

# The Tuftonboro Times

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## Tuftonboro's first Old Home Days to be August 26-28

Numerous town committees and organizations, led by the Tuftonboro Parks and Recreation Commission, are planning for the first annual Tuftonboro Old Home Days, which will take place on the weekend of August 26th to 28th.

Friday's events will include an ice cream social and a movie under the stars, featuring *The Goonies* (PG), an 80s family classic about teenage misfits searching for buried pirate treasure.

Saturday will offer a day full of events such as the Tuftonboro 5K Run/Walk, which will include a new edition this year of the Kids' Fun Run. There will also be a scavenger hunt hosted by the Tuftonboro Historical Society, an antique car show featuring antique automobiles up to the early 1970s, a cardboard boat race at 19 Mile Beach, and a baked chicken dinner complete with salads and dessert. All this will be followed by a Contra dance with local favorites, callers Dudley & Jacqueline Laufman.

Sunday rounds out the weekend with a pick-up softball game at Davis Memorial Field, a nature walk with members of the Conservation Commission, a town picnic with field games, a dunk tank, and live music by local musicians including Mark Dearborn and Brian Hastings.

Historically, old home days were offered to communities as a chance to return to one's hometown. People came back, reconnected to childhood friends and family and participated in all sorts of fun games

and gatherings. Tuftonboro's first Old Home Days event this August carries on that old-fashioned tradition. Save the dates and come out, enjoy some community fun and celebrate all that's good in Tuftonboro. All of the events with the exception of the antique car show will take place Rain or Shine.

As part of the community involvement, the 5<sup>th</sup> grade at Tuftonboro School participated in a logo design contest held by the Old Home Day Committee. The winning design by Lauren MacPhee was used to create limited-edition Mason jar mugs to commemorate the event. The mugs are currently for sale at the Tuftonboro Town Offices for \$5.00. Be sure to get yours before they are gone!

Old Home Days is sponsored by the following generous organizations: Maxfield Real Estate; Pier 19 Grocer; Pine Cone Café & Country Store; Spider Web Gardens; Melvin Village Marina Inc.; Lovering Tree Care; JB & Son Sewer & Drain Plus; Lanes End Marina; Antonucci Insurance Services, Inc.; Scenic Home Inspections, LLC; CWA Lighting Group, LLC; DJ's Septic Pumping Services, Inc.; Heckman's Flooring; The Black Bear Micro Roastery; Curtis Quality Care, LLC; Blue Ridge Landscape; Village Old Car Shop; Jim Libby Construction; Wolfeboro Chiropractic Office; GeezLouise!; YMCA Camp Belknap; William Lawrence Camp; Camp Sentinel; AYF Merrowvista, and North Woods, Pleasant Valley, Sandy Island and Laughing Loon YMCA Camps



**Lauren MacPhee shows off her winning logo to be used on Old Home Days commemorative mugs.**

For more information on all the events, including registration information for the 5K, cardboard boat race and antique car show, visit [www.tuftonboro.org](http://www.tuftonboro.org) or email [parksandrec@tuftonboro.org](mailto:parksandrec@tuftonboro.org). **Gina Lessard, Chairman**

**Tuftonboro Parks & Rec**

## 5K Walk/Run Race is part of the Old Home Days events

**Tuftonboro  
Old Home Days**  
**FRIDAY, AUGUST 26**

- 7pm - Ice Cream Social at Davis Field
- 8pm - Movie Under the Stars at Davis Field  
*The Goonies* (PG)

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 27**

- 8am - Tuftonboro 5K Run/Walk Start at TCS
- 10am-1pm - Scavenger Hunt at Historical Society
- 1-3pm - Antique Car Show at Davis Field
- 3-5pm - Cardboard Boat Race at 19 Mile Beach
- 5:30-7pm - Chicken Dinner at TCS Dining Room
- 7:30-9:30pm - Contra Dance at TCS Gym

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 28**

- 10am - Nature Walk at Davis Field
- 11am - Pick Up Softball Game at Davis Field
- 1-3pm - Town Picnic at Central Park

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Lace Up those Sneakers for the 5th Annual Tuftonboro 5K Run/Walk scheduled for Saturday August 27. This is a date change from previous years as the race is now part of Tuftonboro Old Home Days. Check-in/Registration begins at 7 am, a Kid's Fun Run at 7:45 am, walk at 8am and run at 8:30am. An award ceremony will follow the conclusion of the races.

This is a professionally timed 5K, however the goal is to provide a fun fitness experience for all. Can't run? Walkers of all ages are encouraged to participate.

Entry fee for the Run/Walk for 12 years and under \$15, 13 and older \$20. Day of registration is \$20 for 12 and under, \$25 for 13 and older. Pre registration is preferred. Tee shirts will be given to the first 75

participants. Race Proceeds benefit The Tuftonboro Scholarship Fund.

To register online visit [www.lightboxreg.com/tuftonboro\\_2016](http://www.lightboxreg.com/tuftonboro_2016). To Download and mail a registration form visit [www.tuftonboro.org](http://www.tuftonboro.org) or email [parksandrec@tuftonboro.org](mailto:parksandrec@tuftonboro.org).

