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## Third time is a charm for newly-elected selectman Guy Pike; Chris Sawyer wins write-in campaign for Budget Committee

Town elections were held in the gymnasium at Tuftonboro Central School on March 9. The day ran smoothly in the temporary voting location and we all look forward to a return to normalcy once the pandemic restrictions end. The following officials were elected: Guy Pike as Selectman, Jennifer Coulter as Town Clerk, Penny Hug and Chris Sawyer as Budget Committee members, Susan Weeks as Cemetery Trustee, David Braun as Trustee of the Trust Funds, and Jamie O'Hagin as Library Trustee. Congratulations to the winners and thanks to all who ran for office.

The Selectmen would also like to thank outgoing Selectman Lloyd Wood and Budget Committee Vice- Chairman Helen Hartshorn for their many years of dedicated service to the town. At the Board's organizational meeting, Guy Pike was welcomed to the board. A life-long resident of Tuftonboro, Guy brings a wealth of experience from service on the Budget Committee, as a Trustee of the Trust Funds, and as Cemetery Trustee. Selectman Marcussen was elected chairman. He will continue to serve as representative to the Planning Board, Milfoil Control Committee, Agricultural Commission, and Joint Loss Management Committee. Selectman Albee will continue as the representative to the Budget Committee and Selectman Pike will serve as representative to the Conservation Commission, CIP Committee, and the Parks & Recreation Commission.

The ongoing coronavirus pandemic has necessitated delay of the Town Meeting business session to Saturday, May 15 at 9:00 a.m. The meeting will take place outdoors at Davis Field, next to the Tuftonboro Central School. The Selectmen continue to prepare for the meeting, which includes finalizing the design of the proposed new Police facility. During the coming weeks, the project will be put out to bid with the

final project cost available for consideration by voters at the May 15 session.

For happenings in town or to see when various boards and committees meet, please check out the town website at <a href="https://www.tuftonboro.org">www.tuftonboro.org</a>. Everyone is encouraged to attend not only the Selectmen's meetings but any other boards or committees that may be of interest. Some meetings are also available for remote viewing or participation online. The Select Board thanks all who assisted in making this past year a successful one, and we look forward to a happy and productive 2021.

Tuftonboro Board of Selectmen Bill Marcussen, Chairman Chip Albee Guy Pike

#### Questions & Answers about the proposed new police station

On Saturday, May 15, 2021, the business portion of the 2021 Tuftonboro Town Meeting will be held at 9:00 a.m. at the Tuftonboro Central School. The first three articles on the Town Warrant to be be acted upon have to do with the proposed new facility for the Tuftonboro Police Department. The Tuftonboro Times asked residents of the town to submit questions about the project to be answered by the Selectmen and the Police Department. Here are the results:

## Q: Why are there two articles on the Town Warrant, both proposing to build the same facility?

A: Based on input from the Budget Committee, the Selectmen decided to present two alternatives for funding the project. Voters will be able to choose between funding the facility construction over several years or paying for it all at once.

# Q: The Police Department's current office is about 1,200 square feet. Why is it necessary to build a new building four times that size?

A: The Police Department currently utilizes about 2,400 square feet in the Town Offices, including the existing police office space and storage areas in the basement and attic. In addition to adequate space for



#### A rendering of the new police facility on Middle Road, courtesy Alba Architects

administration, evidence processing and storage, the new facility incorporates a secure arrestee processing and holding area, an interview room and a conference room that also serves as an emergency operations center. The facility also includes mechanical space and hallways which are not part of our current footprint.

Q: Article 04 would require the town to borrow \$685,742 through bonds or notes. How

much additional property tax would an owner of a home valued at \$300,000 be required to pay and for how long?

A: Borrowing spreads the cost over several years. With interest rates remaining low, the interest cost would be modest. Interest rates and payment information will be presented and discussed at Town Meeting.

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## Construction of the Great Meadow Trail continues this spring



Spring has been making its way into the undisturbed wetlands that make up the Great Meadow. Construction of an evironmentaly sensitive trail is now underway.

The Tuftonboro Conservation Commission (TCC) has been monitoring the Great Meadow Trail during the winter and spring. It was noted, with pleasure, that some people have been using the trail, the new bridge, and the temporary wetland crossings that were installed last fall. By the time you read this, the ice and snow will be gone, and the water table will be high. Last year, due to the pandemic, most of the trail work had to be postponed, although there were a couple of small workgroups in the spring and summer to get a few things done. In the fall of 2020, one permanent bridge was built and temporary boardwalks and a temporary bridge were installed which enabled the community to have access to the edge of the meadow.

The plan this year starts with installing a trail kiosk at the parking area. The TCC would like to find a volunteer with carpentry skills to get this done. It also wants to upgrade the temporary boardwalks and bridges to permanent structures. In addition, the trail needs to be cleaned up as there are a lot of branches and small trees overhanging the trail as well as roots and small brush growing up here and there. Some of the trail sections need to be leveled and filled with locally sourced mineral soils. If time allows, the TCC would like to start work on the viewing platform at the end of the main section of the trail.

Currently, the Commission is aiming for the middle of June to start working again. This of course would be contingent on the pandemic and current guidelines regarding gatherings. It is also dependent on the condition of the Great Meadow area. If the water level is too high, the starting date may need to be pushed out a few weeks so the areas under construction are not damaged.

Steve Scapicchio, Vice Chair of the Conservation Commission, has stepped up to oversee the construction effort this year and is looking for help. If you are interested in volunteering on this project email to conservation@tuftonboro.org or leave a message at the Town Offices (603) 569-4539 ext. 20, with your name and email address, and your name will be added to the list of volunteers. The TCC is looking for people who

can carry heavy lumber and materials to needed locations. It is also looking for people with construction skills using pressure-treated lumber to build decks and walkways.

Some other exciting news is that the Commission is currently working towards the purchase of land adjacent to the Great Meadow, which would conserve an additional 22 acres bordering the Melvin River. While some of this is wetland associated with the Great Meadow and the Melvin River, the majority is adjacent to Sodom Road and suitable for development. This is a rare opportunity to preserve an unspoiled area next to land that the town currently owns. The parcel starts at the parking lot and runs along Sodom Road on one side and follows the Melvin River on the other. A few members of the Conservation Commission have walked this area and are impressed with the abundance of wildlife and the pristine condition of the land along the river. If the TCC can purchase the property, the goal would be to extend the trail along the river to allow the community access to this undiscovered gem.

The Town is fortunate to have a chance to protect this additional piece of land. The Conservation Commission is asking for the support of the community with a warrant article on the agenda for the Town meeting on May 15. The appraised value plus associated costs are \$100,000. The warrant article is asking the town to raise \$50,000, with the balance for the purchase coming from the existing conservation fund and two potential, partner conservation organizations.

