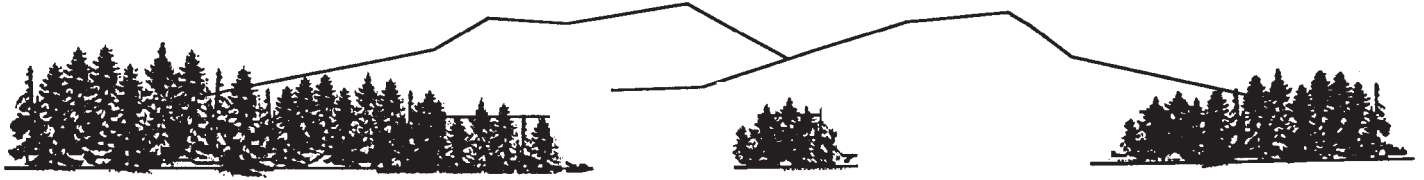


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Former Pine Cone Cafe set to reopen with new owner

The **Pine Cone Café** in Melvin Village is poised to reopen under a new name with a new owner. The new name may have to wait a little longer for final clearance from the NH Secretary of State, but the new owner, Patti Edson from Wolfeboro, says she will open the restaurant under its old name if necessary. She simply cannot wait to present seasonal visitors and residents with an enhanced menu offering, which has, in her own words, “something for everybody.”

With the ink still wet on the restaurant’s operating license, the new venue will offer inside and outside dining and a complete selection of drinks and cocktails for the most discerning of taste buds. Much of the old menu will remain intact, including pizza all day (takeout only at night) and the Pine Cone’s famous stromboli. In addition, items will be enhanced in their presentation, and new offerings will cater to modern preferences for nutritious and “heart-healthy” foods. The restaurant will be characterized as offering “American Cuisine.”

Like its predecessor, the restaurant will remain open year-round. The hours of operation will be from 11:00 a.m. until 9:00 p.m. - serving lunch and dinner. The restaurant will operate six days a week, closing only on Tuesdays. Takeout service from a dedicated window will be available all day and will offer the same fare as on the regular menu. The telephone number is unchanged: (603) 544-3800.

Two new features will be available. A shuttle service will be offered for diners arriving by boat at either the 19-mile bay public dock or at the Melvin wharf in Melvin Village. Boaters should call ahead to advise the restaurant of their arrival time and location. And for patrons living within five miles of the restaurant’s location in Melvin Village a meal delivery service will be available. In the future, new owner Edson would like to be able to offer a complete



Patti Edson, owner of the Pine Cone Cafe in Melvin Village, stands behind the bar in the renovated restaurant. Despite rumors to the contrary, the bar is still there.

catering service.

Following the sale of the **Pine Cone Café** and all of its assets to Edson, former owners Dave and Sheila Adams headed straight for Marco Island, FL where they plan to make their new home. After 19 years under their stewardship, the restaurant was closed on June 5 for renovations designed by Boston architect John D. Rossi and constructed by loyal friends and family of the new owner. One thing that did not change: the old mahogany bar is still intact and in the same location, complete with its original bar stools. The mural in the dining area depicting Melvin Bay has been removed, rolled up, and placed into storage awaiting a new location.

Another thing that did not change is all but two of the previous Pine Cone staff, from the front to the back, are still working at the restaurant. They are supplemented by seven additional experienced staff

from other local restaurants.

A new addition to the restaurant is a unique “community table” presented to Patti Edson by “dear friends” when she assumed ownership and launched her new venture. It is a 175-year-old butternut crotch table with black walnut butterfly dutchmen and a waterlox satin finish. It seats eight comfortably and will be available for groups of acquaintances or individual diners who want the experience of eating with new friends they haven’t yet met.

Patti Edson is a New Hampshire native who lives in Wolfeboro with her husband Charlie. Before she became a restaurateur, she was a schoolteacher in the Governor Wentworth Regional School District. Most recently, she was the General Manager at a restaurant in Wolfeboro.

Dan Barnard, Editor

Methodist Church offers lunch during Old Home Days

The Tuftonboro United Methodist Church will be participating in the Tuftonboro Old Home Days Celebration in August on Saturday, August 27, 2022, at the church from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm with a luncheon

from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm. The luncheon will be three types of sandwiches, chicken, ham, and egg salad along with condiments, drinks, and cookies. We will have a baked, craft, plant, almost new and new items

tables, raffles, and, of course, our revamped “Bargain Basement”. The church is located at 129 Mountain Road, Tuftonboro, NH 03816.

Estelle M. Zedalis

Great Meadow Trail construction nears completion

The Tuftonboro Conservation Commission (TCC) continues to make progress developing the Great Meadow Trail off Sodom Road. Last fall our volunteer construction crew ended the season by completing the boardwalks and bridges to the meadow edge and put in a temporary platform for viewing. Many people have been using the trail even throughout the winter.

This spring we discovered the beaver have been reinforcing old dams and thereby raised the water level an additional 6 inches, flooding the area where we planned to construct an observation platform. Our first job was to open holes in the dams to bring the water level down to normal. This was arduous and wet work. Fortunately, the beavers have moved downstream and did not return to repair the old dams. In addition, we began moving materials for the permanent observation deck to a staging area part way in and accessible to pickup trucks. We also laid out the base for the observation deck and removed some of the bush that interferes with the worksite.

In the meantime, with the help of Dan Lake and his backhoe, we installed the frame for the trail kiosk. Soon we will have the finish work done and will be able to post trail information including the important

natural resources in and around the meadow as well as the history of its use by Native Americans and our ancestors. We are grateful for the funding provided by the Tuftonboro Association and numerous local contributors for both the trail and kiosk materials. We are also thankful for the time and effort put in by Russ Baerenklau and Jim Shildneck to prefab the kiosk last year and to Dan Lake who helped install it.

On July 7 the TCC held a “move-in-party,” and began moving in the observation platform materials by hand from the staging area to the meadow edge. TCC member Lynne Walsh, also the Volunteer Coordinator at Castle in the Clouds, arranged for some help for the day.

Americorp members Fallon Queeney and Anna Stockman are serving a 5-month internship with Lakes Region Conservation Trust (LRCT). Both have degrees in the conservation field focusing primarily on the stewardship of lands controlled by the LRCT, who loaned these hard-working volunteers to the TCC for the day. They, and our trail volunteers, moved over a ton of pressure-treated wood and concrete.

The route is too wet and too sensitive to use motorized vehicles, so it’s “fetch and carry” all the

way. When the materials are all in, we will set and pour the foundations and will start building the observation platform.

This is the part of the article where I normally make a pitch for volunteers and ask for donations for the trail effort. Although we are still looking for volunteer labor (you can sign up by leaving a message at 603-569-4539 ext. 22 or leave us an e-mail at conservation@tuftonboro.org) we are currently in good shape for funding. And we will be seeking some available grant funding for the 2023 effort.

We want to thank the many generous donors and the Tuftonboro Association for keeping us in materials. The Association depleted some of its reserves getting the Great Meadow Trail to this point, so this would be a good time to return the favor and send a donation back to The Tuftonboro Association (P.O. Box 121, Melvin Village, NH 03850) where it can keep this newsletter in circulation and help with other town projects.

