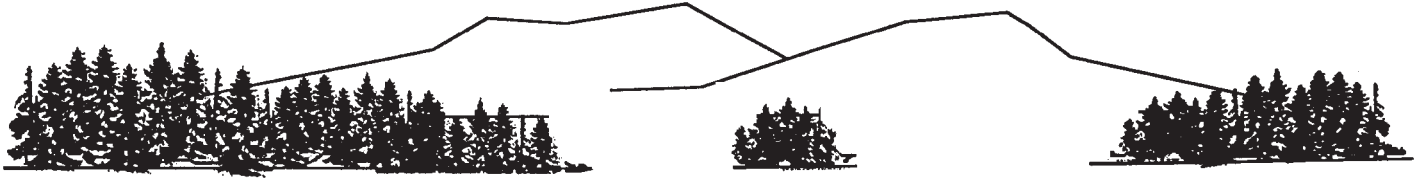


# The Tuftonboro Times



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## Selectmen appoint new police chief, address police station

Spring has sprung, you say. Well, not quite! As I sit here writing this article, the snowflakes are getting larger and more intense. This is the spring snowstorm of April 4. We certainly anticipate warmer weather in the coming weeks!

Town Meeting has come and gone with all Warrant Articles passing. Voter turnout at the polls was surprisingly good. Thank you to all that came to vote, and to the election workers that help to make Tuftonboro voting a very smooth event.

The Selectmen would like to welcome David Dauphinais to the Board of Selectmen and thank Guy Pike for his service to Tuftonboro. Guy was elected to represent Tuftonboro on the Governor Regional School District board, and we wish him well.

Police Chief Andy Shagoury has officially retired after 25 years of service to Tuftonboro. We wish him the best in his retirement, and in his new role as Town Moderator, replacing Steve Brinser. "Thank you, Steve!" Townspeople will be seeing Andy at the polls and Town Meeting.

The Selectmen advertised for a new Chief, received three applications, and ultimately chose Tuftonboro Police Sergeant Jamie Hathcock as our new Chief. Welcome aboard, Chief Hathcock!

With the Tuftonboro Police Department in mind, many residents have asked "Where is our new police station?" This is a fair question. The town voted to fund a new police station to be located on the Dearborn

property, diagonally across the street from the Tuftonboro Free Library. Then Covid-19 happened, and the cost of building supplies skyrocketed, availability of contractors lessened, and the price of the proposed facility exceeded the town appropriation.

The following year, the Selectmen asked for an additional \$468,000 to cover the added expense, but the article was rejected at Town Meeting.

Last year, at the 2023 Town Meeting, the Selectmen asked the voters to approve a building with reduced square footage, and it was approved. The project was put out to bid, but the town received just two bids, both of which were substantially over the budget. We are now investigating different ways to get this project started with the monies available. Stay tuned.

The reconstruction of Union Wharf has started and is expected to be completed in May.

The 19 Mile Bay Beach parking lot guard rails (at the ramp that leads on to the ice) once again sustained unreported damage this winter, presumably from vehicles and bob houses traversing onto the ice. The Selectmen will be discussing whether to close down this particular lake access, as annual damage repair cannot be sustained.

Negotiations with solar field providers has begun, and we look forward to having a solar field at the Recycle Center by year's end, to cover the cost of electricity purchases for town buildings.

## New chief warns of scammers, plans drug Take Back Day

There have been some changes at the Tuftonboro Police Department since the last edition of *The Tuftonboro Times*. Andrew Shagoury retired from the department on March 1, 2024, after serving the town for 25 years as Chief of Police. We wish him the best in his future endeavors and hope he finds all the time he needs to do all the things he wants to do. Thank you, Chief Shagoury, for your service!

The Selectmen of Tuftonboro, after advertising for a new chief, have offered the position to me and I have accepted. I am excited to move forward with my new responsibilities and to lead the department in the future. Thank you!

For some time, the department has been going through a hiring process looking for a candidate to

fill an officer position. It has been difficult to find a candidate that we feel will fit well with the community and the search has taken almost a year. Our hope is that a candidate will be hired soon and will be going to the next available police academy training to become a certified officer.

Also, since a recent promotion has occurred within the department, I will be seeking a second officer to fill the newly opened position and bring the department to full strength.

The Police Department has received several complaints about scamming calls. If you get the feeling that something doesn't make sense, or a caller is soliciting personal information, please be cautious. If you have any mixed feelings or doubts, please do



**Newly-appointed Chief Jamie Hathcock accepts his Oath of Office in a ceremony at the Town Office on April 10.**

The Selectmen would like to thank all the employees and volunteers that give their best to the residents of Tuftonboro, they help make this town the diamond that it is.

**Tuftonboro Board of Selectman  
Bob Murray, Chairman  
Chip Albee  
Dave Dauphinais**

not give out any information. If need be, hang up and check independently into things yourself.

The scammers are changing their tactics daily. Recently there has been a case where someone's Facebook account has been hacked and the scammers are using the Facebook profile to sell puppies or kittens online, requesting deposits.

The annual drug Take Back Day will be held on April 27, 2024, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Tuftonboro Transfer Station. Officer Tom Lafavre will be present to accept any prescription drugs you wish to safely discard.

**Chief James Hathcock  
Tuftonboro Police Department**

# Cold water warnings, and outside burning regulations

Hopefully by the time you are reading this, spring will have sprung, and the bug season will have begun. The past winter has been odd to say the least. The Big Lake never fully froze, and milder temps prevailed. In a nutshell, it has been a never-ending mud season. And mud season is never fun.

Even though we did not receive significant snow, the town did see some significant damage from high winds and torrential rains. We had more inches of rain than snow. As a reminder, if you must travel during a storm, and you see cones, signs, yellow caution tape, or wires across the road, please don't just drive over or under them. They are there for a reason, not just to make you go the long the long way around. Power lines can still be energized while lying in the ground or wrapped in tree limbs. And they can kill you. "No power line is safe to touch, Evah!" Also, by driving over wires, you can damage them further delaying the process for folks to get their power/telephone/cable back on. Safety crews and line crews are working diligently to clear the damage as quickly and safely as possible. So, folks who venture up closed roads only slow the process down for everyone.

The ice is out, but the water temps are still life-threateningly cold. Now that the lake is thawed and people are out boating, we want to remind everyone to always wear a PFD (personal floatation device) regardless of whether you can swim or not. You will have only minutes to survive if you go overboard unexpectedly. A PFD will also help save your life if you hit your head on the way out.