The TCC is also grateful to have the support of the Tuftonboro Association on this project. The Association generously paid for the construction of the Great Meadow Trail parking area (next to the town garage on Sodom Road) and has handled the fundraising needed for the trail materials and observation platform. Contributions to the Great Meadow project should be clearly marked "Great Meadow Trail" and sent to The Tuftonboro Association, PO Box 121, Melvin Village, NH 03850.

Steve Scapicchio, Vice-Chairman Tuftonboro Conservation Commission

#### Save the date! Well water testing kits will be available July 19

Community health has been at the forefront of our thoughts this past year with the presence of CO-VID-19. Let us continue to make our health a priority. Did you know that arsenic occurs naturally in the geology of Tuftonboro? You cannot see arsenic, you cannot smell it, and you cannot taste it, but over time arsenic can increase many health risks. For this rea-

son, and others, it is important to be aware of what is in your drinking water!

The Tuftonboro Conservation Commission is here to help you with this process. Water testing kits will be available starting July 19 in the Town Office lobby and drop off date will be July 25 at the Town Office. As the date gets closer the exact times will be

posted in the *Tuftonboro Times*, as well as on flyers hung up around town.

For more information, please email Laurel Podsen (laurelanne719@gmail.com).

Laurel Podsen, Member Tuftonboro Conservation Commission

### The Tuftonboro Times: dependent on reader support for 23 years

In the summer of 1998, the Tuftonboro Association launched a new venture, a quarterly newsletter called the *Tuftonboro Times*. In Volume I, No. 1, the *Times* first editor, Ann Hackl, wrote that the Association hoped that the newsletter would "provide a communication link between all aspects of the town." She went on to say, "The Association is sponsoring this first issue, then hopefully citizen donations can carry the cost thereafter."

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.

Dan Barnard, Editor

### No-till seminar planned for April 17 at the Community Garden

As spring has approached, the Tuftonboro Agricultural Commission (TAC) has anticipated the re-opening of the Community Garden. Despite all the changes 2020 forced upon us, the Community Garden was successful. It was also the year in which the garden was switched from a standard tilled to a no-till facility. While the benefits of this switch are many, one of the main reasons was soil improvement. The laying out of permanent plots also allowed gardeners to plant perennials and add permanent structures, and the variety of both was truly amazing to see.

TAC also sponsored a successful year-end clean-

up. The composting project was positive in some regards and not in others. TAC is still working on how to manage that this year. Stay tuned for additional information.

TAC is sponsoring a "No-Till Gardening" seminar on Saturday, April 17, at the Community Garden from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon (rain date, April 24). The seminar will be presented by Olivia Saunders from the UNH Cooperative Extension. Ms. Saunders has been with the Extension Service since 2012 and has extensive experience with soil management and vegetable growing. This should be a good opportu-

nity to learn about no-till gardening and to answer any questions you may have. If interested (you need not have a community garden plot to attend), contact Geoff Blackett (gblackett919@gmail.com) to see if there are any slots available.

TAC is hoping to have a day to get the garden opened up, put out hoses, do any residual clean-up, repair paths, and install plot markers. Information will be sent to gardeners via "FLASH" and posted to the Tuftonboro Community Garden Facebook page.

Sue Wingate, Chairman Tuftonboro Agricultural Commission

### Plant sale at the Libby Museum scheduled for two days in May

With mud season in the rear-view mirror, it is time to get ready for summer. To assist with summer planting, the Friends of the Libby will be hosting a plant sale at the Libby Museum onSaturday, May 29 and Sunday, May 30. The sale will be from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. each day. There will be many offerings, from perennials and herbs to geraniums. The Friends of the Libby hope this will become an annual event like their extraordinarily successful Mum Sale in the fall.

Nature is at the heart of the Libby Museum and its history. Doctor Libby was an avid lover of nature, particularly Lake Winnipesaukee and the Ossipee

Mountains. Doctor Libby ensured that the open vistas by the museum across Lake Winnipesaukee and Mirror Lake to nearby mountain ranges would always remain. In keeping with this tradition, the Libby Museum hosts artists each year who highlight nature. This summer the Libby Museum will be hosting Rebecca Fullerton and Joseph Callahan

Starting the series off for June and July will be Rebecca Fullerton. Fullerton, who lives in Bethlehem, NH, specializes in landscapes and paints in the realist and impressionist traditions. Her focus is the mountains of New England, particularly the White Mountains. Her work highlights the limitless views of the mountains. Her work can be previewed at <a href="https://www.rmfullerton.com">www.rmfullerton.com</a>.

The series continues from August to Columbus Day with wildlife photography by Joseph Callahan. Callahan's photos capture the beauty and wonder of native wildlife. Subjects include adorable otters, mother bears and their cubs, and soaring eagles. His work can be previewed at <a href="https://www.owlmagic.shutterfly.com">www.owlmagic.shutterfly.com</a>

Annie Lennon, Volunteer Friends of the Libby Museum

#### Master plan survey to be distributed soon

Tuftonboro is updating its master plan this year, and you can help! It is time to think about where our town is today and where we want it to be in the future.

The Master Plan Steering Committee, directed by the Planning Board, will be reaching out to Tuftonboro residents. There will be a survey in the mail this spring to fill out and return, or the survey can be completed on the town website. The committee has many other activities on tap to ensure that everyone in Tuftonboro can be part of the planning process. Watch for the Picturing Tuftonboro photo contest, Provocative Questions posters, and All About Tuftonboro Zoom evenings.

Committee members are Gary Qua, Carol Bush, Sue Wingate, Barbara Maidhof, and Laureen Hadley.

Submitted by Sue Wingate



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#### The Fairbanks sisters: 2nd generation owners at Pow Wow

"They will never move that mountain!" was a favorite saying coined by Beverly Fairbanks as family and guests gathered at the Pow Wow Lodges and Motel on Mirror Lake to enjoy the morning sunrise over Mount Shaw. Charlie and Beverly Fairbanks purchased the property, including four cottages on the shoreline, at 19 Governor Wentworth Highway in 1963. Ten years later, in 1973, they added a motel with four additional units, adjoining rooms, and air conditioning. Their trips from home in Concord, NH, each summer when it was time to set up on Mirror Lake, were also enjoyed by their two girls, Sally and Betsy. Considering their waitressing and ice-cream scooping at Bailey's, the wonderful lifelong friends they made, and all the fun on the lake, the sisters regard that era as: "The best years of our lives."