**Gina Lessard, Chairman  
Tuftonboro Parks & Rec**

**Well Water Test Collection Dates**  
Pick up test kits: July 18-22 at Town Offices during normal office hours and Saturday July 23 9 to noon.  
Test kit collection: Sunday July 24 at Town Offices.

# Steve Wingate looks back at 1954 and Hurricane Carol

It was a rainy and windy morning on August 31, 1954 when we woke up at the family cottage on Winter Harbor. My sister Jennifer, brother Jeff, baby Sarah (Beebe), and our mother Skipper had been at the cottage since school let out in June. My dad, Roger Wingate, was on his last week of vacation, and we were due to return home to start school the next weekend. It was too wet to work outside so Dad decided this would be a good day for Jeff and me to get a haircut in preparation for school. Dad felt strongly that all "good boys" had well maintained crew cuts. Whiffle stick and all.

As we drove to Wolfeboro in our 1949 Chevy, woody, station wagon, the wind seemed to be picking up with lots of leaves and twigs blowing across the road. The barber shop, which is where the Gun Closet is today, had windows that faced Wolfeboro Bay. It was definitely getting wild out on the water. The mail boat broke off its normal route and came back to the docks. She was moving faster than I had ever seen her go. We learned from the barbers that a hurricane was coming up the coast, and they were speculating how far inland it might go and how bad it might be for us. We noticed that Dad seemed to get more nervous as the conversation progressed. As soon as our hair was cut, he skipped the errands Mom had given him to do and headed straight back to the cottage.

When we arrived it was close to noon, and a full gale had developed. Mum had made tomato soup and crackers for lunch, but Dad couldn't sit down. He just paced back and forth at the front window watching his pride and joy, the *Night Mare*, bucking at the mooring. You may recall that the *Night Mare* was a sailboat that was sunk in Norfolk, Virginia in the hurricane of 1938, and that dad and a friend raised the boat while serving in the navy during WWII. It looked so bad when they got it up, they named the boat *Night Mare*. Also, dad spent many hours restoring it to near, new condition. Before moving back to New England, he and mum had saved the *Night Mare* from another hurricane. On the trip back, she was perched high up on her cradle on top of a homemade utility trailer when the tong broke. They were driving through New York City, going downhill and had to make a hard right turn. The car made the turn but the boat and trailer continued down the hill. Miraculously they found the trailer neatly parked next to the curb at the bottom of the hill.

Now Dad was sitting in front of the window agonizing over his boat. He decided to swim out, double up on the mooring line and bail her out. Mum said, "That is a foolish idea; eat your lunch." He said, "Either the morning line is going to break, or she is going to fill up with water and sink." This sailboat was made out of plywood which doesn't have much buoyancy when filled with water, and it had a 300 lb. keel attached below. By this point, the *Night Mare* was bucking violently in the wind and waves. Dad took

one sip of his soup, and the mooring line broke. The boat rapidly disappeared from view heading west. Just as quickly, Dad jumped up, rushed out the door and down the shore after it.

There was silence in the cottage for a few minutes then mum looked at me and said, "Go find out what happened to your farther." She was holding a 5-month old baby, expecting a tree to fall on the cottage at any time, and Jeff was only 4. I was 10 years old that summer, a good swimmer and fast on my feet. I was the best candidate to find out what was happening to Dad.

I found him past a cove and out near a point of land west of the cottage. He was in the water with the broken mooring line tied around his chest just holding the boat off the rocky shore. The waves were breaking over his head. He had his feet on the bottom but could only take a breath between the waves. I hollered out, "Are you ok?" He shouted back, between the waves, "Go....glub glub.....get .....glub....Woody.....glub glub.... and some.....glub....anchoring tackle".

Woody Hoover was the son-in-law of our neighbor to the east, Carl Wood, and was another Navy veteran. The adrenalin must have been really pumping as I seemed to be able to sprint effortlessly through the maelstrom. Leaves and branches seemed to be flying everywhere with the occasional crash of a tree. I dodged, hurdled, and sprinted to Carl's back door and knocked loudly. He let me in, and the whole family was huddled in the kitchen. I don't think I actually took a breath in my quarter mile sprint; I opened my mouth to speak but could only gasp for air. Finally I blurted out, "My dad is in the water and needs help!" I was looking at Woody with the most pathetic and desperate expression I could muster. Woody, who was dressed to the nines, looked at his wife, she was shaking her head "no", and then he looked over at Carl who was shaking his head "yes". He turned, emptied his pockets, put on his jacket and said, "Let's go."

We made it to our place, dodging and ducking windblown debris, picked up an anchor, an old radiator, rope, chain, and other tackle, threw it in a wheel barrow, and headed down the shore. When we arrived at Bob Straw's beach, in a cove, down from the cottage, we found Dad working his way from the other direction. He was grabbing a breath between waves then working along the bottom toward the cove. As he moved in, the waves were not as bad. Woody charged into the water to help him.

