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The Great Sign Caper: Thieves in the Night, a Rediscovered Artifact, and the Master Carver

"I knew I had big shoes to fill," says Tuftonboro artist Brian Stockman. He's looking at the new Melvin Village sign he has just completed. His nephew, Payde Stockman of Stockman Builders, stands on scaffolding as he puts the sign into place in the middle of Ann's Garden, as it's now known. The well-tended green space, at the intersection of High Street and Route 109, is named in honor of Ann Haley, a long-time resident of the neighborhood who was dedicated to caring for the flowers at the base of the sign.

One side of the new sign depicts Melvin Village as seen from the bay; the other side shows the bay from the shore. A pinecone hangs from the bottom. Brian hand-carved the new images in relief and carved the directional signs that point to Wolfeboro, Ctr. Tuftonboro, Tuftonboro Corner, Ossipee, and Moultonboro. (And he carved the pinecone, of course!)

The project was commissioned and generously sponsored by Matt Young, owner of Melvin Village Marina. When asked about the project, Matt said, "Brian's an amazing artist. It was time to replace the sign, and I knew he'd do a wonderful job."

With more than 50 years of experience carving in all mediums from wood to stone, horn, bone, ivory,



A Tuftonboro tradition, a "Melvin Village" sign has hung at the junction of Route 109 (Gov. Wentworth Hwy.) and High Street for at least seventy years.

and ice, Brian is a master carver. His specialty is as a scrimshander, carrying on the ancient art of scrimshaw popularized by New England whalers.

You probably recognize at least one piece of Brian's art in town. If you've been in the Tuftonboro General Store, you've seen his cigar-box-Indian statue of Chief Paugus, which he carved in 2004.

Brian has spent a lifetime gathering knowledge of lost arts and forgotten crafts, which he shares with thousands of people across the world through his YouTube channel (Stockman Original) and his Facebook group (Stockman Original's Lost Arts and Forgotten Crafts).

Tuftonboro residents who follow Brian online knew that he was working on a new sign. In videos and posts over the past year, he has explained how to carve a pointing forefinger on the directional signs, demonstrated the process of chip-carving letters, and showed the painstaking application of many layers of paint.

The unique history of the Melvin Village sign has remained shrouded in history, until now.

According to lifelong resident Jackie Rollins—whose name you may recognize (she is a prolific pen pal who writes to everyone in town at least twice a year)—a Melvin Village sign has stood at the intersection for at least the [redacted] years she has lived in Tuftonboro.

"That's probably true," says BG Hodges, who may or may not be about the same age as Jackie and who grew up on Wharf Road in Melvin Village. "That sounds right."

BG thinks the first sign may have been made by a Mr. Potter, who lived in Sandwich and autographed his signs "POA," for Potter of America. Jackie's sister Susan Weeks says the first sign that she remembers in Melvin Village featured an image of trees and a lake.

"I don't know who painted it," Susan tells me.



The "old" sign at Ann's Garden.

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Tuftonboro residents honored at LRPC annual meeting

At its Annual Meeting on June 26, the Lakes Region Planning Commission (LRPC) presented their 2023 awards for service. Among the recipients were three Tuftonboro residents. Community Service awards were awarded to Steve Scapicchio and jointly to Russ Baerenklau of Tuftonboro and Jim Shildneck of Wolfeboro. The Final Surprise award for Outstanding Community Service went to Steve Wingate of Tuftonboro.

Steve Scapicchio Community Service

Steve Scapicchio retired to Tuftonboro and became an active volunteer for the Mirror Lake Protective Association monitoring water quality in the lake as well as working on projects developed in the Mirror Lake Management Plan. In 2019 Steve joined the Tuftonboro Conservation Commission (TCC) after assisting in a joint project between the TCC and the Mirror Lake Protective Association to conserve undeveloped shoreline on the lake. Steve quickly became an enthusiastic supporter of all things related to the conservation of natural resources. He quickly jumped in as a member of the Great Meadow Trail construction crew while providing energetic support to the TCC youth and family education program, well water testing, and easement monitoring. Soon he took over supervising trail construction at the Great Meadow project as well as helping to maintain and to map other trails in town. At the same time, he set up wildlife cameras near the trail to show people wildlife activities in the area. He also joined the Board of Supervisors of the Carroll County Conservation District (CCCD). In 2021, Steve became the Chairman of the TCC and was also elected as Chairman of the CCCD Board of Supervisors.

Russ Baerenklau and Jim Shildneck Community Service

Russ Baerenklau built a workshop and acquired woodworking tools after retiring from a career in dentistry. He has used his woodworking skills to serve the community ever since—building, furniture, shelving, and cabinetry for local non-profits. Russ, along with another volunteer who has since passed away, put in many hours over several years doing finish carpentry work at the All-Saints Episcopal Church in Wolfeboro. They installed oak paneling and cabinetry in the church sacristy, shelving and cabinetry in the library, and finished the meeting room kitchen. After the loss of his friend and fellow volunteer, Russ teamed up with Jim Shildneck and



Russ Baerenklau (l) and Jim Shildneck

moved on to other community projects. Russ met Jim while assisting young people and adults in the New Hampshire Boat Museum's summer boat building courses. Russ and Jim pre-cut all the boat project parts before the courses began and then helped mentor the builders through their projects. After successfully working together with the boat-building program, Russ and Jim began branching out into other projects for non-profits demanding skill in design and carpentry. They designed and built desks, shelving, and cabinets for the Tamworth Remick Farm Museum

entrance and gift shop area. Later they built a replica of a lakes-region style bob house and several other projects to be used at the Museum's winter festival. Next the duo built a large bulletin board for event planning for the Great Waters Music Festival office in Wolfeboro. They have built truck-loads of nest boxes and bird houses for both the Carroll and Grafton County Conservation Districts and the Tuftonboro Conservation Commission. Recently Russ and Jim designed and built kiosks for both the Tuftonboro Great Meadow Trail and the Abenaki Tower Trail (off Rout 109). Russ has also served on the Tuftonboro Milfoil Committee for over ten years. He has helped organize annual milfoil removal projects in Tuftonboro as well as set up and maintain information areas at local boat launches explaining how to prevent the spread of invasive aquatic plants and animals. Russ is always ready to assist with his skills when needed for the benefit of the community.