Known as the Fairbanks Sisters, these two girls grew into women who had a big decision to make after the loss of their dad, Charlie, in 2006 and the subsequent passing of their mother, Beverly, in 2012. The sisters seriously considered selling the property. But little by little, as they updated the cottages while keeping the old-time charm, then added new flooring, furniture, and paint, they convinced themselves that they should become innkeepers. And in 2014, they enjoyed a ribbon-cutting! Never thinking they would run the business, they cut a deal: Both are there for seasonal openings and closings. Then, throughout the summer and fall they alternate Thursday to Thursday weeks on duty. The Thursday switchover could be considered passing the baton, but the Fairbanks sisters view it more as: Passing a bottle of wine with a "Good luck, sister."

Some guests have been coming to the Pow Wow Lodges and Motel for more than 30 years. There is plenty of repeat business as families befriend neigh-





The Fairbanks sisters, then and now. Sally on the left. Betsy on the right. The Pow Wow Lodges have been introducing guests to Mirror Lake for almost 60 years.

boring guests then come again and again for family reunions. There are Brewster parents, the occasional wedding on the dock, in-staters and out-of-staters who all frequent the Pow Wow. Marriotts have stayed at Pow Wow; members of the Demoulas family have been guests; famous sports figures and their parents, as well as authors have enjoyed time in the cottages or motel. During the summer of 2020 COVID pandemic, when Maine required quarantines, new people arrived at Pow Wow unable to access their old vacation spots. Already the rooms are mostly booked for July and August 2021.

Guests enjoy swimming, the private docks, rowboats, picnic tables, grills, canoes, paddleboards, paddleboats, and kayaks. Internet and TV are available, but kids often paint pinecones or explore nature as a trade for screen time. The Pow Wow logo, a couple on a sunfish, dates to 1969 and can be found on cottage coffee mugs. The couple on the mugs: Charlie and Beverly Fairbanks.

Time on Mirror Lake and at Pow Wow offers a return to a simpler time. The sisters see friends from their childhood who return as grandparents with grandkids in tow. Guests come for the scenery, loons, wildlife, eagles, fishing, swimming, boating, and hiking. As the Fairbanks sisters say: "It's such a nice, manageable lake for swimming and boating. A comfortable, safe feeling, while jumping back in time."

Kathleen Sciarappa Mirror Lake Protective Association

## Some anonymous musings about last year in our small town

Facebook just reminded me, with a memory, of what I was doing a year ago. It was making masks to respond to a call from our local ambulance service for 500 face masks. Who would have thought the that I would still be making masks, and that I would have lost count of how many I have made in the past year? This has given me pause to think about the last year and to be thankful.

Besides wearing masks, we all learned to do new things. Signs on the wall and "X"s on the floor reminded us to stay socially distant when we needed to go out in public. There are directional arrows on the floor at grocery stores and other businesses. Doctor appointments, if you could get them, became virtual. We no longer could attend regularly scheduled meetings or go to the office or school. Holidays with loved ones were out, as were church services. Everyone talked about the "new normal."

However, during this past year, which, at times,

has alternately seemed just a short time and also interminable, we have adapted and come out stronger. One of the first things was mask making. Besides making masks for friends, family, and on request, thousands of masks were made locally for strangers. How many places did you go and find a box of masks there for the taking? Your neighbors did this.

Early on, besides the shortage of masks, was the shortage of hand sanitizer. Local breweries stepped up and turned to manufacturing hand sanitizer. How many of you drove around with a suspicious looking bottle in your car that kept your hands clean after visiting the grocery store?

School was another way we learned to adapt. Teachers learned to teach remotely and later in hybrid situations. Parents learned to cope with work from home and helping kids through virtual school. And, yes, many grandparents learned how to help with virtual school as well. Parents learned to appreciate what

teachers do for children every day.

We learned to adapt to meeting online. How many of us now know how to "Zoom?" While it's no substitute for in person interaction, online gatherings and meetings have allowed us to stay connected. While we decry social media, it has been a lifeline to the outside world and smaller circles of family and friends. Think of the phenomenal musical collaborations we have seen as well as meeting grandkids for the first time. The jokes friends have shared and uplifting stories we have seen. We have participated in quilt retreats, cooking classes, wildlife seminars, virtual vacations, museum tours, church services, and a myriad of other activities we may never have participated in before.

Our governments have kept functioning. Locally, thanks to our town employees and civic volunteers, our boards have been meeting, sometimes electronically and sometimes out-of-doors or indoors with

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#### The Hikers carry on with their charitable programs in 2021

"I slept and I dreamed that life is all joy. I woke and I saw that life is all service. I served and I saw that service is joy." This Kahlil Gibran quote is guiding us through the 2020-21 Hikers' year. Again, we are reminded of the dedication of the Hikers' membership, the talent and energy put forth to making things happen for the betterment of the community.

During the Winter months the Hikers were able to schedule some events via ZOOM. The one most notable was with the Tuftonboro Library Director Dennis Guilmette who graciously offered us a virtual tour of the new building, including both public and staff areas in February. With Debi Lynch, her daughter Molly, and Jill Cromwell's expertise on the ZOOM call, the tour was recorded and offered to our membership for viewing. Although we are missing face-to-face time, it is great to know we are all still in touch with emails and social media. Amazingly enough, as far reaching

as Hawaii. A message read: "It brought me to tears seeing how beautiful the library is and thinking about the many, many years and effort to make it happen!! So grateful to still have this connection through the Hikers. It is an incredibly unique organization for which you/we should all be very proud. I miss this profoundly!! Please feel free to share this. Grateful for having known all of you, Natalie Hebden".

By the time this article goes to print, The Hikers would have had a second notable event: "Songs of Old New Hampshire" with Jeff Warner. You might have been looking forward to this last year. Fortunately, we were able to reschedule via ZOOM through a grant from NH Humanities for March 18th. (Thank you, Eileen Gil)

Although the traditional Easter Breakfast is cancelled, the Remembrance & Good Cheer Committee has still found a way to connect housebound members with an Easter surprise. Other April events are on hold as changes occur with the distribution of vaccine. With an optimistic look toward the future, the Fundraising committee has begun to plan for potential fundraising opportunities. All Spring Programs/ Events are under review and as restrictions are lifted, the membership will be notified to make sure that you do not miss out on the fun and opportunities to socialize when it is deemed safe to do so.

If you are interested in becoming a member of The Hikers, a 501(c)3 organization, dedicated to raising monies for scholarship and local charities, contact Judy House at (603)520-7797 for information.

"Life is about accepting the challenges along the way, choosing to keep moving forward, and savoring the journey. Roy T. Bennett. ".

