

# The Tuftonboro Times



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## Supply issues delay construction of new police facility

With the Town Meeting behind us, the Selectmen are moving forward with the warrant articles voted on and many other issues brought before them.

While the town voted to build a new Police Station, the Selectmen find themselves subject to the volatile current market for building materials, such as a 25% increase for roof trusses and increases for windows and framing lumber. The Selectmen are in constant contact with the architects and construction managers to try and mitigate these increases, but it may be that construction will have to be delayed until the markets settle down.

There will be a few changes in the town office over the next six months as longtime Administrative Assistant Diane Falcey will be retiring. She has been an invaluable asset to the Town, and the board thanks her for her service, and wishes her well. Diane's leaving will require the Selectmen to change some other employees' duties and fill the vacancy she created. While they regret losing Diane, it does give the Selectmen the opportunity to review the management and structure of the office staffing to maximal efficiency without increasing the size of our staff.

One of the future projects that the Selectmen are

working on is the renovation of Union Wharf. The planning for this renovation has been complicated by the lack of a "grant in right" from the State. Even though the wharf has been in existence since the mid-1800s, when the State assumed ownership of the lake and the underlying lakebed, the wharf was not included in their "grants of right" of existing structures (boathouses, docks, etc.). So, the Selectmen have been in discussions with the State Department of Environmental Services and the Executive Council to remedy the oversight. Union Wharf provides access to the lake for our island residents as well as our fire and rescue boats, and for the State Fish and Game personnel. The Selectmen encourage townspeople to contact Executive Council member Joe Kenny to support this effort. His contact information is at the bottom of this article.

Another issue with regards to Union Wharf is the proposed seaplane use. The request came to the Selectmen, and they have received enormous response, both positive and negative, from local property owners. While a proposed flying demonstration is planned and both the Tuftonboro Fire and Rescue and the State Fish and Game have been asked for input, there has been no decision by the Board of Selectmen

on this request. There will be public hearings before this request goes forward.

On Saturday, June 26, the Board had the pleasure of presenting the Boston Post Cane to Roger Campbell on his 100<sup>th</sup> birthday. Roger was surprised and pleased at the recognition and honor. The tradition of awarding the gold-headed cane to the oldest resident in town was established in 1909 by Boston Post publisher Edwin Grozier, when he distributed canes to the Boards of Selectmen in 700 towns throughout New England.

The Selectmen encourage all of you to take advantage of the events and recreational opportunities here in Tuftonboro and have a Great Summer.

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## Postponed library Grand Opening scheduled for August

The Friends of the Library (FOL) Board of Directors is thrilled to announce the much-anticipated official *Grand Opening of the Tuftonboro Library*. As they say, "Better late than never". So, mark your calendars for Friday, August 27<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 to 7:30 pm.

The Grand Opening will be the kickoff to Old Home Days weekend. Refreshments will be served (cupcakes, water, soda, and the ice cream truck!).

There will be guest speakers (we will keep it short!) and, hopefully, music. And if you have not seen it yet, tours of the library will be available.

The Grand Opening will also include our popular Artisan & Craft Raffle drawing. Tickets will be on sale at the library starting August 1. If you would like to donate something for this raffle, please contact Linda MacDonald ([lindagilmacdonald@aol.com](mailto:lindagilmacdonald@aol.com)) or Caro-

lyn Sundquist ([csundquist@roadrunner.com](mailto:csundquist@roadrunner.com)).

More information will be available on our Facebook page, the Granite State News, and the library's website as we continue with planning. See you on August 27.

**Carolyn Sundquist, President**  
**Friends of the Library**

## United Methodist Church meets again in its historic building

"Hopefully," she said, "we are seeing the light at the end of the tunnel with Covid 19." During the pandemic, the oldest religious congregation in Tuftonboro (organized in 1804) was holding services in the dining space of the oldest church building in Tuftonboro (1853). Finally, however, services at the Tuftonboro United Methodist Church have returned to the sanctuary of its historic building.

As far as any activities are concerned, none have yet been planned. One congregant said, "We are such a small congregation; it is hard as we do not have the people to plan and follow through with our money-making projects." Many are hopeful that the church's tradition of seasonal church suppers will resume soon.

The Tuftonboro United Methodist Church is open every Sunday at 10:30 a.m. for services. All are

welcome to come and worship in a proud old building which is an integral part of Tuftonboro's colonial history, and the only structure in town with a plaque from the National Historic Register.

**Estelle M. Zedalis**  
**Tuftonboro United Methodist Church**

# Work on the Great Meadow trail picks up this summer

The volunteers are out working, and good progress is being made on the Great Meadow Trail. A year ago, Covid-19 restrictions made progress difficult. A bridge and temporary boardwalks were about all that could get done without risking the health of the volunteers. This spring the lower half of the trail was extremely wet, so there was time to plan the work and assemble materials. Steve Scapicchio, Tuftonboro Conservation Commission (TCC) Vice Chairman and Trail Master, did all the measuring and marking over multiple workdays and ended up with a complete list of trail needs. If you had walked the trail, you would have seen a lot of pink and orange flags that were placed to mark the areas that either needed to be improved or boardwalks and bridges that had to be installed.

The planning included measuring the sizes for all the boardwalks and bridges then placing the order for the materials. The Tuftonboro Association and numerous local individuals have donated the funds that have made this project a reality. After the trail was all laid out, there were eight boardwalks and one additional bridge to construct to finish phase one. If you have purchased any pressure-treated lumber recently you might have been as surprised as we were at the current price. This pretty much exhausted the budget for the entire project, so the fundraising will continue.

While we waited for the water table to go down on the lower portion, and for the building supplies to arrive, the volunteers started improving the upper section. First, they cleared all the small stumps and any other tripping hazards. At the same time, they removed all the low hanging branches and brush encroaching on the trail corridor. Once the pathway

was clear, volunteers focused on filling in some of the low spots to level the trail.

