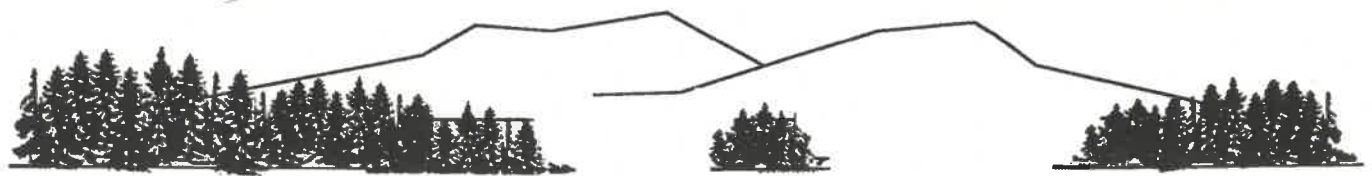


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“Walk for Warmth, Feet for Fuel” on Sunday, October 17

Since 2008 the Melvin Village Community Church has sponsored the annual “Feet for Fuel-Walk for Warmth” Walk-A-Thon to raise funds to assist local families in need of fuel and emergency assistance. Over the years MVCC, with generous support from the Bald Peak Community Fund, has raised over \$167,000 through this effort. During 2020-2021, MVCC was able to provide over \$16,000 in heating assistance to 38 families in our community.

This year’s walk will take place on Sunday, October 17 at 2:00 p.m. We will assemble in the church parking lot at 476 Governor Wentworth Highway in Melvin Village to begin our four-mile walk through the community. Pets are welcome! We are asking that walkers who have not been vaccinated please wear a mask.

Please consider walking, sponsoring a walker, or sending a donation to the church at MVCC, P.O. Box 233, Melvin Village, NH 03850 and indicate it’s for “Feet for Fuel.” In addition, reflective safety vests with the Feet for Fuel logo are available for purchase



An enthusiastic group of community-minded walkers and dogs gathered in 2020 in the parking lot at the Melvin Village Community Church.

for \$10. Additional information about the walk, including sponsorship forms can be found at www.mvccnh.org/feet-for-fuel or by calling the church office at 603-544-9661.

Debi Lynch

Melvin Village Community Church

Historic Methodist church seeks funding for a new steeple



The Tuftonboro United Methodist Church invites everyone to join the congregation in its fundraising efforts to repair/replace the church steeple and roof. The church is an historic Methodist church, which was built 1853 and is one of the finest examples of ecclesiastical Greek Revival architecture in New Hampshire’s Lakes Region.

Unfortunately, during the past two years the church has not been able to have its popular monthly church suppers and its November Snowflake Fair due to the Covid pandemic. Both the suppers and the fair are major parts of its fundraising.

The old building is an integral part of Tuftonboro’s

colonial history and is the only structure in town on the National Historic Register. All donations will be greatly appreciated. Please send donations to the Tuftonboro United Methodist Church with a notation for the steeple/roof project. We are a tax deductible 501(c)(3) charitable organization.

Our address is: Tuftonboro United Methodist Church, 129 Mountain Road, Tuftonboro, NH 03816, and our Sunday Worship services are at 10:30 a.m. Thank you.

Estelle Zedalis

Tuftonboro United Methodist Church

NH Fish & Game says status of Salmon Sunday uncertain

The status of the 2021 version of Salmon Sunday, scheduled for November 14 at the Pope Dam in Melvin Village, remains uncertain at press time. Last year the annual event was cancelled due to Covid-19

concerns. That is not the case this year, but according to a spokesperson at New Hampshire Fish & Game, that could change. What is certain is that the open house, held for years at the home of Robert Cram and

Michael Moore, located across the street from the Pope Dam, will not be happening in 2021. The owners regret cancelling but feel it would be inappropriate to sponsor a public, indoor event at this time.

Great Meadow Trail construction goes on despite weather

When a group of volunteers started working on the Great Meadow trail this summer, they were excited about getting Phase 1 finished. The goal was to have this done by the end of August, giving them time to work on the base of the viewing platform during the driest part of the year. Mother Nature had other ideas, and this was one of the wettest summers on record, delaying progress for more than a month.

The Great Meadow trail project was to be completed in three phases. The first phase was to build the trail down to the location of the viewing platform. After canceling most workdays last year due to the pandemic, the crew finally got its foot in the door last fall by building the first bridge. That left trail prep work and eight boardwalks plus a bridge to complete this year. The plan for the 2021 phase included two bridges and eight boardwalks.

Towards the end of May, a strong and dedicated group of volunteers started by clearing the trail of brush, overhanging branches, and a few trees that had fallen over the winter, blocking the path. The next couple of weeks were spent removing rocks and stumps, working on areas that needed fill, and moving material out to the site of the first boardwalk. At least fifty percent of the board walk work was carrying the materials. This is tough work as pressure-treated wood is very heavy.

As work progressed, the group decided that picking one day a week for trail work would help them plan their participation better, and Thursdays seemed to be the best day for everyone. It worked out to be the best day that they could gather to work on the trail each week. The first week they finished two great-looking boardwalk sections. Everyone's confidence soared...and then it rained on the next Thursday.

The rainy days just kept coming, if not on Thursday, then the day before making the trail too wet to work on. Through the month of July, the trail crew was only able to complete three more of the boardwalks. August was not much better, although an additional three boardwalks were finished. The goal had been to be finished with Phase 1 by the end of August. September weather improved and allowed the group to finish the last two planned boardwalks.

With the boardwalks finished, it was on to the second bridge. This work started by cutting all the pieces needed in advance, so the materials could be carried out to the location. Pre-cutting saves the batteries on the power tools and makes the materials easier to haul. Because the second bridge is at the end of the main trail, just carrying in the material in makes for a full workday. Still the workers were able to assemble the bridge as fall was officially arriving. This bridge was a construction challenge as beavers dredged and widened the brook to look more like a canal. Temporary scaffolding was needed

on both sides for the crew to stay out of the water. Constructing approaches to the bridge and one more boardwalk remain on the schedule for this year.