**Steve Wingate, Vice-Chairman
Tuftonboro Conservation Commission**

TAC members learn about Integrated Pest Management

On Saturday morning, June 4, the Tuftonboro Agricultural Commission (TAC) hosted UNH Cooperative Extension Master Gardeners Ralph Lutjen and Shelly McGee at the Tuftonboro Community Garden. Ralph and Shelly presented information on companion planting as part of an Integrated Pest Management (IPM) plan and answered gardeners’ questions.

IPM is an environmentally minded approach to pest management. While conventional pest control involves routine application of chemical pesticides, IPM is a science-based, decision-making process, designed to be sustainable. Key principles include identifying and monitoring pests, setting action thresholds, and a combination of common-sense strategies for pest prevention and control.

Companion planting is one such IPM strategy to prevent and control pests in the garden. Including companion plants in the garden, alongside crops, can ward off pests, reducing the need for harsher control measures. The odors produced by certain companion plants repel target insects, while other plants chosen as companion plants attract beneficial insects that help to control garden pests. Trap crops are a third type of companion plant which lure pests away from the plants a gardener is aiming to protect, while providing a mechanism to monitor pest presence.

Many herbs, certain flowering ornamentals, and some vegetables have virtues as companion plants. Basil deters many insects, including asparagus beetle, mosquitos, and whiteflies. Borage, with its



Interested gardeners from the Tuftonboro Community Garden listen to a presentation by two Master Gardeners from the UNH Cooperative Extension.

beautiful blue flowers, deters aphids, while attracting honeybees and native pollinators, as well as other beneficial insects. The Colorado potato beetle is deterred by planting cilantro and horseradish, while lavender helps to manage bean beetles, cabbage moth, and even ticks. The strong fragrance of marigolds deters most insect pests, and nasturtium planted in the garden deters striped cucumber beetles, while shading out weeds, and attracting hoverflies, which prey on aphids. These are just a few examples of how companion plants work in the garden.

Seed and plant selection with pest control in mind was also addressed at Saturday’s presentation, as well as the importance of a soil test, the benefits

of compost as a soil amendment, interplanting crops as opposed to segregated rows or blocks, and keeping soil covered - always - be it with a mulch layer of compost or shredded leaves, a cover crop like oats or peas, or by the coverage provided by the current crop. Keeping soil covered helps to retain moisture and nutrients, prevents erosion, inhibits weeds, and reduces populations of pests that penetrate the soil to complete their lifecycle underground.

The members of TAC again thank Shelly McGee and to Ralph Lutjen for visiting us at the Community Garden.

**Adam Stockman
Tuftonboro Agricultural Commission**

Selectmen explore broadband, start town revaluation

At the conclusion of the first half of 2022, the Selectmen are continuing to move projects forward and to manage the Town Budget in turbulent times. The work on Shirley Way and the paving of Town roads are moving along towards completion. The property transactions on Sodom Road that added to the Conservation Property in the Great Meadow have been concluded. The Selectmen have had several meetings with broadband suppliers and look forward to signing an agreement to start the installation of broadband for every resident in Town.

The Selectmen have changed their meeting schedule to accommodate the work schedule of

the newest member, Bob Murray. So, they are now meeting twice a month at 4:30 p.m. and once monthly at 9:00 a.m. It is hoped that this schedule might also increase public attendance at the meetings.

Due to the rapidly increasing values of homes in Tuftonboro, the Selectmen have started a Cyclical Revaluation of the town. This is at the direction of the New Hampshire Department of Revenue Administration (DRA). In order to fairly tax each property owner, the assessed valuation of each parcel needs to be at 100% of market value. The average Tuftonboro evaluation in 2021 was 76% of market value which means that the tax burden was not

properly distributed.

The Selectmen hasten to add that an increase in property value does not increase the money coming into the Town as taxes. The amount to be raised by taxes is set at Town Meeting in March and will not change until the town votes for a new budget in March of 2023.

Tuftonboro Board of Selectmen
Chip Albee, Chairman
Guy Pike
Bob Murray

Local Police Departments sponsor C.R.A.S.E. seminar

This summer, like others, has become busy at the Tuftonboro Police Department. Fortunately, the department is finally fully staffed and there have not been any outbreaks of COVID within the department in the last few months.

There are concerns about active shooter events given the tragic news out of Uvalde and Highland Park. There will be a class on C.R.A.S.E. (Civilian Response to Active Shooter Events) on Saturday, July 30, 2022, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Moultonborough Academy Auditorium, 25 Blake Road, in Moultonborough. The Tuftonboro Police Department is a sponsor of the event, along with the Winnepesaukee Sportsmen's Club, the Sandwich Police Department, the Wolfeboro Police Department, and the Moultonborough School District.

The seminar is not about firearms. It is part of the Advanced Law Enforcement Rapid Response Training (ALERRT) program. ALERRT is used in many communities throughout the state and is being taught at the police academy. The principles taught are AVOID, DENY, and DEFEND.

This seminar **does not** promote or encourage the use of firearms, nor will it provide any firearms training for personal defense.

The police department has had complaints regarding the use of the beaches at 19 Mile Bay and Melvin Wharf. The beach rules are established by the Board of Selectmen. Dogs are prohibited from the beaches. Glass bottles and alcoholic beverages are also prohibited. The beaches are closed at 10:00 p.m.

A few quick updates: at this point there is no

information about the proposed new police facility approved at the 2020 Town Meeting. A new cruiser has arrived but there have been delays in getting the equipment to upfit it. The department has applied for several grants related to highway safety.

As the roads get busy and more visitors return, we need to remember to share the road. Pedestrians need to proceed toward traffic and in single file. Bicyclists need to follow the rules of the road that are applicable and go with traffic, using appropriate hand signals. When passing a bicycle, a motorist must leave three feet of space when traveling at 30 miles per hour or less and add one extra foot for every 10 MPH over 30 miles per hour.

Chief Andrew Shagoury
Tuftonboro Police Department

Fire & Rescue outlines staff issues, new fire permit plan

Summer weather has finally come to the area, and the warm temperatures are a welcome change from the cool and unpredictable spring weather we experienced. The Tuftonboro Fire and Rescue Department has been busy with calls and inspections. The area has seen, and is seeing, an increase in new homes or major remodeling projects. With the increase in homes and folks making their seasonal homes into year-round homes, we are seeing an increase in calls for service.

The department was established in 1938, 84 years ago as a volunteer department and has changed over time to a combination department with two full time members. The rest are "paid call members." Members are volunteers and are paid when they come to calls or

training. With the busy lives we all live, it is hard for folks to find the time to help -- not that they don't want to. This is a nationwide problem and not just unique to Tuftonboro. At the time of this writing, there were approximately 130 full time firefighter jobs in NH that are open, and towns are struggling to fill them.