Steve Wingate

Outstanding Community Service

Steve was honored for his ongoing community service, including 10 years as an LRPC commissioner from Tuftonboro. Steve is retired from the U.S. Forest Service after more than 30 years of service, but remains actively involved in forestry issues. He is a member of the NH Timberland Owners Association and a past program director. He is also a licensed State of NH Forester, member of the Society of American Foresters, and member of the Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests. Steve has been and is involved with organizations and projects that are devoted to protecting New Hampshire's valuable natural resources. Steve's community involvement includes: The Tuftonboro Conservation Commission, Milfoil Committee, UNH Lakes Lay Monitor, Lake Winnepesaukee Association Board Member, Assessment Subcommittee of Wolfeboro Waters, New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services Lakes Management Advisory Committee (LMAC), the Carroll County Conservation District Board, The Great Meadow Wetlands Project (GMWP, Tuftonboro), Land Bank, and contributor to *The Tuftonboro Times*.

Recently, Steve Wingate became the 2023 recipient of the NH Lakes organization prestigious John F. Morten Award for Exemplary Lakes Stewardship.

Susan Wingate, Secretary The Tuftonboro Association

United Methodist Church to present “Snowflake Fair”

The Tuftonboro United Methodist Church will be part of the Town of Tuftonboro Holiday Festival on Saturday, November 11, 2023, with our Annual Snowflake Fair from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm. We will have baked foods, craft, plant, Christmas Gifts tables as well as our “Bargain Basement”. A Chowder Luncheon

will be served starting at 11:00 am. This Holiday Fair, along with our Summer Fair, are a major part of our fundraising efforts which benefit the following charities: Tuftonboro Fire and Rescue, Lakes Region Humane Society, Life Ministries, Agape Food Pantry, Kingswood Youth Center, White Horse Addition Cen-

ter, Tuftonboro Childrens Christmas Fund, Granite VNA, United Methodist Core on Relief (UMCOR), ALS Association as well as others. Please join us as we celebrate the Holiday Season!

Estelle M. Zedalis

Reflections on a social summer of fun at Mirror Lake

Thomas Edison commented: "I never did a day's work in my life. It was all fun!" Well, it was all fun on Mirror Lake this summer thanks to Beth Argeros, Fran Donoghue, and the residents on and around Mirror Lake. Likewise for Mirror Lake Estates, a very active and social community. From the July Fourth Boat Parade; to the Mirror Lake Boat Socials; then the Bistro 19 Mingle; followed by the Dock Socials; and ending with the Mirror Lake Yard Sale, a good time was had by all. The folks on Mirror Lake Drive and the surrounding streets had some good times, too, as they picnicked and barbecued their way through summer.

The Mirror Lake Boat Socials were very popular during Covid when it was so difficult to maintain social distance while socializing. Most people just stayed home. The Boat Socials provided a safe, outdoor opportunity to sit and chat with neighbors as we floated around the lake. This year's Boat Social, held on July 19, was a bit smaller but we later had the option of meeting indoors, which was quite enjoyable as Bistro 19 hosted a party for us on August 2 at the Kingswood Golf Club. About 40 people attended, enjoyed hors d'oeuvres, and discussed their favorite aspects of Mirror Lake while sharing what they do as property owners to protect the lake. Everyone on the lake is aware of the cyanobacteria outbreaks that occurred throughout the summer on many of the surrounding lakes, but Mirror Lake was spared this season. Certainly, the rain gardens; awareness of septic system care; slowing stormwater runoff; and using phosphorus free detergents and fertilizers are making a difference. When it comes to Mirror Lake, some people stated they love the lake's peace and quiet; others enjoy rallying with their friends, families, and neighbors with various water sports; and one pointed out that the magic of the lake is that it is never the same. It's a miracle of nature that makes



Mackenna Cole (l) and Sophie Laurence modeling coats at the MLPA yard sale.

the mountains, water, shoreline, sky, and wildlife combine in an endless variety of ways keeping Mirror Lake so fascinating.

The Dock Socials, held on August 16, involved anyone with a dock inviting friends, family, and neighbors over to the dock for a late afternoon beverage. People came by boat, car, or walked to enjoy some time together. The Sciarappa dock was filled with Sangria and Snacks and people enjoyed themselves as the sun went down. Curious loons stopped by to check out the festivities and at one point it appeared that "Snappy," our local snapping turtle, may have buzzed by for a closer look. The fish on Mirror Lake love the docks and their constant presence is a delight to fishermen young and old.

The Mirror Lake Community Church opened its front lawn to host the Mirror Lake Community Yard sale on Saturday of the Labor Day weekend. Eager sellers set up tables with interesting items including fur coats; hand crafted items; paintings; household items; and free donuts. With its location on Route 109, and a sign posted on the church lawn for the days leading up to the Yard Sale, we had plenty of people stop and shop. Even though it was quite a rainy summer, that Saturday was one of the prettiest days of the summer, with just the right temperature, which put everyone in a good mood.

We thank all the people who hosted and participated in the Mirror Lake summer events and hope next summer will be as fun filled for all. Please consider joining the Mirror Lake Protective Association and supporting the efforts of all the volunteers who work to protect the water, land, and wildlife on and around the lake. If you would like to invest in restoring and preserving Mirror Lake or simply becoming a MLPA member, memberships are \$25. Checks can be mailed to: MLPA, PO Box 311, Mirror Lake, NH 03853.

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

Feet for Fuel-Walk for Warmth is this Sunday at MVCC

Since 2008, Melvin Village Community Church has sponsored the annual "Feet for Fuel-Walk for Warmth" Walk-A-Thon to raise funds to assist local families in need of fuel and emergency assistance. Over the years MVCC, with generous support from the Bald Peak Community Fund, the Lions Club, and numerous individuals, has raised over \$183,000 through this effort. During 2022-2023, MVCC was able to provide over \$17,000 in heating assistance to numerous families in our community.

This year's walk will take place on Sunday, October 15th at 2:00 p.m. We will assemble in the church parking lot at 476 Governor Wentworth Highway in Melvin Village to begin our four-mile walk through the community. All in the community are urged to participate, and pets are also welcome.

Please consider walking all or part of the four

miles, sponsoring a walker, or sending a donation to the church at MVCC, P.O. Box 233, Melvin Village, NH 03850 and indicating Feet for Fuel in the memo. Or donate on-line through the website (www.mvccnh.org) by clicking "Donate" on the Feet for Fuel page and entering FFF in the "Write a note (Optional)" section.

In addition, reflective safety vests with the Feet for Fuel logo are available for purchase for \$10. Additional information about the walk, including sponsorship forms, can be found at www.mvccnh.org/feet-for-fuel or by calling the church office at (603) 544-9661.

If you know of anyone needing assistance, have them contact Pastor Kevin Van Brunt at (603) 544-9661.

**Jill Cromwell
Melvin Village Community Church**

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Selectmen looking into solar farm, police station costs

Fall is in the air and school is back in session! With that, the Board of Selectmen has been busy with all the usual chores of attending to the Town's business.