Phase 2 of the project will begin next year with the construction of the viewing platform at the end of the main trail. It will be positioned to blend into the tree line around the meadow border. There will be enough elevation so visitors will have a view over the bushy edge and on out to the Melvin River. This view will also include the wider meadow area and some of the beaver activity in the neighborhood. Phase 3 will be the loop trail back to the start of the current river trail. Trails require a lot of up-front work including mapping them out for the best possible route, getting the required permits from the state, and raising the funds to build the trail.

While all this has been underway, Jim Shildneck and Russ Baerenklau of bird house building fame, (see article from the *Times* Summer Edition) have been completing the kiosks for this trail and another planned for the north end. They are all prefabricated and ready to install. The kiosks will be added to the work list when the schedule permits.

If you have not had the chance to take a walk out on the trail you should. The trail itself is about a one-mile round trip, and although the viewing platform has not been built, it still is a great walk through some very nice New Hampshire terrain. You will get a good look at some of the natural areas within the Great Meadow and maybe get to see some wildlife along the way. You will also get to see the hard work that the volunteers have put in over the summer. The boardwalks and the bridge are impressive for a community-based trail.

There are a couple of ways people can help this project. The price of pressure-treated lumber has skyrocketed during the pandemic. At the beginning of the summer, due to the price of the lumber, the Conservation Commission was faced with the decision to wait to build the trail or to bite the bullet and pay the price. After talking with the leadership of the Tuftonboro Association, the primary financial supporters for the project, the decision was made to move forward with the materials purchase and the work. This has consumed most of the funds raised by the Association. Donations can be sent to The Tuftonboro Association, P.O. Box 121, Melvin Village, NH 03850, with "Great Meadow Trail" in the memo area. This will go a long way towards helping complete this project on schedule. Also, when applying for grants, donations help to show that there is community support for the project.

Another way anyone can take part in the project is to come out and volunteer. It is a terrific group of people that show up to work each week, and there is a good deal of fun going on between hammer blows and



Bridge-builders survey their work on the Great Meadow Trail.



Anxious hikers make their way to the end of the trail.

driving screws. You don't have to commit to every week, send an email to conservation@tuftonboro.org and say you want to volunteer for the Great Meadow project. You will be added to the mailing list and receive an email every week with the day and planned work for the week. Come on out and join us, you will meet some great people, get some good exercise, and have a positive sense of accomplishment at the end of the shift.

**Steve Wingate, Chairman
Steve Scapicchio, Project Leader
Tuftonboro Conservation Commission**

A report on the Woodworth (a.k.a. Cheney) Farm restoration

Editor's Note: The following excerpt is from a presentation prepared by Elizabeth Woodworth, who, along with her husband Avery, has been restoring the former Cheney Farm since they bought it in 2020. This is only the beginning of the story. As progress continues, The Tuftonboro Times will continue to update its readers on the status of the project.

Hello, we are the Woodworth family, current owners of the property formerly known as the Cheney Farm on 70 Middle Road in Tuftonboro. My husband Avery and I have loved being here for the last eighteen months working on rebuilding the land and buildings. It is an enormous task, one that we knew would be tough, time consuming and capital draining. But it's a job for which we continue to have enthusiasm despite the setbacks and difficulties. We bought the property with no direct contact with the previous owners, so we don't have much information or details about the farm's history. The information presented here has been gleaned from neighbors or genealogy sites, and in some cases by just observing the architectural details and patterns of use.

Our goal is to renovate the house and the ell along with the barn as well as to farm the land in a way harmonious with the environment. The previous owners put the entire property into a Conservation Easement on August 28, 2006. The Easement was purchased from the Cheney family partly with funds from the Farm and Ranch Lands Protection Program which is run by the US Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service. The Town of Tuftonboro also provided funds towards buying the easement along with some funds provided by the Lakes Region Conservation Trust. This conservation easement is quite restrictive in its language and limits what activities may occur here. Also, the easement does not allow for public access without the owner's permission, versus a property that is bought with the intent to allow the public to hike, bike, ski, hunt, etc. The town and government, through the easement, recognize the importance of the property's agricultural soils, forest, riparian zone, stream, wildlife habitat and scenic enjoyment.

Some of the language of the Easement has to do with the house and barn structures. They are to be maintained and preserved in almost the same way as they were initially built. We are in regular conversation with the Town of Tuftonboro Select Board, Tuftonboro Conservation Commission, as well as the Building Inspector to make the repairs as needed but still comply with the Easement.

Unfortunately, over the years the huge amount of upkeep and cost to repair the buildings was delayed, and now there are some serious issues with waterproofing, structural stability, rot, and general disrepair requiring more than just a band-aid. After buying the property in May 2020, we immediately



The Cheney Farm is depicted in a winter setting by the artist G. Dale DeVork.

started triaging what needed care the most. The main house, the ell and the post and beam barn are all connected which also means if there is rot in the barn, that can mean the rot is touching the ell, which means can also be affecting the main house. We also need to maintain the land agriculturally which means we need things like water, shelter, fencing and waterproof storage.

One of the very first jobs that needed to be done was to have a new well dug. There was the original well next to the barn and house which only had a few inches of water available at any one time. That was not even sufficient to water our vegetable garden. Another well had been dug next to the state road (Rt. 109A) which also would run out of water, not to mention that there were dead animals in it. So, we were not able to drink or use water at the farm at all. We had the J.E. Thomas Artesian Well Company from Moultonborough come and were able to get a good flow of water out of a 650 foot deep well. As that job was getting finished and while putting new pipes from the well into the basement, we prioritized pouring a cement slab in the basement to make the basement a little cleaner and more secure.

We decided the barn needed to be addressed before the house renovations so we could bring animals to the farm in the future. Also, it was the most structurally unsound. After Steve Bedard, a barn preservationist, looked at the property, he advised us that the barn is one from the 1790's based on its beam construction, and was most likely moved in pieces to its current location. Since the house and ell are built around 1864 that makes sense. As far as we can tell, the barn was used to store loose hay in the upper lofts

as there are the remains of a hay track with hay forks that carried the loose hay off wagons. One side of the barn was used to milk cows. Animals were housed in the main floor of the barn as evidenced by the depth of rot on the main aisle and side posts. Also, the floors on either side of the main aisle had rotted and fallen into the basement, further evidence of long-term manure mismanagement. After the floors had rotted through, as well as the posts and beams in the basement rotting, the sills rotted and could no longer support the barn beams above in a sound way. We ended up contacting Geddes Building Movers of Bow, NH, a company specializing in house and barn moving and structural supporting.