At just about this time we saw our row boat drifting down the shore toward us. Dad left Woody holding the sailboat while he swam out to retrieve it. I helped him bring the row boat in, and we pulled it up onto the beach. It wasn't till then that we noticed my sister Jennifer hanging onto the transom. While she was watching the storm from the house, and probably feeling left out of the excitement, she saw one of the



**It was a rainy and windy morning on August 31, 1954**

dock lines holding the row boat break. She immediately ran out of the cottage and crawled out onto the dock. She tried to pull the row boat in and retie the broken line. Just as she grabbed the boat, the other dock line broke, and she was dragged and blown into the water. She could have just swum to shore, but she stayed with the boat intending to save it. To this day I wonder what would have happened if the wind had been blowing out into the lake rather than down the shore.

After that Dad and Woody hatched a plan for a "Y" anchoring system for the sail boat. They put the anchor out in one direction toward the wind and the old radiator in the other and connected lines to one line on the sail boat. It seemed to be working when the wind began shifting. They would reset the anchors, and the wind would shift again. After a while the wind and rain suddenly stopped and the sun came out. It seemed like a miraculous event; then Dad said it was the eye of the storm. He and Woody tried to improve the anchoring system while things were calm, but the storm quickly returned, and the wind shifted 90 degrees, so it was blowing directly into the cove. The anchors just would not hold. Dad finally gave up and sent me running for the block and tackle. By then the *Night Mare* was dragging on its keel toward the beach. We eased her over gradually and hauled her up on the beach with the block and tackle. We took her mast and rigging off, and she looked very sad lying there on her side as we headed for home.

As we neared the cottage Dad stopped Woody and thanked him for all the help and invited him in to the cottage for a drink. I was walking behind them and had to stop or run into them. Just then a pair of birch trees came crashing down right in front of Dad and Woody, right where they would have been walking if Dad hadn't stopped to talk. There was silence for a minute between them as the wind howled and more trees could be heard crashing down. Then Woody said he should get back to Carl's place to make sure everything was ok.

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# Backyard Biology wants to identify “every living thing”

Have you ever looked out in your backyard and wondered how many plants, flowers and animals were present? What might you see, if you could spend more time looking out your kitchen window? What’s really going on in the natural world of Tuftonboro? It would be even better if you could go to a website that recorded everything you and your neighbors have seen so you can get a better idea of what is present. Well, now you can join in and help document everything that’s out there using your cell phone or tablet. It takes a few simple steps to set up your electronic devices and once setup, you can snap away at any / every living thing you see. Your pictures will be uploaded onto a central database and you can see everything you have posted and everything your neighbors have posted.

Head into the woods! Take a hike. Walk through a field. Explore your backyard. Leave a light on at night for moths. Take a walk on a conservation property. Start noticing the trees, the plants, the bugs,

the mushrooms, and the animals. Follow the Backyard Biology Facebook page to see what others are finding and get identification help! Using an application you can load (for free!) on your cell phone or tablet called “iNaturalist,” individuals, families, and teams can upload pictures of any naturalized living thing they find in Wolfeboro or Tuftonboro to the “Backyard Biology 2016 iNaturalist project,” with or without an ID. Our team of naturalists will identify your findings and they will be compiled in a community-wide natural inventory. With YOUR help, we can make this happen!

The goals of this effort are simple. To encourage our community to explore! We live in a town of great biological diversity! You will be amazed at what you will be able to find right in your backyard. Did you know that there are over 500 animal species (not including invertebrates and insects!) and thousands of plant species in New Hampshire? The mammals, the flowers, the insects, the birds, the mosses, the fish, the

lichens, the mushrooms... how many species can we find? More importantly, WHICH ones will we find?

One third of the naturalized plants in New England are non-native, and about 100 of those non-native species are considered invasive by the Invasive Plant Atlas of New England (IPANE), with potential to cause damage to our local environment. We need to locate these plants in order to control them!

On the other hand, there are also over 200 “ranked” (meaning rare) plants in New Hampshire. Whether it’s due to dwindling habitat, over picking, or simply that it’s picky about its location, these ranked plants should be documented, recorded, and hopefully protected.

If you would like to participate, contact Keith Garrett and Michelle Hansen with any questions, comments, or suggestions! They can be reached at their web page <<http://backyardbio.org>>

**Mark Howard**

## Interactive Tuftonboro maps now available to the public

In the most recent edition of the *Tuftonboro Times* a front page article described the efforts to create interactive maps for the entire Town of Tuftonboro. Those maps have now been released and can be found at the Tuftonboro Conservation Commission web page, which can be accessed through the town website: [www.tuftonboro.org](http://www.tuftonboro.org). Select “Conservation Commission” from the list of Boards and Committees. Once on the page, scroll down and you will find a link to the “Online Interactive Maps”. There are two clickable links provided, one for each map. We regret we could not include everything on one map, but limitations with Google Maps prohibit us from consolidating all the information. In the process of talking over the limitations with the Conservation Commission, the decision was made to release what we have as there is an immediate need within the town for this data, and continue working on a better solution. So, without too much fanfare, the maps were released to the public.