Work continues between the Board, Alba Architects and Bauen Corporation to bring the cost of a new Police Station in line with our available funding. Progress has been made, and we are hopeful that additional savings will result in finally starting the project.

The State has issued a Grant in Right giving the Town ownership of the land under Union Wharf and requests for bids for the project have gone out!

Work on plans for a possible solar farm located at the closed landfill is ongoing. The intent would be to offset the electrical costs of operating Town owned buildings.

On a very positive note, the flashing stop signs

at Tuftonboro Corner are certainly visible and should help to alleviate any doubt that there is a stop required.

Fairbanks Scales provided a cost estimate to install scales at the Transfer Station. It will be a subject of discussion while we wait to see how the new fee increase works out. A piece of property adjacent to the Transfer Station has been offered for sale to the Town. This piece would add greatly to the protected area of the Great Meadow. The Board and Conservation Commission are working on funding and a possible Warrant article.

Concerns over the use of Lang's Pond Road have been brought to the Board and solutions are being considered.

Budget season is upon us, and the BOS, Budget Committee, and the CIP Committee are working to-

gether to produce a budget that is adequate and reasonable. Issues such as the flooding that occurred this summer can really wreak havoc on the budget!

Lastly the Board would like to welcome Audrey Fraizer on board as our new Town Administrator. Audrey brings a wealth of knowledge in municipal administration. We wish former administrative assistant Cathy Pounder the best in all her future endeavors and thank her profusely for her efforts in helping Audrey ease into her new position.

Enjoy the cooler weather, the foliage, and the fairs!

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

Captain Caleb Pike says get ready for Old Man Wintah

Now that fall has arrived, it's time to start thinking about a list of things to do before Old Man Wintah is upon us. Have you had your furnace checked? Have you cleaned your chimney? Have you checked your tires to make sure they are safe for winter travel? Have you cleaned any leaves from around your furnace, stove, or dryer vents? And have you made sure your vehicle's washer fluid is topped up with good winter grade washer fluid? There are many more things that should be done before winter, but these are a few of the biggies. Hopefully they will jog your memory so that you can be better prepared. A lot can be said for the old saying "an ounce of prevention can save a pound of cure." Don't forget to change your smoke/carbon monoxide detector batteries when you change your clock back to Standard Time (on Sunday, November 5, 2023).

The heating season is here! Be sure to have a working carbon monoxide detector in your home. Carbon monoxide (CO) is known as the silent killer. It is a colorless odorless gas that mixes freely with oxygen. It is the result of combustion, and it attaches to the red blood cells in place of oxygen. It does not allow the cells to take up the needed oxygen. You can have a chronic CO condition in your home and never know it. Some of the symptoms mimic the flu, or severe headaches. People often ignore them and finally they simply do not wake up.

For full list of symptoms, you can google "Carbon Monoxide" and you will get thousands of sites explaining the hazards. There are also flyers available at the fire station or on the website (www.tuftonboronh.gov/fire-rescue-department). That is why it is important to have your home heating devices checked annually. Also, never idle vehicles in a garage that is attached to your house. And, in the event of a power outage, do not run your generator inside or near an open door.



Tuftonboro Fire Rescue members attended a BIG water drill in Tamworth this past July. Members left to right are: Austin Esmay, Capt. Chris Morgan, Phil Soletsky (Kneeling), Matt Fuller, Kyle Williams, Ed Garrett and Deputy Richard Piper.

If you haven't received a flu shot yet you should be thinking about it. The flu can be devastating to the elderly or chronically sick. Even if you don't feel sick you could be carrying the virus with you, potentially exposing your family or friends to the virus. So, before you choose not to get vaccinated, think about those around you.

Fall can be the time of more frequent outside fires. Even though we have had a deluge of rain this summer, once the leaves fall, fire can spread very quickly in the wind. If you choose to have an outside fire of any type, please keep a hose on standby in case the wind or embers put the fire someplace other than where you intended. Remember a permit is required for all outside fires. Permits for smaller category 1 and 2 fires can be obtained at the Central Fire

Photo courtesy of Tuftonboro Fire Rescue station, Tuftonboro General Store or online at www.nhfirepermit.com. Category 3 (brush) permits can only be obtained at the Station or Tuftonboro General Store.

I hope that your winter season is a quiet one. I want to thank everyone for their continued support of the department. Please feel free to stop by or call if you have any questions.

Caleb Pike, Capt.
Tuftonboro Fire & Rescue Department



Two Tuftonboro police officers receive commendations

Fall is in the air and the weather has been great. To date, the Tuftonboro Police Department has been unable to fill its open officer position. I am hopeful we will have some positive news for the next newsletter. This is a perfect storm of a small applicant pool with many openings. Towns have increased pay and offered bonuses to fill positions. It will be important to consider this in the future as all three present officers have served the Town for over 20 years. Now we have service bars on our uniforms to signify that accomplishment.

Sgt. Hathcock and MPO LaFavre have received lifesaving commendation bars for performing CPR and using an AED to rescue someone. For MPO LaFavre, it is his third lifesaving commendation.

We have been trying to address complaints about speeding cars. A review of our radar sign data has shown the speed limits are appropriate in the areas they have been placed. The safety programs recommend

the limit be within 5 mph of the 85th percentile of free-flowing traffic. They do show some excessive speeding with many of the highest speeds during times we have no coverage.

The new cruiser arrived earlier this year. There is still a delay on getting the equipment to upfit it. As soon as the equipment arrives the cruiser will be upfitted and in use.

Events in October will include pink patches available for purchase through the Tuftonboro Police Benevolent Association to support the My Breast Cancer fundraiser. We will also be assisting in fundraising for the Carroll Child Advocacy Center by participating in Beards for Bucks. The prescription drug takeback event will be October 28 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Transfer Station. Halloween trick or treat will be on October 31 from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m.

This summer we lost one of our residents in a

vehicle crash. Many have asked for information about this and other accidents. New Hampshire has strict privacy laws related to motor vehicle records which includes accident reports. Because of those laws and the rules that we follow for open investigations, we are unable to release more information about the crash.

And since motor vehicle laws came up, it is important to remember we all need to share the roads and follow applicable laws. There are laws that apply to pedestrians and to bicycles. Bicycles are expected to follow rules of the road and motor vehicle laws. A common violation is bicycles that do not stop at stop signs. Hopefully everyone follows the law; it will be safer for all users.

Chief Andrew Shagoury
Tuftonboro Police Department

Community Aggregation programs lower electric costs

Communities in Carroll County are beginning to take a close look at something called Community Choice Aggregation (CCA) Programs. These programs provide bulk purchasing of electricity for entire communities and have been used in Massachusetts for almost 20 years. Representative Cordelli and I, along with the experts with whom we are working, recently presented the program concept to the Tuftonboro Board of Selectmen.