Spring outside means fire season has begun. So please use caution if you choose to kindle an outside fire. With all the dry grass and leaves left over from the winter, a fire can spread out of control very quickly. You must obtain a written fire permit before

kindling an outside fire even if it's raining. If you have questions on the status of the fire danger, please call the station at (603) 569-3381 or Dispatch at (603) 539-2262 for more information.

Although rare, an outside fire ban can occur. This is a result of dry conditions and high winds, which can change from day to day or even from town to town. The threat of fast-moving, outside fires diminishes once the grass greens up and the leaves pop out. Contrary to popular belief, the Department has no control over outside burning laws, other than a local fire ban due to windy and dry conditions. Fire dangers are controlled by the State. We are only agents of the State when we issue permits and enforce the laws. If you would like to see changes in the outside burning laws, please contact your local state representatives and give them your input. I am sure they would love to hear from their constituents. For more information on outside fires and permits, please visit the Tuftonboro town website and follow the links on the Department's page.

Permits are now required for all outside fires. You can obtain a permit in person at the Central Fire Station during their normal business hours, or online at [www.nhfirepermit.com](http://www.nhfirepermit.com) (there is an administration fee for online purchases).

Remember to change the batteries in your smoke/carbon monoxide detectors if you haven't done so already. A smoke detector is useless if it is not functioning properly. We recommend changing the batteries when you set your clocks for daylight savings. So, when you change your clock, change your batteries.

The department has been busy with calls. We are averaging one and a half calls per day at the time of this writing. With the influx of new homes in town



The patch proudly worn by Tuftonboro Fire and Rescue members.

Photo by Capt. Chris Morgan

over the past few years, there is more to do daily with fire prevention and inspections. If you are new to the area and have a fire-related question, please reach out to us for answers. The phone number is (603) 569-3381, email is [firedept@tuftonboronh.gov](mailto:firedept@tuftonboronh.gov). If we don't have the answer, we will find out the answer as quick as we can. It may take a minute or two depending on how many chainsaws we are juggling at that moment, but we will get back to you as soon as possible.

I want to wish you all a safe, healthy summer season.

Caleb E. Pike, Capt.

## Grand opening of Great Meadow Trail set for June 15

During the storm of April 4 and 5, many trees in town took a beating from the heavy wet snow and high winds causing road closures and power outages. The Great meadow trail area was no exception. A lot of work will be required to get the trails open for the spring season. By the time you read this, the trail should be open for use.

Plans are being completed for a Grand Opening Ceremony on June 15 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00

p.m. Lynne Walsh is organizing the event. There will be water and light refreshments available, and there will be special tours of the trail system after the presentation. The main purpose of the event is to recognize and thank all the volunteers, town officials, and organizations who have helped make the conservation of the Meadow and the trail happen. At the top of the list are our partners: the Tuftonboro Association, Wolfeboro/Tuftonboro Land

Bank, Lakes Region Conservation Trust, and Moose Mountain Regional Greenways. Another very special group is the great volunteers who show up every week to carry in heavy materials and assemble them into boardwalks, bridges, and observation platforms. Save that date and see you there, rain or shine.

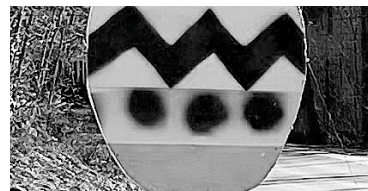
Steve Wingate, Vice-Chairman  
Tuftonboro Conservation Commission

## A mystery at the Ledge Hill Triangle next to the school

Have you seen the triangle on Middle Road by the Tuftonboro Central School? Since last summer it has been adopted by three gardeners/builders, who, although wishing to remain anonymous, have beautified the triangle for all to enjoy. Seasonal flowers and seasonal artwork have hopefully brought a smile

to your face and pleasure to your day. A Christmas tree was followed by a heart for Valentine's Day and the latest is an egg for Easter. Next will be... you will have to wait and see!"

Anonymous



Who dunnit?

# Parks and Rec releases schedule for summer concerts

The Tuftonboro Parks & Recreation Commission has released the schedule for the popular Summer Concert Series at the 19 Mile Bay town beach. All concerts are held on Thursdays beginning on July 11 and continuing to August 29. The concerts are free and open to all.

Each concert starts at 6:30 p.m. and goes until 8:30 p.m. The scheduled performers are: July 11 - The Echotones; July 18 - Skyroad; July 25 - Ricky & the Giants; August 1 - North River Music; August 8 - The Big Picture Band; August 15 - Idol Hands;

August 22 - Carolyn Ramsay Band; and August 29 - The Wooden Nickels Band. This is a great setting for a nice summer night of great music, concessions, swimming and always, an awesome sunset!

Tuftonboro Parks & Recreation will also offer swim lessons this summer at the 19 Mile Bay town beach. The ages for lessons are from age 3 to age 12.

The following are the three sessions: Session #1: July 8 to 18; Session #2: July 22 to August 1; and Session #3: August 5 to 15. The price for lessons is \$40 for residents and \$50 for non-residents.

There will be a Summer "Kick Off" on July 6 from 10:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. This event will be open for swim registration, along with a cookout and an opportunity to meet the instructor, Ella Meserve. For further information, call the Tuftonboro Town Offices at 603-569-4539 x125, or email [parksandrec@tuftonboronh.gov](mailto:parksandrec@tuftonboronh.gov).

**Dennis Zilembo, Director  
Tuftonboro Parks and Recreation  
Commission**

## Workdays and events are planned by Historical Society

The Historical Society will kick off its 2024 season on Wednesday, May 15, at 7:00 p.m. at the Tuftonboro Free Library, with a program by Professor Thomas Hubka, "How the Working-Class Home Became Modern, 1900-1940." This is the story of how average Americans, including Granite Staters, transformed their typical dwellings from a primitive, pre-modern home life into an industrialized, modern domesticity. This is a New Hampshire Humanities program, free, and the public is welcome.

The June 26 program will be "The History of Guernsey Island (Cow Island)" by Sue Weeks. Sue has presented this history at the American Cattle Association's annual meeting in Turnbridge, Vermont, and at the Lake Winnepesaukee Museum in Laconia. This program will be at 7:30 p.m. at the Historical Society's Museum barn. The Museum itself will be open at 7:00 p.m. for viewing and refreshments.

The Museum will be open July 3 through August 31 every Wednesday and Friday from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. and on Saturdays from 10:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.

On July 24 the society will host another NH Humanities program: "Late in Arriving: How Electricity Changed Rural NH Life" with Stephen Taylor. More information will be forthcoming in the next *Tuftonboro Times*.

On Saturday, July 27 there will be a market day in the museum barn. If you would like to rent space for your flea market items, antiques, collectables, or anything else you would like to sell there is a space for you. Maybe you have something you would like to donate to the Historical Society for it to sell. There will be a collection of Civil War era books that have been donated. For more information contact Sue Weeks, (603) 320-0395.