Unfortunately, since the barn needed major work to its foundation, as well as its posts and beams, we had to remove any other building structure that was connected to the barn in order to lift the barn off its

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Selectmen appraise residential town roads to be paved

The Selectmen have been challenged by several issues over the summer. Following approval at Town Meeting, negotiation to purchase property on Sodom Road that abuts the Great Meadow is finally coming to a close, and the purchase should be completed very soon! Efforts continue to obtain state approval for the rebuilding of Union Wharf and the bulkhead along River Road.

A recent ride-around of town roads with the Road Agent included residential streets as well as the usual primary roads, resulting in the decision to add a warrant article to be designated for the repaving of neighborhood roads. This project will focus on non-through roads including Shirley Way,

Chandler Road, Tupeck Lane, Pine Mill Road, and Harvest Lane. Work to improve drainage and ease maintenance on Willand Road continues.

The Board was joined by a large public contingent to witness the landing of a float plane on 19 Mile Bay, docking at Union Wharf and the subsequent takeoff.

The Board is pursuing additional grant possibilities and will be rebidding construction of the new Police facility in early 2021. With recent moderation of building material prices, we hope the requirement for additional town funding will be modest.

Camp Belknap once again hosted a recognition event for town employees, officials, and volunteers.

It was a beautiful evening and included boat rides on the lake as well as a delicious dinner. It was much appreciated.

In August, the Board welcomed Cami Wakefield as the new Administrative Secretary. Cathy Pounder will transition into the Administrative Assistant position as Diane Falcey retires at the end of the year. Well done and best wishes, Diane!

Fall is here in all its glory, folks!

Tuftonboro Board of Selectmen

William Marcussen

William "Chip" Albee

Guy Pike

Police plan another Drug Takeback Day for October 21

Summer has passed and now cool weather, foliage colors, and pumpkin spice are upon us. There are a couple of upcoming events everyone should know about. The first is another Drug Takeback Day coordinated by the Tuftonboro police working with the New England Division of the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA). It is scheduled for 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 21, 2021. This will occur at the Tuftonboro Transfer Station, 20 Sargent's Crossing, Tuftonboro.

The second event is Halloween. Trick or Treating in Tuftonboro will be from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. on Sunday, October 31, 2021.

During the past year, the department has been unable to cover some shifts and requests for police details due to staffing issues. It is proposed to add a position to the department next year. The staffing has not increased for 20 years, but, during that time, demands for training and services have increased. The typical staffing level in this area is two officers per one thousand population. Tuftonboro is below that considering that the year-round population was 2,467 in 2020, and the summer population increases that number dramatically. Due to the timing of Town

Meeting, an officer would not be added until June.

Looking at capital projects coming forward has revealed other issues that need to be addressed. New cruiser purchases have been deferred over the last few years. It has now come to the point where several vehicles have high mileage and high hours along with rust. The vehicle and chip shortage are impacting availability, and it is expected that new police vehicles will not be available until late in 2022. To continue having reliable vehicles available to quickly respond to emergencies, the police department will need two vehicles in 2022 and another in 2023. They will all require new equipment including mobile radios.

There are many recommendations at the state and national level to increase police accountability through body cameras. The State of New Hampshire has started a grant program to help partially cover costs for the body-worn camera systems. The department has been researching prices and costs from several vendors. It is important to realize that the hardware is the least expensive part of implementing body cameras. Storage and handling of the data constitute the larger, ongoing costs of the system. It is estimated that administrative time will average over 5

hours a week to review, redact, and distribute videos. Some systems would take even more time. The more effective systems carry more cost but appear to be more reliable.

Another item under discussion is the radar signs. Tuftonboro has one portable sign that must be removed and brought to the station to get data, and the data is often incomplete. The radar trailer is no longer able to collect data, and there are no parts available to repair it. The department is looking at a system with more post mounted signs that transfer data more efficiently.

COVID remains a concern as there have been some close calls with exposures, and, several times, more than one officer has had to quarantine. A new station with more space between desks and better ventilation will reduce the risk of having staff shortages due to COVID or other illnesses such as the seasonal flu. Everyone remains hopeful that station gets back on track and can get started in 2022.

Now is the time to get out and enjoy the wonderful fall weather and scenery.

Chief Andrew Shagoury

Tuftonboro Police Department

Transfer Station personnel reviewing mixed paper rules

As we move into the autumn season and enjoy all the changes in the weather, I can't help but reflect on how busy this summer was at the transfer station. There were increases in most categories. The staff worked very hard to maximize the recycling benefit to the Town and will continue to do that without infringing on residents' choices. As always, keep an eye on the town website link to the transfer station (www.tuftonboro.org/transfer-station-recycling-center) for news and updates.

New procedures for handling mixed paper are

unchanged at this time, but changes to that policy are being researched. Any increased costs associated with recycling mixed paper will need to be appropriated at Town Meeting. Glass should continue to be deposited outside the Transfer Station main building.

We would like to continue to ask that citizens sort their recyclables outside the building, or at home. The sorting of items/glass in containers and bags is unsafe. We do not want someone to get cut.

We have enjoyed working with the many incredible volunteers at the swap shop, who continue to

give their time to help residents repurpose household items. We also like to thank the citizens for being so courteous and generous with the staff. So many of you have complimented us on the cleanliness and efficiency of the facility. We value your feedback, thank you.

Full-time Transfer Station staff are Barry Colbert, Rob Edwards, and Christopher Ruel. Per diem staff include Ralph Bussiere, Bob Dean, Kerry Long, and David Smith.

Christopher Ruel

Transfer Station Supervisor

The fall season is a time for planning and preparation

Where does the time go? It's hard to believe that the summer has passed us by, and fall is in full swing. If you haven't gotten your flu shot already, what are you waiting for? Now, more than ever, a flu shot just might save your life or the life of someone you know. With the COVID-19 still raging, it is more important than ever to get as much protection from the flu as possible. It would be sad if you survived the pandemic and died of flu complications when there is simple shot to help prevent it. So, please protect yourself and the others around you.