A CCA Program aggregates together all the consumers in a municipality currently receiving electricity service from their utility to form a large buying pool. Consumers are automatically enrolled into the Program unless they opt-out. The Program managers then conduct competitive solicitations and manage the electric supply needs for the Program over time, signing forward contracts when market conditions are most appealing. Electric rate savings can be realized with the bulk purchasing at the most advantageous times.

The large buying pools consistently attract competitive pricing from the leading suppliers in the region. Smaller towns can form an informal buying group and procure together to capture benefits of scale while still preserving independent decision making. CCA Programs have seen tremendous success in other

states for over a decade, delivering stable rates and savings over time when compared to existing utility services.

The “magic” of CCA Programs is in their timing and expertise, providing a valuable alternative to normal utility supply rates. The investor-owned utilities like NH Electric Coop carry out a routine procurement process, purchasing forward power at the same times twice per year, independent of market conditions. CCA Programs are not constrained by the same regulated process and can operate strategically to lock in the best rates for customers.

These programs offer choice. Residential and small commercial consumers can opt-out of the program at any time, without penalty. Initially hesitant consumers may easily opt back into the program later. They provide a safer alternative to contracting directly with third party suppliers, including superior contract terms and conditions.

CCA Programs may also offer two or more product options for individual participants and households. A base product may offer the lowest price possible while one or two other products may include renewable power for a little more money. These and other decisions are based on community priorities and local decision making. The customer then can select

the option that suits their needs.

Essential and important utility services are not impacted by these programs. NE Electric Coop will continue to deliver the electricity, maintain poles and wires, as well as read the meter. Energy assistance or budget billing arrangements continue unaffected. Consumers who participate in the program will continue to receive a single utility bill, with only one line item changed to reflect the program rate. There is no additional bill or different payment arrangement.

The fundamental benefits offered by CCA programs are things we are eager to support, such as moving decision making to the local level, saving money, stabilizing prices, facilitating individual choice to support clean energy, and creating options that do not currently exist.

The Tuftonboro Selectmen have decided to move forward with the formation of a community energy committee to plan for possible implementation of the program. Their plan would have to go forward via a warrant article for a town vote next March. Along the way there will be many information sessions to further explain the program, its benefits, and answer questions.

Representative Katy Peternel

Several events scheduled by Abenaki Tower Committee

As we head into the Fall and prepare for the Abenaki Tower's centennial anniversary in 2024, the Abenaki Tower & Trail Association (AT&TA) is looking forward to participating in several upcoming events: the Tuftonboro Yard Sale on October 7 and the Tuftonboro Holiday Fair, November 10-12. We will have a table at the Tuftonboro Historical Society

during the October 7 Yard Sale. We also will be participating in the Festival of Trees celebration at the Wright Museum in Wolfeboro and the associated Holiday Craft Fair, also at the Wright Museum on December 2.

In the spirit of the Association founders, who back in 1923 raised funds for acquiring the land and

building the original Tower partially through bingo and whist games, a family-oriented bingo and game night is being planned for the community sometime in November or early December.

The current Abenaki Tower, located on route 109 about 2 miles south of Melvin Village, was dedicated

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Activities galore this fall from Parks & Rec Commission

Mens Basketball to begin in Tuftonboro

The Tuftonboro Parks & Recreation Commission will offer a Men's basketball Program beginning on Tuesday, October 10, and continuing every Tuesday evening in the Fall. The program will be held at the Tuftonboro Central School from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. The program is open to all residents free of charge! Dennis Zilembo, Parks & Recreation Director is hoping for a good turnout to the point of having permanent teams and a schedule. The first night will be pick-up basketball with both full court and half court scrimmages. Participants should come dressed in gym gear, with basketball sneakers. For further information, contact the Recreation Office at (603) 569-4539 x25 or email parksandrec@tuftonboronh.gov.

Dodgeball to start in Tuftonboro

The Tuftonboro Parks & Recreation will again be offering our students in grades 4 thru 6 a dodgeball league beginning on Thursday, October 12th at the Tuftonboro Central School gymnasium. The time of each Thursday session is 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. The program is free and open to all area youth! This is the 4th year the program has run, and each year it is one of the most popular programs for our kids! For

further information, contact Dennis Zilembo, Parks & Recreation Director at parksandrec@tuftonboronh.gov or call the Town Offices at (603) 569-4539 x25.

Punt, Pass & Kick Competition returns to Tuftonboro

The Tuftonboro Parks & Recreation Commission will again be conducting their annual Punt, Pass & Kick event on Saturday, October 28, beginning at 10:00 AM. The event will take place at Davis Field in Tuftonboro, located next to the Tuftonboro Central School. The age breakdown is 6-7, 8-9, 10-11, 13-14, and 14-15. The event is free and open to all area youth. This is the fourth year that Tuftonboro has hosted this event, in fact, this event is the only one scheduled in New England. This means that are winners will advance to the National finals in February. The past two years, our location has sent 3 players each year to the Nationals, which was held in Dallas Texas, and Orlando, Florida. Brendan MacPhee from Tuftonboro was the National Champ in 2021. For further information, contact Dennis Zilembo, Parks & Recreation Director at parksandrec@tuftonboronh.gov or call at (603) 569-4539 x25.

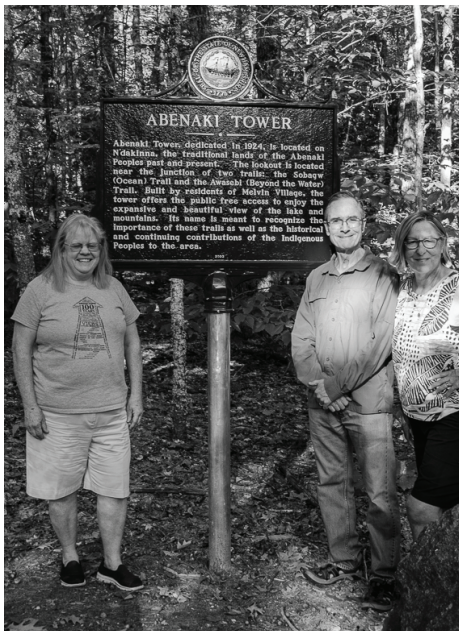
Tuftonboro Trunk or Treat Needs People

The Tuftonboro Parks & Recreation is on the

lookout for organizations, groups, or private families to join with the Town to help with the Halloween Trunk or Treat program. The event will take place at the Tuftonboro Town Offices parking lot on Halloween, October 31, from 4:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. The need is for vehicles to help distribute candy to our kids on Halloween. There will be a prize trophy for the best decorated trunk. Last year Camp Belknap took home the first-place award! Awards will also be given the four best kids costumes! There will also be carnival games, pumpkin painting, a costume parade, and Halloween games such as "pass the rat" and "wrap the mummy"! The convenience of our Middle Road event makes it easier for families to cross the street and to trick or treat the nearby development. For further information or people interested in being a Trunk, contact Dennis Zilembo at parksandrec@tuftonboronh.gov.