The Historical Society has scheduled workdays, the first of which is Thursday May 9, at 9:30 a.m. Dusting, sweeping, vacuuming, washing windows, moving some furniture, hanging donated signs, there is something for everyone! You would be surprised what treasures you see when you are helping. Many hands make light work, and an hour of your time makes a big difference. For more information contact Jackie Rollins at (603) 496-8212.

The Historical Society Museum is a local treasure with something for everyone and a lot of Tuftonboro History. When the third graders visit, they are always most interested in the Melvin Village Telephone Company switchboard and telephones. Hopefully, there will be a wooden telephone booth set up for the summer. We are open to all and free!

**Jackie Rollins, President  
Tuftonboro Historical Society**

## Melvin Village Church Fair and Auction set for July 20

On Saturday, July 20, Melvin Village Community Church will host its 72nd Annual Church Fair. This community tradition will feature a flea market, crafters, a clothing and jewelry boutique, games, food, music, and a live auction. The Fair will run from 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. with the Live Auction beginning at 11:30 a.m.

The flea market and craft booths are open to anyone wanting to sell items at the event – families with attic treasurers or artisans with crafts and art to sell. Rent the space and the church will provide the

table and publicity. Details are in the process of being finalized so check back frequently at [www.mvccnh.org/fairauction](http://www.mvccnh.org/fairauction) for more specifics as well as for the 2024 Vendor Registration Form.

As in the past, there will be drop-offs for clothing and live auction items on Saturday mornings leading up to the Fair (details to be followed on the specific dates).

We are also reaching out to businesses and individuals for live auction items including artwork, sporting event tickets, watercraft (boats, canoes,

kayaks, sunfish, paddle boards), golf outings, golf carts, or getaways. For more information on how to donate items to the live auction please call the church office at (603) 544-9661 or Debi Lynch at (484) 467-3242.

We look forward to seeing everybody at the Fair on July 20!

**Debi Lynch, Fair Committee**



The annual live auction at the Melvin Village Church Fair will start at 11:30 a.m.

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# A Tuftonboro women's organization before the Hikers?

## HISTORY OF THE SOCIETY OF WILLING WORKERS

Written in 1918 by Carolyn Hersey

*Just 10 years ago today on November 18, 1908, a few women met at the home of Mrs. Henry Hodgdon, and there founded this organization, appointing a committee to draw up a constitution and bylaws, and do the necessary business of starting the same.*

*These women had long felt that Melvin Village needed such a society, to do charity work with better results, to get together to become acquainted with each other and to advance any good cause where united effort was desirable.*

*The following week the same women augmented by a few others, met again, elected officers, accepted the report of the committee on bylaws, and the little craft was really named and launched.*

*The second meeting was in a convenient sunny room furnished and ready for occupancy, at the home of Mrs. Grace Horner, who kindly invited the society to use it as a meeting place, and where for nearly 5 years the regular weekly meetings were held, and where an excellent sewing machine was always ready for use of the society, in its variety of work.*

*During the first 5 years local charities of all kinds took the money spent and the money earned from yearly fairs, winter entertainments etc. accumulated and was deposited. In February 1913 the society took out letters of Association and was legally incorporated under the laws of the State of New Hampshire.*

*During all these years these working women had a goal, first it was hardly in sight but aided by many friends, both men and women, their nest egg grew, and at last it was evident that the organization could reach the much desired goal, namely to secure for the village, a hall or meeting place of some kind, where visiting friends at conventions or the like could be entertained, where parties held at home, in the church audience room could be held and where the villagers could gather both summer and winter for social purposes. A committee of five were appointed to look up a lot of land, on which to erect a building or if thought best to secure some building already erected.*

*This hall was then a chapel used long before by the Advent Christian Church, and then occasionally for one purpose or another. It was out of repair, being very few of that sect living near to keep it useable and it was fast going to decay. The people interested in it and relatives of former owners of the chapel were seen and the subject broached and in April of that year, 1913, the purchase was made.*

*There were very few of the original owners living, out of the nearly 60, only 4. The shares therefore, were owned by sons, daughters, widows and more yet by the second generation, grandchildren. Though it was a complicated affair that purchase will always be remembered as a pleasant transaction. So many kind letters from those owning shares, so many kind words by those seen personally and so great a willingness to sell to the parties who had the good of Melvin Village at heart. Nearly every owner said that it had come to a time when a neighborhood house was needed much more than an unused church.*

*So, it was paid for, house and land, and when the deeds had passed it was rededicated and opened by the Willing Workers to the public as a hall, available for all good purposes.*

*Repairs were made, very extensive ones as the need for a home for the village library. The library outgrew its quarters in a local store, so the society had an annex built containing three rooms and a basement. Since the early spring of 1917 the library has been operated and cared for including the librarian's salary, heating, lighting etc. by the Willing Workers.*

*The same room affords an ideal meeting place for the society, a large cloak room and a handy kitchen helps greatly in the handling all kinds of parties liable to be held in the village. The annex was built in 1915. For the last two years the rooms have been used for Red Cross and other war work and the Willing Workers have given their time and money to it. It would not be right to mention by name anyone who has helped this society, there are so many good men and women, who have with time, hard work, cash, and every help imaginable striven to make the objects of the organization possible.*

*It would not be right to mention one who has helped to make the Library one of the best in this, part of New Hampshire, for there are so many who have donated books and helped in hundreds of ways to make it a winning undertaking. Also, the women in and out of the village who have worked so hard with the Willing Workers. On behalf of the society, I thank them all and feel that all know their help of any variety has been and is appreciated by the Willing Workers.*

*There is very little that can be said on the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of this little land of those who planned, worked, thought, prayed and yes even worried. Credit is due everyone and tonight as a backward look is taken there are so many pleasant memories and yes sad ones too. Death has claimed a number from the ranks some being of the original eleven who started the society, and the remaining often recall the words and deeds of the absent willing ones and know they are where the weary rest.*

*The Willing Workers greet you all.  
A welcome awaits tonight.  
Both friend and stranger in the hall.  
Your cheerful faces bright.  
Tell you are glad to a place in the glee of the club on their 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary.*

*This little village on the lee  
With mountains looking down  
Standing on guard they seem to be  
Watching the quiet town  
Is full of fair beauty, the sparkling blue  
Of the lake smiles a welcome ever new.*

*In summer in green is the hamlet dressed  
In winter snowy white  
Always in beauty Melvin blessed  
Always with love alight  
For down, deep down in each dwellers heart  
Are kind thoughts for others set apart*

*May Melvin Village always be true  
True to the right day today  
While Winnepesaukee waves blue  
Mirror the shining shores always  
In good works still all the people grow  
Like this club which was founded ten years ago.*

*Carolyn Hersey 1918*

In 1942 the Society of Willing Workers was dissolved. All their property, including the building and a trust fund of \$2500.00 was given to the Melvin Village Community Church. The church was therefore in charge of the library. In 1944 they asked the Hikers to take over running the library, which they did.

