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Major upgrade proposed for Tuftonboro's Central Park

At an open meeting of the Tuftonboro Parks and Recreation Commission, held at the Tuftonboro Free Library on December 5, 2023, a presentation was made detailing possible upgrades to the town's Central Park, located next to the fire station at 191 Middle Road (route 109A).

After that meeting, the Commission made a presentation to the Tuftonboro Capital Improvement Program Committee (CIP) for inclusion in the CIP schedule of capital improvements to enhance the quality of life in Tuftonboro.

The plan for Central Park is divided into two parts: Phase 1 would include recreational opportunities for younger children (pre-school or elementary school age) as well as a quarter-mile walking track, a fenced-in dog park, and a butterfly garden. Phase 2 would include a pre-school playground, enhancements to the existing hiking trails, and a building to house storage, a kitchen, and comfort facilities.

Currently the cost for Phase 1 is estimated at \$125,000, with over \$11,000 already raised by Parks & Recreation. The town's CIP Committee has recommended starting a capital reserve fund for the project with a town contribution of \$20,000 to be voted on at Town Meeting in March.

Phase 1 of the plan includes a Kids Skill Area which is an area where the youngest children can safely learn how to ride a bike. A "Pump Track," which is an area with gentle hills built into the track,



An overhead view of the Central Park property: the large rectangle on the left is the kids' skill area and pump track; center rectangle is a pre-school playground; rectangle on the right includes the dog park and 1/4 mile walking track.

will allow older children to develop good bike riding skills. There will be something for senior citizens as well: a flat walking track with an ADA approved surface, signage, lighting, and landscaping. Finally, the "Dog Bark Park" will provide a place for dog owners to walk their pets in a place where the animals can socialize with other canine companions.

In referring to the plan to upgrade Central Park, the town's CIP Committee report includes the comments "We are excited by this project and its refocused emphasis on children...This aligns with the Master Plan priority to provide access to parks, trail systems, and outdoor recreation space."

Candidates Night set for February 22

The Tuftonboro Association will host another Tuftonboro Candidates Night on Thursday, February 22, at 7:00 p.m. at the Tuftonboro Free Library. All the candidates who have filed to run for town offices or Governor Wentworth Regional School District positions will be invited to the event, which will be moderated by Dave Dauphinais.

At least two important town positions will be open as Guy Pike has decided not to run for reelection to the Board of Selectmen and Steve Brinser has chosen not to run for reelection as Town Moderator. Terms on the Governor Wentworth School Board which expire

in 2024 include the representatives from Tuftonboro, New Durham, and an at-large position. Voters from all six towns in the regional school district vote for school board members, regardless of which town they represent.

The filing period for town offices is from January 24 through February 2, 2024. Interested candidates can register with the Town Clerk at no charge. The Tuftonboro town and school district elections will be conducted at the Tuftonboro Town House, 247 Middle Road, on Tuesday, March 12, beginning at 8:00 a.m.

Thank You

The Tuftonboro Association, publisher of *The Tuftonboro Times*, would like to acknowledge the generosity of the entire Tuftonboro community for its overwhelming response to the fundraising appeals in this publication last summer and fall. When it appeared that worries about inflation and the economy might limit the association's 2024 program, the positive response from the readers of the Tuftonboro Times has guaranteed that the "Voice of the Community" will continue to be delivered throughout the new year.

Although it is not possible to acknowledge every individual donor, the Board of Directors of the Tuftonboro Association want to say publicly "Thank You" to all its supporters.

The Tuftonboro Planning Board is recruiting new members. This is a great opportunity to take part in the future of the Town. Applicants must be a resident of Tuftonboro. If interested, please contact Susan Burnside at 603-569-4538 x0121 or planningbd@tuftonboronh.gov.

Community Spotlight shines on Mary and Paul Hunter

Editor's Note: With this issue of the Tuftonboro Times a new series begins called "Community Spotlight." Its purpose is to shine a light on someone, some place, or something in town that deserves recognition. Is there someone doing something that the community should be aware of? Is there a place in town that is considered special and that others would enjoy knowing about? Is there a group or organization in town that is not well known but does something interesting or helps others? If you know of someone or something deserving of recognition, email Sue Wingate (swingate0447@roadrunner.com) or Carolyn Sundquist (csundquist@roadrunner.com) and it will be considered for inclusion in the Community Spotlight series.

Have you ever noticed the small graveyards scattered around town, in someone's yard, tucked away along a trail or back road? Have you ever wondered what stories those gravestones could tell you about town history? Well, Mary Hunter and her brother Paul are uncovering some of those stories.

In this edition of the Tuftonboro Times, we initiate our new "Community Spotlight" feature with an interview with Mary Hunter of Melvin Village.

Mary is a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) and is the head of Historic Preservation for the local chapter. In 2026 the DAR will be celebrating the country's 250th anniversary. In preparation for that event, Mary has been working in a local seven-town area: Tuftonboro, Wolfeboro, Moultonborough, Ossipee, Brookfield, Effingham, and Alton. Her purpose is to locate and document anyone buried in local cemeteries who died fighting in the Revolutionary War and then clean the gravestones of those revolutionary war soldiers.



Paul Hunter stands next to the gravestone of Colonel Bradbury Richardson.

Mary's partner in this project is her brother Paul. The duo has been working on this project for about a year and a half. To clean the gravestones, they are following the rules outlined by the Arlington National Cemetery. No chemicals, acids, bleach, or natural cleaners are being used. A special botanical cleaner, D2, is used to protect the stones and to deter the regrowth of vegetative matter on the stones. Mary and Paul have found that the marble stones are easier to clean than those made of fieldstone or granite. It can take hours to clean one stone, depending on the condition and the type of stone. Paul especially loves making the names appear as he cleans away years of debris.

Finding local Revolutionary War soldier gravestones can be challenging. Some local towns have good records, and some don't. Mary does research on the internet, which includes using the "Find a Grave" index. Sometimes, individuals can be found by checking pension records. Also, locating some of the early cemeteries can be difficult as many are remote. Some of the gravestones are for men who lived in the area when they fought in the war, and some are for men who moved here after the war.

So far Mary and Paul, aided by DAR volunteers, have cleaned 41 local Revolutionary War gravestones, 11 in Tuftonboro. However, as Mary says, it's hard to clean the one stone you start with and not move on to adjacent family members – sort of like eating peanuts. Together, with the other volunteers from the DAR, Mary and Paul have cleaned a total of 150 stones.

Each gravestone is documented with a picture, location, and information that can be found for the individual. The stories that Mary has uncovered and documented are truly fascinating. Samuel Newell, who participated in the Boston Tea Party, moved to Wolfeboro after the war and is buried in Lakeview Cemetery. Benjamin Bean of Sandwich, originally an indentured servant from Scotland, fought in the war with his seven brothers. He eventually moved to Tuftonboro and is buried in the Bean/Water Village Cemetery. One of Mary's favorite stories, so far, is about Nathaniel Hobbs, a ship captain in charge of keeping the British out of the Piscataqua Bay during the war. His gravestone can be found behind Hobbs Tavern in West Ossipee and reads, "Friend of George Washington."

