30. Because of the Art Gala described below, we will be supplying a Take & Make activity on the day of the gala. After you get your kit, feel free to stop in and see all the artwork on display!

On Friday, Apr. 17, join us for an evening of creativity and celebration at our annual **National Art Honor Society Gala!** This special one-night-only event showcases the incredible talent of our student artists, along with artwork on display from members of our library and local community. Members of the community, bring artwork you'd like to display for the community to enjoy. Drop off your masterpiece during library open hours, now through Apr. 10. Poetry by students from NHTI will also be featured. Enjoy light refreshments as you explore the art and celebrate creativity together. Don't miss this chance to support and experience the arts in our community!

On Wednesday, Apr. 22, from 5:00–6:00, we are hosting a **3D Printing Workshop**. Riley (a Graphic Arts student) will be teaching the basics of 3D printing and starter level machines. Please call the library to register.

Tuesday, Apr. 19–Saturday, Apr. 25 is **Library Week at OFML!** Stop by to see staff recommendations, get take-home crafts, view our wide selection of books, and check out our fun children's area. Learn about the inter-library loan process, which expands your access to books and DVDs, and Libby, which gives you free access to e-books and audiobooks. Pick up a library events hand-out to find out what we're doing from month to month. Ask about how to get our local newsletter, the Barnstead Banner, which is full of community and library events, articles, and recipes. Finally, take a gander at our Crested Gecko, Jeffrina—if you can spot her!

NEW We are hosting a **Kids Graphic Novel Club** on Thursday, Apr. 23, from 4:00–5:00. Are you into graphic novels? Come talk about them! Read a graphic novel before we meet, then come share your thoughts — what worked, what didn't, and what you'd recommend to someone else. Read it. Talk about it. Find your next favorite! Light snacks provided. 5th grade and up. Call or email to register.

On Friday, Apr. 24, from 6:30–8:00, join us for **Books & Banter**. This lively book club is open to everyone and invites you to share and explore a wide range of genres. Come ready to discuss up to three books you've recently read, giving a brief synopsis to spark conversation. Don't miss out on the fun—come share your thoughts, learn about new books, and enjoy a cozy evening of discussion.

Let's Write a Novel! Join us in the library's meeting room for a series of structured classes on the how-to's of writing a book. This class runs from 6:00–7:30 on the last Friday of the month (Apr. 24). Budding writers, 16 and older, ignite your passion for storytelling, discover how to build your hero's journey, and take your novel from concept to can-do!

On Thursday, Mar. 30, at 5:00, we are holding a **Shirefest Planning Meeting**. Are you volunteering or partnering with us for Shirefest (it's coming in August)? Join us for a collaborative planning meeting where we'll share updates, brainstorm ideas, and coordinate our magical efforts! Whether you're a returning volunteer or just jumping in, your input is welcome and appreciated as we work together to bring this enchanted event to life.

For events that require registration, please contact us at (603) 269-3900 or ofmlstaff@gmail.com to reserve your spot!

Barnstead Historical Society

Malcolm Locke: A Barnstead Legacy

G. Malcolm Locke (1904–2000) was born in his family's North Barnstead farmhouse, where he would spend the vast majority of his life. A true man of the seasons, he dedicated his summers to active farming and his winters to trapping—a passion that began at the age of nine when he caught his first muskrat. Malcolm's skill as a trapper was legendary. In 1945, he successfully trapped 200 red foxes in just 26 days. Decades later, during the three-month 1966–67 season, he took 207 fishers. His dedication to the craft led him to serve as president of the New Hampshire Trappers Association, and he was eventually posthumously inducted into the Trappers Hall of Fame.

Beyond the fields and trap lines, Malcolm was a cornerstone of the community. He served as the Barnstead Police Chief and was a talented stone mason. He was perhaps best known, however, as a storyteller. Malcolm authored several books documenting his life in Barnstead and the art of trapping—and even published a cookbook!

Today, his descendants continue the family's agricultural legacy at the original North Barnstead homestead.

The Last Stories of Malcolm Locke is available for purchase through the Barnstead Historical Society.



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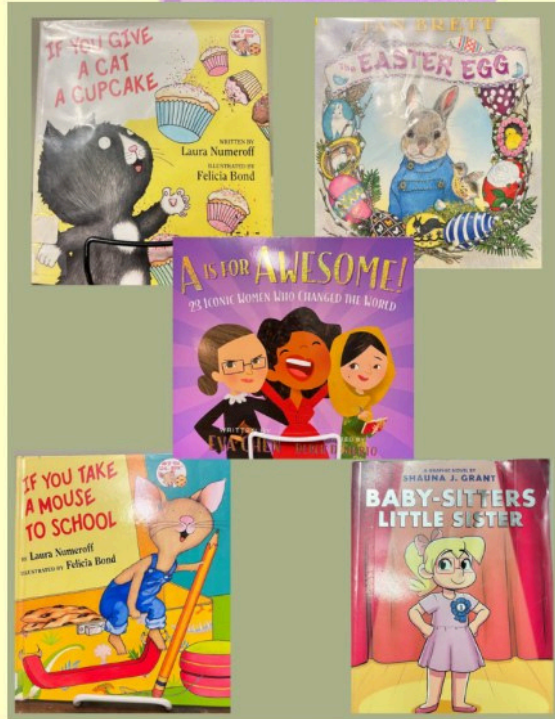
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Play for Catamount Womenaid