The town web site clearly indicates what information is available on each map. Map 1 has an aerial photography base map with the following information:

- Town Boundaries
- Zoning
- Land Use
- Conservation Lands
- Wetlands
- Aquifers
- Subwater Catchment Areas
- Tax Map Parcel boundaries (East, West & South)

Map 2 has layers on a base map that is a topographical map and includes the following information:

- Tier 1 - Highest Ranked Habitat in New Hampshire
- Tier 2 - Highest Ranked Habitat in Bio-Region
- Tier 3 - Supporting Landscapes
- Tax Map Parcel Boundaries (East, West, South)

The Tier 1, 2 and 3 refer to the state’s Wildlife Action Plan that has just been released following an update. The intention at the state level is to prioritize areas in the state that are very important to wildlife habitats so that resources can be spent on areas that will benefit wildlife the greatest. We are fortunate Tuftonboro to have so much high quality wildlife habitat out our back door.

In the future, we will be able to look forward to an easier, and more complete set of map data that is updated by the state and town. The public will have access to all the data listed, and much more while the format will be easier to use. The Conservation Commission plans on giving free training classes to be held at the town library to help users maximize their experience and demonstrate other ways of finding out information about our town. Stay tuned.

**Mark Howard, Member  
Lakes Region Planning Committee**

## Tuftonboro Association annual meeting set for Sept. 19

The 2016 Annual Meeting of the Tuftonboro Association will be held on the 19th of September at the Tuftonboro School at 7:00 p.m. We will spend a few minutes at the beginning of the meeting holding a brief business meeting. Immediately following, as in past years, will be the introduction of the speaker for the evening, Dr. Rick Van de Poll, PhD.

Rick has assisted Tuftonboro multiple times in past years to help better understand the natural resources the town has to offer, and most recently updated a study he performed in 2001-2002 on the Great Meadow land area. The name “Great Meadow” has been used by town residents for many years

and describes an area of land that is located in the northwest corner of the town and is bordered by Route #171 and Sodom Road. This area is full of wetlands and other valuable natural biological habitats.

The updated study, released in February 2016, arose from conversations with the Tuftonboro Conservation Commission, which intends to prioritize protection efforts for the Great Meadow wetland and its bordering upland properties. This study was completed entirely on the basis of remote information, although field data from the 2002 study was also used to inform certain assessment parameters. This remote review included the consultation with the most current

aerial photography for the area, plus a number of other natural resource data layers available through the Complex Systems Research Center’s GRANIT database at UNH, Durham. In all, 77 parcels within or near the Great Meadow wetlands were assessed for 10 general and 20 specific attributes.

Rick Van de Poll is the founder and principal scientist of Ecosystem Management Consultants located in Sandwich, NH. He is a state certified Wetlands scientist and has assisted a large number of municipalities with development projects from both the conservation side and the development side.

**Mark Howard, President**

# Tuftonboro selectmen report on wide range of activities

The Board of Selectmen welcomes back our summer residents and those who are visiting during this season. Your town government has been working hard to prepare for the season and want to ensure that your visit is an enjoyable experience. If you have any questions or needs, please don't hesitate to contact the staff at the town office or any of the selectmen directly.

The Summer swim program is in full swing at 19 Mile Bay beach. Swim lessons and swim team continue through the end of July. Take advantage of the recreational activities offered by the town. Sunbathe, swim or picnic at the Melvin Wharf, 19 Mile Bay or Cow Island town beaches. Take a walk or hike on trails at Central Park, Cops Pond, or the Chandler Conservation area. Explore the Great Meadow conservation area.

Work continues on projects approved at town meeting. The 2016 town road repaving projects have been completed. The final one-third of Sodom Road received a new top coat and the South half of Union Wharf Road received a new base paving layer. Road restriping is scheduled for completion before the end of July. Additionally, the New Hampshire Department of Transportation is currently completing ditch and catch basin projects on Mountain Road (Route 171) and repaving of Route 171 is on their schedule for this

year.

The Lang Pond Road improvement project continues to move forward. New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services issued a wetlands permit in May. Following the completion of bid specifications, an invitation to bid was issued in early June. Contract award to the successful bidder should occur by the end of July with actual construction to take place between Labor Day and Thanksgiving.

Town Meeting approved the acquisition of an ambulance and a replacement rescue vehicle for the Fire Rescue department. Selectmen signed lease/purchase agreements for both vehicles in April. The Ambulance will be delivered during July and will provide the Tuftonboro Fire & Rescue Department with enhanced capability for response to medical emergencies. The replacement Rescue vehicle is expected to arrive early in 2017.

On May 18<sup>th</sup>, Camp Belknap hosted the Town Employee and Volunteer Recognition dinner. In addition to a delicious meal, the evening included tours of the 19 Mile Bay area aboard the camp's launch. Thanks to Directors Seth and Stephanie Kassels and their staff for a thoroughly enjoyable evening.

This Spring, the Agricultural Commission was reestablished. Sue Wingate was appointed as

Chairman and is currently recruiting commission members. Agricultural commissions advocate for and support agricultural activities within the town. Tuftonboro has a long and substantial history as an agricultural community. Individuals interested in becoming more involved with agriculture and/or serving on the commission are encouraged to contact Sue directly or the Town Office.

Tuftonboro Old Home Days are scheduled for Friday, August 26<sup>th</sup> through Sunday, August 28<sup>th</sup>. A full schedule of events is planned, including an outdoor movie, 5K run, cardboard boat race, antique car show, chicken supper, contra dance and town picnic. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend.