Now is the time of year to start warming up your vehicles before flight. Allow a little extra time so that the windshield is clear of frost. With all the distractions facing drivers today, don't let a frosty windshield be one of them. Use caution while on the roads. Animals are on the move, and for some reason they often fail to look at the oncoming traffic to see if it is safe to cross the road. On that note, if you are walking on the road, always walk facing traffic. That way you can see what's coming at you, and it is easier for drivers to know your intentions.

The days are getting shorter and shorter. If you have to walk at dusk or dark, please wear bright clothing and carry a flashlight so people can see you.

If you are driving and come across a pedestrian or bicyclist, please be patient and kind. Allow three feet of passing room when going around them. If there is not room, wait a few seconds until there is enough space to pass safely. There is no need to fly into a rage if you are delayed by a few seconds. It's not the pedestrian's fault that you are running late. Just breathe and enjoy our incredible scenery.

Remember to keep leaves from accumulating around vents and under your porches. Not only could this prevent your appliance from properly venting, but also the leaves could start a fire that can quickly spread to the rest of your house. It is important to always keep the means of egress from your home clear in the event of an emergency. It is also important to have an escape plan in place. If your plan was created when you had kids at home, it is time to revise it and update it. When considering your escape plan consider your physical limitations and plan accordingly. Make sure your exits are wheelchair or walker accessible if needed. If someone in your home needs assistance moving remember to plan accordingly. Practice your plan. Better to find any problems with your plan before you need to use it.

With winter looming, the chances for large

storms with power outages are increasing. If you or someone you love has to use home oxygen, please have a plan in place to keep it flowing when needed. Have backup tanks in place or a standby generator that will run the oxygen concentrator. A little planning will keep everyone breathing a little easier.

This past summer was a busy one, and, so far, the fall continues to be very busy for the department. Calls for service are on pace to set an all-time high. The previous record was in 2017 with a total of 609. Our community is growing at a fast clip, and the call volume reflects that. The department continues to strive to provide the best possible services to the Town. I would like to thank all of the members and especially their families that support them for their hard work and dedication.

Reflective house numbering signs are still available from the Firefighters Association. The cost is \$15.00 per sign and that includes the hardware to hang them. As always, we can assist you in putting them up if you need it. We can't help you if we can't find you. Thank you and stay safe,

Caleb Pike, Capt.
Tuftonboro Fire & Rescue

Pass, punt, and kick competition to be held October 16

The Tuftonboro Parks & Recreation Commission will be hosting a Punt, Pass & Kick competition on Saturday, October 16 at Davis Field next to the Tuftonboro Central School. The event will take place from 10:00 a.m. until Noon. The event will be open to all area youth ages 6—15! The age divisions are: 6—7, 8—9, 10—11, 12—13, and 14—15. Competition against each other in punting, passing, and place kicking is a fun and engaging activity. The event is free and winners from each category will advance to a regional competition. For more information, contact Dennis Zilembo at the Tuftonboro Town Offices at 603-569-4539 x25 or email: parksandrec@tuftonboro.org.

Parks & Recreation, in conjunction with the Tuftonboro Fire & Rescue Department, will also be hosting a CPR/AED course on Tuesday, October 26 at 6:00 p.m. at the Tuftonboro Central Fire Station located at 189 Middle Road in Tuftonboro. Class size is limited to 12 people. The cost of the class is \$25. (Checks should be made out to the Tuftonboro Fire Department.) People successfully completing the course receive an American Heart Association's Heart Saver CPR/AED course completion card, which is valid for two years! For further information, contact Caleb Pike at (603) 569-3381.



The competition is fierce and the geese are fascinated as Kim Orr powers past Scott Morgan and Chris Lanouette to win her third consecutive 1st Place in the annual cardboard boat race held as part of Tuftonboro Old Home Days.

In addition, this fall the Tuftonboro Parks & Recreation Department will be conducting a dodgeball league for students in grades 4—6. The league will take place at the Tuftonboro Central School gym from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. every Thursday evening, beginning

October 21. The program is free, and signups will begin the first night!

Dennis Zilembo
Parks and Recreation Director

Restored tradition delights the residents of Mirror Lake

In 1932, when Harry Richman belted out "I Love a Parade," he gleefully sang the refrain:

"I love a parade, the tramping of feet,
I love every beat I hear of a drum.
I love a parade, when I hear a band,
I just want to stand and cheer as they come."

Richman was undoubtedly not imagining a "boat parade." Who could have imagined such a thing? Two men with playful imaginations, that's who. John Scarpa, an Italian gondolier who relocated from Venice, Italy to California, and his good friend, Joseph Beck, the developer of the Balboa Ferry Line in Newport Beach, California. In 1908, they may have been the first in the United States to have imagined, and then created, a parade of sorts led by a gondola with eight trailing canoes lit by Japanese lanterns. By 1913, their idea had mushroomed into a full-blown Illuminated Water Parade. These early boat parades drew spectators applauding the progression of boats sailing from Pasadena to Newport Bay year after year.

Today, there are boat parades all over the United States and throughout the world, most often at Christmas. In fact, many have competed to have the most boats in one parade entered into the *Guinness Book of World Records*. The current record is 1,080 boats in one parade set in 2014 in Malaysia. Although

not as large, boat parades are hosted on various lakes throughout New Hampshire featuring competitions and prizes, while thrilling those watching and waving from the shoreline. We even had a boat parade in Tuftonboro on our very own Mirror Lake!

The recently resurrected boat parade on Mirror Lake won't be setting any records, except in the hearts of the participating residents. Two decades ago, for several years, Mirror Lake featured a small boat parade. However, as participants grew up and moved on to other July 4 festivities, the boat parade seemed to fade away. Last summer, Mirror Lake resident Beth Argeros and a band of excited residents informally took the lead to reinstitute the Mirror Lake Boat Parade. Twenty years ago, residents had been informed by door-to-door flyers about the parade. This year, Facebook spread the word. Beth sent an exploratory email to determine the best day for the parade, but on the chosen date, Saturday, July 3, at 10:30 a.m., the pouring rain sent her plans directly to the next weekend.