Judy House, President The Hikers

## 30-year-old mystery solved by "a friend of the Grange"

In the recent past, the Tuftonboro Grange #142 Building Committee informed the members that the Grange Hall needed to be painted and the sign needed to be updated, because it needed repainting and lettering. Discussions about the sign included: having it repainted and lettered, replaced entirely (and if so, what kind of design), and whom to approach for estimates for the work. No decisions were made.

In the meantime, Mr. John Baldwin had won the bid to repaint the Grange Hall. In preparing to paint the hall, the sign was taken down. It was then that it was discovered that the sign had rotted and would have to be replaced in its entirety. Talk ensued about



#### The lost is found!

how to get the sign replaced.

The Building Committee resolved to get the necessary information to get it replaced. It would wait until after the hall was painted.

Now comes some information from a "Friend of the Grange". It seems that some 30 plus years ago, a sign had been taken off the Grange Hall and was never found. Two juveniles were suspected of taking the sign and running off with it, but nothing was ever proven. The old sign was replaced with the one that was on the hall most recently and the matter died.

Recently, a conversation between "friends of the Grange" revealed that an old sign might be found in a barn in Melvin Village. Come to find out, an old sign was found, and in fact was the one that had disappeared off the hall some 30 years ago. Much to the delight of the members, that which was gone has been returned, thanks to some "friends of the Grange".

A big "thank you" is offered from the members to the "friends."

Joy Perkins, Secretary Tuftonboro Grange #142

#### Grange #142 distributes dictionaries to Third Grade at TCS

What a year we have had; This past year has been anything but "regular" for the Tuftonboro Grange #142. We started out with our planning meeting which forecast a fun-filled year of activities and renewing Grange friendships. In March we were inundated with the realities of self-quarantine and the Covid-19 pandemic. Governor Sununu declared "stay at home" rules thus suspending any meetings until "further notice." Unfortunately, the pandemic did not cease, and we continued following through with Governor Sununu's and the CDC guidelines. We wore masks, practiced

social distancing, stayed at home, and rarely met up with friends, neighbors, or even distant relatives. We did not hold any regular meetings; our Penny Sales were cancelled; and we did not open the Grange Hall.

We did, however, get some things accomplished: The Grange Hall got a much-needed coat of paint. John Baldwin did a beautiful job and completed it in an astonishing time.

The annual practice of giving dictionaries to the third graders at Tuftonboro Central School continued. An anonymous doner ordered and paid for the dic-

tionaries from The Dictionary Project and, made sure we got them before school began in September. The Grange delivered the dictionaries to Mr. Brian Bloomer for distribution to his third-grade students as social distancing requirements were still in effect.

We did get to socialize with each other on a few occasions this past year.

On July 10 we gathered at the home of Florence Perkins for an evening picnic and ice cream social. Members brought their favorite sandwich

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masks on. We could pay our taxes, register our vehicles, get building permits, and dog licenses, and take our trash and recyclables to the transfer station. We voted safely, both locally and nationally, thanks to town officials and a host of volunteers.

And, hopefully, we continue to remember and appreciate the "front line workers." Those who tire-

lessly took care of the sick. Those who kept our grocery stores open and took the abuse when there was no toilet paper or pasta to be had. Those who now are working almost non-stop to administer vaccinations, many of whom were retired and came back to help.

While there has been much this past year that has been difficult and strange and "not normal," take a minute to reflect on and be thankful for where you are now at the end of this unprecedented year. Be thankful for family and friends and those people whose names you do not even know that made the past year a little brighter and easier for you. Remember, moving forward, that things are getting better and will continue to do so if we stay cautious, follow advice, and care for one another.

Anonymous

#### Expanded hours, a new website are part of the library's plan

Happy Spring to all... and congratulations to Jamie O'Hagin!

On March 9, Jamie was voted in as the Tuftonboro Free Library's newest Trustee. Prior to that date, Jamie had been serving as an alternate. Earlier this year, when longtime trustee Mary Ann Murray announced she would be stepping down, Jamie came forward to run for the position. Her energy and enthusiasm will continue to be an asset to the library. Good luck to Jamie... and a special "Thank you" to Mary Ann for her many years of service and dedication!

In other news, Storytime has returned to the library. On Friday mornings at 10:30 a.m. you can join our Youth Services Coordinator Lynn Dancause via ZOOM for virtual stories and simple crafts. Craft materials will be available to pick up at the library during the week and can be assembled by listeners at home following the story. Call or email the library for details, and to sign up to receive login information.

Book Groups have resumed in-person meetings at the library. The History Book Group meets at 7:00 p.m. on the last Wednesday of each month. On April 28 they will discuss *The Woman Who Smashed Codes* by Jason Fagone, and *The Quiet Americans* by Scott Anderson on May 26. The Readers' Choice Book Group meets on the third Thursday of each month at 10:00 a.m. On April 15 they will discuss *The Huntress* by Kate Quinn, and *America's First Daughter* by Stephanie Dray and Laura Kamoie on May 20. Future selections are yet to be announced, and copies of all books will be available in advance at the Circulation Desk.

The Saturday Writers' Group is once again meeting weekly from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. All ages

are welcome to attend, and to share a sample of your writing for the enjoyment and critique of others. As with both book groups, these are small, informal gatherings, and face masks and social distancing are required by all in attendance. It is also recommended that meeting dates and times are confirmed with the library or other group members before arriving.

Museum Passes to local attractions will also be provided again this year, thanks to the continued generosity of The Friends of the Library. Passes for free or discounted admission to Castle in the Clouds, Squam Lakes Science Center, the Wright Museum, the Boat Museum, and the Libby Museum will be offered as the season arrives. Passes are date specific, and available on a first-come, first-served basis.

TFL's Summer Reading Program will feature a mix of virtual events and on-site activities. Tune in weekly from June 7 to August 23 for fun, animalthemed, educational entertainment sponsored by Checkers Library TV. This new and innovative online series will consist of twelve 30-minute weekly episodes that will highlight not only books about animals, but also include crafts, games, and virtual visits to zoos and aquariums. While there will be no large indoor group gatherings happening at the library again this year, families and individuals will be able to sign up for COVID-Safe, on-site activities and games during assigned time slots. A full list of activities will be made available in the coming months, and the possibility of outdoor activities and events are being explored.

A brand-new website is also in development for Tuftonboro Free Library! Our current website first went live back in 2007, and it is time for a fresh look



The "new" Tuftonboro Free Library features bright and sunny seating areas.

and an upgrade to a newer layout and design. The old site will remain active until the new site is ready to go online, and most of the existing content and features will migrate to the new site.