**Dennis Zilembo, Director
Tuftonboro Parks & Recreation Commission**

New historic marker is dedicated at Abenaki Tower



Standing next to the new marker are (l-r) Karen Burnett-Kurie, her brother Gary Burnett, and his wife Nicole Burnett.

The Abenaki Tower & Trail Association (AT&TA) now has an official New Hampshire historic roadside marker.

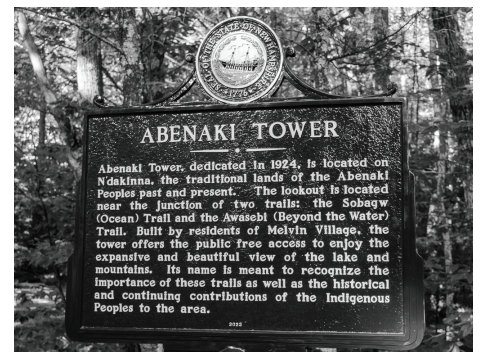
On Thursday, October 12 at 3:00 p.m. the Association held an event to celebrate the creation, installation, unveiling and dedication of an official New Hampshire Historic Roadside marker which is the second to be dedicated in Tuftonboro.

The public was invited, and there were representatives from the Abenaki Nation, the Melvin Village Community Church, the Winnepesaukee Chapter of Daughters of the American Revolution, the Lakes Region Conservation Trust, and the Tuftonboro Historical Society. In addition, the president, and members of the Abenaki Tower & Trail Association were there to share the momentous occasion.

The "marker committee" consisted of AT&TA members Susan Schuur, Karen Burnett-Kurie, and Gary D. Burnett. This historic marker came to be after months of effort and collaboration with the NH Division of Historical Resources and Sherry Gould, a member of the Nulhegan Band of the Coosuk Abenaki Nation, and with the work of the New Hampshire Department of Transportation.

Come visit the parking lot of the Abenaki Tower to see the new marker, an official information kiosk, and the Tower itself. The Association, the people of Melvin Village and the Indigenous people of this region have every reason to be proud of this historic landmark. This event is one of many to come in celebration of the centennial year of AT&TA, in 2024.

**Gary Burnette
Abenaki Tower & Trail Association**



“Looping Back” on Tuftonboro’s Great Meadow Trail

Progress continues on the Great Meadow Trail system. You may recall that last spring when work resumed on the trail, several portions of the lower trail were either under water or very soggy due to the unusual amount of rain we were experiencing. At first it caused us to delay our start-work date and then to make the decision to build more boardwalks on the portion we had thought was complete. These two actions set our work for the next phase, the return loop, the way back to the trailhead. Sixty-five feet of new boardwalk and three pickup loads of woodchips later, we were able to make a start on the River Trail Loop.

You might ask, why is building the loop trail important? A big reason is that it will reduce wear and tear on the main trail. Two-way traffic would put a lot more pressure on the main trail. It would not only double the traffic but also cause people to widen the trail where people pass each other. Mostly, however, it provides a more enjoyable walk with new terrain and more teachable lessons about human history, wetland values and wildlife habitat in and around the Great Meadow. It is called the River Loop Trail because a portion of the trail parallels the Melvin River. Eventually, we will add some short spurs out to the edge of the Meadow where hikers can watch the river meander by and maybe catch a glimpse of a great blue heron fishing, a family of ducks passing, or even a beaver.

By the time you read this we should be



Photo of trail crew, L to R – Ian Whitmore, Anne Vinnicombe, Peter Rizzo, Paul Thornton, Greg Dmarco , Steve Wingate, Roy Ball. Dave Ford had to leave early.

Photo by Trail Master Steve Scapicchio

completing one of the most difficult sections with over 100 feet of boardwalk on wet areas, plus a bridge over a stream. This section is also where we spent the last of the funds donated by the Tuftonboro Association. We have used these funds, generously provided by the Association, sparingly over three or more years, allowing our volunteers to keep building after our budgeted funds were exhausted.

Because of the late start, it is unlikely that we will complete the River Loop Trail this year, but we will keep building through the fall as long as agreeable weather lasts. See you out on the trail!

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

Hikers gearing up for rummage sale, holiday festivities

Autumn is a busy time for The Hikers as we begin a new season of fundraising for scholarships and local charities. Our Fall Rummage Sale will be held on Saturday, October 21, at the Tuftonboro Historical Society barn from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Items for sale may be dropped off at the barn on Friday, October 20, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Winter clothing, shoes, bags, linens, books, and household items in good condition are accepted. Please do not bring electronics, furniture, or other large items.

We are preparing for Tuftonboro’s Holiday Open House when we will be holding two events. Holiday shoppers are invited to stop in at the Tuftonboro Town House between 4:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. on Friday, November 10, and from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, November 11, for our Basket Raffle and Bake Sale. Buy some raffle tickets and take a chance on a variety of themed baskets created by Hikers’ members. A beautiful Christmas themed quilt will

be raffled too. Are you looking for some unique items to brighten the winter holidays? Visit our table of holiday decorations for a selection of indoor and outdoor décor, all at very reasonable prices. Also, at the Town House you will find tasty baked goods for sale. The Hikers’ bakers are known for their delicious pies, cakes, breads, cookies and more. Take some home to be enjoyed immediately or to be saved for holiday treats.

Our annual Holiday Luncheon Open House will take place at Willing Workers Hall on November 11 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. The menu features a choice of chowder or soup, salad, coffee, and, as always, a wide selection of scrumptious pies. Just the thing to keep you going during Tuftonboro’s Holiday Open House sales!

Although fundraising is our mission, The Hikers meet each month for a business meeting and for interesting, educational programs. Our fall schedule

has included a tour of Tuftonboro’s Historical Museum and a talk by a member of the Conservation Commission. Capping off the fall season is our annual Christmas gathering where we enjoy a cookie swap, carol singing, and assemble Remembrance & Good Cheer Plates of homemade goodies to be delivered to Hikers who are unable to attend our meetings.

The Hikers is a 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to raising money for scholarships and local charities. Our membership is made up of women from Tuftonboro and surrounding towns. We welcome new members! If you are interested in becoming a member, contact Pat Jones at pdjwolf2@gmail.com or (603) 515-6536. Look for us on Facebook at “The Hikers”.