Mary says, "The gravestone next to Paul is Colonel Bradbury Richardson, our five times great-grandfather, who used to be buried in Moultonborough and fought in the Revolutionary War. He was adopted as a child by the Moulton family but kept his Richardson name. His daughter, Anna Richardson, was a real Daughter of the American Revolution and is our four times great-grandmother. She and her husband, Jacob Hodsdon, built Bald Peak Farm. I am standing next to their stones. Bald Peak Farm was in

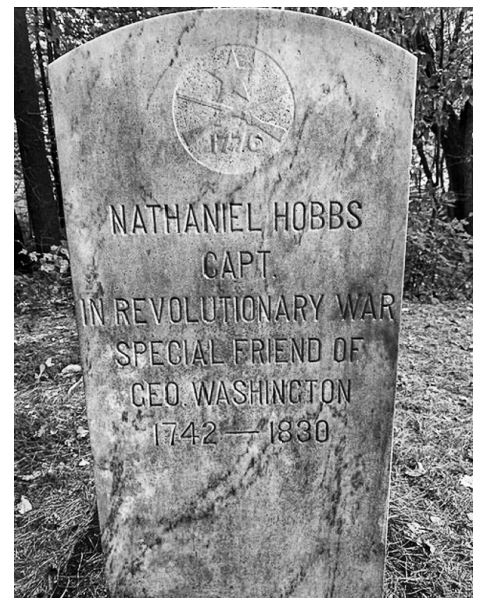


Mary Hunter stands next to the gravestones of her four-time great grandparents, Anna and Jacob Hodsdon.

the Hodsdon family for several generations until our great grandmother Cora Hodsdon married Arthur Hunter from Topsham, Maine."

The Tuftonboro Association thanks Mary and Paul and other volunteers for their dedication to this very important project. Mary has many more stories to tell and would be happy to share them with you, and, if you are so inclined, volunteering to help would be most welcome.

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



Nathaniel Hobbs, a ship captain in the Revolutionary War, was a friend of George Washington.

Capital Improvements Program: planning for the future

At this time of year, as the second Tuesday in March and the annual Town Meeting approach, one hears and reads about the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Committee and the release of its annual report. It is a forward planning report describing anticipated town capital expenses to be spread out over the next ten years. The report is advisory in nature and is intended to make recommendations to the Planning Board, the Board of Selectmen, and the Budget Committee, who in turn may use the report to decide when warrant articles for capital expenses should be brought before the town for approval at Town Meeting.

How did this CIP Committee come about, and how do the committee members decide what capital expenses are appropriate? What expenses are a priority, and when should they be presented to the voters? And what is the definition of a "capital expense" as opposed to normal town operating expenses?

At the Town Meeting in March 2007, a

petitioned warrant article asked the town to direct the selectmen "to appoint a committee to prepare a Capital Improvement Program in accordance with RSA 674.5." The article was recommended by the Selectmen and passed with little discussion. The first order of business for the newly formed committee was to define a capital project as an expenditure of \$10,000 or more with a result or benefit lasting at least two years. That definition is still in effect in 2024.

Also in 2007, the CIP Committee considered expenditures by the town, both capital and operating, back to 1991. This effort established a dollar amount which was considered the annual "Capital Capacity" of the town, or that amount which historically had met with voter approval. Recently, the term was renamed "Historic Capital Capacity" as the committee considered other formulas that calculated a town's financial ability which included the growth in property values.

This year the CIP Committee agreed to dispense

with the old Capital Capacity calculation and work to be aligned with the Town Master Plan and the needs of the town. The 2023 CIP report covers the years 2024 to 2033 and includes projects proposed by Tuftonboro's various departments, committees, commissions, and boards.

The entire report can be viewed and downloaded through links on the CIP Committee's page on the town website (www.tuftonboronh.gov). Copies of the report are also available at the Tuftonboro Free Library and a limited supply is available at the Town Offices.

**This article is paraphrased
from the Introduction to the
Capital Improvement
Committee Report.**

CIP Committee report for years 2024-2033 is available

The 10-year capital plan for the town was developed by an eight-member committee (CIPC) after meetings from June through December 2023. It includes projects from eight town departments and nine projects to be funded in 2024. Twelve new projects were submitted this year, and we are recommending twelve warrant articles. The Committee's primary focus this year was on setting up capital reserve accounts to even out capital expenses over the ten years. It will take a while for this to occur because some big-ticket items are needed before enough reserve can be funded but, given time and consistent support, it can happen.

The recommended Total Project Expense

equals \$1,455,000. This is higher than past annual capital spending, but we feel it is justified for the following reasons:

All the items are justified needs of the town and are in line with the Master Plan.

Prices have been rising significantly and are not likely to decrease.

The town tax base is growing. Forty-six new homes were added to the tax rolls in 2022 valued at \$25,860,000. Thirty-five more were added in 2023.

There will never be perfect alignment between CIPC recommended actions and the final list of Warrant Articles presented by the Selectmen to the

voters, but we strive to present a capital plan which includes projects that clearly benefit the town and, therefore, have the best chance of being accepted at the Town Meeting. CIPC urges citizens to read our report, available on the town website, and to attend Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee meetings where warrant articles for Town Meeting will be discussed and finalized.

Learn what is being planned for the town and be informed prior to voting on town projects.

**Jill Cromwell, Chair
Capital Improvements Program Committee**

Agricultural Commission established, seeking members

New Hampshire Revised Statutes Annotated (hereafter "RSA"), Chapter 674, Section 674:44-e, states that the function of an Agricultural Commission is for the "proper recognition, promotion, enhancement, encouragement, use, management, and protection of agriculture and agricultural resources, tangible or intangible, that are valued for their economic, aesthetic, cultural, historic, or community significance within their natural, built, or cultural contexts.

The word 'agriculture' shall include ...the definition of farm, agriculture, and farming."

Under RSA 674:44-f Powers, the statute states, in part, "Agricultural commissions shall have advisory and review authority and other duties as follows:

Survey and inventory all agricultural resources.

Conduct activities to recognize, promote, enhance, and encourage agriculture, agricultural resources, and agriculturally based economic

opportunities..."

These are the first two of several "Powers" which seem more like duties than powers!

We are working to compile an inventory of agricultural resources. This includes a wide range of things to inventory: barns, fields, gardens (including home gardens!), livestock and poultry, timber lands, and so on and so forth. We would like to have two or three more members to help with this process. If you are interested, please send a note to the selectmen (selectmen@tuftonboronh.gov) or the Agricultural Commission at the Town Office, PO Box 95, Ctr. Tuftonboro, NH 03816. Thank you.

**Tuftonboro Agricultural Commission
Susan Weeks
Joy Perkins**

Guy Pike, Selectmen's Representative.