On July 10, boaters convened in the middle of Mirror Lake and organized their party boats, motorboats, kayaks, canoes and jet skis into a parade-like formation. Patriotic themes dominated as small numbers of red, white, and blue decorated vessels of



Dylan Genthner, grandson of Nick and Beth Argeros, at the Mirror Lake Boat parade.

all sizes paraded around the lake. Residents came to their docks and shorelines to cheer the boaters. It was a mid-summer delight.

As summer came to a close on Labor Day, Mirror Lake boaters convened once again to enjoy time with neighbors, enjoy appetizers and drinks, and float away the afternoon until the sun started to set. Boating is a favorite past time for Mirror Lake residents, and the added feature of meeting old friends and forming new relationships makes a day of boating a highlight of summer and fall.

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

Time for maintenance at the Historical Society Museum

The Historical Society season is almost over, but is still a work in progress. The last meeting of the year is October 27 at the Tuftonboro Free Library. There will be a potluck supper at 6:00 p.m. followed by a short meeting, and then some history and a tour of the library.

The Historical Society Museum will be getting its porch roof shingled this fall, and "Bubba's Plumbing" will be shutting off the water and replacing some of

the old water pipes. Bob Wood and Bill Rollins have already sanded and painted the front steps. What a difference!

Avery and Elizabeth Woodworth were hosts to about 35 interested people at the former Cheney Farm in September. The restoration is an amazing project, and they are amazing people to undertake such huge endeavor. The Society thanks them for their hospitality.

The Museum barn will play host to local craft people during Tuftonboro's Holiday Open House tour on November 13. Last year included about 10 crafters and the day was very successful. This year the event already has a full house.

**Jackie Rollins, President
Tuftonboro Historical Society**

Tuftonboro Grange prepares to honor long-time members



The Grange took a "mystery ride" on Molly the Trolley in September.

The Tuftonboro Grange No. 142 has been busy! July brought our members together for an ice cream social. As we made our own ice cream sundaes, we laughed, chatted, exchanged anecdotes, and generally had a good time. We set up for our July 24 Penny

Sale, which was a notable success. Those that came were awarded with an evening of fun and frivolity as they eagerly awaited the drawings for their treasures. Special thanks to the following businesses for their donations: Back Bay Salon, Branch & Bloom, Lands End Inc., Molly Trolley Company, Pine Cone Café, Ridgewood Country Club, Spider Web Gardens, Tuftonboro General Store, and Viking Tire.

We participated in the Dictionary Project and delivered dictionaries to Ms. Swinnerton's third grade students at Tuftonboro Central School during the Meet & Greet on September 2. Besides the dictionaries, we included pencils, crayons, and rulers.

On September 18, several members joined together for a "Mystery Ride." We met at the Grange Hall and carpoled to the old train station in Wolfeboro. We took an enjoyable ride on Molly the

Trolley. The weather was perfect, and we all learned something new about Wolfeboro and its history. We concluded the day with lunch at Morrissey's Porch and Pub.

Exciting News: Next month we celebrate longevity awards for four of our members. Sister Joan Kimball will receive an award celebrating 35 years membership with the Tuftonboro Grange. Sister Holly Clark will receive an award celebrating her 40 years. Eunice Hodgdon receives a special award: the "Golden Sheaf Award" for her 50 years of continuous membership. And Sister Ann Pike will receive an award for her 70 years of Grange Membership. Grange Deputy Tricia Taylor will be on hand to help celebrate with us.

**Joy Perkins, Secretary
Tuftonboro Grange No. 142**

No-till Community Garden allows tilling of some plots

Tuftonboro is fortunate that there is land set aside for a community garden (CG), which is currently administered by The Tuftonboro Agricultural Commission (TAC). It is a "community" garden in the sense that the plots are available for rent by the residents of the Town of Tuftonboro. Extra plots are also rented by gardeners from adjacent towns, and some grow produce for the local food pantry.

Originally, the garden area was plowed, fertilized, and cover cropped through the efforts of Bill Stockman from Spider Web Gardens. Water lines were installed. The area adjacent to the garden was sometimes planted to various crops including sunflowers, the legacy of which can still be seen in garden today. Adam Stockman of Spider Web Gardens continued the plowing and mowing until two years ago.

Based on scientific recommendations, and the very sandy soil conditions at the CG, TAC decided to make the CG a "no-till" garden. As Olivia Saunders of the UNH Extension explained in a seminar for the gardeners this past spring, repeated tilling breaks up the natural structure of the soil. Repeated plowing also disrupts the biological and nutrient processes of the soil. If you had ever seen the CG on a dry windy day in the spring, you would have thought you were in the dust bowl of the 1930s! Undisturbed soil that maintains the natural structure is better able to retain moisture and nutrients. While TAC strongly recommends the no-till approach to gardening, individual gardeners are still allowed to till their plot as long as they don't disturb the permanent pathways.

As the CG was transitioned to a no-till facility

and permanent paths were established, gardeners were able to install permanent structures, such as raised beds, to plant perennial crops such as asparagus, and to plant perennial flowers. If you have wandered through the garden in the past year you would have seen all sorts of creative ways of gardening as well as beautiful crops and flowers.

The far side and the back side of the garden area had sometimes been planted to crops. In recent years, these areas had been planted with a cover crop to protect the soil and then were mowed in the fall. This past spring the far side of the garden was planted with wildflower seed in hopes of establishing a wildflower meadow to attract native pollinators to the CG. Despite the spring drought and a slow start, the wildflowers eventually took off. Although there are still weeds in that area, it is hoped that every year the wildflowers will become more established.

This spring there was also a seminar on pest control presented by Susan Poirier, a Master Gardener from Wolfeboro. She provided information on how to combat the myriad of garden pests that can bedevil a garden. Because the CG is a no pesticide zone, combatting pests takes a combination of timing and vigilance on the part of gardeners – not always an easy task.

As any gardener knows, gardening is sort of a lottery and very dependent on the weather. This year presented many challenges, including an early drought and later more rain than we could use. Some crops did well, and some did not, and, next year, who knows how things will turn out?