**Pat Jones, President
The Hikers**

*Don’t forget to set the clocks back to
Standard Time on Sunday, November 5*

Renovation and restoration continues at 70 Middle Rd.

It's been over six months since we last wrote an article for the *Tuftonboro Times*, and we have made lots of progress at 70 Middle Road. As of early spring 2023, we were waiting for roofers to come strip our barn roof. Eventually they did come and took off the corrugated metal roofing which covered asphalt shingles which covered the original wooden shingles. After the barn roof lost thousands of pounds of weight, which was a good thing for the old girl, it sat somewhat naked only covered with roofing paper while we waited for metal roofers to start. (I mentioned previously in another article, apparently patience is a necessity when working on a large construction project, like it or not.) As always though, we are never short of other work that needs to be done so we just keep on going independently of the other contractors. As the weather warmed up, our re-siding project on the house and barn was finished giving us a better idea of how the new yellow color would look. Avery and Brian, a friend of ours, spent many hours working on the endless trim that needed to be replaced or repaired, both on the house and the barn. We got the bead board porch ceiling installed too which looks amazing painted a beautiful sky-blue color.

Occasionally our son Caleb comes over from his house in Maine to join us and adds two more dogs to our pack of five. He is talented at moving dirt with machinery which is a big help. We have done lots of grading around the property to move rainwater in beneficial ways for our fields' nourishment and to lessen erosion. Caleb also put in water lines for three frost-free hydrants for future animal and farming use. Another rainy weekend he and his wife Ellie came to help plant the apple trees that were given to me for Mother's Day. We have been wanting an orchard for years and figured we just needed to get started even though it wasn't on the priority list. We were so busy with other projects that we mistakenly thought we could get away with not fencing the trees until later when we had some extra time. Well, you all know

what that meant, lots of deer interested in some sweet apple tree leaves. No sooner than we had finished that huge job of boxing in each of the 15 trees, I discovered my solitary beehive (after the second one got blown over in that intense pre-Christmas windstorm) had been knocked over and strewn about. Obviously, the work of a hungry bear. Back to Tractor Supply went Avery to purchase electric fencing and a solar charger. Again, because of the significant number of priorities we face as we renovate the farm, we sometimes make incorrect judgement calls and pay the price. Luckily that hive is very aggressive and honestly, I think the bear didn't get past the initial onslaught of aggravated bees to do more damage before he was chased away. Even though the boxes and frames got knocked over I was able to right the whole thing eventually, and the hive has thrived over the summer despite that event.

I spent much of the summer scraping, sanding, hole filling, caulking, and painting the exterior of the barn and house while we waited for the professional painters to have time to do our job. I do not like heights, so I was very glad that by the time I reached the third floor they were able to fit us in. Finally, we feel like we have some obvious progress to look at, or as Ken, our sider says, it is finally "road worthy". We love bringing the house back to her former beautiful self, we imagine those of you passing by enjoy the view as well.

This winter I will be spending time going over each old window. We have already replaced and reglazed the broken panes but there are still many window sashes that need things like spot glazing, sanding, hole filling and a new coat of paint. After all the repairs are completed, we will be adding bronze weatherstripping as well as rehangng all the window weights with new roping.

As anyone who passes by on 109A can see, our barn and house ell did get their new metal roofing finally. We waited on the house painting to be completed before scheduling the main house and

porch roofs to be installed to minimize any damage to them. The main house roof will be stripped, and both the house and porch new roofs should be up by late fall if everything goes as planned. Once that is accomplished, we will be weather tight in time for winter. Our big barn door was installed this summer too so now the barn is winter ready. Rough plumbing, heating and as of a few days ago, our rough electric has all been put in. The renovations are certainly not finished, even when we finish the ell, we will have the entire main house to renovate but we are moving in the right direction and getting closer to moving here full-time which is the goal. Many thanks to all our Tuftonboro neighbors and new friends who stop by or call us to give us encouragement and a kind word. That has meant a lot to us, thank you!

Elizabeth Woodford
Lake Breeze Farm

Editor's Note: In my request to Elizabeth Woodford for the above article, I teased her about raised eyebrows over the new color of the barn and house at Lake Breeze Farm, and jokingly mentioned that people in Tuftonboro are New England Yankees who believe that "any change, at any time, for any reason...is BAD." Her response follows:

"I didn't take offense, I realized that people would be upset if it wasn't staying white as it had. However, we did think yellow was at least a common house color, it's not like we painted it purple! So, I know we can't please everyone but hopefully people do recognize that we've put an awful lot of blood, sweat, and tears (and money) into this project, and we think from the road it looks better than it did when we bought it. Hoping people also know Avery and I have done the majority of the work ourselves and are doing our best to be good Tuftonboro residents."

Curling is underway at Pop Whalen Ice and Arts Arena

Some three-dozen present and future curlers gathered on September 24 to inaugurate Pop Whalen Ice Arena's 2023-24 season with a well-attended learn-to-curl session. The event brought together seasoned Lakes Region Curling members with Lakes Region residents hoping to learn what has drawn cold-climate denizens to this sport for centuries.

In addition to providing an overview of game-play, instructors offered attendees an opportunity to deliver stones with the traditional sliding delivery or with the use of a "push stick," which allows a curler to walk while sliding a stone down the ice.

Sliding a 40-pound piece of granite a hundred or more feet down a narrow sheet of ice can be tricky as the enthusiastic newbies soon learned. But a bit

of practice – and sometimes a lot of sweeping and shouted encouragement – can help push a reluctant rock all the way into the 12-foot bull's eye known as the "house."

Participation in the learn-to-curl was mandatory for registered LRCA members with no previous curling experience. For participants who are not signed up to play for the full upcoming fall season, attending the LTC allows registration as alternates.

LRCA members are scheduled to start the club's fall league on October 15. The season then runs for nine weeks, until December 17, with a break for Thanksgiving weekend.

Rich Masse, Director
Lakes Region Curling Association



Ed Ciancarelli using the sliding method at the Learn-to-Curl.

Tuftonboro Library has full schedule for the fall season

Happy autumn to all! The calendar has come full circle once again, and another fall season is upon us. To borrow a line from Anne Shirley in L. M. Montgomery's *Anne of Green Gables*, "I'm so glad to live in a world where there are Octobers."

Let me begin by saying a huge "thank you" to everyone who participated in this year's Summer Reading Program. Your generosity and support helped make this year's program another huge success. Sixty kids signed up to read, and between them checked out a total of 818 books. Twenty-nine adult sponsors also signed up, and matched (and surpassed) the number of books read with donations to the Lakes Region Humane Society. In total, 441 items and a whopping \$1,200 was collected and delivered to LRHS. Congratulations to all!