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Board of Selectmen secure grants, prepare warrant articles

The Board of Selectmen have been busy drafting the proposed budget for 2024, as well as finishing up the business for 2023. Along with the Budget Committee, it has been taking a hard look at the needs of the town's various departments, the town's overall goals for buildings, roads, and long-term projects, such as equipment needs.

With recommendations from the Capital Improvement Program Committee, the Board has started on the 2024 Warrant Articles, which will include several Capital Reserve requests to continue the policy of paying in advance for the town's needs and equipment, and avoiding debt-service payments.

The Selectmen are also continuing to work on grant opportunities to help relieve our local taxpayers from some of the costs of larger projects. One such grant will be paying a third of the cost to rebuild Union Wharf. Work on the Wharf will begin in mid-

January and the project is expected to be completed by the end of April.

Another grant of over \$800,000 was awarded to Tuftonboro for the engineering and reconstruction of drainage for Canaan Valley Road. This project will also begin in 2024.

The budget and warrant articles will contain the usual paving request which will continue our multi-year program to complete upgrades to Town roads. The Lakes Region Planning Commission did an extensive survey of Tuftonboro's roads and culverts several years ago. This initial survey is available at the Town Office along with subsequent yearly reports of our progress. A 2023 report on our roads and culverts should be available before Town meeting.

The Selectmen are still working on getting the Police Station project moving after once again receiving cost estimates that exceeded the budget established

for this project. **We would encourage any local contractors to come and meet with us and present us with alternatives.**

2024 is another year with many elections, so townspeople have plenty of chances to participate in our democracy. Selectman Pike has announced that he will not be running for re-election in the Town Election on March 12. This open spot on the Board of Selectmen means that any resident of Tuftonboro can run, serve, and participate in local government. The Town Clerk will be posting openings on other Boards as well.

Happy New Year.

Tuftonboro Board of Selectman

Guy Pike, Chairman

Bob Murray

Chip Albee

Fire & Rescue Dept offers helpful winter suggestions

On behalf of myself and the entire Department I would like to wish all a safe, healthy, and prosperous new year. So far, the winter has started out quite mild. There was some early snowfall and depending on where you live you may already have more than you want. If you are driving from Mirror Lake or Melvin Village towards the "Four Corners" the driving can be very different. So, take a little extra time for the conditions. With the increase in erratic weather, who knows what tomorrow will bring. We can still be hammered with an arctic blast of deep, cold air and heavy snow. So be prepared with some back-up food and water supplies, a flashlight (that works), a full tank of fuel in your car, and if you have a standby generator make sure it works properly.

Please keep an eye out for your neighbors or the folks that may need a little help shoveling out. Many hands make light work. So please help prevent an accident or injury and give a hand where needed. If you are shoveling take lots of breaks as needed and if you feel ill or experience unusual chest pain stop shoveling and call for assistance. It is better to be checked out for nothing than to not get checked out and have a real medical crisis. With heart attacks, time equals muscle so early intervention just might save your life.

It is very important to keep at least two means of egress out of your home clear of snow and ice. Think about what would happen if you couldn't use your main entrance in an emergency and you needed to leave in a hurry? Or does the Fire Department need to get inside rapidly? A few extra minutes shoveling just might save your life or the life of a loved one.

When you are shoveling, please make sure your vents are free of snow build up. Blocked vents can allow carbon monoxide to enter your building. Carbon monoxide is a colorless odorless gas that can



From Fire & Rescue: Department training in warmer times. Summer of 2023 in Melvin Bay. Members, left to right, FF. Mike Dow, FF Rafe Longver, FF Ed Garrett, FF Jeff Walker and Capt. Caleb Pike
Photo by Chief Adam Thompson

be deadly. All homes should have at least one working carbon monoxide detector installed as well as working smoke detectors. Smoke detectors save lives. Period. You would be surprised at the number of smoke detectors that we see that have either been unplugged or disassembled because they were "beeping." Well, if they were beeping then something is wrong, and it needs to be corrected. A nonfunctioning smoke detector is useless. If you have questions or concerns about your smoke detectors, please stop by or call the department. We can assist you or help direct you in the right direction to fix your detectors.

If you have not had your heating system serviced or your chimney cleaned it is never too late. You should do so at least once a year and, if you burn wood, please make sure it is well seasoned. The burning of green wood increases the likelihood of creosote buildup in your chimney. Creosote is what burns during a chimney fire; by avoiding its build up,

the chance of a fire is reduced.

The Fire Rescue Department is always looking for folks that are willing, and physically able to join the fire department. As with the rest of the country, our members are aging out of being able to do the hard work that firefighting entails. There are fewer people that have the time and desire to join the fire service. We have had numerous members who have joined with little or no training that have gone on to make it a professional career. If you know of anyone that has an interest in helping the community, please send them our way. To be honest it is a very demanding job. It takes hundreds of hours to get fully certified but, once you do, it can be the most rewarding thing you do in your life. If you become a call member you are paid for your time and the required training is also paid for. It is a part-time job that can be a good source of extra income as well as the satisfaction of giving back to your community.

Capt. Caleb Pike

Staffing issues continue to be a problem for Police Dept

The last year has been a challenge for the Tuftonboro Police Department which is still trying to fill an open position. The 2023 cruiser has not been upfitted yet, and the demands on the department are increasing.

Many police departments are having challenges filling their openings. There are fewer individuals interested in law enforcement. Many departments have increased their pay and benefits. Several advertise their modern police facilities with fitness onsite. Tuftonboro has difficulty being competitive against these departments.

An additional challenge is that a Tuftonboro officer needs to live close enough to be within a certain response time to answer calls during the night. There are few affordable housing opportunities for officers in this area. Most towns our size also have more officers. Several departments offer four 10-hour shifts. Without more officers Tuftonboro cannot have such a schedule. Some departments have seen their efforts fill openings, but there are so many officers leaving the profession that they still need more applicants.

In the almost year since we have had an opening

there have been several who applied, but few responded to our contacts and none showed up for tests. The department has had two other individuals apply recently. One is still in the process and hopefully can fill the position. Neither of the applicants are certified. If the applicant completes the process and is hired, they will be attending the May session at the Police Academy. The academy course is four months long and there are 12 weeks of field training. That means it is unlikely that the new officer would be working on their own until this November.

We have passed an important milestone in that all current officers have over 20 years of service with the Town of Tuftonboro. Two are eligible to retire now and the third will be later this year. So, it is likely there will be a need for more officers to be hired this year.

Staffing issues are also impacting us indirectly. The 2023 cruiser purchased last summer is still awaiting parts and upfitting. It is hoped to be completed by the end of March. The last parts hopefully will arrive as you are reading this article.

Training requirements have increased. There will be increased in-service training hours over the next

few years required by State law. The department also had to take classes to continue its eligibility for grants for radios, computers, and highway safety patrols. And it has completed 100% of the cybersecurity training. That is important for the Town to retain its cybersecurity insurance. Town officers have also had to attend meetings on changes to the court system for handling cases.