The town has set the sale of excess town-owned properties for Saturday, October 15<sup>th</sup>. These properties were acquired over the years through tax deeding, are not needed for town purposes and do not provide recreational or conservation benefits. The sale will be conducted by live auction and is scheduled for 10AM at the Town House.

For events in Town or to see when boards, commissions and committees are meeting, please check out the Town website at [www.tuftonboro.org](http://www.tuftonboro.org). Enjoy the summer!

**Tuftonboro Board of Selectmen**  
**Carolyn Sundquist, Chairman**

## Police Chief Shagoury: "Please do not feed the bears"

Summer is upon us and it is a good time to remember how important it is for everyone to share the roads. We will see an increase in pedestrians, bicyclists and others enjoying our beautiful town. Most of our roads lack a paved shoulder. That means pedestrians should walk to the side of the road and on the shoulder if possible. If a pedestrian is in the roadway, they are supposed to yield the right of way to traffic. (NH RSA 265:39) For bicyclists, it is important to ride single file along the right side of the road and follow all applicable rules of the road, such as obeying stop signs. While New Hampshire laws allow for riders to be two or more abreast, it also says you cannot impede the normal and reasonable movement of traffic. That is difficult with the curves and hills on the majority of the roads around here. For motorists it means maintaining a prudent distance of at least 3 feet from a bicycle. The distance should be increased by one additional foot for every 10 miles per hour above 10 mph. Drivers should always use due care upon approaching pedestrians, bicyclists and people on horseback in the roadway.

Segueing into animals, please do not intentionally (or unintentionally) feed bears. The New Hampshire Fish and Game Department recommends bird feeders come down by April 1. Natural foods are scarce until

berries become more available in August. While it is fun to watch them, as they are magnificent animals, it is not safe when they get accustomed to associating human scent with food. Tuftonboro has had two pigs killed by bears and a goat attacked. There are probably other nuisance issues that were reported directly to Fish and Game without our involvement. If a bear becomes too dangerous, they may end up being destroyed. According to some recent news articles, New Hampshire Fish and Game have had to destroy more bears than normal in the state this year. So for their welfare, it would be best to let wild animals be wild. Recently I saw two people outside their cars with their cell phones filming a bear eating birdseed about 30 feet away. They were too close to the bear and their cars were parked in an unsafe location with the doors open into the road.

While I wish I could take a break from reminding people of the scourge of drugs in our area, I need to mention that the Police Assisted Addiction and Recovery Initiative (<http://paariusa.org/>) was invited to a White House meeting with the National Drug Control Policy Director Michael Botticelli and other senior White House officials. While I won't be attending, it is good that efforts such as this are getting recognition. More heartwarming locally was a young

man who made the effort to stop by and thank us for being supportive of his efforts to deal with his opioid addiction.

Finally please remember to lock your doors and windows; we have had a couple of instances where homes have been entered and items taken. In one case a computer was taken and it appears the computer was used to make a fraudulent online order. Not only should you secure your house but most computers and phones contain sensitive data that should be password protected.

I and the rest of the Tuftonboro Police Department hope everyone has a safe and enjoyable summer.

**Chief Andy Shagoury**

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# Tuftonboro Fire & Rescue says be careful with outdoor fires

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome all of our seasonal residents and guests back to Town. The weather has finally turned to summer and we can all take advantage of everything the area has to offer. If you have a seasonal fire pit remember you must obtain a permit for all outside fires. If you had a seasonal fire permit last year, then you should have received one in the mail this spring. It must be signed and returned for it to be valid. If you need a permit, please contact us and we will direct you on how to get one. There is more information available through the town's web site as well. Also you must call the dispatch center at 603-539-2262 before lighting any outside fire.

Summer celebrations often include fireworks. And who doesn't like a good fireworks show? But if you choose to light off fireworks please be safe and keep the little ones well away from where they are going off. Fireworks can often be faulty and unpredictable. Thousands of accidents happen every year where children and adults are injured from fireworks. Please have a good time but be safe. And if you catch yourself or someone saying "Hey everyone,

watch this" think about it. Those few words are often said just before an accident happens.

The department responds to all types of emergencies, in all types of weather, at all hours. But we are often slowed down by smaller roads and driveways that are overgrown with trees and limbs that make it very difficult to navigate with our large vehicles. As much as we can appreciate the "campy feel" that many of you enjoy while going to and from your properties, it does often hinder a timely response from the emergency services you require. If you have any questions about the accessibility of your property, please contact us. We would love the opportunity to give you recommendations on how to improve it. Please don't take this the wrong way. We are not looking for a highway or to completely change the feel of your driveway/road. We are just looking to help you get the help you need as safely and quickly as possible. A good guide you can use is if a tree has a scuff mark on it something has already hit it. So just maybe it would be prudent to have it removed. Or, if you planning a major road rehab or putting in

a new driveway, ask us what we think. It just might save you a little time, money and aggravation when you need to change it after the fact. Also having good reflective house numbers that are visible for the street is invaluable. It happens every year: we respond to an emergency and the people are not familiar with the area where they are staying and the house has no number on it. Or, if the 911 center gives us the number that is provided by the phone company, we are delayed due to the fact there is no physical number on the house. If you need assistance with figuring out what your number is or don't know, the folks at the town office or the fire department can help you.