After the pressure treated lumber arrived, the material was precut whenever possible. Not only does this make carrying in the materials easier, but it also saves battery time on the tools. The workers can transport the items about one quarter mile on an old road before it must be hand carried the remainder of the way. In case you have not had the opportunity to pick up a 10- or 12-foot-long, pressure treated 2X10, let me tell you they are heavy! While there is a lot of work involved in constructing a boardwalk or bridge, the real work is carrying in the materials. By the end of June, there was nearly 100 feet of permanent boardwalk completed. It takes over 100 of those 10 to 12 ft, 2 X 10 planks to get that far. All the volunteers fall into the category of "retired" but they still work!

Many thanks to all the volunteers that have made this possible, Don Dow, Geraldine and Larry De George, Larry Phelps, Alison Lovett, Joan McGrath, Steve Wingate, Anne Vinnicombe, Ian Whitmore and Steve Metz. Also, Russ Baerenklua and Jim Shildneck are currently building a kiosk for the trailhead. The kiosk will have maps posted and other trail information for hikers.

Thursday has been set as the day the crew is working. They meet at 9:00 a.m. at the parking area just past the town garage on Sodom Road. If you have some time and would like to join, please feel free to stop by. If you email your name and email address to [conservation@tuftonboro.org](mailto:conservation@tuftonboro.org) you can be added to the list of volunteers and be advised of the schedule. If you cannot make it on Thursdays, there will be a couple of Saturdays planned during the summer.

Based on the boardwalks needed, you could say



**Precut, pressure-treated lumber is carried into the Great Meadow area by volunteers for use as boardwalks.**

the trail was at the halfway point, however, every foot of progress increases the distance the crew must carry materials, which is the hardest part. All things considered though, it is hoped that the project will be at the Great Meadow's edge and building the observation platform by the end of this season.

**Steve Wingate, Chairman  
Tuftonboro Conservation Commission**

## Gardeners offer to assist in managing Community Garden



**Helping around the Community Garden are (l-r) Mike Haeger, Adam Stockman, and Jacinda Montagu.**

The Tuftonboro Community Garden (CG) is an amazing place. There are 40 plots, and each gardener has a unique way of growing their plants. If you want to be inspired, take a walk through the garden and see what can be done with a small plot of land. Also, take a wander through plot 1A, the pollinator garden.

Check out what Joan McGrath and friends have done to encourage pollinators in the CG. If you are interested in working in this plot, please contact Joan through the town website (<https://www.tuftonboro.org/home/webforms/contact-us>).

The Tuftonboro Agricultural Commission (TAC) is in the process of installing plot markers at the Tuftonboro Community Garden. These plot markers will enable visitors to identify plots. The markers were made by Kingswood students from donated lumber. Markers are in the process of being installed by TAC.

The compost demo area at the CG will be dismantled, and TAC is considering adding some accessible raised beds in that space. If you would be interested in using a raised bed in the future or helping with the project, please contact TAC through the town website: <https://www.tuftonboro.org/home/webforms/contact-us>.

At the recent TAC meeting several gardeners suggested that consideration be given to managing the

CG cooperatively. While the discussion was general in nature, TAC agreed that the idea has merit and that the current plot holders should be informed and encouraged to discuss this with their fellow gardeners.

Later this summer, TAC will be sending out a survey to see if there is sufficient support among the plot holders for this approach to move forward and formally address such a program.

**Susan Wingate, Chairman  
Tuftonboro Agricultural Commission**

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# *An open letter from the President of the Tuftonboro Association*

July 17, 2021

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

The issue of the *Tuftonboro Times* you have in your hands kicks off the Tuftonboro Association's primary fundraising effort for the year. Your donations are the sole means of support we receive. Over 2020-2021, COVID-19 concerns have sharply reduced the social interactions that are part of the hallmark of the association and the town; yet life goes on, as this issue will attest. In time, our activities will fully recover, and your financial support is critical to our operations. Remember, the Tuftonboro Association is a 501(c)3 organization, which means all donations are fully tax deductible.

Since 1965 the Tuftonboro Association has been dedicated to working with members of our community who are concerned with, and interested in, the welfare of our community. Our interests include the conservation and preservation of the natural beauty and resources of the community, and the support of various projects of a charitable and civic purpose in the community. Our major, ongoing efforts include:

- The Great Meadow Wetlands Trail – Working with the town's Conservation Commission to open public access to the Great Meadow via Sodom Road. Wonderful progress has been made with a parking lot and trail sections built. Construction is ongoing and will proceed this summer.
- The *Tuftonboro Times* – Published four times a year and distributed free to every Tuftonboro mail recipient.
- Candidates' Night – A forum typically held in February that provides residents with the opportunity to interact with candidates for local offices.
- Tuftonboro Roadside Cleanup – An annual event, centered around Earth Day, in which volunteers are organized to collect trash and debris from Tuftonboro roads.

If you have questions, or would like to become involved, please contact Mark Howard at (603) 539-2001, or email Mark at [mark.howard.nh@gmail.com](mailto:mark.howard.nh@gmail.com).

Please remember, all our activities and projects are funded by donations, which automatically confer membership in the association. This last year has been particularly hard, and available funds are at a low point. Any amount you can donate will be gratefully accepted. Thank you all.

Sincerely,

*Mark Howard*

Mark Howard, President  
The Tuftonboro Association

# Police Department prepares for post-pandemic summer

Warm summer days are upon us, and Tuftonboro will be seeing more visitors as the COVID-19 restrictions are lifted, but we still must be cautious. The Tuftonboro Police Department's ability to deliver services will continue to be impacted by the pandemic.

This summer the department will be short one person. The greatest impact will be less time to patrol for traffic violators. Hopefully, we will be fully staffed by the end of summer. Roberta French has been working as our Administrative Assistant. She has been doing a great job getting the files organized and sorted.