There is a new program for state run accreditation. It is unlikely Tuftonboro can meet the standards without a larger facility. Segregation of property, evidence, and functions would need more space.

To update on an older case, the attempted shooting of a Carroll County deputy in Tuftonboro in August of 2022 has not gone to trial yet.

I Hope everyone has enjoyed the holidays and winter breaks. While the winter has been mild so far, we are facing a potential storm as I write this. Hopefully, all will have a safe and enjoyable winter.

Chief Andrew Shagoury
Tuftonboro Police Department

Adult dodgeball, a cornhole league and a trip to Vegas

For the past 4 years, the Tuftonboro Parks & Recreation Commission has been running a Kids dodgeball league for students in grades 4th to 6th. This popular activity ended each night with a parents against the kids game! Both sides loved it! This popularity of dodgeball has now brought it to another level.

An adult dodgeball league will take place at the Tuftonboro Central gym beginning on January 25. Games will be held every Thursday from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. through March 14. Individuals or team entries are now being taken at the Parks & Recreation office. The fee is \$20.00 Per individual or \$125.00 Per team. A team entry is limited to 10 people. For further information contact Dennis Zilembo at parksandrec@tuftonboronh.gov.

The Tuftonboro Parks & Recreation Commission will be taking sign-ups for the Winter Cornhole League to be held at the Tuftonboro Central School Gym. The league is open to two-person teams to be included in two different divisions: a beginner and an experienced division. Matches will be held every Tuesday nights from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. beginning on February 6. The league will run for eight weeks of regular season, and a week of playoffs. The cost of a team entry is \$50.00. Contact the Parks & Recreation office for more information or email parksandrec@tuftonboronh.gov.

The finals of the National Punt, Pass & Kick competition will take place on Saturday, February 3, at Mojave High School located in Las Vegas, Nevada.

A regional event was held by the Tuftonboro Parks & Recreation in November, and the winners of each age group are invited to the Nationals in Las Vegas. Locals that will make the trip include Nolan Chominski, Aden Troxell, Mikaylin Chomanski, Logan Gil, and Brendan MacPhee. This is the third year that Tuftonboro has sent students to the Nationals, which included trips to Tampa Bay, Florida in 2022, and Dallas, Texas in 2021.

Dennis Zilembo, Director
Tuftonboro Parks & Recreation Commission

The Hikers offer scholarships to Tuftonboro students

The Hikers ended 2023 with successful fundraising events at the Town-wide Holiday Fair. Our Christmas raffle of more than 30 themed baskets drew many comments about the originality and creativity that went into their creation and made for some hard decisions on the part of ticket buyers. Many shoppers took advantage of our holiday luncheon at Willing Workers Hall where they enjoyed a bowl of our signature corn chowder accompanied by a selection of delicious homemade pies. Monies generated by these events go to our Scholarship Fund.

Tuftonboro students who are pursuing higher education (whether it be at community college, four-year university, or tech school) are encouraged to apply for this financial help. Applications are due

on April 15 and are available from school guidance counselors or at the Tuftonboro town offices.

A variety of programs during winter and early spring include a tour of the Makers Mill in Wolfeboro, a "staying fit" exercise session, and a visit by local historical author Mj Pettingill.

Our annual Guest Night program will feature a NH Humanities Council presentation entitled "The Hidden History of Lake Winnepesaukee". This program will be held on March 22 at the Tuftonboro Free Library at 7:00 p.m. It is a free program open to the public with no registration required.

Also, be sure to mark your calendar for our traditional Easter breakfast at Willing Workers Hall on Sunday, March 31. This event always draws a hungry

crowd as we celebrate the day and look forward to the spring season.

The Hikers meetings feature a mix of informational and social activities as well as fundraising events. We welcome new members from Tuftonboro and surrounding towns. If you are interested in becoming a member of The Hikers, a 501(c)3 organization dedicated to raising monies for scholarships and local charities, contact Pat Jones at pdjwolf2@gmail.com or call/text 603.515.6536.

Pat Jones, President
The Hikers

Sixteen-year-old Everett Wood flies solo on his birthday

Editor's Note: When kids in New Hampshire turn 16 years old they can apply for a driver's license, but when Everett Wood turned 16, he was allowed to fly a plane by himself! Everett, who spends all his summers on Mirror Lake, was interviewed by Tuftonboro Times correspondent Kathleen Sciarappa.

Sciarappa: Do you like to go by Everett, Ev or something else?

Everett: Although my family sometimes calls me Ev, mostly I go by Everett.

Sciarappa: You recently had a big accomplishment. Can you tell me about it?

Everett: My 16th birthday was December 2, and I woke up first thing in the morning knowing I would be flying solo. I'd been looking forward to a solo flight my entire life. As always, it was all weather dependent, and we waited for some clouds to pass. Other than that, it was a perfect day. Soloing on my birthday was a surreal experience even though I knew it was going to happen for so long.

I got my driver's license on December 4, but I've been driving for a long time, mostly on back roads. But growing up around planes is something that I have known even better than cars. Being by myself in the air is amazing. Driving is underwhelming, even though I love it.

Typically, I go up with my instructor, Woody, and generally do three full patterns with him. On my solo day I was ready for three, but on our second landing, he said "stop." Then he got out of the plane and walked off to the side of the runway. After he got out, I powered up and went to the end of the runway. When I looked in the back seat and no one was there, I thought: "This is really happening!"

I made my announcement on the radio that I was taking off, and then I did. I relied on what I have been taught and all I've learned. I trusted my instincts. Woody and I have a very good connection, and he is connected to my dad as well. We are close friends. I did three full patterns of flying by myself and the landings were all perfect. I trusted my training.

Sciarappa: Is there a family history of being a pilot? Could you describe the people involved?



Everett Wood, 16, at the controls of the airplane in which he recently "soloed."

Everett: I'm a 4th generation pilot. My great-grandfather was a pilot in the Navy during World War II, and he flew PBY Seaplane Patrol Bombers. He was a big influence on my grandfather, Tom Wood, who flew his whole life, just like me and my dad. My grandfather flew for Korean Air and Eastern Airlines plus a few others. He has so much time in the air. He flew Boeing 777s and Boeing 747s.

That led to my dad, T.R. Wood, who ultimately wanted to be a fighter pilot in the Marines. But he got other assignments instead. After serving, my dad flew for Atlas Air and, at one point, was the youngest 747 captain in the world! He flew cargo for Atlas, and he flew all sorts of interesting things, even a Formula-1 Racing Team around for a bit. He went everywhere in the world except for the South Pole. Now he flies for JetBlue based in Boston and is home a lot. He has an insane number of flight hours! It would amount to two years straight in the air. He recently started Epic Seaplane Adventures doing scenic air tours. Woody, my instructor, is also a pilot for Epic Seaplane Adventures. That has been a great shared experience for people who do not get to experience the Lakes Region from the air. Dad grew up in the area and knows all the landmarks. Sharing the skies is very cool especially with people who have never been in a private plane.