The department frequently discusses how to continue providing the town with the services it deserves, and, like it or not, the town must start looking at this as well. Delays in response times or having only one or two folks able to come out, is happening more frequently. The calls are being covered but it is becoming more tenuous. I feel I would be remiss if I did not start bringing the topic up when I get the opportunity.

Remember that all outside fires require a burning permit regardless of size. The state adopted an online permitting system a few years ago. The department had been reluctant to go to the system for various reasons, but the state has forced our hand, and we had to start using this system more this year. The folks that had received their seasonal permits in the mail received a letter explaining how to obtain their

permits online. The town's website has information as well.

If you don't want to obtain a burning permit online, then please come by the Central Fire Station, and we can issue you one at no charge. If you obtain one online, you will be charged a \$5.50 administration fee per permit. This is one of the reasons the department

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Remember when? A Tuftonboro engine in the Wolfeboro Fourth of July Parade.

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Central School students participate in Earth Day contest

Way to go TCS Owls! This Earth Day, the Tuftonboro Conservation Commission (TCC) teamed up with the Tuftonboro Central School (TCS) 4th-6th graders for an essay contest. Earth Day holds different meanings for so many, and everyone has their own way they like to celebrate the day; sometimes writing down our thoughts can really help us take stock in what is most important to us.

The question, "What does Earth Day mean to me?" was presented to the TCS students, and their effort, thoughtfulness, and creativity really shone through in their writing. The TCC board members had a wonderful time reading through all the essays, and it was quite challenging to pick just three winners from each grade. Thank you to all students who participated and congratulations to the winners! Each winner received a \$20 gift certificate to the Country Bookseller.

4th Grade Winners: Judy Hall, Oliver Leavitt-Carlson, Logan Kline

5th Grade Winners: Gabrielle Ferland, Sam Saxby, Emily Warner

6th Grade Winners: Isadora Bill, Violet Orzechowsky, Ruby Hall

Laurel Podsen, TCC Member



Front row: Sam Saxby, Oliver Leavitt- Carlson, Judy Hall, Emily Warner
Back row: Isadora Bill, Ruby Hall, Violet Orzechowsky, Gabrielle Ferland, Logan Kline

Deadline is soon for application to farm grant program

The Carroll County Conservation District announces the NH Conservation Districts Climate Resilience Grants are now available.

The NH County Conservation Districts have launched this farm viability program to improve the resilience of NH farms in the face of extreme weather events and a changing climate. Direct grants to farms to invest in on-farm infrastructure, equipment, and innovative practices will support farm profitability and the long-term viability for NH's agricultural sector.

The mission of the NH Conservation Districts Climate Resilience Grant is to support and empower local farmers to build climate resilience throughout the Granite State. This will be done through reducing the impact of agriculture on climate change (mitigation) through greenhouse gas emissions reduction and carbon sequestration, and to increasing the resiliency of New Hampshire Farms in a changing climate (adaptation), while meeting farm's conservation goals and needs. Extreme weather events, frequent and prolonged droughts, and increased pest pressures are growing challenges for NH farms.

This grant though the Carroll County Conservation District seeks to support farmers in meeting those challenges.

This grant program was designed with a high level of farmer input to ensure the most pressing needs of farms will be met. The NH Conservation Districts have also worked in close partnership with the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service and other conservation partners to ensure that this statewide program fills the gaps that are not being adequately met by federal funds.

Funds are available for projects that mitigate the impact of agriculture on climate change and enhance the on-farm adaptations to projected climate conditions. Preference will be given to projects that can demonstrate strong potential in mitigation and adaptation.

This year's applications will be made available on June 1st and due on July 29, 2022.

Interested in applying? Contact your local Conservation District (Carroll: carrollccd.org) for more information.

This grant program is made possible through

the generous contributions of private donors. If you would like to make a donation to support future funding of the program, please do so on Cheshire County Conservation District's website: www.cheshireconservation.org/donate.

Since the mid-1940s, the ten NH Conservation Districts have promoted the conservation and responsible use of the Granite State's natural and agricultural resources. For more information about the programs offered in Carroll County, contact the local conservation district at P.O. Box 533, Conway, NH 03818, phone (603) 901-3003, or email contact@carrollccd.org.

Donations to the fund may also be made by mail, checks can be made payable to "CCCD" and addressed to 11 Industrial Park Dr., Walpole, NH 03608. Please include "Climate" in the memo line. Contributions of any amount are greatly appreciated and make a difference!

Catherine Dufault, District Manager
Carroll County Conservation District

Transfer Station announces hazardous waste collection

The Tuftonboro Transfer Station employees continue working to present full and part time residents with a clean and efficient waste disposal facility.

Island Day will be July 15, 2022. This is a collection for island residents of bulky items, construction

debris, appliances, mattresses, etc. It will occur at 19 Mile Bay from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Hazardous waste collection will be the last Saturday of July and the first Saturday in August from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. The two dates are when Tuftonboro

residents can dispose of up to 10 gallons of materials, free of charge. Specific locations include the Ossipee Transfer Station and the Wolfeboro Transfer Station.

Christopher Ruel
Transfer Station Supervisor

The evolution of a dream and a backyard flower garden

When I was very young, I yearned for a little cottage to call my own, with a garden as beautiful as the one created by the children in Frances Hodgson Burnett's book, *The Secret Garden*. I would call it "Rosecroft" and dreamed of being surrounded by roses, flowers, and birds, butterflies, and every critter imaginable. Well, it took me several decades, as well as a move to Tuftonboro, but I have finally made that dream come true.

In March of 2020, I moved into my home on Middle Road, formerly known as Nineteen Mile Brook Farm, previously owned by the wonderful and amazing Faye Friedrich. Faye had sought a new homeowner who would serve as a steward of the land and take care of the orioles, hummingbirds, and other birds she had worked so diligently to attract to the property. I may be biased, but I think that she could not have sold her property to a more earnest and enthusiastic caretaker.

One of my first tasks was to assess the gardens and figure out ways to add even more plants that would support the birds, bees, and other wildlife. I was very fortunate that she had already created three long flower borders: one by the stone wall by the road, one by the fence in the back, and another almost on the property line in the back, as well as a large vegetable patch and fruit and berry orchards.

In my first summer here, I hired The Dirty Girls Garden to personalize the flower beds with plants and colors I enjoy. We carefully removed many of the orange day lilies Faye had planted and returned them to her to enjoy at her new home, replacing them with every pink, red, and purple rose we could find: Pink Flower Carpet, Cheri Kolerscape, Oso Easy, Purple Pavement and Hansa Rugosa, Gertrude Jekyll by David Austin, Double Pink and Double Red Knockouts, Eden, Sweet and Red Drift, and Zephirine



A photo of the former circular garden planted with tulips and catmint, courtesy of Faye Friedrich

Drouhin for starters -- to enhance the Bonica, Rosa de Rescht, John Cabot, William Baffin, and other roses already in place.

One of the elements I wanted to soften was the rectilinear nature of the landscape, which I accomplished by adding new curved beds. To start, we created two quarter-round gardens by the cherry tree behind the stone wall closest to the house. These new beds feature Hydrangea, Catmint, Roses (of course!), Veronica, Salvia, Sedum, Echinacea, and Phlox.