Please enjoy your summer and thank you all for your support of the department. Please do not hesitate to call or stop by the station if you have questions or concerns. Our non-emergency number is 569-3381 and our email is totfire@worldpath.net. The central station is located at 189 Middle Road if you would like to stop by for a visit.

**Caleb Pike, Capt.**

## Town restores Agricultural Commission, seeks members

Do you like to grow things, raise chickens or rabbits, sell eggs, keep bees, make soap, have a tree farm, run a nursery, or raise apples? Are you involved in 4-H or do any other activities connected to gardening, agriculture, or farming? If you answered yes to any of those questions, then the newly resurrected Tuftonboro Agricultural Commission (Ag Com) is looking for your input and support. If you've read this far, you are probably asking, "What is an Ag Com and why does Tuftonboro need one?" The purpose of the commission is to serve as an information bridge between those in the town who are involved in farming and agricultural-related pursuits and those who aren't – to maintain agriculture as an integrated, viable, and vibrant segment our community. While it has no regulatory or enforcement powers, the Ag Com will work cooperatively with other town governing and land-use boards and commissions to advocate for the interests and needs of agriculture in the community.

So why should Tuftonboro invest time and effort in organizing an Ag Com? Here are some things the Ag Com could do:

Conduct inventories of agricultural resources,

historic farms, and farm buildings that can be included as a database for the new town-wide mapping effort;

Educate the community and serve as a local voice advocating for farm and forest interests and providing visibility for agricultural-related activities;

Conduct activities to recognize, promote, and encourage agricultural resources and agricultural-based economic opportunities in town;

Advise other local boards on matters affecting or potentially affecting agricultural resources;

Hold educational workshops on intergenerational transfer of property and helping to protect farmland and other natural resources by obtaining technical assistance on conservation easement planning, woodlot management, nutrient management, environmental stewardship, and non-point source pollution management, and on state and federal grant and land protection programs.

Two immediate responsibilities of the Ag Com will be coordination of the town garden plots and monitoring the Cheney Farm easement. In the future, the Ag Com will have the opportunity to provide input on those sections of the updated Tuftonboro

Master Plan concerned with agricultural resources. What other projects should the Ag Com consider tackling? We are looking for your input and want to know if you are involved in or have an interest in any aspect of agriculture, large or small, from raising a few chickens to a market garden, from caring for an apple tree or running a nursery, from concerns about native pollinators or keeping bees, from gardening to managing a tree farm. This is the opportunity for your voice to be heard. What do you see as needs that the commission can address? Are you interested in serving on the Ag Com, either as a member or an alternate? To help answer these questions and determine community interest, you are encouraged to fill out a short survey posted on the Town website (<http://www.tuftonboro.org/Pages/TuftonboroNHBoards/AgriculturalComm/Index>). You may also contact Sue Wingate directly ([swingate0447@roadrunner.com](mailto:swingate0447@roadrunner.com)). Look for the results of the survey in the fall edition of the Times and stay tuned as the Ag Com collects information and gets organized.

**Sue Wingate, Chairman  
Tuftonboro Agricultural Commission**

## Trustees of Trust Funds award \$20,000 in scholarships

The Tuftonboro Scholarship was set up to assist Tuftonboro residents with their post-secondary school education. The fund is administered by the Tuftonboro Trustees of the Trust Funds. Most of the money comes from donations from taxpayers but for the last few years the Parks and Recreation Department has donated the money they raise from

their 5K race-walk.

This is one of the few local scholarships available to students throughout their post-secondary education - not just for their first or second year. This year the trustees had more applicants than ever before and awarded a total of \$20,000.00 in scholarship assistance to 20 students. Now we are actively

soliciting donations to replenish the fund for next year.

While a few generous benefactors have made substantial donations, most of the money comes from donations of \$100.00 or less. Checks made out to Town of Tuftonboro can be sent to the Trustees of the Trust Funds at PO Box 98, Center Tuftonboro, NH 03816.

**Sue Weeks, Chairman**

# Melvin Village Church to hold one-day auction and fair

The Melvin Village Community Church is busy planning activities and collecting articles for its annual fair and auction to be held on Saturday, July 23<sup>rd</sup>, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. This year will be a bit different, as the event is combined into just ONE DAY! The day will begin with a ribbon cutting ceremony at 9:00 a.m. when the Fair begins. The Auction will begin at 11:00 a.m.

If you haven't attended our fair or auction in the past, we hope that this year you will come early to experience the fun. The best baked goods go fast. If you are a collector or like to browse for decorations for your home, check out our tables of White Elephant selections. The popular Clothes Boutique is always a hit with the crowds, so don't miss that for treasures

and good deals on fashion and household linens, etc. Our barbecue chefs will also be cooking up lunch foods for when you need a break from your shopping. And we haven't forgotten to include such old favorites as games, books, plants, and music. This year might even include a few surprises to delight all who attend. It is truly an event not to miss.

Part of the proceeds from these events is always given to support local communities in our *Feet for Fuel Program* and other areas of need.