The Selectmen will have more meetings with

the architect and construction management company regarding the new police station which the Town Meeting approved in May. There are issues with getting final bid numbers together for a variety of reasons. The members of the department appreciate the efforts of the Town and residents to get the police station project going. Maybe by the time this is printed we have some good news on the plans for the facility.

The courts have reopened, and the backlog of cases will be moving forward. I expect the officers may have to spend quite a bit of time in court this fall.

The police department has received materials from the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau about

protecting personal information from online scams. Information is specific to ways scammers defraud older members of the community. This material is available in the entryway to the town offices.

Please remember to share the road. Pedestrians need to proceed toward the traffic and in single file. Bicyclists need to follow the rules of the road that are applicable and go with the traffic using the appropriate hand signals. When passing a bicycle, make sure you leave three feet of space or more between your vehicle and the cyclist, depending on the speed in the area.

**Chief Andrew Shagoury**  
**Tuftonboro Police Department**

# Fire and Rescue Department warns of heat emergencies

Can you believe it is mid-summer already? It has been a busy year for the Tuftonboro Fire and Rescue Department with an increase in calls from last year. The Town's population has increased due to the "COVID effect," and seeing and hearing about the real estate market, it is not going to be dropping anytime soon. With that growth comes an increase in calls for service. So far this year that is holding true. The summer camps are going to be back in session this summer. So, please use caution and patience while traveling due to the increased bike, car, and pedestrian traffic around the area.

The early June heatwave gave us a stark reminder of the just how hot it can get. The intense heat and humidity create numerous problems for area fire departments, including an increase in calls for heat-related issues, and firefighters are quickly exhausted when they must work outside for prolonged periods of time. So, when the temperature rises, please hydrate, hydrate, and hydrate. You really cannot drink enough to replenish the fluids that are being lost when it is so hot, especially if you are working outside. Good old water is the best option for hydrating yourself. There are many commercial sports drinks on the market that claim they are the best for replacing lost nutrients and electrolytes, but for mere mortals these products can, in fact, cause problems if they are the only thing that you drink. It is a good idea to mix your sport drink at least 50/50 with water to dilute it down. While everyone suffers during these heat waves, the sick and elderly can be the most affected. If you have an elderly relative or neighbor, please check in on them and remind them to keep drinking, even if they do not feel like it. Due to physiological changes, the elderly often do not realize they need to drink. They might not feel the need to drink when, in fact, they are already in a state of dehydration. So, it takes extraordinarily little water loss in these people for them to have a severe heat emergency. Some signs and symptoms of a heat emergency that you may notice are profuse sweating,



**Tuftonboro fireboat pumping water during a multi-department exercise in front of the Weirs docks.**  
**Photo by Kyle Williams**

a lack of sweating while the skin is very warm to the touch, a change in the person's normal mental status, and, if you gently pinch the person's skin, it does not return to normal when it is released. These are all signs of dehydration. You should try to get these people relief as soon as possible. Some ways to do this are: bring the person into an air-conditioned room, get them to drink lots of water, or, if they are having a heat emergency, call 911.

The summer is a great time to get out and enjoy the water. If you do go out on the water on a boat, kayak, paddle board, canoe, old log, or submarine, please wear your Personal Floatation Device (PFD). It is a law that all children under the age of 12 must wear an approved PFD. If you think by having one near you, in case you need it, you are safe, then you are mistaken. Investigations after tragic accidents always end up showing there is never enough time to put on your PFD before you need it. And you cannot

put it on if you are unconscious. There have been numerous water-related deaths in NH this season so please use caution in and around the water. The Lakes are busier than ever, and traffic is at an all-time high. (Ok, it has been crazy out there.) There are large numbers of new boat owners out there who are not familiar with the lake or the rules of the road. If you are a seasoned captain, or have been on the lake your whole life, please be patient when using the boat launches or meeting these folks on the water. They are learning and may need a little guidance on how to operate safely in and around the water. We are all excited to be out and about after a very trying year. So please be nice to one another.

Feel free to stop by one of the stations if you see vehicles outside or call us if you have any questions or concerns that we can help you with. I hope you continue to enjoy your summer and stay safe.

**Caleb Pike, Capt.**  
**Tuftonboro Fire and Rescue**

# Hazardous waste collections set for July 31, August 7

Welcome Summer! Camps are opening, vacation homes are again being occupied, and here at the Transfer Station we are beginning to see an increase in volume. With that, we would like to ask folks to try to come prepared to do their business. If you need assistance from Staff, please do not hesitate to ask. Someone will be happy to assist you.

The Transfer Station has recycled just under 90 thousand pounds of cardboard at the end of June and 10 thousand pounds of aluminum cans. With the camps in session, it is expected that the upcoming cardboard intake will be significant.

Current Transfer Station Stickers for 2021-2022 are maroon in color and available for purchase at the Transfer Station or the Town Offices. The stickers are \$5 each. 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 recycling building is open. Please join us in recycling plastic, tin cans, aluminum cans, glass, cardboard, lead acid batteries, and fluorescent bulbs. By recycling these items, we can help to offset our tax burden, as well as help the environment.

The following services are open for inside and

outside recycling:

- Corrugated Cardboard inside the recycling center for recycling (no cereal boxes/soda boxes, packing material, paper towel rolls, carpet rolls etc.).
- Aluminum beverage cans \_inside the recycling center for recycling.
- Steel/tin cans \_inside the recycling center for recycling.
- Plastics 1-7 – inside the recycling center for recycling (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 items containing mercury - 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 sign “GLASS ONLY” at the 30-yard container and then

dump their glass directly into the container (No plastic bags or boxes)

Other Notes:

- Electronics, tires, construction debris, propane tanks, refrigerators, scrap metal, and brush are all outside in designated areas (see attendant as charges may apply).
- Mixed Paper is still to be discarded in household trash compactors.

Upcoming:

- Island Day will be on Friday, 16 July 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 are in Ossipee, Moultonborough, Meredith, Bristol, Laconia, Belmont, Franklin, Gilford.