**Jackie Rollins 2024**

# Major maintenance scheduled for Willing Workers Hall

During the Fall of 2023, Willing Workers Hall was reopened to use for community and church activities. The Hall was closed during the COVID-19 pandemic consistent with public health guidelines. After the pandemic ended, an inspection and review of the structure affirmed that it was not suffering from damage or visible deterioration and was safe to return to traditional uses.

Built as a worship hall in 1866, it has subsequently served as a hall for the Society of Willing Workers and housed its library collection. It has been home to the Hikers, host to a nursery school and a variety of other educational and social activities.

Throughout 2024, the building will be undergoing several maintenance and enhancement projects. This past March, the secondary floor support columns and piers were replaced. In the coming weeks, the contractor will be investigating and restoring the sill and wall support structure, beginning with removal of the lower clapboards. At the same time, a secondary exit and ramp will be added from the rear of the main hall. Later in the year, the main hall roof will be replaced.

Planning continues to return the kitchen to full functionality. A fire suppression hood over the large range, dishwasher, commercial refrigerator and

warming cabinet are under consideration. Relocating work stations, adding or replacing cabinets, new or additional counters and updating the floor will also be included. The objective is to better support traditional kitchen uses and to provide for future needs. It's exciting to consider the possibilities, and we are mindful that getting it right is more important than getting it fast. Ideas and input from the community are welcome. Please contact the church office at 603-544-9661 or Bill Marcussen at 603-455-6610 for more information.

Bill Marcussen

## Hikers 2024 season features annual May rummage sale

The Hikers spring season started with two favorite events. Guest Night on March 22 featured a presentation by Glenn Knoblock, whose talk, "The Hidden History of Lake Winnepesaukee," covered many interesting events and locations around the "Big Lake". Guests heard the story behind historical events such as Wolfeboro's claim to be "America's Oldest Summer Resort," the burial of a Civil War horse in an Alton cemetery, the one-time existence of a religious community on Gilford's Governors Island, and more. This program was sponsored by the NH Humanities Council and is just one of many fascinating programs available through them as they celebrate their 50<sup>th</sup> year of carrying out their mission to connect people to culture, history, places, ideas, and one another.

Despite the snow-covered ground, we had a good crowd at our Easter breakfast at Willing Workers Hall. The delicious food was enhanced by the opportunity to sit down and visit with friends and neighbors. Thank you to all who attended and to those who cooked, served, and cleaned up! Proceeds from the breakfast benefit our charitable activities.

As we continued with early Spring meetings, we enjoyed our visit with local author Mj Pettingill on April 18. Her thoroughly researched "Etched in Granite" book series was inspired by the County Farm Pauper Cemetery on Rt. 171 in Ossipee. Although it is fiction, the book series follows the lives of real-life residents of the time and presents a fascinating picture of the hardships that so many faced and their determination to overcome trying circumstances.

Our May rummage sale will be held on Saturday, May 18, from 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. Stop in to find great bargains on gently used spring and summer clothing, shoes, jewelry, accessories, linens, kitchen items, and household décor. Donated items may be dropped off on Friday, May 17, from 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. Please do not bring electronics, furniture, or large workout equipment. Location of the rummage sale is not yet decided but will be publicized soon.

The Hikers is a 501(c)(3) corporation with the object of raising monies for scholarship awards to Tuftonboro students, to make donations to area charities, and to promote community awareness through social and intellectual cooperation.



**Glenn Knoblock from NH Humanities included Alton Bay's ice runway in his talk at Hikers Guest Night**

Membership is open to residents of Tuftonboro and surrounding towns. Follow us on Facebook at "The Hikers" or, for more information, contact Pat Jones at [pdjwolf2@gmail.com](mailto:pdjwolf2@gmail.com).

**Pat Jones, President  
The Hikers**

## 175 area children enjoy Camp Sentinel Easter Egg Hunt



**Pastor Kevin, Dennis Zilembo, and the Easter Bunny meet at Easter Egg Hunt**

On March 30, the Tuftonboro Parks and Recreation Commission partnered with Camp Sentinel to host

an Easter Egg Hunt. There were 175 children who searched for eggs campus-wide and enjoyed a special visit from the Easter Bunny. A huge thanks to Skelley's Market who provided pizza for the 20+ volunteers who helped make this a successful town-wide event.

Camp Sentinel is offering an American Red Cross CPR/First Aid class. This class is available for those who have never taken a CPR/First Aid class and for those needing a recertification.

Check out "Adventure Day", Saturday May 4, an event for 7-16-year-olds which will include nature walks, rock wall climbing, outdoor games, and more. This is an opportunity to enjoy our 600+ acres and learn more about Camp Sentinel. A Women's Retreat will be held on Friday, May 10 and Saturday May 11. Spend the weekend at camp,

enjoy fellowship with other women, and experience the stillness of the outdoors. Overnight and day passes are available. Check out our website at [www.campsentinel.org/events](http://www.campsentinel.org/events) for more information on the many upcoming spring events at Camp Sentinel.

Camp is for everyone. Sentinel offers programs for ages five and up including both overnight and day camp. We strive to never turn away a camper because of financial need. Find details on our website [www.campsentinel.org/programs](http://www.campsentinel.org/programs) about programs and scholarships, and the NH ReKindle Curiosity program which is a grant that covers up to \$775 for camp programs.

In 2024 Camp Sentinel is celebrating its 75th year! We are thankful for God's provision and for

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# Summer in Tuftonboro means great eating opportunities

When the Birch & Vine Restaurant first opened on July 15, 2002, at the site of the old Pine Cone Cafe in Melvin Village, there were many who doubted that the area could support an upscale, year-round eatery. But survive it has, and, as it prepares for its third summer, owner Patti Edson is planning for extended hours, an expansion of her catering business (both on-site and off-site), a resumption of outdoor dining, and the opening of an ice cream service through the restaurant's outside window.

Spring and summer bring not only warmer weather but also a new menu to Birch & Vine. Both are expected to appear after Memorial Day. Also returning this summer will be outdoor seating overlooking Melvin Bay, Lake Winnepesaukee, and the Belknap mountains.