Another round of thanks goes out to the Friends of the Tuftonboro Library for all their hard work and dedication in organizing this year's Fundraising Gala. On September 15, The Friends hosted a very special evening of good food, drinks, and merriment at the Todaro Center at Camp North Woods. Attendees were treated to an engaging and entertaining talk by Ernest

Thompson, the Oscar-winning author of *On Golden Pond*. In addition to answering questions about his work on this well-known and cherished film classic, Ernest also discussed his latest work (and debut novel) *The Book of Maps*. Copies of his new book were available to purchase courtesy of Karen Baker and The Country Bookseller, and the author was on-hand for signing and further discussion. (You could even pose for photos holding the actual Oscar he received for Best Adapted Screenplay!) Thank you to Mr. Thompson for a delightful evening, and to everyone who attended in support of the Friends.

The Readers' Choice Book Group meets on the third Thursday of the month at 10:00 a.m. They will discuss *All the Forgivenesses* by Elizabeth Hardinger on October 19th, *How to Stop Time* by Matt Haig on November 16th, and *Remarkably Bright Creatures* by Shelby Van Pelt on December 21.

The History Book Group meets on the last Wednesday of the month at 3:00 p.m. through the fall and winter months. They will discuss *The Spy and the Traitor* by Ben Macintyre on October 25, *The Wager* by David Grann on November 29, and *Sapiens* by

Yuval Noah Harari on December 27. Copies of books for both reading groups will be available in advance at the Circulation Desk.

Fall local artist displays feature bird sculptures by Bill Pottle in October, and art and woodwork by Liese and Aaron Gauthier during November and December.

A special Halloween scavenger hunt for kids will be held at the library during regular open hours from October 24 thru October 31, and a Christmas scavenger hunt will be held from December 19 thru December 31. Both scavenger hunts will be like those offered as part of our summer reading program, and prizes will be awarded for participation.

Finally, *The Polar Express* arrives at TFL on Friday, December 8 at 6:00 pm. Ed Fayle will be back at the library for his special, dramatic retelling of this festive tale. Be sure to mark your calendar and join us for some holiday cheer!

Until then... Happy Holidays and Happy Reading from TFL!

Dennis R. Guilmette
Library Director

Camp Sentinel hosts "Friendsgiving" community dinner

"I learned how to listen to God's voice, to be patient and to be still and know that He is God/God is always there for me/My confidence can go higher than expected/The Christian life is meant to bear fruit."

As we finished singing the "Good Night Song" at closing counsel fire, Caleb ran over and gave me a hug and said, "Pk, this was the best week ever!" "Of camp?" I asked. "Of my entire life!" Caleb said with great excitement.

Trajectory shift. The impact of a kind word, a hopeful challenge and time in a temporary outdoor community changes us. I have seen evidence of this. Time in nature is life changing, allowing growth in relationship with God and others. Being challenged in

a safe environment to try something new while living together in a temporary community all help in the emotional, mental, social, and spiritual development of a young person. Time at camp is good.

As we look forward to the future, we pause to thank God for the past 75 years of outdoor ministry. In 2024 Camp Sentinel celebrates our 75th year! As we celebrate, we have some exciting projects and plans. We are raising funds for three areas of camp: Please check out the information at www.campsentinel.org/75 Your [prayers and mission support for Sentinel](http://www.campsentinel.org/75) help us as we continue the important work at Sentinel as we prepare for the 75th camp season ahead!

At Sentinel we believe in the gift of camp and are thankful for friends and churches who stand with us in mission. We believe camp is for everyone, so we never turn a family away from the camp experience for financial challenges. Thank you for standing with us in mission.

On Sunday, November 19, at 4:00 p.m. there will be a Friendsgiving Community Dinner. Please RSVP to admin@campsentinel.org (603) 539-4839.

Hope to see you on the mountaintop again soon!

Kevin Van Brunt "Pk",
Executive Director Camp Sentinel

Melvin Church fulfills mission to serve local community

The Melvin Village Community Church (MVCC) 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.

MVCC is here for the local community. Since 2008 Melvin Village Community Church in Melvin Village has sponsored the annual "Feet for Fuel-Walk for Warmth" Walk-A-Thon to raise funds to assist local families in need of fuel and emergency assistance. Over the years MVCC, with generous support from the MVCC church family, neighbors, Bald Peak Community Fund, and the Lions Club,

have raised over \$183,000 through this effort. This past year it has provided \$26,000 to our neighbors in need. This year, with your help, we will continue to make a difference. The 2023 Walk-A-Thon will take place on **Sunday, October 15, at 2:00 p.m.** We will assemble in the church parking lot at 476 Governor Wentworth Highway in Melvin Village to begin our four-mile walk through the community. Please consider walking (four-legged friends welcome), sponsoring a walker, or sending a donation to the church at MVCC, P.O. Box 233, Melvin Village, NH 03850 (indicating Feet for Fuel). Or donate online at www.mvccnh.org/feet-for-fuel. If you are someone in need, please reach out to the church at (603) 544-9961.

It is our pleasure and an 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.

Mark your calendars for our Christmas Eve service - Sunday December 24th at 10am and special candlelight service at 5pm. Happy Autumn Season!

Pastor Kevin Van Brunt
Melvin Village Community Church

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"It may have been Lawrence Peterson. The sign was stolen, but I can't remember the time frame. Perhaps late 1950s or early 1960s."

"Oh, yes," says BG when asked about this. "Yes, a sign was stolen."

"The next sign was also a landscape and was painted by Priscilla Hodges," Susan also recalls. "Later, that sign was replaced by one painted by BG Hodges, Priscilla's son."

"I did do a Melvin Village sign in 1979," BG confirms. However, his mother did *not* make the previous sign, he says. "No, she never made a sign. No. Let me call my sister, and I'll get right back to you."

Susan is not the only Tuftonboro resident who thought Priscilla Hodges had made one of the Melvin Village signs. Several people shared this version of the sign's history. "My mother was an artist, and she *did* do a black-and-white drawing of the sign that was turned into a note card and sold in town," BG says. "I think it had a Christmas tree in it with snow, but what I remember the most is that she misspelled Moultonborough as 'Moutonboro'."

The next time we talk, BG clears up the history. "My mother didn't paint a sign," he says. "She *stole* one. She and her good friend Pearl Hansen stole it one night because they hated it."

The story goes like this (and BG notes that his sister, Nancy Perry, agreed to "outing" their late mother): There was a sign, as Susan described it, depicting a landscape. However, after some time the sign had degraded and needed replacing. So Chet

Fernald, who owned the nearby Wawbeek Lodges and Cottages, took it down and replaced it with a sign that just read "Melvin Village."