Wildlife abounds in and around the garden.

There are bluebird boxes around the edges, and at least one box actually had bluebirds. Other boxes had swallows, which were in evidence all during the talk by Susan as the area above the garden was filled with birds feasting on insects. Some gardeners were lucky enough to see a family of foxes. Then there are the turkey and deer. While these may be fun to see, for some gardeners, though, this has meant a loss of crops and the need for some fencing.

Pollinators also abound in the garden. To encourage pollinators and to demonstrate how to attract them to the garden, TAC, under the guidance and effort of Joan Magrauth and some plot holders, a pollinator garden was established. If you wandered the garden, you hopefully noted this plot and appreciated all the work that has gone into maintaining it.

As noted in the beginning of this article, this is a "community" garden that is provided by the town, and gardeners rent the plots. Unfortunately, over the past two years, there has been an increasing number of thefts of produce and flowers from some plots. Plot holders have put money and a lot of effort into cultivating what you see in each plot. This is not a "community garden" where produce is grown for the benefit of anyone who wants to go picking. Harvesting what you have not grown here without the owner's permission is outright theft and is being reported to the police. While you are invited in to enjoy the garden, we request that the only thing you take here are pictures and inspiration.

Susan Wingate, Chairman
Tuftonboro Agricultural Commission

Hikers annual rummage sale coming up on October 16

The Hikers have had a full slate of activities this fall and will carry that momentum forward throughout their program year. This summer, they revived the Bake Sale at Melvin Post Office and were able to add to their Scholarship Fund account. It was great to see so many familiar faces both donating goodies and partaking of them.

The Hikers' largest fundraiser is the Annual Bar-B-Que with delicious food and silent and live auction items. It was successful and further added

to the Scholarship Fund. The program for the 2021-22 season includes the annual Rummage Sale on October 16, the Holiday luncheon on November 13, and a Christmastime gathering with entertainment provided by the Kingswood Music Department

"The Hikers" is a 501(c)(3) organization which provides community service through a variety of annual fundraising activities. All funds go towards scholarships for Tuftonboro residents or children of Hiker members. In addition, the Hikers have

contributed to several area charitable organizations. This year the Hikers awarded 21 scholarships ranging from \$300 to \$750 for a total of \$12,250.

The club looks forward to continuing to offer varied and interesting programs to its members. If you would like additional information on becoming a Hiker, please contact President Eileen Gil, 603-318-9393.

Eileen Gil, President
The Hikers

Libby Museum to participate in Tuftonboro Festival

The ever-popular Tuftonboro Holiday Festival is happening on November 13 and 14, and the Friends of the Libby Museum will be participating. Visit them from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Saturday or from 10 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on Sunday at 68 Dame Road and help save the Libby Museum. There will be handmade Christmas Crafts, baked goods, wreaths, and quilts.

Pick-up a map to the homes and shops selling items. Maps will be available at Tuftonboro General

Store, The Pine Cone Restaurant, Spider Web Gardens, Blacksmith Printing in Wolfeboro, or download a map at www.friendsofthelibbymuseum.org.

The Friends of The Libby Museum are determined in their efforts to save the Museum. Generous donations are helping them towards their goal of \$2.9 million which is needed to save the historically registered building and its rare collection. Soon, confirmation of gifts will push them over the halfway mark. Technical

plans are ready, and an agreement with the Town of Wolfeboro Selectmen (The Museum's Trustees since 1956) is getting close to signature. If you'd like to know more, please get in touch. Telephone (603) 520-0593 or email: DrHenryLibby@gmail.com or www.friendsofthelibbymuseum.org.

Alana Albee, Chairperson
Friends of The Libby Museum

Camp Sentinel hosts 604 campers during summer, 2021



This aerial view of Dan Hole Pond includes a mile of frontage owned by Camp Sentinel, located at the bottom-center of the photo.

A few days ago, at Camp Sentinel, a young camper arrived at Check-out Day without his backpack. His mother questioned where it was and the boy shrugged and he said, "I don't know." Embarrassed, I asked the camp counselor to go and find it and apologized to the mother. The young boy quickly spoke up and he said, "It's all my fault." "Why is it your fault?" I said. "Because I hid it." "Why did you hide it?" The boy said, " 'cause I want to stay!"

I sometimes feel this way in the stillness and beauty of the outdoors: I want to stay. I enjoy seeing campers make new friends, try new activities, and hear inspiring words from their staff mentors. Camp creates a good atmosphere. I feel thankful. This sweet melody my heart receives helps to create a harmony for my life.

Summer camp at Sentinel was a success with 604 campers served, most from our local community. Our 2021 theme was *Steadfast*. Firm in belief. Determined. Firmly fixed in place. Immovable. "The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases; His mercies

never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness." Lamentations 3:22-23.

Camp provides a place where we find unhurried moments to take a breath and focus on the steadfast love of our unchanging God. With purposeful time in the quiet, gazing at the bright stars at night, we are reminded of how immovable God is. Our faith deepens as we think about the steadfast love of the LORD that never ceases...great is Thy faithfulness.

As we continue the mission of Sentinel this upcoming fall and beyond, we are grateful for what is ahead in our future, especially the opportunities to serve our local Tuftonboro community! Currently we are raising funds (\$50,000) for a new playground. To support the camp please visit <https://www.campsentinel.org/mission>

Thank you and hope to see you on the mountain-top again soon!

Kevin Van Brunt "Pk"
Executive Director, Camp Sentinel



The view from Canaan Road leading to Camp Sentinel is majestic in the fall.

In the summer of 1998, the Tuftonboro Association launched a new venture, a quarterly newsletter called the *Tuftonboro Times*. For 23 years this publication has stayed true to Ann's vision of a "Voice of the Community" delivered free to every active mailing address in Tuftonboro. In recent years it has extended that free service to include a First Class mailing to

our seasonal friends upon request. And for 23 years the Tuftonboro Times has not accepted a dime of advertising money but has survived solely on the generosity of its readers.