A fresh crew of six young people has been hired to manage the new ice cream service and, alternatively, to wash dishes. There will be eight flavors of ice cream offered, all served through the service window, and patrons can enjoy their treat on the new Adirondack chairs on the front lawn. If so inclined, they can linger and play cornhole or other lawn games.

While Birch & Vine is the only restaurant in Tuftonboro with a liquor license, it's not the only place in town to get good food. The Refuge BBQ at the Tuftonboro General Store offers pulled pork, brisket, bacon brisket and leg of lamb on homemade sandwich buns or on the plate, along with homemade cornbread, coleslaw, and corn salad.

Pier 19 Country Store offers an extensive deli menu featuring specialty pizza and calzone, subs and wraps, pasta, and salads. Located by the docks at 19 Mile Bay, the store can also prepare dinner plates featuring fish and chips, cheeseburgers, chicken wings or chicken fingers, complete with fries and a side salad. Ice cream is also served at Pier 19.

If one prefers to go out to dinner by boat, instead of eating dinner in the boat, Birch & Vine offers a shuttle service between the restaurant and 19 Mile Bay or the Melvin Village Wharf. Be sure and call ahead to access this service at (603) 544-3800. Call the same number to make reservations, which are required for night-time dining.

Some have wondered how the name "Birch & Vine" came to be applied to a restaurant in Melvin



**The ice cream and dishwashing crew at Birch & Vine: Cole, Hope, Allie, Paisley, Alexis, and Seth**

Village, NH. The answer is that it pays homage to two friends and fellow restauranteurs who collaborated during its creation: Patti Edson and Geraldine (Gerry) Conroy. Patti is a native Granite Stater who has a fondness for birch trees; Gerry had a fondness for good wine, the fruit of the vine. Voila! Birch & Vine. Sadly, Gerry Conroy passed in December 2022, five months after the restaurant opened.

**Dan Barnard, Editor**

# Spring in Tuftonboro means great reading opportunities

When I was little my mother used to read me bedtime stories. It was one of the things that instilled in me a love of reading. My favorites were always those featuring Winnie-the-Pooh, and his adventures in the Hundred Acre Wood.

The first Pooh novel was published by A. A. Milne in 1926, but his first appearance was in a poem called *Teddy Bear*, released in 1924 as part of a collection of children's verse titled *When We Were Very Young*. It seems fitting, on the one-hundredth anniversary of its publication, to include lines from another poem in that collection as a tribute to both Milne and the sense of hope and renewal that comes with spring. The poem is called *Daffodowndilly*, and reads: "She wore her yellow sun-bonnet, / She wore her greenest gown; / She turned to the south wind / And curtsied up and down. / She turned to the sunlight / And shook her yellow head, / And whispered to her neighbor: / "Winter is dead.""

Of course, I am writing this article on the day of the spring nor'easter, so it is difficult to imagine that winter is anything close to dead. But even on a blustery day like this, if a chubby, yellow bear in a red shirt can dream of an end to hibernation, we

can certainly imagine daffodils reaching up to feel the warmth of the spring sun. And if nothing else, knowing that you can find *The Complete Tales and Poems of Winnie-The-Pooh* on a shelf at your local library should definitely make the world a little brighter.

In addition to the works of Alan Alexander Milne, we have thousands of other titles to choose from in our children's section. Stop by and check some out today, or visit us Friday mornings at 10:30 a.m. for pre-school story hour.

For adults, the library offers two book groups to choose from. The Readers' Choice Book Group meets on the third Thursday of the month at 10:00 a.m. They will discuss *Tom Lake* by Ann Patchett on May 16, and *The Berry Pickers* by Amanda Peters on June 20.

The History Book Group meets on the last Wednesday of the month at 3:00 p.m. They will discuss *The Feather Thief* by Kirk Wallace Johnson on April 24, *A Fever in the Heartland* by Timothy Egan on May 29, and *Empress of the Nile* by Lynne Olson on June 26. Copies of books for both reading groups will be available in advance at the Circulation Desk, and new members are always welcome.

For those of you who can't make it to the library, don't forget we offer free home delivery of library materials to residents of Tuftonboro who are unable to visit without assistance. Home delivery is available on a temporary or continuing basis. For more information or to sign up, please call the library at (603) 569-4256. A huge thank you to Sharon Flaucher for volunteering to make this service possible!

A second shout of thanks goes out to the Land Bank of Wolfeboro-Tuftonboro. Due to a generous donation from this local organization, the Tuftonboro Free Library is now the proud owner of a Meeting Owl. The Meeting Owl is a 360-degree video conferencing camera, microphone and speaker, and is ideal for local groups wishing to host hybrid meetings. The Owl is available by request for use in library meeting rooms, and is sure to be a valuable resource for all. Thank you Land Bank!

And thank you to everyone for all the ways you continue to show your support. We could not do it without you. Happy spring and happy reading to all.

**Dennis R. Guilmette, Director  
Tuftonboro Free Library**



## Rowboats, docks and cold water are another spring tradition on the lakes and ponds of Tuftonboro.

# Go further into Lake Winnepesaukee in an outrigger canoe

There are times, at dawn, a lone rower takes a beautiful shell across Mirror Lake. On special occasions, there have been two scullers in separate crafts! Those idyllic scenes have always been intriguing. So, in recent years, as I've stood on the Town Beach at 19 Mile Bay and longed to go further into Lake Winnepesaukee, I was thrilled the Winnepesaukee Outrigger Canoe group invited me to join! The club is looking for adult paddlers, senior paddlers, people new to paddling, athletes, non-athletics, and anyone of age who wants to just give it a try!

The boats leave the Tuftonboro Town Beach on Tuesday mornings at 6:30 a.m., Thursday afternoons at 5:30 p.m., and Saturdays at 8:00 a.m. These times work best for less action on the lake from other boats and offer an incredible opportunity to see the lake, the islands, and the wildlife up close, as well as enjoy the thrill of paddling as a team to accomplish a goal.

The boats seem to go by many names across the world including long boats, dragon boats, swan boats, catamarans, and canoes, which can be with or without sails, but what distinguishes an outrigger canoe is the "ama." The unique design of an outrigger includes the left side structure of a float or balance, which provides stability for the boat when waves approach. The word ama has sacred meaning as well, associated with the Creator and Earth goddess or World Mother. Paddlers learn to treat the ama with respect both in and out of the boat.

Outriggers can be traced back 3,000 years when they were built by Southeast Asian people who used the stars, bird migrations, plus wind and wave patterns to navigate to the Polynesian Islands, including Hawaii, plus New Zealand and even as far as Madagascar. Constructed from heavy trees hollowed



**The outrigger canoe in Twenty-Mile Bay, from front to back: Deb Sellars, Cindy Brown, Kathleen Sciarappa, Robin Berry Malden, and Dan Coons**

out by fire, outriggers are sturdy and can carry goods as well as paddlers. Today's outriggers remain heavy yet are used for exciting, long-distance races, which, if far enough, involve swapping out paddlers throughout the race.