I, and the other employees at the Transfer Station (Barry Colbert and Rob Edwards, Robert Dean, Kerry Long, and Ralph Bussiere) would like to thank the Tuftonboro community for its continued support and for the generous complements we have received at the Transfer Station.

**Chris Ruel, Director  
Tuftonboro Transfer Station**

## Parks and Rec plans to keep Tuftonboro busy all summer

The Outrigger Canoe Club is offering area residents an opportunity to experience the sport of outrigger canoe. The canoe is a fun way to exercise and enjoy the beauty of nature with others who love the water. The program is currently holding practices for paddlers in both four- and six-person canoes on the following days: Tuesday from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m.; Thursdays from 6:30 to 8:00 a.m.; and on Saturdays from 7:00 to 9:00 a.m. and 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. All sessions take place at 19 Mile Bay. For further information contact Pascal Delloue at (603) 205-0334 or email [pascal.delloue@gmail.com](mailto:pascal.delloue@gmail.com).

The Spring Cornhole League is currently wrapping up with playoffs, but a fall league will begin on September 7. Two-person teams can sign up for the league by emailing Parks & Recreation at [parksandrec@tuftonboro.org](mailto:parksandrec@tuftonboro.org). The cost is \$50 per team, and all matches are played on Tuesday evenings at the town beach at 19 Mile Bay. For further information, contact Dennis Zilembo, Director at (603) 569-4539 x25.

This year, The Cornhole All-Stars from Wolfeboro were challenged to a home and home series for bragging rights of the area! The first match took place at 19 Mile Beach on Tuesday, July 13th at 6:00 p.m. Five two-person teams represented each community in a best three out of five match contest. The results,

unfortunately, were not available at press time.

Tuftonboro Parks & Recreation will again be holding a series of concerts every Thursday evening at 19 Mile Bay from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. The Wooden Nickels Band will be first up on July 8. Brian Hastings & Sky Road take the stage on July 15. On July 22, The Big Picture Band with lead singer Terrie Collins perform. The Raging Rockaholics make their debut at the beach on July 29. August 5 brings The Echotones to town. The most popular band of the summer is the Carolyn Ramsay Band on August 12. Concerts are free; however, a hat is passed for local charities. Concessions are available. So, bring your favorite lawn chair or blanket, and enjoy the sunset, the beach, and some great music.

As part of Tuftonboro Old Home Days, the popular cardboard boat race will take place on Saturday, August 28 at 3:00 p.m. at the town beach at 19 Mile Bay. “We hope to have a Kids Division and an Adult Division,” said Dennis Zilembo, Parks Director. Applications are available on the website: [www.tuftonboro.org/parks-recreation-commission](http://www.tuftonboro.org/parks-recreation-commission).

A partnership between the New Hampshire Boat Museum and the Tuftonboro Parks & Recreation has brought a unique sailing program to our area. To take the hassle out of owning a boat, maintaining it, and storing it, you can now rent a sailboat with this pro-

gram! Each sailing day is divided into two time slots: morning, 8:00 a.m. to noon, and afternoon, 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. To be certified to use the sailboat participants must demonstrate sailing proficiency. For further information and sign ups, contact the Wolfeboro Recreation Department.

The idea of a bike trail has been brought to the Selectman and Parks & Recreation Office by Caleb Pike and Andrew Lester of Bella Terra Trail Design. Mr. Lester, who lives locally, has designed bike trails all over the country. The location would be behind the Tuftonboro Fire Department. The trail would include three different loops for various skill levels. The Parks Director is seeking people interested in this program and looking for ways to raise \$55,000 to build the project. For more information email Dennis Zilembo, Parks Director, at [parksandrec@tuftonboro.org](mailto:parksandrec@tuftonboro.org).

Tuftonboro Old Home Days are August 27-29. The popular Town Picnic will highlight the Old Home Days program on Sunday, August 29 from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. at 19 Mile Beach. A free cookout, music entertainment, and kids' events will highlight the day. Other events that week include a Scavenger Hunt, Cardboard Boat race, grand opening of our new Library, a Farmers Market, and town dinners.

**Dennis Zilembo, Director**



# Hikers make up for lost time, plan robust 2021-22 season

The Hikers have proved their resilience once again! After a year of navigating Zoom meetings and socially-distanced events, the Hikers were able to hold their Annual Meeting on Thursday, June 3rd at the Kingswood Golf Club Restaurant. New officers were elected. They are Eileen Gil, President; Pat Jones, Vice President; Debi Lynch, Recording Secretary; Barbara Maidhof, Corresponding Secretary; and Jill Cromwell, Treasurer.

Since most fundraising this past year were cancelled due to Covid, the Hikers are planning for a more robust 2021-22 season. Upcoming fundraising plans include tables for crafts and baked goods at the Melvin Village Community Church fair and at the Historical Society during Old Home Days. The fall season will kick off with a barbeque and auction at

Camp Belknap.

The Hikers is a 501(c)3 organization. Through a variety of annual fundraising events such as a Holiday Open House, Barbeque and Auction, rummage sales, and other scheduled fundraising events, the organization has provided scholarships to many area children and has contributed to several area charitable organizations.

This year The Hikers are awarding 21 scholarships ranging from \$300 to \$750 for a total of \$12,250.

The club looks forward to an active 2021-22 season. If you would like additional information on becoming a Hiker, please contact President Eileen Gil, (603)318-9393.

**Eileen Gil, President  
The Hikers**



**The Hikers new slate of officers recently met at the Kingswood Golf Club. Eileen Gil (2nd from right) is the new 2021-22 President.**

# Historical Society museum open; summer programs begin

The Tuftonboro Historical Society is anticipating an exciting season. It began the season with a 1970's home movie of Tom Hunter and his crew on the *Kitty Belle* retrieving the *Seneca* propeller from Melvin Bay that divers had found. The artifact had been there for about 100 years and now sits on the front lawn of the Society's Museum.

