Historical Society presents talk on colonial meeting houses

BELMONT — The Belmont Historical Society received funding from the NH Humanities Council for another interesting and informative Heritage Program event on Saturday, Sept. 10. A group of seven volunteers from the meeting house site were on hand to tell the story of the colonial meeting house era in New Hampshire.

The event was held at the meeting house that was originally built in 1730 and is the oldest meeting house in Belmont. The meeting house was restored in the 1980s and is now used for social events and meetings.

The event featured a talk by Dr. John Adams, a historian from the NH Humanities Council. Adams spoke about the history of colonial meeting houses and their role in the development of American democracy.

Along with Adams, other speakers included Dr. Mark Swain, a historian from the University of New Hampshire, and Dr. Jane Smith, a historian from the NH Historical Society.

The event was sponsored by the NH Humanities Council and the NH Historical Society.

Incumbent Thomas defeated in County Commission race

By TIM CAMERATO

LANCASTER — Republican Shacobly Kincheloe defeated incumbent New Hampshire State lawmaker and Democrat Thomas Butler on Tuesday in the 8th District State Senate race for the New Hampshire Senate District 10.

Kincheloe won by a margin of 52% to 48%. The race was closely fought and Kincheloe faced a strong challenge from Butler, who has served in the state Senate for the past 10 years.

Kincheloe, a former state representative, has said that he will work to improve education and job training opportunities in the district.

Franklin Fire Department hosting October open house

FRANKLIN — The Franklin Fire Department will be hosting an open house on October 22 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Franklin Fire Station located at 125 Main Street.

The event will feature fire truck rides, a children’s petting zoo, a fire safety house, and a chance to talk to firefighters about their jobs.

Middle Tier students learn about journalism

By ROB MARTIN

ASHLAND — Middle Tier students have been learning about the world of journalism through a series of guest speakers and writing workshops.

The students have been learning about the different aspects of journalism, including how to write news stories, feature stories, and opinion pieces.

Emile Wyzinski, a reporter for the Ashland Daily News, visited the school and spoke to the students about her experience as a journalist.

“Journalism is a way to make a difference and to bring attention to important issues,” Wyzinski said.

“Students are encouraged to pursue their passions and to explore the many different careers available in journalism.”

Sex assault trial to begin next week

By RAE LEWIS

DERRY — A boy who was charged in 2016 with raping a young girl in Derry was arraigned on charges of sexual assault against a child in Derry District Court on Monday. The trial is scheduled to begin next week.

The trial will be held in Derry District Court and will be heard by Judge Mary Sullivan. The trial is expected to last two weeks.

The boy was arrested in 2016 after a woman reported that he had raped her while she was asleep.

The boy's attorney has requested a jury trial, but the public defender's office has opposed this request.

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