"I think that Chet liked wood routers," says BG "He made it with a router. It didn't look anything like the previous sign. It was low to the ground, between two posts, and it just said 'Melvin Village.' And my mother and Pearl, well, they hated it, and so they stole it a few months later. But they were friends with Chet and his wife, Marion."

After that, Priscilla hired BG to make a new sign. "I basically copied the sign that Chet had replaced, from a photo," BG explains. "There was this unique bracket in the photo, which the sign was hanging from," he adds. "But it was nowhere to be found."

So, BG had Russ Nolan of Moultonborough fabricate a replica bracket, based on the photo, from which to hang the sign. And there the sign hung, for at least 15 years. The next time the sign needed to be replaced, it was done by John Levesque of Hilltop Signs at Tuftonboro Corner. It was 1995 or 1996. That is the sign that has just been replaced. Both John's and BG's signs are now at the Tuftonboro Historical Society.

"So, I'm driving by the library," BG says. "This was a long time ago, and I see that they have a new sign out front. And it's hanging from *the* bracket. The one I never found." The library sign had been made by none other than Chet Fernald.

Last spring, knowing that Brian was making a new Melvin Village sign, BG stopped by the library and asked what had happened to the old bracket, as it wasn't in use for the library's current sign. They

still had the bracket, stashed in the woods behind the library. Triumphant, BG retrieved it.

And so it was, one cloudless day in mid-September, when Brian happened to be driving through Melvin Village on his way to the post office, that he saw his nephew Payde perched above Ann's Garden, hanging the new sign on the original bracket.

"It's a lovely little place," Brian said. Indeed, it is. And now you know the true tale of a sign lovely enough to mark the spot—and send us all home in the right direction.

Max Ledoux
Edited by Molly Powell



Priscilla Hodges' sketch

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in 1978. It replaced the original tower which was built in 1924. The existing Tower is now 46 years old and although it's structurally sound, it will need to be replaced in the coming years.

The Tower is owned and maintained by the Abenaki Tower and Trail Association, a 501(c)3 non-profit. To maintain the current Tower, and in anticipation of building its replacement, the Association has been raising funds through the sale of various items, including t-shirts and other Tower-

themed crafts. This Fall we are adding to our lineup and are offering: a custom-designed pewter Christmas tree ornament from Hampshire Pewter, long sleeved shirts, and etched wine and beer glasses, as well as fun scrabble art.

One of our most popular items has been a poster of a Peter Ferber painting of the original Abenaki tower. Ferber is a celebrated local artist who is well known for his iconic watercolor paintings of antique boats and classic Lakes Region and cottage scenery. The poster continues to be available for sale at the

Melvin Village Mercantile (as is the pewter ornament) and at the Art Place on Main Street in Wolfeboro. Additionally, there are mugs, framed panoramic photos and lunch bags for sale at the Tuftonboro General Store.

We hope to see you and are grateful for the tremendous support and enthusiasm that the community has shown us!

Stina Lindwall, Secretary
Abenaki Tower & Trail Association

Has anyone ever asked you to pay for the Times?

Did you know that *The Tuftonboro Times* is delivered free to every active mailbox in Tuftonboro four times a year? Did you know that The Tuftonboro Association will mail a free copy of the *Times* to your winter or out-of-town address upon request? Are you aware that *The Tuftonboro Times* grew from its original eight-page format to its current 12-page layout eight years ago at no cost to the readership?

The *Times*, "The Voice of the Community," not only brings you reports from the town boards and committees, but also from the charitable, and social organizations, and the churches throughout

the community. It publishes "feature" articles such as the development of the Great Meadow Trail, the reconstruction of the Cheney Farm, the mapping of the town roads, and Abenaki Tower's 100th birthday. And, finally, it organizes and publishes a "Community Calendar" to keep its readers informed about local events. And the *Tuftonboro Times* does all this for free!

But it's not free. The Tuftonboro Association pays for the printing and publishing of the *Times*, and those costs continue to rise. There are no advertisements in *The Tuftonboro Times*, political or otherwise, to

pay the freight. The Association depends on tax-free contributions from readers like you to support this newspaper and the other local programs it sponsors.

The recent summer fundraising campaign came up far short of its goal, perhaps because of concerns about our economy or fears about inflation. So, it's back to the well of those individuals who feel that what we do is useful and important. Please send whatever you feel is appropriate to The Tuftonboro Association, P.O. Box 121, Melvin Village, NH 03850. Thank you.

Daniel F. Barnard, Jr., Editor
The Tuftonboro Times

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

October

15	2 PM	"Feet for Fuel-Walk for Warmth" Walk-a-Thon	MVCC
19	10 AM - Noon	Readers' Choice Book Group	TFL
20	9 AM – 1 PM	Hikers Rummage Sale drop-off	THS
21	9 AM – 2 PM	Hikers Rummage Sale	THS
21	4 PM – 6 PM	Tuftonboro Grange Penny Sale (drawing begins at 6:00 PM)	TGH
25	3 PM – 5 PM	History Book Group	TFL
25	6 PM	Historical Society Annual Meeting	SL

November

10-12		Tuftonboro Holiday Festival (flyers at post offices)	various locations
10	4 PM – 7 PM	Hikers Holiday Fair Basket Raffle/Bake sale	TTH
11	10 AM – 2 PM	Hikers Holiday Fair Basket Raffle/Bake sale	TTH
11	11:30 AM – 1:30 PM	Hikers Holiday Luncheon	WWH
16	10 AM - Noon	Readers' Choice Book Group	TFL
19	4 PM	Friendsgiving Community Dinner (RSVP admin@campsentinel.org)	SL
29	3 PM - 5 PM	History Book Group	TFL

December

8	6 PM – 8PM	The Polar Express	TFL
21	10 AM - Noon	Readers' Choice Book Group	TFL
24	5 PM	Special Christmas Eve Candlelight Service	MVCC
27	3 PM - 5 PM	History Book Group	TFL

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
Country, Bluegrass & Gospel Music Jam	Tuesday 6:30 PM - 8 PM	OWC
Preschool Story Hour	Friday 10:30 AM – 11:30 AM	TFL
Writer's Group	Saturday 10:00 AM - Noon	TFL
Melvin Village Community Church Services	Sunday 10:00 AM	MVCC
Tuftonboro United Methodist Church Services	Sunday 10:30 AM	TUMC

KEY:

SL - Sentinel Lodge	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



Camp Sentinel was founded in 1948. Pastor Kevin found this old depiction of one of the original buildings.

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