In June we heard about Gerry DeGeorge's research of Caverly Point and Sawyer Point. The history begins with the Caverly family in the early 1800s and continues to the present time, describing how each area was deeded to families and then subdivided and sold. Some properties have remained in the same family. The Society has a copy of the book that Gerry put together at the Museum. It is well worth the read.

On Friday, July 2, the museum opened for the season. The summer exhibit will be Maple Syrup at Bald Peak Farm. The hours are Wednesday and Friday 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. and Saturday 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

On July 17 there will be a "barn sale" with baked goods, books, vendor tables, flea market, and furniture. If you would like to rent a table, contact Sue Weeks at (603) 520-0395.

The weekly cribbage games will begin on July 27. Come by yourself or with friends; all ages are welcome. Want to learn how to play cribbage? We will teach you. You play with someone different each round, a great way to meet new people and have fun. We have cribbage boards and cards and ask for a \$5.00 donation per person.

Wednesday, July 28, John Harris of New Hampshire Humanities will present his program, "North with the Spring" retracing the journey of Naturalist Edwin Way Teale. In 1947 Edwin Way Teale, a popular naturalist followed the progress of spring over a 4-month period from the Everglades to Mount Washington. In 2012 John Harris and his wife retraced his route of unfamiliar wild places on the same calendar dates. Using Teale's notes and

photographs Harris examined and compared changes in flora, fauna, and the lives of people along the way.

Saturday, August 28, (Old Home Day Weekend) is our annual craft day featuring a great variety of local crafters. There will be pottery, wood carvings, wood turnings, quilted items, art work, jewelry, local products, baked goods, preserves and much, much more.

Wednesday, September 22, there will be a visit to The Cheney Farm, where the Woodworths, the present owners, will show us the progress of the farm restoration. Later that evening John Porter of New Hampshire Humanities will present "The History of Agriculture as told by Barns."

October 2 is the date for the Town Wide Yard Sale. All program times are listed on the calendar and the public is invited to all Historical Society activities.

**Jackie Rollins, President  
Tuftonboro Historical Society**

# Curling returns to the Lakes Region after one year hiatus

Even while July blurs our region with summer heat, preparations are under way for the 2022 Winter Olympics. And in Wolfeboro, the Lakes Region Curling Association is slowly crawling out of its protective cocoon and stretching its wings again in preparation for the return of this classic winter sport.

Come September, the Pop Whalen Ice Arena will once again paint the ice with the iconic bullseye patterns that mark the lanes where 40-pound granite stones curve gracefully, accompanied by harried sweepers, as they home in on "the button" at the center of each "house."

While LRCA organizers toyed with the possibility of offering a slimmed-down version of the sport that would field two-on-two teams and do away with sweeping and other close-in activity, in the end it was decided that the time is ripe to offer the region

a return to the classic four-person form of the game.

However, in a nod to the fact that some things have changed since LRCA members last competed in March 2020, teams competing in the Fall 2021 league will be limited to four members apiece on the ice for any match, in order to promote better social distancing. (In the past, teams were allowed to field five or six members, who then rotated in and out of the match, crowding the arena more than now seems desirable.)

Also, this year, teams consisting of only three members will be allowed.

Registration information for the fall season will begin to go out in early August to all subscribers for the LRCA's newsletter, with teams forming up into early September. Organizers have committed to maintaining registration fees at the same level as they

have been for the past several years, in an effort to encourage both new and veteran participants to join this increasingly visible winter activity.

For men and women of all ages and fitness levels, curling is a sport that combines skill, teamwork, and strategy. LRCA matches put a premium on friendly competition, sportsmanship, and fun. Players can register singly, as partners, or as full teams. No previous experience is needed, and the LRCA provides all necessary equipment.

For information about the ancient sport of curling in general and Lakes Region Curling Association in particular, visit the organization's web site at [www.lakescurlingnh.org](http://www.lakescurlingnh.org). Check out the action shot of Lakes Region curlers on page 10.

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

# Brad Swain explores underwater in Lake Winnepesaukee

*Editor's Note: Six years ago, Dive Winnepesaukee Scuba Diving Instructor Brad Swain wrote about underwater findings in the Tuftonboro area of Lake Winnepesaukee. Here's another installment about additional underwater findings that relate to the history of the Tuftonboro and Lower Moultonborough area of the lake. All but one of the following underwater items were discovered by Brad's favorite scuba diving buddy, Hans Hug, using his side scan sonar equipment. Many of the underwater wrecks can be seen on Youtube (see list below).*

## The Truck

A pickup truck was found in Moultonborough Bay between Elkin's Point and Camp Tecumseh. It is a red, International Harvester truck and is totally upside down. It appears to be perhaps a 1970's – 1980's era truck and is just deep enough (40 feet) that underwater lights are needed to see it. It is presumed that the truck sank through the ice one winter. The cab windows are up begging the question, was anyone in the truck when it went down? The police departments in Tuftonboro and Moultonborough were contacted to see if there were any missing people reported over the years. None were reported.

## The Boat Trailer

This boat trailer was also found in Moultonborough Bay near Garnet Point. Moultonborough Bay tends to get darker at depth more quickly than other parts of the lake and it is also colder. While diving, the underwater darkness made it more difficult than usual to find the trailer while descending. Even though the approximate depth of the trailer was known, suddenly, it just appeared...standing straight up and down in the water column. It appeared that a bob house had, at one time, been attached to the trailer. It is suspected that the trailer got stuck in the ice one winter and the bob house was removed from the trailer by sawing through the posts holding it to the trailer. When the

ice melted, the trailer went straight to the bottom. Much of the bob house's floor is still attached to the trailer, including the "fishing hole" boards.

## The Metal Boat

This boat is in about 61 feet of water near Store Island. It is approximately 17 feet long. It is very old and heavily rusted. It rests on a very silty downward slope. It is so silty, and the boat is so rusty, that only an outline of the boat appears including the transom, gunnels, bow and seats. This boat is thought to be from the era of logging on the lake.