Sciarappa: How do your friends react to you being a pilot?

Everett: That's funny. A lot of them don't believe me, but for those who do, they think it is very cool. That is not a very common thing, especially in my generation. People have lost interest in putting a lot of time and energy into something you may not even be that good at. I have put in the time, but there is a lot more for me to learn. I will explain to friends that I really do fly and they are amazed. A lot want a ride, but I can't give any rides until I'm 17 when I get my actual license. My best friends will get to go first.

Sciarappa: What has it been like growing up on Mirror Lake?

Everett: I'm very fortunate to be part of a nice community on a quiet lake. I love being part of this town. I like to waterski, and Mirror Lake is great for waterskiing. We have lived on that lake a long time, and I always had friends right down the road. I'd leave after breakfast, scrounge up lunch somewhere, and get back by dinner. The road is quiet and there isn't a lot of worry. We spend pretty much all day on the water swimming, waterskiing, and being in the boats. Recently, I've shifted gears to try and work more by helping with my dad's Epic Seaplane Adventures. I'm at the age where I need to work and make money. I have three jobs: I work for my dad; I help with the store on 19 Mile Bay pumping gas or working in the store; and I also have my own landscaping business with my best friend which we started 4 years ago.

Sciarappa: What's it like when you're flying



Mark Woodruff, a.k.a. "Woody," stands next to his student pilot, Everett Wood, over the lake and the town of Tuftonboro?

Everett: It's cool! I spend so much time on the ground there, and it's amazing to fly over and know every square inch of the lake and have a memory from each spot. I can see the entire coastline of Winni and the crazy nice houses. You get a bird's eye view of the boat traffic on the lake. When we land, we can see everything that is going on so we can judge a good or bad landing area. We get a 3-D view of safe spots. Tuftonboro is beautiful from the air, especially with all the colors in the fall.

Sciarappa: How do you see yourself protecting Mirror Lake?

Everett: Most of the planes that come into the lake we know, and we can protect the lake's wildlife while guarding against invasive species by having people clean their planes. We are cautious about the loons on the lake. They have a growing awareness of the plane and as loons, they seem to get adjusted. I am a big-time fisherman and I catch and release. I know the fish population, can watch the fish population, and know how to report to the State if there are problems with the fish or the water. I keep aware of what is happening in and around Mirror Lake.

Sciarappa: Any final thoughts on your big accomplishment?

Everett: It's a whole new sense of freedom even though I am restricted in what I can do. It's a big experience to fly on your own.

The Mirror Lake Protective Association is proud of Everett and wishes him well as he continues his training as a pilot. **Kathleen Sciarappa, President**

Mirror Lake Protective Association

Third “loop” or trail is planned for Great Meadow area

The Great Meadow Trail volunteer crew had its last workday in late November. It was a crisp and bright day with a great turnout of workers. After carrying in materials and tools, the crew completed another 120 feet of boardwalks that not only keep hikers' feet dry but also protect the fragile soil. Just to prove that we have fun as well as work, there was an impromptu birthday party for Steve Wingate with refreshments provided by Ian Whitmore.

All the rain and wet weather this year made reaching our planned objective of finishing the go-back loop trail challenging. The construction year ended with one last bridge to be completed in the middle of the loop. In this location there are numerous springs over a broad area, funneling water into one stream. The shortest crossing location still requires a bridge about 25 ft long. This is twice as long as any other bridge we have constructed to date. That bridge will be the focus of our activity next year until it is completed.

Next year's effort will also include a third trail and loop. Most of this trail is on solid ground so construction is simpler, without most of the challenges encountered over the last 3 years. We will also begin work on “interpretation.” This is where we offer education and entertainment associated with how you can read the human history of land-use by looking for signs of development in the past and the resulting vegetation pattern it produced. Other subjects include geological history, wildlife signs and habitats, trees and their use, plus so much more. We will provide more of this story in the Spring Edition of the *Times*.

This trail has become very popular. We get a lot of positive feedback from trail users. Last fall we installed a cache at the observation platform with a notebook inside. Hikers can add their comments about the trail, their experience, and where they are from. This is gratifying reading for us to see how many people are having a positive experience and how far they have traveled to enjoy the trail.

At this time of the year some people will look out at the meadow and think that all the critters have left, and the landscape will be dormant until spring. While there is the possibility of seeing a duck (probably a common merganser) or a beaver or possibly even a traveling otter, most likely it will look desolate. There is, however, a lot of activity going on beneath the surface we can't see. This does not include the many amphibians that are lying in a dormant state, down in the mud or under layers of organic matter. These creatures are in a torpor state, using very little oxygen



Trail Crew – L to R Don Dow, Paul Thornton, Greg De Marco, Brian Hennesey, Steve Wingate (birthday boy), Steve Scapicchio, Peter Rizzo and Dave Ford. Not in Photo – Anne Vinnicombe and Ian Whitmore. Photo by Ian Whitmore.

or food reserves. Some animals even produce an anti-freeze to keep them from freezing. They will be out of the picture until warmer weather. There are others who continue to be active throughout the winter.

An interesting group is our many dragonfly species. While most of our local dragonflies spend winters in our wetlands, the exception is the green darter. Like monarch butterflies, these guys migrate south. It can take 2 or 3 generations to make it all the way to the Gulf Coast, but when they arrive the adults lay eggs which will hatch into lava. After several pupations the larva emerge from the water and molt their shell to become the green darters that fly all the way north to start the cycle over again.

Most other dragonfly species complete their life cycle right here. Some lay their eggs (actually they just deposit them in the water) in late summer or early fall, and the eggs sink to the bottom and lay dormant till the next spring. Others hatch into larva called nymphs. They start out quite small. As they grow, they molt and become larger with a new shell. Dragonfly nymphs are very aggressive predators eating just about any of the many other creatures living under the surface including small fish and tadpoles. Who knew!

Another interesting story is the winter firefly. Don't go out looking for it at night because they

don't blink in the dark like their summer cousins. The females draw in males using pheromones (perfume) instead of “sexy” blinking lights. They like wet places, so you are likely to see them around the meadow edge. They emerge from hiding in late winter on warmer days. You can often find them on the sunny side of a tree soaking up heat before venturing out. They drink tree sap as well as hunt other insects. You can often find them floating in a sugar maple sap bucket.

We hope everyone has a great winter and look forward to seeing you out on the trail next year. Don't forget, we always need new volunteers, and we have a whole variety of jobs to be done. Besides trail maintenance and construction, we need volunteers to maintain information in the kiosk, do historical research (look stuff up), and write material for natural history education, just to name a few. Just give us a call and leave a message at (603) 569-4539 x24 or send us an e-mail at conservation@tuftonboro.org. You can also keep up with our activities with the Commission's Facebook page: www.facebook.com/tccommission/.