Paddlers use single blade paddles, provided by Pascal Delloue, owner of the two boats used most often: a blue four-person outrigger canoe (OC4) and a red six-person outrigger canoe (OC6.) The single blade paddles are easy to handle as each person paddles on the opposite side from the paddler directly in front. For example, in the OC6 paddlers in seats 1, 3, and 5 paddle on one side, while paddlers in seats 2 and 4 paddle on the other. One person is designated the caller, and at the 13-stroke count alerts paddlers to the switch with a "Hut!" Paddlers take one more

stroke, reply in unison with a "Ho!" and paddling begins on the opposite sides, respectively. The steerer has a key role and sits in the back paddling or simply steering, keeping the boat steady. The lead paddler sets the pace and each paddler watches to keep strokes synchronized.

Dennis Zilembo, Tuftonboro Parks and Recreation Director, has been a big supporter of Winnepesaukee Outrigger Canoe. Leader, Pascal Delloue, has a rich experience with paddling, racing, water safety, and instruction. The outriggers will be ready in May or early June at the Tuftonboro Town Beach, and all are invited to give it a try!

**Kathleen Sciarappa, President  
Mirror Lake Protective Association**

## Abenaki association to celebrate tower's 100th birthday

The Abenaki Tower and Trail Association (AT&T) is gearing up for its centennial year celebrations! Hard to believe it, but the Association and the Tower have been providing healthy fun and great views to the Tuftonboro community for 100 years. The first Abenaki Tower was built in spring/summer 1924. It was dedicated on July 12, 1924, in front of a crowd of 125 onlookers. The current Tower, the second one, was built beginning in 1977 and was dedicated on July 22, 1978.

Over the last century, hundreds of thousands of people have enjoyed the Abenaki Tower. The Abenaki Tower and Trail Association, a completely volunteer, non-profit group, has made the Tower free and completely open to the public for the entire 100 years. The Tower is always open for whenever hikers want to swing by!

For families like mine, at least five generations have enjoyed hiking to the Tower and enjoying the view from the top. The Tower has given countless

people priceless memories. People have even gotten married at the Tower!

The centennial year is an opportunity to look backwards to the Association's rich history and forward to the Association's future. We have archives of original Association papers, dating back 100 years of the Association's formation, annual meetings, donations, and other activities. Looking further back in time, we know that the Abenaki native tribe lived around Lake Winnepesaukee and had trails crossing the Association property in centuries past.

Thanks to Gary Burnett, Sue Schuur, and others, we now have an official State of New Hampshire historical marker commemorating the Abenaki history. There was a commemoration ceremony on October 12, 2023, with speeches by representatives of the Abenaki Nation, the Lakes Region Conservation Trust, the Melvin Village Community Church, and the Daughters of the American Revolution.

Looking forward to the Association's future, we

have many events scheduled for this year:

This year's AT&T Annual Meeting will be on Wednesday, August 14 in the late afternoon/ evening, at a location soon to be announced. This will be an important event to attend, given that it's the centennial year! It was a great meeting last July, attended by several dozen people, at the Tuftonboro Historical Society.

The AT&T is organizing a birthday party for the Association and Abenaki Tower. It will be Saturday, August 10, with Sunday, August 11 as the rain date. The party will be at the Tower and around its base, during the day. There will be food and drink and family-friendly games.

Karen Burnett-Kurie, our unofficial historian, will be giving a talk on the history of the Tower on Monday, July 8, at 7:00 p.m. at the Clark Museum for the Wolfeboro Historical Society. She is also speaking

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# Spotlight Series: Cemeteries, Graveyards, Burial Sites

*Editor's Note: In the last issue of the Tuftonboro Times a new series began called "Community Spotlight." Its purpose is to shine a light on someone, some place, or something in town that deserves recognition. If you know of someone or something so deserving, email Sue Wingate ([swingate0447@roadrunner.com](mailto:swingate0447@roadrunner.com)) or Carolyn Sundquist ([csundquist@roadrunner.com](mailto:csundquist@roadrunner.com)) and it will be considered for the Community Spotlight series.*

In the winter issue of the Tuftonboro Times, we spotlighted Mary and Paul Hunter's work to restore revolutionary war gravestones in town. Not sure about you, but that piqued our curiosity about all the cemeteries around town: How many are there, who is responsible for them, are they maintained and how, could I be buried in town? So, for a start, we looked in the book, *Tuftonboro Cemeteries, Graveyard and Burial Sites*, and then we asked Sue Weeks, Tuftonboro Cemetery Trustee, for more information.

The Tuftonboro Association, in 1993, under the leadership of Potter Campbell, embarked on a project to preserve the inscriptions on the gravestones in the 56 burying grounds located in Tuftonboro. Most of them, 47, were family burying grounds called graveyards. Communal burying grounds were called cemeteries to differentiate between the two. As stated, by Ann Hackl, in the **introduction** to *Tuftonboro Cemeteries, Graveyard and Burial Sites*, "No one had an inkling of the enormity of the task before us." The book was published in 1997. It includes all the burying grounds at that time with a brief introduction describing specific points of interest, inscriptions, and locations. The Tuftonboro Association is currently considering creating an update to the book.

The Tuftonboro Town Hall Cemetery is located on Middle Road behind the Town House. A small portion was in use in the first half of the 19<sup>th</sup> century and the earliest grave is from 1826. The site of the town tomb is also in that section. Bodies were put in the tomb during the winter when the ground was frozen, and bodies couldn't be buried. The town purchased a lot from John Piper to expand the cemetery early in the 20<sup>th</sup> century, and again in 1986

when the town purchased the Piper farm from John Piper's son. The Tuftonboro Town Offices were then moved to the Piper homestead.

The Tuftonboro Corner Cemetery is located on Mountain Road. The oldest stone is from 1831. The cemetery was restored in 1920 due to a generous gift from Charles Sumner Nutter, Bishop of the Vermont/New York Methodist Conference, and a Nutter descendant. The Dow family provided the labor.

The Melvin Village Cemetery is located behind the Melvin Church. The earliest grave is from 1838. In 1866, when the current church was built, the community started using this cemetery instead of family graveyards.

Today, if you would like to bury someone on your property, New Hampshire law lays out certain requirements, such as minimum distances from the following: dwellings, schools, stores or other places of business (without the consent of the property owner), a known source of water, and state highways.