And last, but certainly not least, TFL will expand its hours during the week one final time before summer arrives. Beginning May 1, the library will be open Tuesday thru Friday from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., and Saturday and Sunday from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Optional curbside pickup will remain available during these times, but the doors will be open for a full 40 hours of indoor service!

See you at the Library...

Dennis R. Guilmette Library Director

#### Lakes Region Curling Association looks to fall, 2021 restart

The Lakes Region Curling Association (LRCA), after biding its time for the past year, is poised to bring curling back to the region this coming fall. At the organization's Annual Meeting, held virtually in late February, members made clear that they are ready to get back on the ice after a year of laying low under the threat of the pandemic.

The LRCA's winter 2020 season was cut short by the Covid-19-induced shutdown last year, and a prospective fall 2020 season was called after a spike in cases throughout the Granite State resulted in stringent restrictions on the use of ice arenas. The organization chose to remain dormant for the Winter 2021 season, waiting for a return to more normal times after widespread vaccinations make the return of group activities safer.

In addition to heeding all public health mandates, organizers expect to make adjustments such as limiting the number of participants on the ice in an effort to accommodate the changed circumstances around the use of ice arenas.

Planning for the 2021 fall curling season will begin in earnest by early summer, with registration opening by late July or early August. For the most current information about LRCA activities, check out the organization's web site at www.lakescurlingnh.org.

In the meantime, the wider curling world has begun creeping towards the 2022 Winter Olympics, with Canadian teams recently gathering inside a bubble in Calgary, Alberta, to select contenders to represent their country at those games.

At the same time, the men's and women's World Curling Championships – the first events to start the 2022 Winter Olympic Qualification process – are slated for April and May in Calgary.

Having avoided most team sports for more than a year, local curlers can look forward to harnessing their competitive spirit at home just as the world begins the long march towards the Winter Games.

Rich Masse, President Lakes Region Curling Association



Tuftonboro's own Jim McIntyre, a member of the LRCA champion, Team Nine, lays a perfect stone.

#### Police Department hires a new Administrative Assistant, twice

The year of the pandemic, 2020-21, has been difficult for everyone, and it looks like COVID-19 will be with us for a little while longer. At times, the Tuftonboro Police Department (TPD) has had several officers out due to exposure protocols, and it is continuing to limit access to the station for the protection of personnel.

The Town has been working with Alba Architects on plans for a new station. The proposed station will have a transaction window and enough space for the health and safety of the employees. Last year there were three public hearings on the police building resulting in changes made to address accessibility and other code requirements. The most recent floor plans can be viewed on the Town website.

As part of the grant process, the TPD had to complete environmental and historical impact studies. A

United Staes Department of Agriculture architect has reviewed the plans to verify compliance with codes. Additional plans will be ready for Town Meeting and there will be confirmation of the USDA Rural Development grant.

Some residents may be confused about the mention of a new cruiser in the Police Department report in the 2020 Town Report. It was thought at the time it was written that there was going to a be an article asking the town to replace the oldest vehicle in the fleet, but It was eliminated because the new police station was already on the warrant.

The administrative assistant position at the TPD was filled and then within days vacated due to CO-VID-19 concerns by the candidate. The close quarters of the station create a risk that cannot be completely

mitigated. However, Roberta French will be starting soon as the next, new Administrative Assistant.

There are both Federal and State laws being proposed that need to be watched closely for the impact they may have on the Town and the Police Department. They include mandates for body-worn cameras and accreditation. The funding offered so far is inadequate as it only covers part of the cost for equipment. Also, both bills will require employee time to administer, especially the accreditation, but that does not appear to be a concern of the legislators writing the bills.

A final note: On April 24, 2021, from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m., there will be another National Drug Takeback at the Tuftonboro Transfer Station.

Andy Shagoury, Chief Tuftonboro Police Department

#### Fire & Rescue says: limit fires, check utilities, look out for ticks

Spring is in the air. Folks have been busy with projects in and around the house more than ever since we have been staying close to home with the pandemic. If you have been building brush piles over the winter now is the time to burn them as long as you still have snow cover. State law allows for burning during the day without a permit if there is continuous snow cover for 100 feet around the pile. All of the other laws still apply, and we ask that you call the dispatch center at (603) 539-2262 before lighting your piles. Snow cover can vary greatly in different areas of town. So, while daytime burning may be ok in the four corners it may not be along the lake. Once the snow cover leaves your area, you can still burn with a permit after 5:00 p.m. or while it is actively raining. Remember that building debris, other than clean untreated/paint-free framing or boards, cannot be legally burned. If you had a seasonal campfire permit last year you should have received one this year in the mail. If you did not then, either you never sent one back last year or maybe there was a change in your address we were not aware of. Remember you must sign it and send back a copy before it is valid. If you would still like one, please call the Department at (603) 569-3381. A link is available to the NH Division of Forest and Lands from the Department's website at www.tuftonboro.org for all outside burning rules and regulations.

Use caution while driving. There is still the potential for black ice and refreezing during the thaw. As you have noticed (how could you not?) the road conditions can change daily with potholes and frost heaves so please drive carefully and watch out for other people sharing your lane while getting through the obstacle course. Also, with the warm weather people are out walking or riding their bikes after being cooped up all winter. There is not a lot of room yet on the sides of the road so please share the road and be patient with each other.



Members of the Tuftonboro Fire Rescue Department in action at a multiagency snowmobile incident training exercise in late February. Agencies included Tuftonboro Fire Rescue, NH Fish and Game, Ossipee Corner Fire, Moultonborough Fire and Wolfeboro Fire Rescue. The Wolfeboro Snowmobile Club and Tuftonboro Police also provided support to make this complex training possible.

Please take the time to inspect your outside utilities to make sure nothing was damaged from ice and snow over the winter. It is not uncommon for oil tanks or propane regulators to be damaged or outside vents to be crushed. You want to make sure that all heating appliances are vented properly. Spring is also the time to clean your chimneys if you burn wood. We seem to respond to more chimney fires during the spring than other times of the year. Creosote builds up in the chimney slowly over the winter and finally reaches the point of being a problem. Often the wood was not seasoned enough so more creosote was created than in a normal winter. Just think if you get this done now then it is one less thing to do in the fall.

The relatively mild winter has allowed those pesky ticks to thrive. If you spend time outside, make

sure you perform a thorough tick check and remove them as soon as possible. The deer tick is a known a carrier of Lyme disease. New Hampshire is one of the worst States for Lyme disease in the country. If you find a bull's eye rash after you remove an imbedded tick see your doctor. Early detection of Lyme makes treatment easier, and it won't become a chronic condition. It is well worth taking the time educate yourself about this disease. There are some great websites out there and your doctor will certainly be able to help.