## Another Car

This vehicle appears to be a 1930's era car that rests upside down in about 26 feet of water near Hersey Point about 150 feet from shore. The body of the car is gone but the chassis, axels, wheels, and parts of the engine remain. After Brad dove the car in September 2020, there were some people on the shore with whom he spoke. He learned that the car was pushed down the hillside onto the ice to let it sink in the early 1940's. It is not clear exactly who owned the car, father or grandfather, but the son was heading off to WWII, the car was no longer needed, so down the hill and onto the ice it went.

## The Outdrive

Have you ever seen an errant boater drive on the wrong side of the Graveyard buoys? It is not a pretty sight when you hear the propeller grinding away and the boat slows down. Last summer, Brad decided to snorkel on the west side of the Graveyard buoys just to see what he could find. He very quickly located a complete Mercury Bravo One outdrive right next to a huge rock that was about 2 inches under water. The depth around the rock was about 7 feet. The outdrive, which had a 25 pitch, stainless steel, 3-bladed prop attached, was salvaged for parts.

## The Wooden Inboard

This 24-foot boat rests on the bottom in about

35 feet (the stern) to 37 feet (the bow) of water just off the west side of Little Bear Island. It is a neat wreck, burned to the waterline with a deep hold area. Only the engine, prop & rudder remain. One day after diving the wreck, Brad had an opportunity to talk to some people on the shore. The story appears to be that the boat caught fire at a dock while refueling was underway. The fire got so intense, so quickly, that the owner untied the boat from the dock and pushed it out away from the shore. The fire eventually went out and the boat sank and was never recovered.

## The Raft

This raft is located between Black Island and the mainland area where the old Wawbeek Hotel used to stand. The depth there is about 27 feet. The raft was made by Neptune Boat Works of Brooklyn NY and is made of wood in a rectangular shape about 15 feet long and 7.5 feet wide. Two long metal cylinders were used to float it. One of the cylinders is still attached and the second has completely separated from the raft and sits perpendicular to it. A metal Capacity Plate was attached to the raft with a construction date of 10/11/1917. Nearby Camp Winaukee dates back to 1920, so perhaps the raft belonged to the camp.

## List of YouTube Videos

- The Truck: [www.youtube.com/watch?v=O9kZyun0MkQ](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=O9kZyun0MkQ)
- The Boat Trailer: [www.youtube.com/watch?v=o2kA0mkb7x8](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=o2kA0mkb7x8)
- The Metal Boat: No video available
- Another Car: [www.youtube.com/watch?v=Hid5IN48W0Q](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Hid5IN48W0Q)
- The Outdrive: No video available
- The Wooden Inboard: No video available
- The Life Raft: [www.youtube.com/watch?v=E3a8WK\\_kGgo](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=E3a8WK_kGgo)

**Stories told by Brad Swain  
Dive Winnepesaukee**

## Diver Hans Hug will offer program "What lies beneath..."



**Hans Hug is an accomplished scuba diver and history buff from Exeter, NH**

The Abenaki Tower and Trail Association Annual Meeting is scheduled for Thursday evening at 6:00 p.m. at the Tuftonboro Library on August 5. In addition to a few items associated with the Abenaki Tower, there will be a presentation by Hans Hug, Jr., noted scuba diver and history buff from Exeter, NH. He will be giving an hour and a half program: "What Lies Beneath Lake Winnepesaukee?"

Hans has been an avid scuba diver for twenty-six years and has dived extensively in Lake Winnepesaukee. He has located more than seventy wrecks, captured images of them on side-scan sonar, and photographed and/or videotaped many as well. Hans' presentation will include a history of the "Big Lake," plus a narration about many of the wrecks he

has found. He will present an underwater video of one of his shipwreck dives.

There is no charge to attend the Annual Meeting and hear Hans' presentation. Refreshments will be available.

The Abenaki Tower and Trail Association is a non-profit, non-political civic association that maintains the scenic tower located off New Hampshire Route 109 (Governor Wentworth Highway) opposite Wawbeek Road. Since 1924, the Abenaki Tower and Trail Association has been preserving the lake and mountain views from the tower for the general enjoyment of the public.

**Christopher Burnett  
Abenaki Tower & Trail Association**

# Tuftonboro Library offers full schedule of summer activities

The Summer Reader Program returns to the Tuftonboro Free Library! Our annual *Food for Friends* program began on June 24 and continues through August 6. Kids sign up to read for pleasure and receive one raffle ticket for each book they check out. Tickets can then be used to take chances on winning one or more of ten special prizes. The prize drawing will be held August 6 at 10:30 a.m., and readers do not need to be present to win. Adults sign up as sponsors and pledge to donate one item per book read to the Lakes Region Humane Society. Donations will be collected at the library from August 7 to August 13. Signup sheets for both readers and sponsors are available at the Circulation Desk.

Special summer activities include the broadcast of *Checkers Library TV*. Kids can enjoy this weekly educational entertainment program by visiting the library's website and clicking on the links for each of twelve episodes that will be posted Tuesday mornings throughout the summer months. Checkers Library TV is a fun and informative animal-themed program starring Checkers the Inventor and his robot sidekick Snoozer. Special guests, activities, games, and mysteries will be featured throughout the season.

In-person story hour has resumed at the library. After a lengthy hiatus, preschoolers can once again join us on Friday mornings at 10:30 a.m. for read-aloud stories and simple crafts. Registration is highly

recommended as the theme will vary from week to week depending on group size and anticipated attendance.

The Readers' Choice Book Group will continue to meet throughout the summer, on the fourth Thursday of the month at 10:00 a.m. On July 22 they will discuss *The Lions of Fifth Avenue* by Fiona Davis, and on August 26 *The Voyage of the Morning Light* by Marina Endicott.