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

***NH Primary happens at the Tuftonboro Town House on
January 23 from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. Don't forget to vote!***

“Thank You,” Gordon Hunt, for your service to the library

Happy New Year to all!

Whenever possible I like to include a literary quote when writing these articles, and the start of a new year is the perfect opportunity to borrow a few lines from my all-time favorite writer, artist, and philosopher. If you are looking to experience some truly great literature, look no further than the work of cartoonist Bill Watterson, creator of the classic comic strip *Calvin and Hobbes*. The original strip ran from 1985 to 1995, but it was in its last year of publication that the title characters walked out into the world one snowy morning and exchanged these words: “Wow, it really snowed last night! Isn’t it wonderful? Everything familiar has disappeared! The world looks brand new! A new year... a fresh, clean start! It’s like having a big white sheet of paper to draw on! A day full of possibilities! It’s a magical world, Hobbes, ol’ buddy... let’s go exploring!”

Wise words and good advice. The world can be a magical place, and it is certainly never too late to get out there and explore! (If you are heading out to explore in the snow – assuming we have snow – don’t forget the library has snowshoes available to borrow, as well as passes for the Sewall Woods and Nordic Ski Trails.)

For the indoor explorer, Preschool Story Hour continues to be held Friday mornings at 10:30 am. Join us for simple crafts and fun stories!

The Readers’ Choice Book Group meets on the third Thursday of the month at 10:00 am. They will discuss *Lessons in Chemistry* by Bonnie Garmus on January 18th, *Demon Copperhead* by Barbara Kingsolver on February 15th, and *One Hundred Years of Solitude* by Gabriel Garcia Marquez on March 21st.

The History Book Group meets on the last Wednesday of the month at 3:00 pm. They will discuss *Malcolm X* by Manning Marable on January 31st, *Be Like the Fox* by Erica Benner on February 28th, and *The Wright Brothers* by David McCullough on March 27th. Copies of books for both reading groups will be available in advance at the Circulation Desk.

For art enthusiasts, the library continues to showcase work from local artists. Currently featured is fun and whimsical fantasy art by Shantell McKay, and in the spring the Lakes Region Photography Club returns with what is sure to be another diverse and dynamic exhibit from a talented group of local photographers.

On Saturday, February 17th, local author Mj Pettengill returns to discuss her latest entry in the

Etched in Granite historical fiction series. The book is called *The Crow’s Path* and continues her examination of the lives and stories of the people buried in Ossipee’s County Farm Cemetery. This special kick-off to our annual Book & Author series begins at 11:00 a.m. and will be followed by a brief question and answer session, a book signing, and a free lunch of pizza, salad, and desserts. *Registration is required.* Call or stop by the library to sign up.

Finally, a huge and heartfelt “thank you” to Gordon Hunt, who recently stepped down from his position as Library Trustee. His many years of service, hard work, and dedication have been invaluable in making the library what it is today. He will be greatly missed, and we wish him the best of luck in his future endeavors.

We are also pleased to announce that the Selectmen have appointed Betty Gunrud to serve as Gordon’s replacement and carry out the remainder of his term. Betty is an active member of both the library and the community, and her skills and experience will be a great asset to all of us here at TFL. Congratulations Betty, and welcome aboard!

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

Volunteers “refinish” 80 curling stones before new season

When your kitchen knives get dull, you sharpen them, and when your lawnmower blade stops cutting, you sharpen it.

So, what do you do when your curling stones stop curling? You sharpen them, of course – or, more correctly, you refinish them.

Curling stones run on a very narrow section of the bottom called the running band. Throw after throw, match after match, that ring-like feature takes all the stone’s weight. While “pebbling” (sprinkling the ice) limits how much of the running band is touching the ice at any given time, in the end all that friction begins to smooth out this important area of the stone.

The result of an overly smooth-running band is that the stone “bites” less as it moves down the sheet – and, consequently, curls less.

So how do you bring back the rougher finish to the running band? Sandpaper ... and a device called a refinishing jig. The rectangular device, about 18 inches long by 15 wide, features a smooth, hard surface such as glass or finished stone, with fence-like guards at each end.

The jig is designed to secure a piece of sandpaper – usually coarse 100 grit. For refinishing, a stone is placed at one end of the sandpaper and pushed along the length of it and then pulled back. The stone is then turned – some approaches turn it 90 degrees, others to

the 10 ‘clock and then 2 ‘clock positions familiar from curling matches – and the stone is again dragged up and down the sandpaper sheet. Each stone gets a fresh piece of sandpaper.

After this abrasive treatment, each running band is cleaned with white gas – familiar from camp stoves and lanterns – and then returned to its bin.

The result should be a “curlier” stone, in most instances. The sandpaper can be used in three refinishing sessions before being discarded -- but never more than once in each session.

Before the Lakes Region Curling Association’s first match of the Winter Season on January 7, four club members – Mike Turner, Mike Pepin, Brad Swain, and Rich Masse – gathered at Pop Whalen arena to refinish the club’s 80 curling stones. This was the second refinishing for those rocks in the LRCA’s nine-year history. The first was a year ago, and experience suggested that the next round should not wait another eight years.

The volunteers took used a refinishing jig loaned by Plymouth State University arena manager Dave Gyger. The work, though it involved handling each of the stones multiple times, went quickly, with the refinishing completed in a little over an hour.

Now, with most of the Winter 2024 season still ahead, it’s up to the LRCA’s 40-plus curlers to decide



Tuftonboro’s Brad Swain smiles for the camera as he refinishes an LRCA stone.

whether the effort is making a difference.

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

Profiling the members of the Tuftonboro Writers' Group

Each week on Saturday mornings, from 10:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon, members of the Tuftonboro Writers' Group meet at the Tuftonboro Library. Their works-in-progress are true life happenings, fictional or humorous stories, poems, educational or scientific themes. They are encouraged to present their work to the group for constructive comments, suggestions, and recommendations. And at times there are those who may experience "writer's block." The idea is to share the work with other writers and receive feedback.

Phil Soletsky and his wife, Vicky lived in the southern part of New Hampshire. Fifteen years-ago they purchased a home in Tuftonboro. He enjoyed the creative writing process, which was a change from the technical writing of his profession.

Since he was new to the creative writing, he looked for a writing group within his area in southern New Hampshire. Each one was very different. Some met every month, or every other month with no feedback. Then there were the critical groups who pressed you to write better and more. He joined an on-line writing group, and a group in Hollis, NH near his home, who met on Saturdays. Because the couple spent most of their weekends in Tuftonboro, Phil decided to start his own creative writing group. Tuftonboro Library was a convenient location and offered him the space needed.

Avarece, the first book Phil wrote, according to his editor, was a "hard sell." He recommended Phil write a second book. *Embers*, book one in a series of six Jack Fallon Firefighter Mystery books, was published in 2014, and rated 4 stars by Good Reads. Phil commented, "When you edit your own work, you're convinced it will be the greatest book ever written."