Wishing a better year than last,

Caleb Pike, Captain Tuftonboro Fire and Rescue

#### Gallagher retires as Transfer Station Supervisor, now Ruel rules

Spring is here! The past year has been one to remember due to the dramatic effects on everyone caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.

There has been a major change in the staffing at the Transfer Station. After ten years of service to the town, Clay Gallagher has retired. The new Transfer Station Supervisor is Christopher Ruel, who is a local Tuftonboro resident and one of the three Supervisors of the Checklist. Under Gallagher's leadership the Tuftonboro Transfer Station evolved into a model facility, which has served as an example to other towns in New Hampshire. With thanks to Clay, the town now welcomes Chris in his new role. Other employees at the Transfer Station remain the same: Barry Colbert and Rob Edwards are full time employees. Robert Dean, Kerry Long, and Ralph Bussiere are per diem attendants.

Current Transfer Station Stickers for 2021-2022 are maroon in color and available for purchase at the Transfer Station or the Town Offices. The transfer station stickers are \$5.00 per sticker. Please make sure you have the current sticker displayed on the front window of any vehicle you drive to the Transfer Station. This helps us ensure that only Tuftonboro residents are using the facility and that our tax dollars are only subsidizing Tuftonboro household waste.

The following services are open for inside or outside recycling:

- Corrugated cardboard inside the recycling center for recycling.
- Aluminum cans inside the recycling center for recycling.
- Steel/Tin cans inside the recycling center for recycling.
- Plastics 1-7 (no rigid plastic or plastic bags).
- Used motor oil only (no larger than gallon containers) inside the recycling center for recycling.
- Lead acid batteries inside the recycling center for recycling.
- Rechargeable batteries inside the recycling center for recycling.
- Fluorescent bulbs and mercury-containing items inside the recycling center for recycling.
- Glass bottles and jars ONLY are still recycled, but collection is outside the end corner of the recycling building by the loading dock. Residents will drive up next to the sign "GLASS ONLY" at the 30-yard container and dump their glass directly into the container (no plastic bags or boxes).

Other Notes:

• Electronics, tires, construction debris, propane

- tanks, fridges, scrap metal, and brush are all outside in designated areas (see attendant as charges apply).
- Mixed paper is still to be discarded in household trash in compactors.

Upcoming:

The spring collection date for controlled medications will be April 24 from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. Collection will be done by the Police Department at the Tuftonboro Transfer Station.

Island Day will be on Friday, July 16, from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

Household hazardous waste collection days will be on Saturday, July 31, and Saturday, August 7, from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Locations for collection will be announced later.

The recycling building is open, so please help reduce our taxes by recycling (plastic, tin cans, aluminum cans, glass, and cardboard). Residents that continue to throw recyclables into the compactors are throwing money down the drain and costing everyone more in taxes. The more recyclable material we keep out of the household waste compactors, the more we can keep our taxes down.

Chris Ruel

**Transfer Station Supervisor** 

#### Tuftonboro Central School students go digital in a virtual world

The echo of the Tuftonboro Central School morning announcements has a different sound than previous years. When walking into TCS these days, a lot of things are modified due to Covid-19 restrictions and guidelines. You see Owl markers on the floor reminding everyone to maintain social distance. The morning begins as students get ready to enter TCS near the gym entrance. As they make their way through the halls, you can hear Administrative Assistant Deb Chrysafidis reading the announcements over the loudspeaker. This is a change from the years past. Previously, 5th graders recited the Pledge of Allegiance and read morning announcements, signing off saying "Make it a Magnificent Monday" or "Choose to Make it a Great Day!" As a result of the restrictions this year, 5th graders have not been reading announcements in the office. However, we created another experience for announcements using podcast equipment instead.

During the early stages of the Pandemic last March, a Google Classroom was created for all the TCS students. It was called the Tuftonboro Central School Community Page. Here the staff created activities and videos for students during the early days of remote learning. Today the page is still used to showcase monthly digital assemblies and announcements. At the end of the 2019-2020 school year, it was anticipated that students would have to have a unique experience for announcements if we came back into the building. In the Summer of 2020, a Rodecaster Pro

Podcasting System was ordered. This system came with a mixer and a microphone, and it connected to a computer for editing. There are four microphone connections, and it allows cell phones to call in and be recorded.

Before being able to produce digital announcements in the virtual world, the TCS staff had to learn how to use the equipment effectively. TCS School Counselor Matt Tetreault worked on a Service Learning Project with 6th grader Kaleb, figuring out how the mixer, microphone, and editing software worked. Kaleb and Mr. Tetreualt were able to understand the equipment due to Kaleb's interest in technology and Mr. T's previous experience in managing live music and equipment. They were able to produce notes for future projects created by students and staff.

From there the projects flourished. Mr. Tetreault and Kaleb helped record digital morning announcements that are uploaded weekly to the TCS Community Page. Other 6th graders Zach, Rose, and Chloe record announcements weekly in The TCS Publishing House. One of those 6th graders can call into the system to record announcements while working remotely. After the announcements, Kaleb worked on his own podcast with classmates that he submitted to the NPR Student Podcast Challenge for 5th-12th graders. Here Kaleb and Mr. T listened to a lot of model podcasts and learned a little more about editing. The focus of Kaleb's podcast is "A Daily Dose

of 2020-2021: A Kid's Perspective." It features four classmates and their thoughts over the last year. In addition, the 6th grade class worked on Science podcasts with Ms. Kozyra. Finally, Mr. Tetreault completed a Social-Emotional Learning and Mindfulness podcast for parents. This podcast included interviews with Mr. Gilpatrick and Eric Mann, a behavior consultant for the Governor Wentworth Regional School District.

More digital announcements and podcasts are in the future at TCS! We hope to do one on literacy and math tips for families. If you would like to hear Mr. T's podcast for families, check out his blog link: https://tcscounselor.weebly.com/blog.

Ryan Gilpatrick, Principal Tuftonboro Central School



The control room at TCS has a Podcaster Pro Podcasting system.

#### Church seeks new, safe ways to resume annual fair and auction

The Melvin Village Community Church seeks "to provide the best environment for young and old together to grow and experience the richness and generosity of Christ."

The Church welcomes you to join on Sunday mornings for an authentic gathering of young and old to experience and share in music, fellowship, and a positive encouraging message to inspire your faith journey. Regular Sunday morning worship services begin at 10:00 a.m. The church is following the CDC and State guidelines for in-person gatherings. We do ask folks to wear masks, wash hands and keep social distance. Services may be found online at www.

mvccnh.org/church-life.