Over the years the cost of publishing and printing the newsletter, as well as the cost of postage, has risen, but the paper is still free. With your help this

can continue for another 23 years. Please consider a donation earmarked "*The Times*" and send it to the Tuftonboro Association, P.O. Box 121, Melvin Village, NH 03850. Thank you for your support.

Daniel Barnard, Editor

Curling season begins with learn-to-curl on October 17

When the Winter 2020 curling season ended abruptly in March, 2020, no one foresaw that it would be more than 18 months before another stone curved down a pebbly lane at Pop Whalen Ice Arena in Wolfeboro.

When organizers from Lakes Region Curling sent out a call for registrations for the Fall 2021 season, there was some apprehension. Would any curlers return, and, if so, would there be enough to form a competitive league?

As it turns out, there was no need for concern. Within a few weeks of the drive's start, the organization's eight team slots had filled up with experienced curlers and neophytes alike.

In recognition of concerns about Covid, some changes are being made this year. While past years have seen as many as 50 members and 10 teams registered in a season, LRCA organizers decided to arrange a cautious return for the coming year, restricting the league to eight teams and easing into the demands of organization and setup.

While teams can carry up to six members, only four can now be present for each weekly match. The use of masks – required at this time – is governed by guidelines established by the Town of Wolfeboro. And, only one rather than two sweepers will follow a stone down the sheet, so as to avoid close-proximity exertion.

That said, the coming year is promising. The re-



Curlers sweep ahead of the stone to influence its speed and direction.

turn of curling to the Lakes Region will coincide with the return of the Winter Olympics in Beijing in February. If history serves as a predictor, the extensive coverage that Olympic curling will receive will generate new interest in the sport and, hopefully, a fresh influx of enthusiasts for this ancient winter sport.

The 2022 curling season is already looking promising.

**Rich Masse, President
Lakes Region Curling Association**

After some changes, the new Swap Shop is a big success

Joy Sacamore is one among 25 Swap Shop volunteers who have created a true re-purposing center at the Transfer Station. Most volunteers sign up for a two-hour shift almost every week. They love the camaraderie of it and meeting new people. Those who bring in or take away items are always thanking helpers for their volunteering; it makes it possible to have a Swap Shop.

New volunteers are always welcome. One needs only to sign a disclaimer, which can be done either at the Swap Shop or at the Town Office.



There is something for everyone at the Tufonboro Swap Shop.



Joy Sacamore surveys the scene from her perch in the restructured Swap Shop.

The landfill staff, Chris Ruel, Barry Colbert, and Rob Edwards are also very helpful taking care of things at the end of the day.

The Swap Shop will be closing for the winter on

Sunday October 31st.

**Jackie Rollins
Swap Shop Coordinator**

Cardboard boat races highlight Tuftonboro Old Home Days



Winners in the Mixed Division.



Dennis Zilembo, Parks and Rec Director



Fast and furious at the start!



Winners in the Youth Division.

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foundation. We removed a lean-to structure that was on the north side of the barn which housed the original three-hole outhouse. We removed a covered ramp-way which allowed one to dump manure from the main barn into the pole barn. We removed a covered bridge that led from the west end of the barn into the remaining smaller barn, most recently used to house chickens on the second floor of that smaller barn. Finally, we had to remove a small structure located on the south side of the barn which may have been a type of milk shed.

Over the winter, as the barn was jacked up with steel supports, a new cellar hole was dug, cement foundation walls built, new floor joists, sills, and posts built and placed, and a new cement slab was poured. Once that was done, we put the barn back down on its new foundation successfully, thanks to Geddes' good

work. We have spent most of the summer milling and nailing floorboards in place. Because of the rot on the posts upstairs, we have spliced old solid posts to the decent wood left after cutting out the rot and have repaired all the posts except for the front gable end which is a future endeavor.

As we have been repairing the barn, we have also been removing tons of trash left on the fields and in the barn. We have successfully grown two years of no-till vegetable gardens producing large amounts of tomatoes, potatoes, cucumbers, pumpkins, and squash. I have installed two beehives and have even been able to harvest a couple of gallons of honey from this first year of bees at the farm. We have seen more wildlife this summer than in 2020: foxes, deer, blue herons, American Kestrels, blue birds, bald eagles, a bear, Bobolinks, (a type of ground nesting bird) bats, porcupines, barn swallows, snakes, tree frogs and a toad! There are many, many Monarch butterflies,

dragonflies, fireflies, and thousands of pollinating insects on the flowers. Our hope for the farm is to nurture the incredible variety of species here and to work in harmony with the nature that belongs here while we are producing food for people. It does require some out of the box thinking, like seeing the Bobolinks nesting in one of the fields then quickly pivoting to not cut that field for hay that next week and letting the grasses grow to protect their nests and babies. It is frustrating to have the whole renovation project take so long to complete since it is mostly just a couple of us during the weekends, but it has been great to have more time to observe the flow of the natural world at the farm. We now have the knowledge to make educated choices on our impact here.

**Elizabeth Woodworth, Co-owner
The Woodworth (a.k.a. Cheney) Farm**

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Please note: All events are all subject to cancellation or rescheduling due to COVID-19 restrictions. Consult the town website or event contact for up to date information.

Oct

16	10 AM - 2 PM	Hikers - Rummage Sale - One Day Only	WWH
16	10 AM - Noon	Pass, Punt & Kick Competition	DMF
17	2 PM - 4 PM	Feet-For-Fuel Walkathon	MVCC
21	10 AM - Noon	Readers' Choice - <u>Hamnet</u>	TFL
23	10 AM - 2 PM	Drug Takeback - Tuftonboro Transfer Station	
26	6 PM - 8 PM	CPR / AED Course	TFS
31	5 PM - 7 PM	Trick or Treat - Sponsored by Tuftonboro Police	TTO

Nov

4	2 PM - 3 PM	Hikers - Business Meeting	WWH
9	6 PM - 7 PM	Parks & Recreation Meeting	TTO
13	11:30 AM - 1:30 PM	Hikers - Holiday Luncheon	WWH
13 - 15	Varies	Tuftonboro Holiday Festival - House to house, crafts and goodies	
13	9 AM - 4 PM	Save the Libby Museum - Handmade Crafts, baked goods	68 Dame Road
14	10 AM - 2 PM	Save the Libby Museum - Handmade Crafts, baked goods	68 Dame Road
14	10 AM - 2 PM	Salmon Sunday	Pope Dam
18	10 AM - Noon	Readers' Choice - <u>The Phone Booth at the Edge of the World</u>	TFL