A few years-ago at a Book and Author Luncheon at the Tuftonboro Library, Ron Sundquist met Phil Soletsky, the guest author. During Phil's presentation, he happened to mention he was interested in forming a writer's group. Unlike creative writing, Ron's job required him to write technical reports. With an invitation from Phil, and intrigued by the idea of a writer's group, the following Saturday Ron presented a very short story to the group. He was pleased and encouraged by the group, who unanimously enjoyed the story.

When his nieces and nephews were children, Ron liked telling verbal stories about Good Ron, which his nephews thought boring, and Bad Ron, stories his nephews found exciting. Those stories morphed into two written stories about Little Ron, which he is currently attempting to publish, and Little Ron's grownup version, Captain Ron. Ron has written many stories and has self-published two of those stories: *Liam - The Story of a Leprechaun and a Magic Tea Pot*, and *It's Only a Little White Ball*, a Golf Trilogy. Ron feels that stories have a life of their own. He also acknowledges his dislike of making mistakes, but

confidently admits, he has learned from his mistakes.

Patty Mac Hewitt has been a member of the writer's group for the past nine years. She remembers telling stories to her children and grandchildren about her life growing up in Bartlesville, Oklahoma in the 1960s. After graduating college, with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Physical Therapy, Patty Mac married her high school sweetheart, Mike Hewitt. During their years of marriage, Mike's professional assignments brought their family of five, with two daughters and a son, to foreign countries. Unlike that to which they were accustomed, the Hewitt family experienced different cultures, languages, foods, dress, architecture, and lifestyles. One summer several years ago, Patty Mac began writing stories and poems about her life in those memorable and fascinating countries where she and her family had lived.

She enjoyed writing, and considered an idea for a book about growing up in Bartlesville, Oklahoma in the 1960s. *Why Don't We Just....? An Oklahoma Childhood* published in 2021, tells the story about girlhood friendships, slumber parties, high school antics, college, marriage, and becoming parents.

Introduced to the writer's group by longtime member Patty Mac Hewitt, Brewster Ely calls himself a "summer transplant, who lives five minutes from San Francisco, California." He was an experienced writer within his profession as school principal of a private boys' school. With trepidation, and the human element of walking into a room and exposing his writing, Brewster came to his first meeting and thought, "Who are these people, and will I be welcomed."

Brewster was welcomed to "Come in and try it." Feeling he needed to learn the vulnerability of written experimentation, he came to meetings and presented his work. He was encouraged to be a risk taker and write. He endured the boredom of being corrected on grammar structure, but embraced criticism made to be positive. Brewster found he enjoyed the weekly meetings with the group and thought of the members as actual friends. It gave him the opportunity to be with instructive and engaging friends, while being encouraged to take the time in acquiring the discipline. He believes fellow writers provide impetus to your own writing.

Carole Shea graduated from college with a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree. After teaching art to high school students for eight years, Carole left the teaching profession to pursue a career in design and space planning for architects and architectural/engineering firms and hospitals. Writing skills were helpful in her career since she wrote copy for marketing publications.

She worked from home as a consultant, writing technical specs. Carole said, "In technical writing, you have to be precise to specifications, not creative. You have to double check the accuracy of the specs. Poetry is free verse. It's fun playing with words and

emotional ties.

Carole read about the Tuftonboro Writers' Group online and has been a member for three years. She has written diversified short stories, essays and stories filled with drama and excitement which pull the reader along and through to the end of the story. Many of her stories are of her own experiences.

She loves to write poetry. It runs in her family, from her mom and grandfather and a cousin. As she has said, "It's just a fun thing to do."

Alexis Wallace, a poet with a delightful sense of humor, was first encouraged by her seventh grade English teacher to write poetry. Her genuine enjoyment and talent for writing poems is evident in the many poems she has written. Alexis said, "My poems seem to emerge with one of four themes: Silly, Sentimental, Snarky and Smutty."

After graduating college, Alexis taught psychology for three years to seniors at Pinkerton Academy in Derry, New Hampshire. During those years she found it disconcerting how many of these students needed more than a teacher. Many of them reached out to her for advice with their own problems. Alexis went back to school and received a graduate degree in counseling. She worked in a private practice counseling adults and children while her infant daughter was young. When her daughter became of school age, Alexis took a job as an elementary school counselor. She stayed in the school system until both her daughters graduated from college when she went back into private practice, counseling couples.

Retiring six years ago, Alexis renewed her interest in writing. She explained, "I noticed there's some tiny kernel or seed, a catalyst, from which a poem or short story grows. The pieces just flow once I recognize and write down those first few inspired words."

Nancy Byrd, scientist, writer, adventurer, a woman of many talents and interests, has been with the writers' group about a year. Trained in math and geology, Nancy is currently writing a book on the History of Evolution. Three parts are dedicated to the History of the Universe and the biology of the Precambrian Period. She has also written an article for the Granite State News entitled, *The History of Viruses*.

Nancy, the adventurer, wrote a short story describing a camping trip she and her sister took in the Serengeti National Park and wildlife refuge located on the Serengeti Plain in north central Tanzania. At night in their tent, she and her sister listened to the sounds of the wild animals of the Serengeti. A woman who has led a very interesting life, Nancy has many stories yet to tell.

While living in New Jersey, Sharon Kelly worked 40 hours a week as a Mental Health Therapist. She still writes for a Mental Health Newsletter every month.

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Melvin church welcomes new administrative assistant

Melvin Village Community Church: *"To provide the best environment for young and old together to grow, experience and share the richness and generosity of Christ."*

The Melvin Village Community Church welcomes you to join us Sunday mornings for an authentic gathering of young and old to experience and share in music, fellowship, and a positive, encouraging message to inspire your faith journey. Services are Sunday mornings at 10:00 a.m. or you may view online at www.mvccnh.org/church-life. We will be going through a series this winter – The Character of God.

We are excited to welcome Carol Lavelle, our new Church Administrative Assistant. Carol is a Tuftonboro neighbor and brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to the church. Welcome Carol!

MVCC is a community-minded fellowship of believers who love to give back in a multitude of ways. Since 2008, we have helped the local community through "FEET FOR FUEL" – a program that provides heating fuel to our neighbors in need. If you are a neighbor in need of fuel assistance, please



Christmas Eve Candlelight Service at the Melvin Village Community Church

call the church at 603.544.9661.

It is our pleasure and act of worship to serve those in our local community and beyond, to share the good news of Jesus Christ. If you would like more information about the church or upcoming events please visit our website at www.mvccnh.org.

contact the church at (603) 544-9661, or email us at secretary@mvccnh.org

Blessings!

Pastor Kevin Van Brunt
Melvin Village Community Church

Camp Sentinel prepares to celebrate its 75th birthday-

Located in the foothills of the Ossipee Mountain Range in Center Tuftonboro, Camp Sentinel was established in 1949 and offers a fun, quality overnight and day camp for youth, adults, and families.