We are currently working on safe new ways to resume our annual "Fair and Auction" scheduled for Saturday July 10. We strive to return to as much normalcy as possible, all while continuing to be safe in the process. Visit <a href="https://www.mvccnh.org/fairauction">www.mvccnh.org/fairauction</a> for more information.

MVCC is a community-minded fellowship of believers who give back in a multitude of ways. We help those in need through our FEET FOR FUEL program. If you are a neighbor in need of fuel assistance, please call the church at (603) 544-9661. If you would like more information about the church

or upcoming events, please visit our website at <a href="https://www.mvccnh.org"><u>www.mvccnh.org</u></a>, contact the church office at (603) 544-9661 or email to <a href="mailto:secretary@mvccnh.org"><u>secretary@mvccnh.org</u></a>.

It is our pleasure and an act of worship to serve those in our local community and beyond, to share the love and good news of Jesus Christ. We strive to not only serve the families of those who attend church, but also to those within our local community.

Blessings,

Rev. Kevin Van Brunt "Pk" Melvin Village Community Church

#### Camp Sentinel provides "student care" for local remote learners

Thirty-seven weeks of camp? Yes, this week marks the 37th week of camp. Hold on, I thought camps just operate in the summer months! But this year was different. Camp Sentinel opened for the summer season in June 2020, for 10 weeks of day camp. Then in September, with local schools going remote and parents having to work, Sentinel answered the call to help local families. Since mid-September, Camp Sentinel has been open for "Student Care", with students from Wolfeboro and Tuftonboro being mentored by Sentinel staff. Sentinel is here for the local community.

Sentinel was open last summer safe and covid free. We were able to do this by following our health and safety guidelines. This summer cabin capacity for overnight camp will be limited, so it is important to sign up soon. Programs for everyone – from five to 105 years old! To sign up, check out our website at <a href="https://www.campsentinel.org">www.campsentinel.org</a>.

Our 2021 theme is Steadfast. Firm in belief. Determined. Rigidly 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 can take unhurried moments to take a breath and focus on the steadfast love of our unchanging God. At camp, we



To help students learning remotely while their parents worked, Camp Sentinel opened its doors with staff mentoring children from Tuftonboro and Wolfeboro

are reminded of how immovable God is through time in the quiet, gazing at the bright stars at night. Our faith deepens as we are reminded that steadfast love of the LORD never ceases...great is Thy faithfulness.

Daily activity options include swimming, boating, arts & crafts, team building games, ropes course with zip line, rock wall, archery, hiking, large group team sports, and so many more great adventures. Each evening the entire camp comes together and gathers for Vespers, a time of worship and Bible study.

We are thankful for our community friends who stand with us in our mission of service to the local community. Sentinel is MISSION first and we love our neighbors. If you would like to learn more about supporting the camp in these efforts, please call (603) 539-4839 or visit <a href="https://www.campsentinel.org/mission">www.campsentinel.org/mission</a>.

See you soon on the mountaintop,

Kevin Van Brunt "Pk" Executive Director, Camp Sentinel

### Annual Tuftonboro Roadside Clean-up is Saturday, April 24

The official day for the Tuftonboro Roadside Cleanup is Saturday April 24, set to coincide with the Saturday nearest Earth Day (Thursday, April 22). This will mark the 17<sup>th</sup> year that the Tuftonboro Association has sponsored this activity and townspeople have taken the time to cleanup the roadsides in Tuftonboro.

Roadside clean-up provides an opportunity to get outside and to participate in a communal activity. This can be done as an individual or as a family. If each individual/family would take time to clean up a stretch of road fronting their home and maybe their neighboring homes, Tuftonboro's roadsides would get picked up in no time.

This year there will be a box of blue bags in the town office vestibule, or you can use your own garbage bags. Please take filled trash bags to the transfer station. Unusual, large items will most likely need to be left at the side of the road for disposal at a later time.

While Tuftonboro Town-wide Roadside Cleanup day is officially Saturday April 24, you can participate on any day of your choosing. No matter when you decide to participate, remember **Safety First**. Be aware of your surroundings at all times, and watch for cars. **Wearing gloves is appropriate for this activity** at any time! Questions can be sent to <a href="mailto:selectmen@tuftonboro">selectmen@tuftonboro</a>. org.

If you do participate in the Tuftonboro Townwide Roadside Clean-up, please go to the Tuftonboro Association Facebook page (<a href="www.facebook.com/tuftonboroassociation/">www.facebook.com/tuftonboroassociation/</a>) and leave a comment. You can also leave a comment on the clipboard when you pick up blue bags in the town office vestibule. Tell who participated (number of people), where they picked up, how many bags were filled, and the number of miles covered. This is all information that gets turned into NH DOT. Let's see how many posts we can get on the Tuftonboro Association Facebook page!

#### Police Station, continued from Page 1

Q: Article 05 would require the town to raise \$285,742 to be raised by taxes. How much additional property tax would an owner of a home valued at \$300,000 be required to pay and for how long?

A: This approach will complete and pay for the project in one year. Regarding the tax impact of the project, the Selectmen work to avoid large fluctuations in the town tax rate. For the town's current valuation, the cost of this project without considering ongoing efforts for grants and retirement of other capital expenses would be approximately 24 cents per \$1000 of assessed valuation.

# Q: : In what specific way (or ways) would the visibility and performance of the police department change upon completion of the construction of a new facility?

A: Police Officers and staff will not have to leave the town or move between buildings to do things such as washing cruisers, interviewing people, processing arrests, departmental training, all things that cannot be accomplished in the current facility. It also will mitigate employee exposure to pandemic and sicknesses. The small space of the current facility creates risk that a sick employee could cause several employees to be in quarantine or isolation. There is no safe way to allow the public to enter the current facility without posing a risk to the health and safety of employees. The Department is limited in what it can do at the current facility. Safety and liability issues such as processing arrestees, ADA compliance and storage of evidence will all be addressed by the new facility.

# Q: How in the world can anyone justify a 5000 plus sf building for a small-town of 2600 people for a police station? Look at the police station in Sandwich. Why does Tuftonboro need such an elaborate facility?

A: Sandwich, a town with half the population and a smaller seasonal increase than Tuftonboro, also has a deficient police station and they have begun setting aside money in a reserve account to build a new one. 5000 square feet is not out of line with the size of modern police facilities in the area. Two examples: Tilton (population 3,673) built a 12,000 square foot

station. Center Harbor (population 1,091) built a 2,400 square foot addition which uses some of the mechanicals from the fire station and town hall and shares a hallway.

## Q: Why can't the existing police headquarters be reconfigured using space not currently used by the police department to satisfy their needs?