Your contribution of articles to this event will also be greatly appreciated and help to raise even more funds to share for needy causes. We are also seeking donations of interest and value for the Auction. Contributions from the wider community play a great

part in the success of this event.

BayView, the Barn across from the church, will be staffed to receive items between 9:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. on Saturday, July 16th. All articles in good condition are accepted except for appliances, pillows and mattresses. Arrangements can also be made to have larger articles collected at your house by calling the church offices at (603) 544-9661.

For questions or contributions please also call the church office. We so appreciate your support and attendance at this event. Watch for future announcements and ads in the *Granite State News* for some of the articles at the Auction!

**Sheryll Ross**

# Mirror Lake Community Church open for the summer

From the newly renovated church steeple at the Mirror Lake Community Church you will hear the bells chiming each Sunday morning calling folks to worship at this small, historic, and friendly church. Services are at 10:00 a.m. with a guest minister each Sunday and everyone is invited to fellowship where cookies and punch are served outside on the lawn following the service.

A number of trees and shrubs have been cleared in the back of the church allowing for an easy access to the church from the parking lot.

A group of Lay committee members oversee the maintenance, care, and operation of the church. New Lay Committee members are welcomed and if interested, please contact any one of the current Lay

Committee members and they will be glad to provide information.

The following is a list of the guest ministers who will be serving the remainder of this summer and the special music for each Sunday:

July 17: Reverend Canon G. Robert Cain with the Camp Belknap Staff Chorus and Marsha Juday providing service music.

July 24: Reverend Mr. Kevin VanBrunt with Marsha Juday, Pianist providing service music.

July 31: Reverend Dr. Blair Moffett with the Concord Vocal Octet and Matthew Barnard providing service music.

August 7: Reverend Mr. Alden Barnes with the Mirror Lake Church Choir and Kit Peterson providing

service music.

August 14: Reverend Dr. Edward VanderHey with Rebecca Hawkins, violinist, and Jan Allen providing service music

August 21: Reverend Dr. Arthur Rouner, Jr. with Janet Patterson, Soprano and Michelle Voss providing service music.

August 28: Reverend Mr. Earl Miller with Michelle Voss, Organist providing service music.

Sept. 4: Reverend Mr. Edward Charest with Deb Kumpf, Soprano and Kit Peterson providing service music.

Sept. 11: Reverend Mr. Brad Wolff with the Concord Vocal Octet and Kit Peterson providing service music.

**Pam Thayer, Lay Committee**

# Tuftonboro Grange marks Phoebe Willy's 101st birthday

On Saturday, July 16<sup>th</sup>, the day that the Summer Edition of the Tuftonboro Times is distributed, Tuftonboro Grange #142 will have a Penny Sale with ticket sales starting at 4:00 p.m. and the drawing starting at 6:00 p.m.

There will be gift certificates from several local businesses, fun items, and many new and interesting

items to choose from. A 50/50 drawing will benefit the Tuftonboro Library. We welcome one and all to the Tuftonboro Grange Hall on Middle Road (Route 109A) for a good evening of fun.

On June 26th the Grange celebrated Phoebe Willey's 101st birthday. She is the oldest local Grange Member.

The next regular meeting of the Tuftonboro Grange #142 will be the 2nd week of September 2016. We welcome anyone interested in learning about the Grange to come to the meeting; a pot luck dinner takes place at 5:00 p.m. with the meeting to follow at 6:00 p.m.

**Joy Perkins**

# Volunteers succeed in cleanup of 35 miles of town roads

April 30<sup>th</sup> was a perfect day for the Town Road Cleanup in Tuftonboro. Many volunteers gathered at the Town Office parking lot to pick up trash bags and safety vests. Not only was the weather beautiful with a minimum of black flies, but the manure added to the Town Vegetable Garden next to the parking lot had already been mixed into the soil negating the need for gas masks.

This year 47 Volunteers picked up approximately

52 bags of trash and other refuse over nearly 34 miles of State and Town Roads. This may seem like a relatively low number of bags for that distance, but there is an encouraging explanation. Several residents have started to do regular pickups on the roads in their neighborhoods, some even sorting the recyclables from the other residue and taking all to the Transfer Station. We hope that more will follow their example!

Now if we can just convince the airheads who

have no regard for the natural beauty of our town to stop trashing our roads we will soon find ourselves out of business – A Day for Celebration.

Thanks to all of the Volunteers for their hard work, New Hampshire the Beautiful for supplying the Blue Bags and the Department of Transportation for pickup of those bags on our State roads.

**Lee White**  
**Tuftonboro Association**



# Love our Library auction occurs on Friday, August 12

The Tuftonboro Free Library's summer reading program, Food for Friends, continues through August 12<sup>th</sup>. Kids sign up to read for pleasure, adults sign up to sponsor a kid, and pledge to donate one can of dog food per book read to the Lakes Region Humane Society. Every young reader gets a personal reading log to keep at home, a choice of literary canine bookmarks, and a dog biscuit graphic to personalize and post on the door whenever they come in for more books. Kids – and sponsors – can still sign up to participate. Paws to read for fun this summer!