The History Book Group will meet again on August 18 at 7:00 p.m. to discuss *Lenin's Tomb* by David Remnick. In September they will resume their normal schedule of meeting on the last Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. to talk about *The Europeans* by Orlando Figes.

The Saturday Writers Group meets weekly from 12:00 noon to 2:00 p.m. New members are always welcome. Come ready to share samples of your work and get helpful feedback from other writers in the community.

Looking for rainy day (*or any day*) activities for the whole family? Look no further:

Take a trip to *Candyland* or test your knowledge with the family edition of *Trivial Pursuit*. These are just two of the titles to pick from in our recently expanded collection of classic board games. Games are available to enjoy at the library or borrow and take home.

Board games not your thing? How about reserving the new program room and turning it into your own personal movie theater? Choose from a wide selection of over 3,000 DVDs and watch it on the library's new 75" flat screen TV. We will even provide the popcorn!

Visit a local museum. The library still offers passes for either free or discounted admission to area attractions. Reserve yours today, and take a trip to Castle in the Clouds, Squam Lakes Natural Science Center, the Boat Museum, the Libby Museum, or the Wright Museum.

Mark your calendar! On Friday, August 27 from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. the Friends of the Library will sponsor the much-anticipated official Grand Opening of the Tuftonboro Library. As the kickoff to Old Home Days weekend, the evening will feature food, music, friends, and lots of fun. Prize drawings for the popular Artisan & Craft Raffle will also be held. Tickets for the raffle go on sale at the library starting August 1<sup>st</sup>, and raffle items will be on display throughout the month. You do not have to be present to win but do stop by to enjoy the festivities. And many thanks to the Friends for hosting this special event to celebrate the new library!

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

## Tuftonboro Association meeting will highlight Chinook dogs

Bob Cottrell will address the public at the Tuftonboro Association's Annual Meeting, scheduled to be held at 7:00 p.m., September 16, at the Tuftonboro Town House, 247 Middle Rd, Center Tuftonboro.

Cottrell will look at how dog sledding has developed in New Hampshire and how the Chinook dog breed played a major role in this story. The breed

is known as dual-purpose haulers, with the power of freighting dogs combined with the speed of sled racers. They are the picture of stouthearted dignity, with a kindly twinkle in their dark, almond eyes. Chinooks are calm, people-oriented dogs with a special feel for children.

First bred in Wonalancet by a man named Arthur

Walden in 1912, Cottrell will cover the amazing history of the breed, which is the official State Dog of New Hampshire. This lecture is free to all members of the public.

**Mark Howard, President  
The Tuftonboro Association**

## After Covid interruption, Penny Sales return to Grange

On Saturday, July 24, the Tuftonboro Grange #142 Penny Sale returns. We are happy to welcome one and all to our Grange Hall at 157 Middle Road for some fun. Come meet new friends and renew some old friendships while trying for treasures, trinkets, and prizes. Coupon ticket sales begin at 4:00 p.m. and the

drawing begins at 6:00 p.m.

Tuftonboro Grange has withstood the pandemic and has come together again to meet in person. We are a fraternal organization working for the good and welfare of our community. We meet the second Friday of the month, six months of the year (May, June,

July, Sept, Oct, and Nov.). Our meetings start at 6:00 p.m. and anyone is welcome that would like to learn more about the Grange. Please feel free to contact Joy Perkins, Grange Secretary, at (603) 569-1887.

**Joy Perkins, Secretary  
Tuftonboro Grange #142**

*The* **PENNY** *Sale*



# Duo goes from boat building to building bluebird boxes

Russ Baerenklau and Jim Shildneck have been working together as a team building things for the community for over 12 years. They first met as volunteers for the NH Boat Museum in Wolfeboro. They started working together there, precutting parts for the youth, family, and adult boat-building classes each summer. They also made improvements to the workshop classroom area. Later, they took on more complex projects at the Remick Country Doctor Museum and Farm in Tamworth. They accomplished a series of projects at the farm including a demonstration Bob House, plus, desk, cabinets, and display shelves for the museum office and store. If you have ever been to the Remick, you may have noted the fine craftsmanship for which Russ and Jim are known. Other nonprofits have benefited from their generosity ranging from bulletin boards to craft items auctioned off to raise funds.

Russ operated a dental practice before retiring to Tuftonboro and Jim was a facilities engineer. Their backgrounds show up in the well-planned projects with careful attention to every detail.

Recently, they are branching out into new areas. In 2019 they built bluebird nest boxes for the Tuftonboro Conservation Commission education program. Managed by Laurel Podsen, this program supplied nest boxes and posts to families interested in helping bluebird populations in town. Russ and Jim followed that project by making a series of nest boxes for the Carroll County Conservation District (CCCD). They built a selection of nest boxes for various species of cavity-nesting birds. These birds depend on old rotten trees for homes to raise their young, but these kinds of old trees can be hard to find in today's managed forests. The nest boxes range from larger wood duck and owl boxes to the smaller bluebird boxes. Without these nest boxes, these bird species would become rare or even go extinct. The



**Jim Shildneck (left) and Russ Baerenklau pose behind some of the 21 bluebird boxes they built for the Carroll County Conservation District.**

boxes built by Russ and Jim are sold at CCCD events and, through the cooperation of Moose Mountain Regional Greenways, at the Branch Hill Farm Store in Milton Mills. The proceeds are used to support conservation projects throughout Carroll County by both organizations.

Currently Russ and Jim are building kiosks for trails being developed in the Great Meadow

for the Tuftonboro Conservation Commission. These structures will provide a display area for trail information that is protected from the weather.

If you see Russ and Jim, thank them for using their skills to build things that make our community better.

**Steve Wingate**

## Camp Sentinel is in full operation for the 2021 season



**Campers offer a special welcome to the start of the 2021 season at Sentinel.**

Camp Sentinel serves the local community! For 73 years Sentinel has provided an authentic environment for Christian relationship building and spiritual renewal. It seeks to meet people where they are, helping to clear the path for children and adults to experience God in an authentic way. Stories of hope and strength are common at Camp Sentinel.