I also wanted more places to sit outside. A raised area bordered by a stone wall right in front of the house seemed ideal for a patio. The Dirty Girls Garden salvaged as many plants as they could, Bedrock Excavation dug out the area, and my handy, patient, and hard-working partner, Bill Branch, did a beautiful job installing our favorite pavers in a gorgeous herringbone pattern. We used Genest Harborline Cumberland Blend -- it's the only modern concrete paver we've found that looks old. You will often see us sitting out front on the new patio under the pink umbrella waving to cars driving by. Feel free to honk and wave if you see us there -- plenty of people do, and it makes us feel quite welcome.

Last year, The Dirty Girls Garden added a second set of quarter-round circle gardens in the front and planted even more roses and other plants from Spider Web Gardens and Cackleberries in the front and back flower beds. We also renovated the circular garden in the backyard that had been taken over by weeds, adding Double Pink Knockouts and reusing the Catmint that was there. Since then, The Dirty Girls have installed a gorgeous stone border around it, and Milkweed has volunteered, which we don't cut down (see pictures) -- watching Monarchs flit around the yard and sun themselves on the Joe Pye Weed makes that an easy decision. Finally last year, Bedrock Excavation did a terrific job installing a new blue pack gravel driveway, which has added even more curvature to the landscape. We re-named the property Rosecroft Cottage & Farm, and I can safely say it lives up to its new name (and my wildest dreams).

This year, Bartlett Tree Experts took down the old Cottonwood tree in front of the house as it was starting to die (and when Cottonwoods go, they can disintegrate quickly); they had previously taken down some Birch trees that were hanging over the barn. Meanwhile, Blue Ridge Landscaping keeps the lawn in tip top condition, the driveways plowed, and the house warm in winter with firewood.

We've added a small summer house from Reeds Ferry with its own paver patio in a basketweave design overlooking the new circle garden in the back yard; it's the perfect vantage point for a cup of coffee in the morning and a glass of wine at night, as well as a good hiding spot from black flies! We'll be painting it the same color as the house, which is now Benjamin Moore Concord Ivory, a lovely shade of yellow.



The new circular garden -- we kept the Catmint and added Double Pink Knockout Roses, which you can barely see because of the volunteer Milkweed. The stone bird bath seen in the previous picture has been moved to the middle and filled with Sedum (but you can't really see it in this picture). Notice the lovely stone border installed by The Dirty Girls Garden

We've also put in raised beds for the first time in an attempt to grow vegetables, which I must admit is a first for me. Mother Nature is an excellent teacher, and I am sure I will learn many new lessons along the way.

For example, I've learned that deer don't like Spirea, Ninebark, and a host of other plants that I've now incorporated into the gardens. Still, deer will nibble plants right down to the ground and bears will roam the yard and sometimes trample the plantings -- but I've learned that they will grow back even more beautiful, so there is no need to despair.

It truly is an idyllic life, one that is populated with visits from chickadees that eat sunflower seeds out of the palm of my hands and a family of little red squirrels that will delicately take peanuts from me. They're now tame enough that they come when I call, and although I've been well-informed of the dangers of squirrels getting too cozy and then eating all your wiring, I cannot resist the feeling of being so close to nature. I feel like Snow White from the Disney movie where she's surrounded by birds, butterflies, and all manner of critters, because, well, I am.

It's a wonderful life, and I am immensely grateful for all the help I've had in making my dreams come true. Thanks to everyone for being so helpful and well-coming; it's lovely living in Tuftonboro.

**Kim Ann King
Rosecroft Cottage & Farm**

Another scuba adventure: Brad searches for lost rings

In early May, 2022, Glenn and Denise Dubuque were tying up their boat to a dock on Lake Winnepesaukee at Pick Point in Tuftonboro. Denise was putting out a bumper on the starboard stern. Glenn heard her yell something and thought she had gotten a dock splinter. What had really happened was that her diamond engagement ring and wedding band, which were secured together, had slipped off her finger and went to the bottom of the lake, about 10 feet deep.

Glenn visited Dive Winnepesaukee to inquire about recovery of the rings. Tuftonboro resident and Scuba Diving Instructor / Recovery Diver, Brad Swain, was given the task of finding the rings.

Brad talked with Glenn and Denise about where and how the rings were lost and decided that a sunny day was best for underwater visibility. On June 7 Glenn & Denise met Brad at the dock where the rings were lost.

Brad donned his scuba gear and went into the water by the dock. Lake water temperature was 66 degrees F. Denise initially held a boat hook pole from the dock into the water to assist Brad in finding the right area to be searched. Brad had brought an underwater metal detector with him but decided to do an initial search without it. If the bottom was sandy and/or rocky and free of silt, the metal detector might not be necessary. However, the bottom had 6-10 inches of silt and aquatic vegetation. This was not going to be an easy search.

It was time to bring in the metal detector. A metal

target was located in about 10 minutes. For the next 20 minutes, Brad used his free left hand to “feel” around in the target area for whatever was setting off the metal detector. Each “feel” muddied up the water. This repeated process required the target to have to be relocated for several additional “feels”. Finally, after probing down 6-10 inches into the silt, a 4-inch metal utility knife was found. Brad moved the utility knife out of the search area.

Another metal target was located very close to the first one. The locate and “feel” process was repeated for another 20-30 minutes, each time digging a little deeper into the silt. Brad felt a little frustrated, but the target was always easily relocated for another “feel”. He had to keep hunting. He knew he was in the right area.

Brad had been underwater for a little over an hour. Believe it or not, time underwater seems to pass quickly when “the hunt is on”. Glenn and Denise watched an hour’s worth of bubbles come up while Brad was hunting and began feeling disappointed. With his 40th wedding anniversary approaching, Glenn was reconciled that he would soon need to buy a new set of rings.

And then, it happened. A ring-like object was felt. Three seconds later, ten feet deep, it was confirmed... the rings had been found. Brad reported feeling a rush. It was one of the most fulfilling recoveries he’s made. Surfacing with a BIG smile on his face and the rings on his index finger, the Dubuque’s were elated



After an hour underwater, diver Brad Swain returns the lost rings to Denise.

that their precious rings had been recovered.. The feeling of a successful hunt is extraordinary.

Congratulations to Glenn and Denise who were able to happily celebrate their 40th wedding anniversary on June 19, 2022.

**Story told by Brad Swain
Dive Winnepesaukee**

Curling season on hold as Pop Whalen Arena is rebuilt

After seven years of making Pop Whalen Ice Arena their home, members of Lakes Region Curling Association have had to pull up stakes and move lock, stock, and barrel out of the venerable Wolfeboro rink.

With a 1221-568 vote in early March,



**Remember the Pop Whalen Arena?
Here it is with only a slab and a lobby.**

Wolfeboro voters gave the go-ahead to a \$6.9 million reconstruction of the facility, which started in April and (hopefully) will finish before Christmas.