Dec

2	2 PM - 3 PM	Hikers - Business Meeting	WWH
9	6 PM - 7 PM	Parks & Recreation Meeting	TTO
16	10 AM - Noon	Readers' Choice - <u>The Nature of Fragile Things</u>	TFL
16	2 PM - 3:30 PM	Hikers - Christmas Party & Music	WWH

Weekly / Monthly Ongoing

Knit Wits	Monday nights	6:30
PM - 8:30 PM	Library	
History Book Group	Last Thursday of every month	7:00 PM
Writer's Group	Saturday afternoon	Noon - 2:00 PM
Dodgeball	Every Thursday after 10/21	6 PM - 7:30 PM
		TCS

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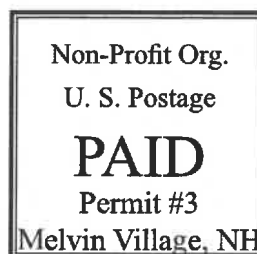
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DMF - Davis Memorial Field	OWC - Old White Church	TCS - Tuftonboro Central School
TFL - Tuftonboro Free Library	TFS - Tuftonboro Central Fire Station	TGH - Tuftonboro Grange Hall
THS - Tuftonboro Historical Society	TTO - Tuftonboro Town Offices	TUMC - United Methodist Church
TWS - Town Web Site	WWH - Willing Workers Hall	TTH - Tuftonboro Town House
MVCC - Melvin Village Comm Church		



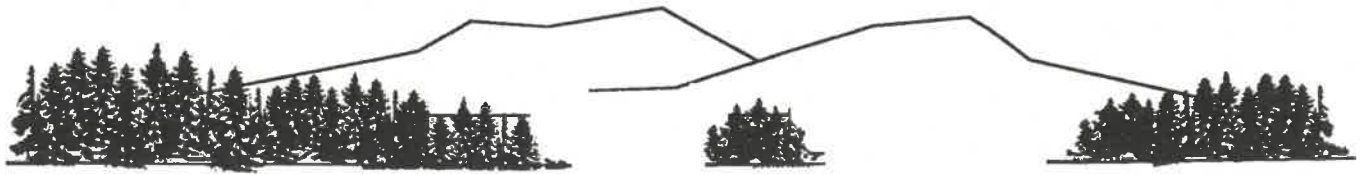
Members of the Tuftonboro Volunteer Fire Department at the dedication of the “new” Melvin Village Fire Station in 1965. Left to right, Roger Davis, Ben Prouty, Roy Ridlon, Bob Pigott, Fred Sargent, Norm Reed, Dan Lewis, Ken Craigue, Bruce Bottomley, Jack Hardy, Reg Colby, George Degroot, Charlie Whitten, Del McIntyre, Harold Grebenstein, Arthur Repetta and Bob Straw (center).

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Autumn has always been a favorite time of year.

Mild days. Cool, crisp nights. Leaf peeping. Festive decorations. Fresh-picked apples. Hot cider (or tea). Warm blankets. Halloween. Thanksgiving. And of course, curling up with a good book for hours of guilt-free reading.

Whether you are a frequent or occasional visitor to the Tuftonboro Free Library, be sure to stop by and browse all the latest selections and best sellers. Use the extra time you have this season to catch up on all your favorite series, cross off a few titles from your "someday" list, or gear up for "All Hallows' Eve" and lose yourself in the pages of a creepy classic by Stephen King, Bram Stoker, or Edgar Allen Poe.

If book clubs are your thing, the library has two book groups that will continue to meet this fall. The Readers' Choice Book Group meets on the third Thursday of the month at 10:00 a.m. They will discuss *Hamnet* by Maggie O'Farrell on October 21, *The Phone Booth at the Edge of the World* by Laura Imai Messina on November 18, and *The Nature of Fragile Things* by Susan Meissner on December 16.

The History Book Group meets on the last Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. They will discuss *The Future is History* by Masha Gessen on October 27, *The Ratline* by Philippe Sands on

November 24, and *The Splendid and the Vile* by Erik Larson on December 29. Copies of all books are available in advance at the Circulation Desk. Please use rear entrance when attending meetings.

Summer reading may be behind us, but I would still like to take a moment to acknowledge all our avid child readers and their adult sponsors. Thirty-one kids signed up for the Summer Reading Program and read a total of 638 books. Twenty-nine sponsors donated over 500 items and \$150.00 to the Lakes Region Humane Society in recognition of their achievement. A huge congratulations and thank you to all for participating!

The Grand Opening Celebration for the expanded Library was finally held on August 27, 2021. The occasion may have been long-delayed because of the pandemic, but ultimately COVID-19 did little to dampen the community spirit and support. Well over 100 people attended the joyous event. Good weather. Good music. Good food. Good Friends. The evening was a big success. Thank you to all who attended, everyone who volunteered time and resources, and to the Friends of the Library for hosting this special night. We love our Friends!

And while it may seem early to mention the Christmas season, it is right around the corner.

December will be here before we know it, and that means the return of *The Polar Express*. It is unknown at this point if this will be an in-person or virtual event, but Ed Fayle will be here Friday, December 3 at 6:30 pm for his special, dramatic retelling of this timeless tale by Chris Van Allsburg. This will be the 22nd time Ed has been here for this program, and we are happy to have him back. It would not be the holidays without him.

Is it too soon to think about taking a trip on a magical Northbound locomotive? Are you not interested in walking the haunted halls of the Overlook Hotel in the *Shining*, or visiting an old Gothic castle in *Dracula*?

Fear not.

These are but three of the thousands of books you will find at the Library. There is something for everyone, of all ages and all interests. Classic novels or new releases. Long-running series or stand alone stories. Print copies or digital formats. We have it all. So don't wait. Celebrate this season (or any season) and check something out today. Happy reading!

Dennis R. Guilmette
Library Director