Sentinel is OPEN for the 2021 season! This summer we are running programs for everyone from five to 105 years old! Day Camp and Overnight Camp return to normal, and we expect a busy summer of traditional camp activities.

The 2021 theme at Sentinel is *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. By 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 are reminded the steadfast love of the LORD never ceases...great is Thy faithfulness. Check out our website at [www.campsentinel.org](http://www.campsentinel.org).

**Rev Kevin Van Brunt, Director  
Camp Sentinel**



# 2020 was a lesson in compassion, kindness, and patience

The Melvin Village Community Church welcomes you to join the congregation 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 personal faith journey.

Sunday morning worship begins at 10:00 a.m. and provides a place where we enjoy music through our bell choir, special music, Christian fellowship, and God-centered, Bible-based teaching (Love God, Love others. Mark 12:30-31).

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 [www.mvccnh.org](http://www.mvccnh.org). Contact the church at (603) 544-9661 or email to [info@mvccnh.org](mailto:info@mvccnh.org).

How did we all do in 2020? I do not need to tell you all that it was a difficult year, and opportunity to show the attributes of compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience (we sure had a lot of practice in patience in 2020!). All one had to do to show these attributes was to write a note to a friend, help with a meal, pray for one another. Now, in 2021, how are we doing with showing those attributes?

In the changing and restarting, it may be difficult to know what we are supposed to do to show compassion and kindness, humility, and gentleness. My suggestion is to now use the patience that we have worked so hard

on developing over the last year. Show patience for those who think differently than yourself, kindness to someone who is still struggling, compassion to understand that some things have changed in the lives of those friends and family members over the course of the past year and there is struggle.

As we come back to some normal, not the “new normal” but the reality of our lives, remember Ephesians 4:32, “Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.” Let us be a people of kindness in ALL circumstances, to ALL people as we shine the light of Christ to the world. Blessings,

**Rev. Kevin Van Brunt “Pk”**  
**Melvin Village Community Church**

## Mirror Lake Church resumes Sunday worship services

The Lay Committee of the Mirror Lake Community Church has enthusiastically re-started worship services on July 11. It was quite a “wait and see” situation to determine when it would be safe and prudent to do so, but a consensus was reached to “put a toe in the water” and start up after the Fourth of July and run for just eight Sundays instead of the usual 12. The committee is implementing spaced seating in the historic 153-year-old building, and masks are optional for those who are fully vaccinated. All doors and windows will be opened for ventilation. The usual punch and cookies on the lawn after church are being replaced temporarily, at least, with touch-free pre-packaged cookies and boxed fruit drinks with straws.

The loss in January of Jan Allen, the church’s

beloved pianist/soloist of 30+ years, has prompted a new generation of musicians – Will Hawkins, the great-nephew of Mrs. Allen, will be assisting Lisa Cooper in providing service music this summer. Both bring excellent musicianship to the table, complemented by soloists performing the special music as well as leading the worship music.

Many of the ministers from prior years will fill the pulpit this summer, happy to return to Mirror Lake after the year of closure, and most have preached at MLCC for multiple years. Residents and visitors to the area will be welcomed heartily, as this non-denominational Christian church has a reputation of friendliness.

The Lay Committee is looking for more

volunteers to lend a hand in the running of the church, i.e., serving in areas of building management, finance, outreach, hospitality, and worship. Great friendships are formed by those who work together for a good cause, so it will be “old home week” at the historic church at the corner of Tuftonboro Neck Road and Rt. 109, as they reunite after more than a year. Everyone is invited to celebrate our freedom to worship and freedom from the quarantines of the pandemic. As the congregation sings in the benediction of each service, “God be with us ‘til we meet again.” And He has been.

**Ginny Cole**  
**Mirror Lake Community Church**

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**There will be plenty of action when the Lakes Region Curling Association begins play at Pop Whalen arena this fall!**

## 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.

### July

7	2 PM - 3 PM	Live Animal Show - please book via <a href="http://www.thelibbymuseum.org">www.thelibbymuseum.org</a>	Libby
10	9 AM - 1 PM	Melvin Village Community Church fair and auction	MVCC
14	2 PM - 3 PM	Live Animal Show - please book via <a href="http://www.thelibbymuseum.org">www.thelibbymuseum.org</a>	Libby
17	8:30 AM	Barn Sale	THS
21	2 PM - 3 PM	Live Animal Show - please book via <a href="http://www.thelibbymuseum.org">www.thelibbymuseum.org</a>	Libby
22	10 AM - Noon	Readers Choice Book Group	TFL
27	6:30 PM - 8:00 PM	Cribbage	THS
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 <a href="http://www.thelibbymuseum.org">www.thelibbymuseum.org</a>	Libby

### Aug

3	6:30 PM - 8:00 PM	Cribbage	THS
10	6:30 PM - 8:00 PM	Cribbage	THS
17	6:30 PM - 8:00 PM	Cribbage	THS
18	7 PM - 9 PM	History Book Group	TFL
26	10 AM - Noon	Readers Choice Book Group	TFL
27	6 PM - 7:30 PM	Grand Opening Ceremony	TFL
28	8:30 AM - 1:00 PM	Craft Sale & Bake Sale	THS

### Sept

16	10 AM - Noon	Readers Choice Book Group	TFL
16	7 PM - 8 PM	Bob Cotrell, Harnessing History, the NH state dog breed Chinook	TTH
22	11 AM - Noon	Visit Cheney Farm	
22	7 PM - 8 PM	John Porter, NH Historical Society, "The History of Agriculture in NH"	THS
29	7 PM - 9 PM	History Book Group	TFL

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#### KEY:

19MB - 19 Mile Bay Pavilion	Libby - Libby Museum	
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



Cardboard boat racing will return to Tuftonboro and 19-Mile Bay during Old Home Days, August 27-29.

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