Sentinel hosts year-round rustic retreats for groups of up to 200 guests.. Within the stillness of God's Creation and through the guidance of the staff, people are moved from discovery into authentic relationships with others and with Jesus Christ."

At Camp Sentinel, Campers are given a gift: to unplug in nature and rekindle curiosity! Positive life change happens when we take a break from our daily

routine and are surrounded by caring young adults. Campers can explore nature and participate in new adventures through personal and team challenges in a safe and encouraging environment.

Connections with good friends can make all the difference in a young person's life. Friendships with caring adults and campers can last a lifetime, providing a connection that helps navigate challenges in life.

Camp provides mentors. Having someone one-step ahead in life is invaluable. At camp, campers interact with caring mentors who share in worship, play, adventure, and discovery. Dedicated staff make a dif-

ference at camp! Camp is for everyone, and scholarships are available for those in financial need. Contact us for more information at (603) 539-4839 or admin@campsentinel.org.

In 2024 Camp Sentinel celebrates its 75th year! As we celebrate, we have some exciting projects and plans. If you are interested to find out more check out the information at www.campsentinel.org/75. Hope to see you on the mountaintop soon!

Kevin Van Brunt "Pk"
Executive Director
Camp Sentinel

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As a kid Sharon loved journaling and writing short stories, she added, "a long time ago." Drawn to New Hampshire for its mountains, lakes and way of life, Sharon looked forward to moving here and making new friends. A talented writer, each week she presents to the writers' group a continuation of a story, she is in the process of writing. Listening to her story, a visual develops in your mind's eye of the characters, their flaws, their strengths, and their surroundings.

Sharon has written a novel and a short stories series. Her first novel, a multi-generational saga was never completed. With her second novel, she decided to create an Outline. She described it as "fill that spot." Her goal was "to just get it done." One of her

characters was originally and loosely based on her daughter, who loves horses. The character turned out to be nothing like her daughter and took on a life of her own with lots of rough edges.

Tina Maxfield was in third-grade when she began writing poems, a couple of little songs with stories. Her poem was published in the school newspaper. Encouraged by her parents and complimented by her fourth-grade teacher, she continued writing until her teen years.

After Tina and Chip Maxfield were married and started their family, she began to think about writing a children's Christmas book, and looked for authors to contribute their stories for the appropriate age groups. Always thinking about how to get children to start writing, Tina created a game for kids grades

four through seven. She was invited to schools in Massachusetts and New Hampshire to demonstrate the possibilities involved in teaching children how to write and have fun by making it a game.

Age-appropriate words are written down on pieces of paper. Each child is to choose a word. Find the definition and write a sentence with that word. Tina was complimented by several teachers as this method was a "great" writing exercise. Tina is now a grandmother and adores her grandson, Oswin, who will be two in January.

Expressing her thoughts about other writers, Tina said, "Most writers write what comes from their souls."

Rosalie Triolo
Tuftonboro Writers' Group

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

January

18	10 AM - Noon	Readers' Choice Book Group	TFL
31	3 PM – 5 PM	History Book Group	TFL

February

15	10 AM - Noon	Readers' Choice Book Group	TFL
22	7 PM	Candidates Night	TFL
28	3 PM - 5 PM	History Book Group	TFL

March

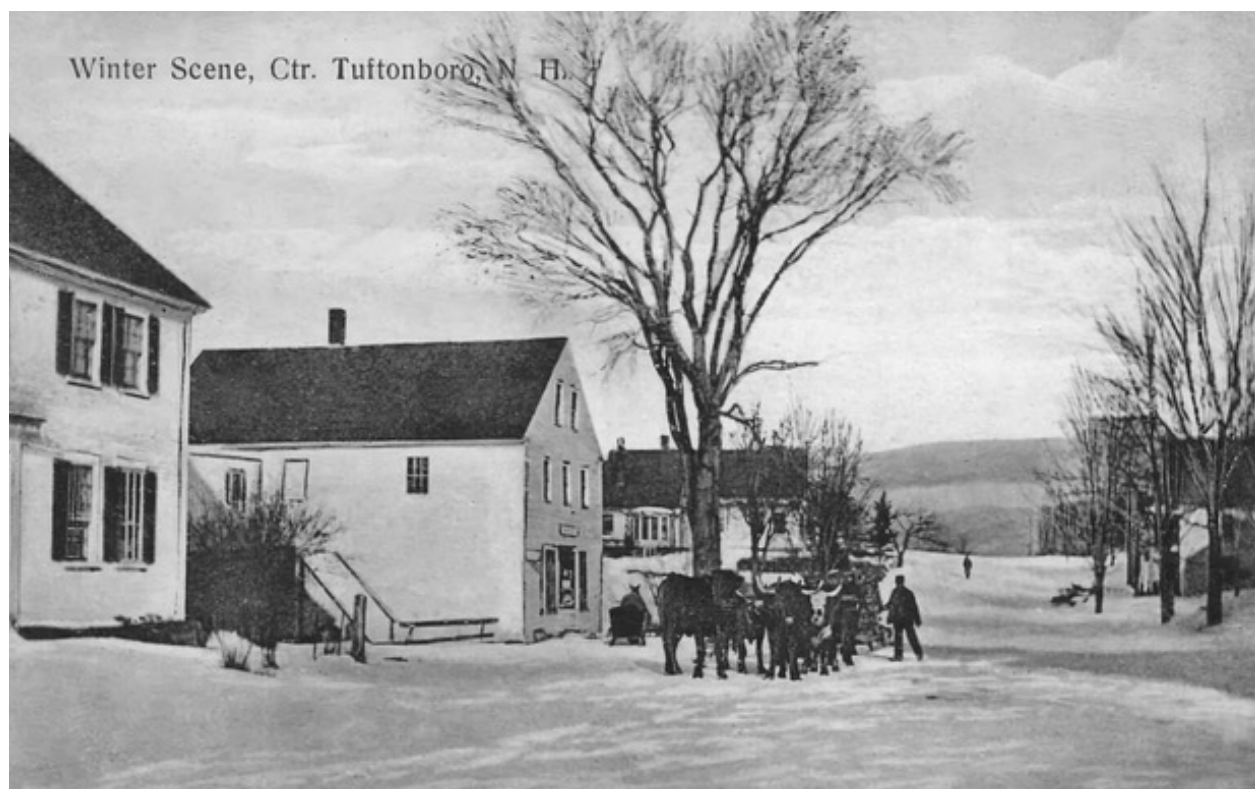
12	8 AM – 7 PM	Town Election	TTH
13	7 PM	Town Meeting	TCS
21	10 AM - Noon	Readers' Choice Book Group	TFL
22	7 PM	Hikers Guest Night** – The Hidden History of Lake Winnepesaukee	TFL
		**everyone welcome	
27	3 PM - 5 PM	History Book Group	TFL
31	7 AM – 9 AM	Hikers Easter Breakfast	WWH

Weekly / Monthly Ongoing

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

KEY:

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



Center Tuftonboro winter scene, year unknown

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