Wolfeboro taxpayers are on the hook for \$4.2 million of the cost, while the Friends of Pop Whalen, a local community group, plan to raise the remaining \$2.7 million from private donations. In an arrangement with The Wolfeboro Fund, a private charitable entity, donations made to the Friends of Pop Whalen that include a “curling” designation in the check memo will receive a one-for-three match for the project.

The reconstruction work began with the arena razed down to the concrete pad that lies under the arena ice. Gone are the roof and most walls, the boards and glass around the rink, and any facilities housed within the structure, including the offices of the Wolfeboro Department of Parks and Recreation.

In their place will rise a larger multi-use structure sporting amenities like eight dressing rooms, a raised lobby viewing area, display, and meeting spaces, and enlarged spectator seating. Modern insulation and dehumidification will make the arena available year-round for a host of activities beyond skating and curling, such as indoor sports, arts and crafts shows, and any other interested groups.

For winter sports such as curling, the new climate controls will mean an extended ice season, allowing the LRCA to offer earlier learn-to-curl sessions, extended schedules, and even curling tournaments.

The early start to demolition of the current structure meant as soon as the last curling matches of the year were over on March 20, LRCA organizers and members had to scramble to move literally tons of materials into storage. The LRCA had only a short window to find a home for all its paraphernalia -- 80 curling stones, six 8-foot storage bins, scoreboards, brooms, push sticks, and all the equipment that it takes to run a curling league for a score of teams.

Luckily, there were plenty of volunteers to make the process go smoothly, including Tuftonboro’s Bob Patterson and Brad Swain. As the new Pop Whalen nears completion late next Fall, those same volunteers will be called upon to move everything back.

LRCA curlers are planning to return to the ice at Pop Whalen for the Winter 2023 season, starting next January.

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

The Tuftonboro Association
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July 6, 2022

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

The issue of the Tuftonboro Times you have in your hands kicks off our primary fundraising effort for the year. Your donations are the sole means of support we receive. Over the last few years, 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. Our activities are recovering, and your financial support is critical to our operations. We are 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 the community. Our interests include the conservation and preservation of the natural beauty and resources of the community, and we support various projects of a charitable and civic purpose in the community. Our major, ongoing activities include:

- 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 almost finished with only a viewing platform remaining to be built.
- 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.
- Town-wide roadside cleanup - Typically held in late April near Earth Day to help cleanup local roads after the winter thaw.

This September 16th, at our annual meeting, we plan on having Caroline Hughes as a guest speaker. She will talk about the state of loons on Lake Winnepesaukee. Caroline is a volunteer and Outreach Biologist on the Loon Preservation Committee (<https://loon.org/>). If you have questions, please contact Mark Howard at 539-2001 or mark.howard.nh@gmail.com.

Please remember, *all* our activities and projects are funded by membership and donations. This last year has been hard on us and our funds available are at a low point. Any amount you can donate will be gratefully accepted. Thank you all.

Sincerely,

Mark Howard

President

The Tuftonboro Association

Tuftonboro Historical Society is active all summer long

The Tuftonboro Historical Society Museum is now open for the summer season on Wednesday and Friday from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. and on Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. All the activities are free and open to the public.

The Society started off its season in May with Greg Heppie talking about NH general stores and the Tuftonboro Center Store which is celebrating its 200th anniversary this year.

The June program was a “show and tell” about the making of Maple Syrup and the Hunter family’s Sugar House. That same sap house is one hundred years old this year, and the Hunter family has been making maple syrup since the 1850’s.

Cribbage this summer is an every Tuesday night activity at 6:30 p.m. in the barn next to the museum.

On July 27 David Warren, historian, and ship modeler, will present “The SS Mt. Washington and World War II”. The talk will focus on the coincidences, calamities and coverups that occurred during the war. The program begins at 7:00 p.m. in the barn. David has given three of his model ships to the Museum along with a beautiful case to display them. They are the *Cyclone* 1886-1906, the *Belle of the Isles* 1889 c.1918, and the *Eagle* 1885 c. 1902.

July 30 will be Market Day in the barn, featuring a white elephant table and a bake sale. Tables are available to rent. Market Day will run from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

On August 27, in conjunction with Tuftonboro Old Home Days, a Craft Fair will be held at the museum and barn from 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Local

crafters will be set up selling their handiwork: pottery, wood turned items, quilted items, woven items, replicas of early games, artwork, photography, note cards, cribbage boards, knit/ crochet items, etc. There will also be a bake sale.

On Wednesday, September 28, the Historical Society will visit the Sandwich NH Historical Society at 1:00 p.m. The Sandwich society has three buildings: a Museum, Transportation building, and the Grange building. It also has a gift shop.

For more information contact Jackie Rollins at 603-496-8212 or jackierollins@roadrunner.com.

**Jackie Rollins, President
Tuftonboro Historical Society**

Signed agreement in place to restore the Libby Museum

The Libby Museum is almost there with funds to restore the Museum!

As many know, The Libby Museum badly needs restoration – but there’s hope. Everything can be repaired (it does not need to be torn down), plus the plan is to make it even better than new! The Friends of the Libby (the Friends) are working in partnership with the Libby Trustees (Selectmen of the Town of Wolfeboro). A signed agreement is in place, and the Friends is committed to raising 70% of the construction costs (its share estimated at \$2-2.3 million).

Wonder why it needs to be done? Well, the Museum is 110 years old, and the walls are shifting in part because of a crumbling foundation. Since there is neither heat nor air conditioning, the animal exhibits are deteriorating, and we must stop this decline by adding an HVAC system. In addition, we need an addition! Why? To physically anchor the building, make handicapped access possible, and to have some meeting space!

So now you’re saying, “Wow, I’m convinced that it needs to be done. Tell me more about the ‘raising the funds’ part. The Friends of the Libby have made great progress and have raised \$1.7 million from over 250 donations and pledges. The Friends need only \$300,000 to meet their goal by November. An additional \$200,000 is needed in 2023 to ensure it honors the agreement with the trustees. The Friends is making this bold statement: “We, the citizens of Wolfeboro and Tuftonboro, will “Save The Libby” on time and with style by everyone contributing.”

Friends of the Libby have prepared informational brochures - an information prospectus, pledge forms, and opportunities for naming renovated spaces. Help the Friends close the gap. Make the ‘feel-good’ contribution and be a part of the solution by November. Why then? The Trustees need to prepare for raising their share of the funds at Town Meeting and November is when they begin their work. Let’s honor Dr. Henry Libby’s legacy of loving nature. He was one of us: born and raised on Tuftonboro Neck.

Note that The Libby Museum of Natural History is registered with the National Registry of Historic Places.

This is likely the last year for the Museum to be open before the restoration period beginning in 2023, so please come and visit. It opened on June 1. Take in one or more of the fundraising events this summer, including plant sales (Memorial Day weekend and Labor Day weekend), weekly live animal shows, and the Tuftonboro Craft Fair in November.

Thanks for considering to Save The Libby! Call 603-520-0293 and ask for the brochures or send your donations to Friends of The Libby Museum (Restoration Fund), Box 2062, Wolfeboro NH 03894, or to www.friendsofthelibbymuseum.org. Thank you.