The Town of Tuftonboro has three Cemetery Trustees: Sue Weeks, Carol Bush, and Alana Albee. The trustees are responsible for many things: adopting bylaws and regulations regarding the establishment and management of all municipal cemeteries; preparing an annual budget; expending all money raised and appropriated; expending income from all cemetery trust funds; preparing deeds; and appointing a custodian or sexton to maintain the cemeteries. This is why they have an annual budget of approximately \$30,000.00 per year - approved by the voters at town meeting.

There is also money in an expendable trust fund, which can be used for special projects. That money is derived from the sale of Rights of Burial. Some perpetual care money that, years ago, plot buyers paid at the time of purchase of their rights of burial, is also available. However, only the interest on that money can be used, and only for maintenance of the cemetery for which it pertains and then, only in proportion to the plot's percentage of maintenance costs. As interest rates have been so low, that means only pennies or a few dollars per year accrue to each of these accounts.

A big project is tree removal, typically paid

for by a combination of money from the trustees' annual budget and from their expendable trust funds. The trustees have begun working with the Capital Improvements Committee (CIP) on long-range funding for more tree removal work as well as repairs to cemetery walls and access paths, and planning for future needs. In 2024 the cemetery trustees will be visiting all our cemeteries to compile data for the CIP on the needs for the small cemeteries.

The cemetery trustees supervise all aspects of cemetery maintenance and improvements. About half of the trustees' budget pays for maintenance at the Town House Cemetery: mowing, fertilizing, and trimming. \$2,000 each year is spent on repairing gravestones. The remainder of the budget goes to trimming and/or mowing, at least once a year, the 50 or more smaller cemeteries under their care and miscellaneous expenses.

There are burial plot rights in the Town House Cemetery available for purchase. The trustees sell about 10 to 20 rights to burial plots per year, and they presently have about 200 plots available for purchase. The trustees are beginning long-range planning for future burial spaces.

The State of New Hampshire considers cemeteries as historic properties that are to be respected and cared for, and for which the town, unless other provisions are made, is responsible. Cemeteries are not designed to be hiking paths, hunting areas, or dog walking routes. Rules for cemetery use were recently updated and are available on the Cemetery Trustee page on the town website.

For more detailed information on the cemeteries in town, check out the Tuftonboro Association's cemetery book from the library (there are no copies left for sale) or wait until an updated book is issued in the future. Also, when you see one of the cemetery trustees, be sure and thank them for their service. I'm sure they would appreciate anyone who would like to volunteer for maintenance help. It would be an interesting day to spend outdoors.

**Carolyn Sundquist and Sue Wingate  
for "Community Spotlight"  
(A project of the Tuftonboro Association)**

## Melvin Church celebrates Easter, offers new message

The Melvin Village Community Church welcomes you to join us Sunday mornings for a gathering of young and old to experience and share in music, fellowship, and a positive message to inspire your faith journey. Services are Sunday mornings at 10:00 a.m., or you may view online at [www.mvccnh.org/church-life](http://www.mvccnh.org/church-life).

On Sunday March 31, we offered a lakeside Easter Morning Sunrise service and an Easter morning service at 10:00 a.m. in church. Pastor Kevin

shared the message, "God is Good, and God is Love". Nothing can separate us from God's Love (Romans 8:38). Check out the online Easter service at [www.mvccnh.org](http://www.mvccnh.org).

This spring Pastor Kevin will begin a new message series about Saul's (Paul) journey on the road to Damascus. Come and be encouraged in your faith journey.

It is our pleasure, and an act of worship, to serve those in our local community and beyond, and to

share the good news of Jesus Christ. If you would like more information about the church or upcoming events, please visit our website at [www.mvccnh.org](http://www.mvccnh.org), call (603) 544-9661, or email us at [secretary@mvccnh.org](mailto:secretary@mvccnh.org).

Be sure and mark your calendar for the upcoming MVCC Fair and Auction on Saturday, July 20. Happy Spring!

**Pastor Kevin Van Brunt  
Melvin Village Community Church**

# A remarkable renovation continues at the old Cheney Farm

As I write this, we are experiencing a powerful nor'easter on the eve of a solar eclipse. Because of the farm renovations as well as the rest of our lives just spinning along, I must admit, the eclipse has not been on my radar unlike some in my extended family. We are thrilled to be able to welcome them in Tuftonboro as they nerd out chasing the sun. That has always been part of our renovation motivation, being able to host our family and friends in this beautiful area. The accommodations here at Lake Breeze are becoming more agreeable, let's say, but still not complete although we continue to cross off more and more projects.

By the end of summer 2023 we finished getting the whole place painted on the exterior. (Probably don't need to mention that to Tuftonboro residents!). We received some lovely notes commenting on how beautiful the property looks. Thank you all, it means so much!

After the house was painted, we contacted the roofing company that had already completed the barn and the ell and asked for them to strip and put up a new standing seam metal roof on the main house. That was done by December 1<sup>st</sup>, just before winter arrived. Lucky for us, the original roof sheathing was in decent shape, and we didn't need to replace it. The original wooden shingled roof was still there and had been re-roofed with corrugated metal over it. We are happy that the house looks done from the outside, it gives us such satisfaction to have it look great visually albeit far from finished on the inside.

I've mentioned previously that we have been slowly repairing, repainting, and re-insulating the original 1865 windows. Of course, we also want to be comfortable during the winters; therefore, we have been doing what we can to make the windows as insulated as possible. While we had the window weight cavities opened to replace the window weight roping, we took the opportunity to tack insulated bubble foil as a lining in the weight pocket. It blocks cold air pushing in from the outside wall sheathing where regular insulation cannot be placed but is thin enough to allow the weights to still have space to travel up and down easily. Also, we placed blocks of thick foam at the top and bottom of the pockets, areas where the weights do not travel but, still part of the pockets, are areas prone to heat loss.

Each top sash has had a narrow strip routed out on the lower rail and a silicone strip placed in it so that when the window sashes are locked together, they fit tightly thus eliminating more cold drafting. Most

of our windows are antiques needing all this work i.e., repairing broken panes, reglazing, repainting, replacing both the roping and lots of broken window trim but we do not mind the effort. In the end we have beautiful windows that will last another hundred plus years and windows that do a great job keeping out the cold. (We do have storm windows as well, another important feature needed to help retain the warmth)

Speaking of warmth, another project now checked off was getting a large propane tank installed underground and the heating system put online. Our main heat delivery system in the ell is through radiant heat tubing in the floors. The three floors in the main house will get their heat through a forced hot air system. We also will supplement with a wood stove on the first floor.