A: There is no space that is "not currently used." In addition to the office space, the basement and attic provide overflow storage. The facility is not compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act or state law for barrier free design, RSA 275-C. Adding on to the existing facility was considered: It would have cost more, provided less space, and reduced parking. It would also have limited future expansion of the Town Offices.

# Q: Do we really need such a big police department, keeping in mind Tuftonboro has the services of the County Sheriff department, the State Police, and police departments of abutting towns?

A: While the State Police and Sheriff's Office have jurisdiction, they do not have the staff to provide coverage at all hours. The services these agencies provide are limited to assisting with emergencies. Although we have mutual aid agreements with abutting towns, they provide emergency assistance subject to staff availability.

#### Q: What do the policemen do all day?

A: Daily tasks include but are not limited to responding to emergency calls and accidents, patrolling town roads, answering inquiries from the public, reviewing incidents, preparing cases for court, conducting daily welfare checks, following up on stalking cases and child abuse reports, providing school safety patrols, and investigating animal complaints.

## Q: The plans for the building include three bathrooms. Why so many?

A: The new facility design includes one public restroom accessible from the lobby, a staff office restroom, a changing area restroom, and one restroom for arrestees in the booking area.

#### Q: Where will a new police station building be located?

A: It will be located at 220 Middle Road. This is the former Dearborn property, purchased by

the town in 2006 for a future police and fire public safety building. It is across Middle Road from the Tuftonboro Free Library.

## Q: How many feasibility and needs studies have been conducted leading up to the current plan?

A: There have been many studies done beginning in 2004 identifying deficiencies in the present facility and the need for more space. There were drawings done by Stewart Architects for a combined public safety facility in 2007. There was another design from a study group in 2008/2009. Another study and design were completed by Gary Goudreau in 2010. A Police Study Advisory Committee completed a design concept to locate the Police Department in the Library building in 2014. Finally, in 2019, Alba Architects did a feasibility study for the current project (which is available on the town website).

Q: Given the recent significant increase in the cost of all materials for new construction, it will be impossible to build the proposed police station for the stated cost in the warrant. How are the selectmen going to address this increased cost issue?

A: The project will be presented at town meeting with a guaranteed maximum price.

Q: Given the increase in the cost of all construction materials, is it time to seriously consider other alternatives to an entirely new stand-alone police facility? Are the Selectmen going to revisit options that include the renovation/expansion of the present police space or integrating the police department into the fire station?

A: The 2019 study examined three alternatives including renovation/expansion in the existing location. Costs were similar for all sites and the choice was based on other considerations.

Q: Some voters have suggested that the decisions made in 2007 and 2011 not to go forward with one public safety building (combining the police and fire departments) was a mistake. Is it too late to correct that mistake? If so, why?

A. The Central Fire Station is not oriented in a way that would allow the addition of a police facility.

#### Grange, continued from Page 5

fillings such as ham salad, egg salad, cold cuts, deviled eggs, and watermelon. This was followed up by making our own ice cream sundaes. Afterwards we brought each other up to date by describing what we have been doing during this difficult time. Attending were Florence, David, Martha, Joy Wayne,

MaryAnn Murray, and Barbara Jones. A good time was had by all, even while practicing social distancing.

Grange members took a "Mystery Ride" to the Tuftonboro Historical Society in Melvin Village. We spent time checking out the local history of Tuftonboro and reviewing several books of photographs and stories. There was even a book with the history of the Tuftonboro Grange. Everyone found something

special to see and review. We all had a good time. Those participating were Mary Ann Murray, Florence Perkins, Joy Perkins, Martha Peterson, and Georgene Sellinger.

Joy Perkins, Secretary Tuftonboro Grange #142

#### COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Please note: All events are subject to cancellation or rescheduling due to COVID-19 restrictions.

Consult the town website or event contact for up-to-date information.

April					
15	10 AM - 12 PM	Readers' Choice Book Group	TFL		
24	10 AM - 2 PM	Town Road Clean-up - Sponsored by Tuftonboro Association	Town-wide		
28	7 PM-9 PM	History Book Group	TFL		
May					
15	9:00 AM	2021 Tuftonboro Town Meeting	DMF		
20	10 AM - Noon	Readers' Choice Book Group	TFL		
26	7 PM - 9 PM	History Book Group	TFL		
26	7 PM - 8 PM	Historical Society Meeting	THS		
29,30	9 AM - 4 PM	Plant Sale - funds raised will help restore the Libby Museum	Libby		
June					
1	Contact Museum	Libby Museum Opens for the season	Libby		
17	10 AM - Noon	Readers' Choice Book Group	TFL		
23	7 PM - 8 PM	Gerry DeGeorge History of Sawyer Point	THS		
30	7 PM - 9 PM	History Book Group	TFL		
July					
7	2 PM - 3 PM	Live Animal Show - please book via www.thelibbymuseum.org	Libby		
8	6:30 PM - 8:30 PM	The Wooden Nickels Band	19MB		
10	9 AM - 1 PM	Melvin Village Community Church fair and auction	MVCC		
14	2 PM - 3 PM	Live Animal Show - please book via www.thelibbymuseum.org	Libby		
15	6:30 PM - 8:30 PM	Brian Hastings & Sky Road	19MB		
17	8:30 AM	Barn Sale	THS		
21	2 PM - 3 PM	Live Animal Show - please book via www.thelibbvmuseum.org	Libby		
22	6:30 PM - 8:30 PM	The Terrie Collins Band	19MB		
28	7 PM - 8 PM	NHHC John Harris " Returning North for the Spring"	THS		
28	2 PM - 3 PM	Live Animal Show - please book via www.thelibbymuseum.org	Libby		
29	6:30 PM - 8:30 PM	Granite Planet	19MB		
Contacts:					

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Libby Museum	Alana Albee	<director@thelibbymuseum.org></director@thelibbymuseum.org>

#### KEY:

19MB - 19	Mile Bay Pavilion	Libby - Libby Museum	
DMF - Dav	is Memorial Field	OWC - Old White Church	TCS - Tuftonboro Central School
TFL - Tuft	onboro Free Library	TFS - Tuftonboro Central Fire Station	TGH - Tuftonboro Grange Hall
THS - Tuft	onboro Historical Society	TTO - Tuftonboro Town Offices	TUMC - United Methodist Church
TWS - Tow	n Web Site	WWH - Willing Workers Hall	TTH - Tuftonboro Town House



Members of the Tuftonboro Grange #142 gather at a past event. Standing tall (left to right) are Ernie Perkins, Florence Perkins, Jean Whitten, Charles Whitten, Wayne Perkins, David Perkins, and Ernie Perkins, Jr.

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