**Rob Headley and Alana Albee
Friends of the Libby Museum, Inc.**

Annual Meeting for Abenaki Tower Association is set

The Abenaki Tower and Trail Association is pleased to invite the public to attend its annual meeting and social get-together. It will be held on Tuesday, August 9 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Dyer Cottage, 34 Wawbeek Road in Melvin Village.

Those interested can attend in person or can join remotely via a Zoom link on the association’s website, <https://abenakitower.org/>. Please RSVP to info@abenakitower.org so the planners of the event can know how many folks to expect.

During the meeting there will be a vote for a new

President and a new Secretary. Christopher Burnett and Gary Burnett are stepping down to make way for new officers.

Other agenda items include the treasurer’s report, a discussion about local Abenaki heritage, the upcoming 100th anniversary of the tower in 2024, a highway historic marker, tower maintenance projects, membership status, social media, and a discussion about the future direction of the Association.

In addition, the public is invited to contact the association at info@abenakitower.org or on

Facebook to ask questions, share ideas, volunteer to help plan centennial activities, or to donate to the Abenaki Tower rebuild fund. One can reach the event coordinator, Karen Burnett-Kurie, by emailing her at karen.burnettkurie@gmail.com. There are plenty of opportunities to get involved with this nearly 100-year-old association, and all input is welcome! The mailing address is P.O. Box 222, Melvin Village, NH 03850.

**Gary D. Burnett, Secretary
Abenaki Tower and Trail Association**

Summer reading program is underway at the library

It's time for summer reading!

The Tuftonboro Free Library's annual Summer Reading Program began on June 24 and continues through August 5. As in the past, kids sign up to read for pleasure and receive one raffle ticket for each book they check out. Tickets can be used to take chances on winning special prizes during the Summer Reading Raffle that will be held on the last day of the program. Adults can 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 9th to August 14th. Sign up sheets for both readers and sponsors are available at the Circulation Desk.

The fun continues every Friday morning at 10:30 a.m. with a full lineup of special events. If you were unable to join us for craft days on June 24 and July 1, live music on July 8, or the puppet show on July 15, fear not! There are still three programs left in the series.

On July 22, professional magician and balloon sculptor Ed Popielarczyk returns with his own special brand of comedy magic. We are happy to welcome him back to TFL and hope you stop by to share in the entertainment and laughter.

On July 29, an educator from Wildlife Encounters will be at the library to lead the group on an "imaginary safari around the world." Join us as we meet seven globally and biologically diverse animals and learn all about these amazing and special "Animal Ambassadors."

On August 5, the Summer Reading Program concludes with a visit from Mad Science of Maine. Young innovators are invited to attend this one-hour whirlwind of experiments and explore some of the latest innovations in the exciting fields of robotics, rocket science, biochemistry, and more! (*All programs are free, and registration is not required.*)

For adult readers, our two book groups continue to meet during the summer months. The Readers' Choice Book Group meets on the third Thursday of the month at 10:00 a.m. They will discuss *The Maidens* by Alex Michaelides on July 21, *Cover Her Face* by P. D. James on August 18, and *The Paper Daughters of Chinatown* by Heather Moore on September 15.

The History Book Group meets on the last Wednesday of the month at 7:00 pm. They will discuss *Mortal Republic* by Edward J. Watts on July 27th, and *The Edge of Anarchy* by Jack Kelly on August 31st. (Future titles for both groups will be listed on the library website once they are selected. Copies of all books will be available in advance at the Circulation Desk. Please use the rear entrance when attending meetings.)

For outdoor enthusiasts, in addition to a wide selection of beach reads and nature books, the library now has binoculars and metal detectors available to borrow. (Don't forget about the telescope.) Borrow one, or one of each, and get out there and explore. Whether you are heading to the beach or the mountains, the lake or the woods, the front porch, or your own backyard, you are sure to find something

special to take along on your travels.

Art lovers will also have plenty to enjoy, as Nicholas Moore returns to the library in July with his latest display of hand turned bowls, burls, plates, and platters. Many of his one-of-a-kind pieces are masterly crafted from local sources, and are hand selected to showcase the beautiful textures, patterns, and colors of the wood. This popular exhibit from a talented, local artisan should not be missed.

Also, on display in July is work from local artists Nancy Piper and Martha Koons. Nancy's exhibit features an amazing selection of beautiful drawings done in both pastel and pencil, and Marty's inspiring work includes an assortment of photographs, acrylics, jewelry, and hand painted tiles. We are honored to present work from both gifted artists.

In August, the Friends will sponsor their annual Arts & Crafts Raffle. Tickets are four for \$10 or 10 for \$20, and the drawing will be held on August 28. Proceeds benefit the Friends of the Library, and you do not need to be present at the time of the drawing to win. Thank you to the Friends for organizing this special annual exhibit, and to the local artists who generously donate their unique artwork and handcrafted treasures.

And thank you to all our patrons and members of the community for everything you do to show your appreciation and support. May all your summers shine!

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

Parks & Rec announces schedule for Old Home Days

The Tuftonboro Parks and Recreation Commission has provided updated information for the 2022 Tuftonboro Old Home Days! On Thursday, August 25, a beach concert will take place at 19 Mile Bay. The concert will go from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. and will feature the band *Idol Hands*.

On Friday, August 26, at 2:30 p.m., the Tuftonboro Free Library will host a kids' movie "How to Eat Fried Worms" which will include popcorn, soda, lemonade, gummy worms, and sour bite crawlers. Following the movie, a magic show and ventriloquist presentation will be held at 4:30 p.m., also at the library.

On Saturday, August 27, there will be a Craft Fair hosted by the Tuftonboro Historical Society from 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. It will feature local crafters, and a bake sale. People interested in renting a space can call 603-496-8212. Also on that Saturday, The United Methodist Church will be hosting a luncheon from

11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. This event will also include crafts, baked goods, plants, raffles, and a bargain basement. This event will go from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Scheduled again this year is the Antique Car Show, which will be held at Davis Field next to the Tuftonboro Central School from 9:00 a.m. to noon. The popular Cardboard Boat Race will follow at 19 Mile Beach at 2:00 p.m.

The final "Old Home Day" on Sunday, August 28, will feature our Conservation Scavenger Hunt to be held at Central Park from 11:00 to 12:30.

The Annual Town Picnic will take place also at Central Park (next to the fire station on Middle Road) from 12:00 noon to 4:00 p.m. Brian Hastings and his Sky Road Band will provide the music to our residents. The Town will provide hot dogs, hamburgers, lasagna, tossed salad, chips and lemonade. The food will be provided by the various summer camps in Tuftonboro.

However, residents are encouraged to bring a pot luck item to share, (appetizer, main dish, side dish or a dessert). The town picnic will also feature a free ice cream truck, cotton candy, and popcorn. The popular contests such as the sack race, egg toss and pie eating will also be held. Also available will be the dunk booth, bounce house, cornhole, volleyball and large Jenga game (pull out a block without crashing the stack to win) and connect four games.

The Tuftonboro Grange will also have a booth at the picnic with grange information, and a raffle.

For further information on the old home days program, contact Dennis Zilembo at the Town Offices at 603-569-4539 ext. 25.