Catamount Womenaid is proud to join the hundreds of nonprofit organizations benefiting from New Hampshire Charitable Gaming. From April 11 to April 20, a significant portion of gaming revenue from the Revo Casino and Social House in Manchester will go directly to helping our neighbors in need.

Since 2011, Catamount Womenaid has provided a vital safety net for local individuals and families in financial distress. By covering essential costs—such as rent, utilities, and medical or dental bills—the organization helps our community stay resilient.

Expanding Our Impact

Thanks to support from charitable gaming, we are able to do even more. We are thrilled to announce that the maximum grant amount for residents of Barnstead, Epsom, Deerfield, Northwood, Pittsfield, and Strafford has recently doubled to \$2,000. This ensures that Catamount Womenaid can continue to fulfill its mission with even greater strength.

Not a Gambler? No Problem!

Revo is a "Social House" featuring a full restaurant and live music. Even if you don't plan to play, you can enjoy a fantastic night out knowing your visit supports a great cause.

Mark Your Calendar

Join us for a fun evening and a wonderful opportunity to give back:

- When: April 11 - 20
- Where: Revo Casino & Social House
- Address: 1279 South Willow Street, Manchester, NH

BARNSTEAD PARADE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH



Worship Service 9:00 A.M.
Rev. Sandy Pierson—483-2846

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Forgive often. **Reject racism.**

Fight for the powerless.

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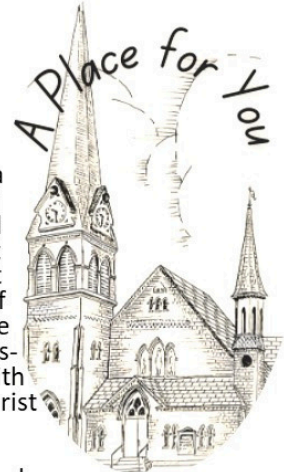
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First Congregational Church

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24 Main Street, Pittsfield, NH 03263 Phone 603.435.7471

Office hours Tue 10-2, Wed 8-12, Thurs 1-5, and by appointment



GOOD FRIDAY CROSS WALK

Join us on April 3 (12p-3p) as we walk around Pittsfield. And remember each of the events Christ experienced.

+/- 3 miles
start at St. Stephens



Holy Week - it can be such a manic experience. Jubilation on Palm Sunday; Judas' greed and betrayal; the apostles' anger at Judas, the apostles' fear at Christ's trial; the mourning of the Christ's death and burial; the shock that Christ's body is missing on Sunday, encounters with angels, the disbelief that Christ actually came back to life.

All of these emotions and so much more; it is all there. Any experience, and emotion, any thought that you could have is likely there, all wrapped up in the events of Holy Week. Yet so many people feel as if the followers of Christ have no context for understanding what they are going through. Let me assure you while some may not want to admit it just about every church has someone who has experienced exactly what you are experiencing right now. The reason we gather on Sunday is because of the reality of the resurrection both as a historical event but also in each of our lives.

Do you need resurrection? Do you feel dead and want to come back to life? Join us this Sunday, celebrate Christ's resurrection and be resurrected yourself.

6:30 AM ~ 154 Main Street Chichester

EASTER
SUNRISE
SERVICE

Park at Hope in Christ (Congregational)



JOIN US EASTER SUNDAY
10 AM Worship

Chancel Choir
Bell Choir
Communion



+Dennis Russell

**DON'T FORGET!!!
The Easter Pie Sale**

Saturday April 4, 9-10:30 AM



EASTER SUNDAY

JOIN US FOR BREAKFAST
AND STAY FOR WORSHIP
8:30-9:30

WE HAVE A PLACE FOR YOU THIS WEEK

- Sun. 10A—Worship (Nursery Available)
- 11A—Lite Lunch (not just coffee & cookies)
- Mon. 1:30P—Bible Study
- Tue. 8A—Men's Breakfast @ Friendly Diner
A group of guys just talking shop
- Wed 10a-2p Women's Craft Group
knitting, crocheting, sewing, etc. lessons available
- Thu. 6:30P—Chancel Choir rehearsal

WE HAVE A PLACE FOR YOU THIS MONTH

- Tu. April 7: 9-11—Diaper Pantry pull ups & wipes
- Tu. April 14: 6:30P—Dorcas Guild - A Women's Party
Pleas
- Fri. April 10: 5:30P—Free Community Supper
- Mo. April 27: 5:30P—Soup for You
*Supper & Soup are free, donations accepted for MOMCO
(a new fellowship for Pittsfield area moms starting Fall 2026)*
Use the Chestnut Street Entrance for midweek activities

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Barnstead Together is a community service weekend where neighbors come together to serve our town.