Originally the house had only wood and coal stoves and a beehive oven for heat, then eventually used a forced hot air system with only a few ducts coming from the basement to openings on the first floor. I'm quite sure that past winters at 70 Middle Road were uncomfortable unless you were directly in front of a stove.

Following the house's metal roof completion, the ell got insulated. We used only a thin skimming of foam insulation in the framing which makes it easier to maintain pipes and wires without the thick coatings of foam insulation that is becoming more and more the standard in the building industry. We prefer using mostly fiberglass batting insulation in a house for health reasons as well as preventing moisture issues as much as possible.

Right after Christmas, our blueboard went up and the walls were plastered. It is all really starting to become a house again, not just a construction zone. Over the last few months, we have tiled the mud room floor, a couple of showers, and a bathroom floor. Avery and I spent a weekend installing all the doors for the ell and creating a Dutch door to separate the mud room (dogs) from the kitchen. We chose oak for the kitchen flooring; we needed both a heat stable wood that could be over the radiant heat as well as the hardest wood that can withstand heavy traffic. Our kitchen cabinets were delivered a couple weeks ago, which was super exciting, and we have been installing them over the last few weekends. Many other jobs remain to be done, like moving in appliances, finish plumbing, installing counter tops, finish electric, painting etc., however, since we have made it this far, I'm confident we can make it to the finish line.

One of the jobs that Avery and Caleb have been

mulling over the months (years really) was the best way to build a solid barn ramp. When the barn's new foundation was built, we had the barn lifted higher than the original foundation had seated the barn. This was so we could keep the ground moisture from causing rot. Avery also built the barn floor strong enough to park trucks and tractors on top of it but since the barn is elevated above the ground, the entrance requires a ramp to drive into it. Eventually he found some metal temporary bridge pieces on Craigslist.

He and Caleb sunk 6 granite posts with angled tops into the ground in front of the barn. The metal bridging was then placed on top of the granite posts leaving a slight gap next to the barn so water cannot collect and cause rot. They individually screwed and bolted rough sawn hemlock 2 x 8's to the bridging so that when the boards need to be replaced it can be easily done. Over the winter it has been great to park Avery's truck out of the weather.

I would love to say I have a move-in date this summer, but, unfortunately, we are just going to have to leave that up in the air as much as I wish we didn't have to. Over the winter we did build horse stalls in the cellar of the barn, which was an important step. Perhaps other necessary elements will come together faster than I think but it still feels like we have a lot more to do in order to make it safe and comfortable for animals and humans to live here full time. Thanks again for all the kind words and visits, we really do appreciate the encouragement.

**Elizabeth Woodworth**

**Lake Breeze Farm**

**(formerly the Cheney Farm)**



**An unused attic turns into a bedroom and study at Lake Breeze Farm**



# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

## April

24 3 PM – 5 PM History Book Group TFL

## May

16 10 AM - Noon Readers' Choice Book Group TFL

29 3 PM - 5 PM History Book Group TFL

## June

20 10 AM - Noon Readers' Choice Book Group TFL

26 3 PM - 5 PM History Book Group TFL

## July

3 10 AM Mirror Lake Independence Day Boat Parade (rain date 7/4 @ 1PM)

18 10 AM - Noon Readers' Choice Book Group TFL

31 3 PM - 5 PM History Book Group TFL

## Weekly / Monthly Ongoing

Rug Hooking Group	Tuesday 10:00 AM - Noon	TFL
Cribbage	Tuesday 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM	TFL
Preschool Story Hour	Friday 10:30 AM – 11:30 AM	TFL
Writer's Group	Saturday 10:00 AM - Noon	TFL
Tuftonboro United Methodist Church Services	Sunday 10:30 AM	TUMC

## KEY:

SL - Sentinel Lodge	Libby - Libby Museum	NWC - North Woods Camp
DMF - Davis Memorial Field	OWC - Old White Church	TCS - Tuftonboro Central School
TFL - Tuftonboro Free Library	TFS - Tuftonboro Central Fire Station	TGH - Tuftonboro Grange Hall
THS - Tuftonboro Historical Society	TTO - Tuftonboro Town Offices	TUMC - United Methodist Church
MVCC - Melvin Village Comm Church	WWH - Willing Workers Hall	TTH - Tuftonboro Town House

## Camp Sentinel, continued from Page 6

campers, alumni, friends, and churches who come alongside us in ministry. We have some exciting projects and plans. Join us for our big birthday event on Sunday, September 22. We are raising funds for three areas of camp: 1) Camp Scholarships (\$100,000). *We believe camp is for everyone regardless of financial*

*challenges.* 2) Hobby House Renovation & Wigwam Bathrooms (\$550,000) *Two current important needs are rainy day space and more bathrooms for the growing outdoor ministry.* 3) Ministry Retreat for Pastors and Families. (\$100,000) *Pastors need rest. We believe when pastors rest, they return to their congregations and serve renewed.*

If you are interested and want more information, check out [www.campsentinel.org/75](http://www.campsentinel.org/75). Hope to see you on the mountaintop again soon!

**Kevin Van Brunt “Pk”**  
Executive Director  
Camp Sentinel

## Abenaki Tower, Continued from Page 8

on August 21 at 7:00 p.m. at the Lake Winnepesaukee Museum.

Karen Burnett-Kurie is organizing our participation in the Wolfeboro Fourth of July parade. Volunteers are wanted to help march with the Tower float that Karen is designing!

We have done a lot of physical improvements to the Tower over the last year: new floorboards, railings, plywood, and stain. Thanks go to all our volunteers. We also installed a kiosk in the parking area with helpful information for visitors. Thanks go

to Steve Wingate and the Tuftonboro Conservation Commission.

The AT&T is having the Tower professionally inspected by HEB Engineers, a local firm, this month to assess the structure and its remaining lifespan. Depending in part on their findings, we will be rolling out a capital campaign to raise funds for a third Tower! Bruce Fernald and Stina Kindwall have already spoken with several architectural firms about the project. We will be seeking funds to pay for materials and professional fees.

The Abenaki Tower and Trail Association is also

selling merchandise at Melvin Village Mercantile in Melvin Village and at The Art Place in Wolfeboro! Look for us there and at community events like the Fourth of July parade and Old Home Week. We have a wonderful poster created by Peter Ferber last year. Please pick up a poster or a limited run giclee print! We also have t-shirts, ornaments, and other merchandise. Stina Kindwall, our Association secretary, can answer any questions about merchandise.

**David D. Burnett, President**  
Abenaki Tower and Trail Association



**Long before the Melvin Village Church Fair became a reality, the Willing Workers Fair was the main treat of the summer. Some years \$1000.00 to \$1200.00 was added to the treasury. The Tecumseh boys put on a show in the evenings.**

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