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

Lakes Congress discusses impact of warmer weather

Wacky weather was a featured topic at the 2022 Lakes Congress held at Church Landing in Meredith in June, 2022. Hosted by the New Hampshire Lakes Association, the Congress was attended by representatives from 54 lakes and ponds around New Hampshire including Mirror Lake residents Larry Gil and Kathy Sciarappa. All were treated to keynote speaker, Dr. Mary Stampone, who serves as the New Hampshire State Climatologist, as well as being an associate professor at UNH. Almost all states have an appointed Climatologist and some appointments date back to the 1800s. Dr. Stampone shared some sobering facts to explain what Tuftonboro residents on Mirror Lake and Lake Winnepesaukee have been observing over the last few years. Namely, that although New Hampshire typically receives 43 inches of precipitation (which can vary according to elevation and location) the weather in New Hampshire is clearly becoming warmer and wetter while simultaneously unleashing an increase in weather extremes. In fact, Dr. Stampone stated New Hampshire is one of the fastest warming regions in the United States, with the winter season warming the most quickly.

Even considering year-to-year variability, New Hampshire winters are running shorter and winter nighttime temperatures are proportionately warmer than daytime temperatures. Since 1901, there has been a 19% rise in precipitation in New Hampshire with an increasing number of “storms” over four inches since 1971. This combination of increased precipitation and warming has led to more flooding events, and on

Mirror Lake, we are tending to see higher lake levels for longer periods of time. Conversely, the summer droughts have resulted in lower than ever lake levels during the hottest months. The greater number of hot days is noticeable when compared with the cooler, steady summers of years gone by. Perhaps the most obvious change can be seen in the ice patterns on the lake. Ice in is later; ice out is earlier. Since the 1970s the average temperature in the region has risen one degree per decade. Although this may seem like a minor change, the water, woods and wildlife are experiencing these changes in more dramatic ways.

Climatologists predict the patterns will not only continue but will accelerate impacting the quality and availability of water; increasing the severity of weather events and flooding; accelerating forest fires and doubling the number of days over 90 degrees. The Northeast is particularly at risk because the established infrastructure is old and was not designed for increasingly severe weather. Climatologists further believe there is still time to lower unneeded weather risks and that the technology exists to slow or even reverse the changes, but that cultural and political forces need to be in alignment with scientific goals in order for change to occur. So far, that alignment has mostly eluded us.

One sad outcome of the changing weather patterns in the lakes regions was noted in another presentation entitled “Loons in the Face of a Changing Climate” where it was explained that increasing numbers of loons are being lured by warmer weather in autumn

into staying on local lakes such as Mirror Lake and Lake Winnepesaukee thereby delaying their annual flight to winter on the ocean in Portsmouth. As a result, loons are either being caught in the ice as it freezes or molting their flight feathers and unable to make the trip. Sometimes loon rescuers are able to take distressed loons out of the water and bring them to the ocean, and sometimes not. Even in the spring loons are at risk in the changing climate because even in temperatures as low as 70 degrees loons can overheat and begin to pant. Loons will abandon nests if the weather becomes too hot and delicate loon eggs can essentially cook if the temperatures climb and nests are left vulnerable to the sun. Lately, the NH Loon Preservation Society has been providing nests with canopies to help protect loon eggs from the unforgiving sun. The Loon Society is not yet able to state conclusively if there is a direct relationship for the year 2021 as a record low year for loon breeding success while also being a record high year for July temperatures, but that cause and effect is entirely possible.

Climate change is impacting Mirror Lake and Lake Winnepesaukee, and we may not understand the full impact yet. But the Lakes Congress presenters agree individual residents can still do their part and make a difference. Weather awareness is the first step.

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

Bluegrass and Mountain Music Concert set for July 29

It's Summer again. Stop by the Old White Church of Center Tuftonboro, Route 109A, across from the Tuftonboro General Store & Post Office, for the *Country, Bluegrass & Gospel Music Jam Session* at 6:30 every Tuesday evening. Dig out your instruments and come to play and sing along, or just come to listen.

The jam session is open to all fans of country, bluegrass, and gospel music. Everyone is invited to enjoy an evening of music. There is no admission charge, but a \$2 minimum donation is requested. For more information, call Joe at (603) 569-3861.

On Friday, July 29, at 7:00 p.m. there will be a *Bluegrass and Mountain Music Concert*, also at the Old White Church.

Michelle Canning, five-string banjo virtuoso and singer from Nashville, and Liz Bowman, guitar and bass player and singer from Morehead, Kentucky. Currently on tour with the Michelle Canning Band, both are energetic performers of bluegrass, country music, Appalachian melodies, and old-time tunes.



Michelle Canning, five-string banjo.

To listen to samples of their songs and learn more about Michelle and Liz go to their website: <https://MichelleCanning.net>. Admission is \$20.00 for adults



Liz Bowman, guitar and bass.

and \$10.00 for children under twelve, cash at the door.

**Joe Ewing
Musicmeister**

Sentinel teaches campers to “engage” with gentleness

A few weeks ago, Sentinel hosted a community dinner at Sentinel Lodge. Over 50 people from the local community attended to enjoy home cooked meals, fellowship, and music around the campfire with local fiddle player Christopher Dudley. It was a sweet time together to welcome the first day of Spring!

We are excited for the summer ahead and counting the days until we enjoy time together around the campfire, refreshing swims in Dan Hole Pond, and gazing at the stars above. Camp registration for 2022 is open for day camp and overnight camp, and families may sign up at www.campsentinel.org. Our summer theme is “Engage,” and we will unpack the

Bible verse together in 1 Peter 3:15: “But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect.”

Sentinel is MISSION FIRST as we never turn a family away for the inability to pay for camp. Scholarships are available for families in need. Last summer saw 604 campers come to the grounds and 93% of the campers came from the local community or around New Hampshire. Sentinel is here for the local community. Camp is for everyone! For those who need scholarship help, please contact the camp

office at (603) 539-4839.

This year on Saturday, June 25 at 4:00 p.m., we will be holding a benefit dinner at Sentinel Lodge with all proceeds going to Sentinel’s Scholarship Fund. All donations are tax-deductible. We will have live music, great food, and some testimonials from campers that have gone through our program. Please join us in helping serve our local community by attending on June 25.

See you soon on the mountaintop,

Kevin Van Brunt “Pk”
Executive Director, Camp Sentinel

Grange gets unpleasant surprise when gas leak discovered

Greetings one and all! Tuftonboro Grange #142 is in full swing for this summer.

In April, the Tuftonboro Fire Department came to inspect our fire extinguishers. While there, they reported the smell of gas. Following it to the back of our building, they found that the propane tank was leaking, and the firemen ensured that the tank was turned off. There is no telling how long the gas had been leaking as the Grange Hall was closed last fall.

We followed up by contacting Rymes Propane and informed them that the fire dept had identified that the propane tank was leaking. They sent out a technician. The tank was twenty some years old and was leaking around the valve threads. Within 24

hours we had a new tank. The technician had hooked up the new tank, checked all the lines into the Hall, and lit the pilot lights. Kudos to the Tuftonboro Fire Department!