Visit BarnsteadTogether.org for more information.

On April 25–26, volunteers will take part in projects across Barnstead.

Improving public spaces, supporting local organizations, and picking up trash along the roadsides. Whether you can serve for a few hours or the whole weekend, there's a place for you to jump in and make a difference.

- Project locations will be shared when you sign up.
- Sign up to volunteer here: BarnsteadTogether.org

Individuals, families, and groups are all welcome. Volunteering is better together. Invite a friend, family member, or neighbor to sign up and serve alongside you.

Questions? Call (802) 332-3799.



The Suncook Valley Rotary is accepting Scholarship applications for graduating students in Pittsfield, Alton, Barnstead, Epsom and Loudon who have been accepted into an accredited institution of higher education or accredited vocational training program. Application deadline is 5/1/2026 and copies can be picked up at your high school guidance office or at Oscar Foss Memorial Library.

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**OUR FIRST MARKET WILL BE SATURDAY, MAY 16TH FROM
10AM - 1PM IN THE BARNSTEAD PARKS AND RECREATION
BASKETBALL COURT/RINK AREA BEHIND THE LIBRARY!**

Jeannie's Recipe Corner

Baked Apple Egg Rolls

Ingredients

- 3 medium apples, peeled, cored, and diced
- 2 tbsp butter
- 1/4 cup brown sugar
- 1 tsp cinnamon
- 1/4 tsp nutmeg
- 1 tsp cornstarch mixed with 1 tbsp water (for thickening)
- 8-10 egg roll wrappers
- 1 tbsp butter (for brushing)
- Powdered sugar (for dusting)



Instructions

1. Preheat Oven

Preheat oven to 375°F. Line a baking sheet with parchment paper.

2. Prepare Apple Filling. Melt butter in a pan over medium heat. Add diced apples, brown sugar, cinnamon, and nutmeg. Cook for 5-7 minutes, until apples are soft.

Stir in the cornstarch mixture and cook for 1-2 minutes until thickened.

Remove from heat and let cool.

3. Assemble Egg Rolls

Place wrappers in a diamond shape. Spoon 2-3 tablespoons of apple filling into the center. Fold the bottom corner over the filling, then fold in the sides and roll tightly. Brush edges with water to seal.

4. Bake

Place rolls on prepared baking sheet. Brush each roll with melted butter.

Bake for 15-18 minutes, until golden and crispy.

5. Serve

Let cool slightly, then dust with powdered sugar. Serve with ice cream or caramel sauce for dipping.

Wishing all our readers a lovely spring and a blessed Easter! 🌸

~ Jeannie

Community Events

Board of Selectmen Meeting is weekly on Tuesdays starting at 6PM.

Alcoholics Anonymous meetings are held Tuesday evenings at the Center Barnstead Christian Church and Sunday at the Barnstead Town Hall at 7PM.

Barnstead School Board Meeting is Wednesday April 15th at 6:00 PM.

JMA School Board Meeting is Tuesday April 21st at 6:00 PM.

Planning Board Meeting is Thursday April 16th at 6PM.

Parks and Rec Commission meets April 9th at 6PM at the Oscar Foss Memorial Library.

Barnstead Tri-Centennial Committee meets the first Monday of the month at the Oscar Foss Memorial Library at 7:00 PM.

Barnstead Old Home Day Committee meets the first Wednesday of the month at the Oscar Foss Memorial Library at 7:00 PM.

Town Hall is closed the third Wednesday of each month.

Barnstead Historical Society meets April 23rd at 7PM at the Oscar Foss Memorial Library.

Good Friday Service, Friday, April 3rd 6pm - 7pm at Center Barnstead Christian Church.

Worship with us as we reflect on Jesus Christ's great sacrifice.

Easter Worship Service, Sunday April 5th 10am - 11am at Center Barnstead Christian Church Join us as we celebrate our Savior's resurrection!

Local Job Postings

The Town of Barnstead is seeking a highly qualified and experienced professional to serve as its next Fire Chief. Candidates can find more information at the following link: [Barnstead Fire Chief](#) or by going to Barnstead.org.

The Barnstead Highway Department has 2 fulltime year-round positions available. Minimal requirements include skill in the operation and maintenance of light and heavy-duty trucks, heavy and light equipment. Candidates can find more information at the following link: [Barnstead Highway Department Positions](#) or by going to Barnstead.org.