We could use the help from our community. The bill from Rymes Oil and Propane came to just under \$500. If anyone is willing to donate money towards this unexpected expense, please feel free to contact either Florence Perkins (603-569-2041) or myself, Joy Perkins (603-569-1887).

July 23 is the date of the Penny Sale. “COME ONE AND ALL” to the Tuftonboro Grange Hall to have an evening of fun and enjoyment. Ticket sales will begin at 4:00 p.m. and drawing of the items will

commence at 6:00 p.m.

New this summer: There will be light refreshments available during the ticket sale and browsing time. Come enjoy hot dogs, chips, and a drink for a nominal fee.

Tuftonboro Grange is the oldest fraternal organization in Tuftonboro. It is a non-profit interested in enhancing the lives of our neighbors and our community. Our members are from diverse backgrounds. We welcome anyone interested in forming friendships and helping our community.

Joy Perkins, Secretary
Tuftonboro Grange #142

Association annual meeting features presentation on loons

For many, the haunting call of the loon is an important part of the New Hampshire lake experience. Often seen as a symbol of the northern wilderness, loons are a beloved fixture on New Hampshire lakes, and many lake goers enjoy watching them as they raise their young. However, the breeding season can be a vulnerable time for loons—they face many threats, both natural and anthropogenic, while on our lakes.

The Tuftonboro Association, publisher of the *Tuftonboro Times*, will hold its Annual Meeting

on September 16 at 7:00 p.m. in the Tuftonboro Library. The meeting will feature a presentation by Caroline Hughes, a biologist at the Loon Preservation Committee since 2016. Her work includes helping to oversee LPC’s statewide loon monitoring program, building float rafts and signs to help vulnerable loon pairs nest successfully, rescuing loons in distress, assisting with research into the challenges that New Hampshire’s loons face, and overseeing LPC’s education, outreach, and Lead Tackle Buyback

programs.

This presentation will focus on the biology and life history of loons, the threats that loons face while on our lakes, and the work that the Loon Preservation Committee’s staff and volunteers have performed since 1975 to help recover New Hampshire’s threatened loon population.

Mark Howard, President
The Tuftonboro Association

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has been reluctant to embrace the change. You can also still obtain daily permits, including brush fire (category 3) permits, at the Station or the Tuftonboro General Store at no charge. Outside burning laws are controlled by the state not the town for the most part, so if you take exception to how the state chooses to operate, please talk to our state representatives. The department is just the messenger; please don’t “shoot the messenger”.

The area roads are shared by walkers, bicycles, motor vehicles of all types, horses, and wildlife. Please use caution and pay attention to your surroundings. When you pass a pedestrian leave at least 3 feet of space between them and your vehicle and only pass

when you can see what is coming at you in the other lane. It’s ok to slow down and enjoy the scenery for a minute until you can safely get around them. If you encounter a horse with a rider, make eye contact with the rider before you proceed and give them a wide berth.

Wildlife for some reason often don’t look before they leap and don’t realize that the car that is coming has a much more important place to be than they have, so they cross when and where they want. It is up to us to use caution when traveling. And more times than not it will not be the deer you see that you hit but the one following. We are all fortunate that all our roads offer up some great views of the lakes and mountains; slow down just a little you will not only be safer, but

you can also take in the views.

I want to welcome back, or welcome, all the folks that are here for the season. And to thank all the people that call Tuftonboro home. Your continued support and encouragement make the department and the town a better place.

On a side note: the department has a good supply of fire hose on hand that has accumulated over the years that is no longer in service. If need any for a project, please contact us. It’s great for protecting docks, work/tender boats, hydraulic hoses, and prime habitats. Let your imaginations run wild.

Enjoy the rest of your summer.

Caleb Pike, Capt.
Tuftonboro Fire and Rescue

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Jul

17	8:30 AM - Noon	Barn Sale, Tuftonboro Historical Society	THS
23	9 AM - 10 AM	Mirror Lake Protective Association Annual Meeting	TFS
23	4 PM - 6 PM	Penny Sale	TGH
27	7 PM	History Book Group; <i>Mortal Republic</i> by Edward J. Watts	TFS
27	7 PM	SS Mount Washington during WWII	THS
28	7 PM - 8 PM	John Harris "Returning North for the Spring"	THS
29	7 PM	Bluegrass and Mountain Music (Admission charged; contact below)	OWC
30	8:30 AM - Noon	Barn Sale, Tuftonboro Historical Society	THS

Aug

3	6:30 PM	Winnepesaukee BeeKeepers Association	TFL
9	6 PM - 8 PM	Abenaki Tower Association annual meeting: Dyer Cottage, 34 Wawbeek Rd	
27	8:30 AM - 1 PM	Craft Fair & Bake Sale	TCS
28	10:30 AM - 12 PM	Nature Scavenger Hunt	TFS
31	7 PM	History Book Group; <i>Edge of Anarchy</i> by Jack Kelly	TFL

Sep

2-4	All Day	MUM Sale - Proceeds go to Libby Museum	Libby
16	7 PM - 8 PM	Loon Lecture by Biologist Caroline Hughes	TFL

Weekly / Monthly Ongoing

Canasta Group	Monday	1:00 PM - 4:00 PM	TFL
Knit Wits	Monday	6:30 PM - 8:30 PM	TFL
Rug Hooking Group	Tuesday	10:00 AM - Noon	TFL
Cribbage Group	Tuesday	6:30 PM - 8:30 PM	TFL
Country, Bluegrass & Gospel Music Jam	Tuesday	6:30 PM - 8 PM	OWC
Dodgeball	Thursday	6 PM - 7:30 PM	TCS
Summer Concert Series by Parks & Rec	Thursday	6:30 PM - 8:30 PM	19MB
Writer's Group	Saturday	Noon - 2:00 PM	TFL
Tuftonboro United Methodist Church Services	Sunday	10:30 AM	TUMC

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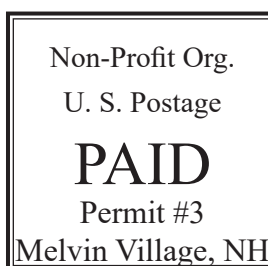
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19MB - 19 Mile Bay Pavilion	Libby - Libby Museum	
DMF - Davis Memorial Field	OWC - Old White Church	TCS - Tuftonboro Central School
TFL - Tuftonboro Free Library	TFS - Tuftonboro Central Fire Station	TGH - Tuftonboro Grange Hall
THS - Tuftonboro Historical Society	TTO - Tuftonboro Town Offices	TUMC - United Methodist Church
MVCC - Melvin Village Comm Church	WWH - Willing Workers Hall	TTH - Tuftonboro Town House



Summer is here and the Cardboard Boat Race is coming soon. Join the fun during Tuftonboro's Old Home Days, August 26-28. The cardboard boat race is on Saturday, August 27, at 2:00 p.m. at the 19-Mile Bay town beach.

The Tuftonboro Association
P.O. Box 121
Melvin Village, NH 03850



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