Special kids' events continue in July on Fridays at 10:30 a.m. On the 22<sup>nd</sup>, Greg the Magician and Axel the Wonder Dog will be here for a fun-filled show of magic, comedy and surprise. On the 29<sup>th</sup>, the folks from the Children's Museum of NH explore incredible ideas from electricity to the chocolate chip cookie, and everyone gets to make and take home an aluminum foil circuit that really lights up!

Into each summer some rain must fall, but you can get out of it at the library. Rainy Day Family Matinees will feature family movies at 11:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m., with popcorn and lemonade, of course.

There's still time to visit Liese Gauthier's newest exhibit of local landscapes, flora, and fauna in acrylics and water colored linoleum prints, on display through July. One of these small jewels will be auctioned off on August 12<sup>th</sup> – see below for auction details, and get a preview here first. Ruth Willett, who has just entered her tenth decade, returns as TFL's featured artist in August, with a new collection of local and regional land and seascapes. David Winchester's unique photographs will intrigue exhibit visitors in

September – his work will surely make you look twice (or thrice!) at familiar local scenes.

And don't miss Phil Martin's amazing fountain pen collection, on view in the display case during August. Beautiful and practical, vintage and new, Snorkels and Scripserts, pens for ladies and gents -- all still working, and ready to write. Try out a little calligraphy for yourself.

Café Socrates gatherings continue on Wednesday mornings at 11:00. If you enjoy stimulating conversation on provocative topics, this informal program is for you! Drop-ins are welcome; no registration necessary.

The History Book Club meets on the last Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. The selection for July 29<sup>th</sup> is *Thirty-eight: The Hurricane that Transformed New England* by Stephen Long, and on August 31<sup>st</sup> the group will discuss *Harriet Tubman: The Road to Freedom* by Catherine Clinton. Books are available to read in advance, and new members are most welcome.

Save the date and secure your tickets soon! The Love Our Library Auction is set for Friday August 12<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 p.m. at the Todaro Leadership Center at North Woods Camp. There will be both silent and live auctions and a 50/50 raffle, run by professional auctioneer Aylie Byers of Alpenglow Benefit Auctions. Many unique items, services, and experiences will be up for bid, including a fly-fishing trip for two, a Maine island getaway, antique boat and car and fire engine rides, fine art and folk art and crafts, front row Patriots tickets, a private State House tour with lunch, and much, much more. Enjoy live music by the Lakeside

Ramblers, fabulous hors d'oeuvres, wine, beer, and soft drinks, and a luscious dessert selection. Then bid high to win big! Tickets to this exciting event are only \$25.00 and only 120 tickets will be sold. Tickets are available at the Library and Geez Louise in Tuftonboro, and Black's Paper Store and Antonucci Insurance in Wolfeboro. All proceeds will benefit the Library Building Fund.

And here's another date to save (no tickets necessary): The Friends of the Library Annual Meeting will be Saturday, September 10<sup>th</sup>. A brief business meeting at 10:30 will be followed at 11:00 by *Becoming Wolf: the Eastern Coyote in New England*. Christine Schadler is a canid ecologist and award-winning educator and writer. She is the science advisor to the Northeast Wolf Coalition, and heads up Project Coyote for NH and VT. Her fascinating presentation will include some rare and unusual slides of our familiar local predator, and a few representative howls, too. The program will be followed by a catered sandwich lunch. All free and open to the public – bring a friend and become a Friend!

Don't forget you can borrow TFL's Orion StarBlast telescope for summer stargazing in your own backyard. You can stream movies, TV shows, audio, ebooks, comics, and music in your backyard too, all through the library website, 24/7. And of course, you'll find the best selection around of beach reading right here – check out your library often this summer!

**Christie Sarles**  
Tuftonboro Free Library Director

## Hikers Club tours Libby Museum, has bake sale success

On June 16, many of the Hikers took a trip to the Libby Museum. They were given a tour by "Mrs. Libby" (director Lauren Hammond), followed by a scavenger hunt with some challenging finds! After the hunt, the staff at the museum generously provided members with refreshments of homemade delicious desserts and punch served out in the gazebo. The weather was wonderful, and it was a great day spent with fellow members and friends.

The Hikers finished off its year on June 25<sup>th</sup> with its Annual Bake Sale in front of the Geez Louise Store in Melvin Village. The effort earned almost \$1,000 for the Hikers' Scholarship Fund and other endeavors.

The club will be taking a brief summer "recess" during the months of July and August to enjoy the beautiful weather with family and friends. It will resume activities early this year by assisting as set up crew, servers and cashier at the "Tuftonboro Old Home Days" Chicken Dinner on Saturday August 27 at the Tuftonboro Central School dining room.

As a result of their numerous fundraising activities this past year (two Rummage sales, a Craft fair, a Holiday Luncheon, an Easter Breakfast, and a Mac n Cheese cook off) the Hikers were able to donate scholarships to fourteen deserving students. Ten recipients were from Kingswood Regional High School, and four were from Brewster Academy. Scholarships are made available each year for qualifying students who reside in Tuftonboro, or those students whose mother is a Hiker member.

In addition to providing scholarships, the Hikers also donated to many worthy causes this year. The recipients were: Caregivers of Southern Carroll County, Meals on Wheels, VNA Hospice, Appalachian Teen Project, Kingswood Youth Center, the Tuftonboro Library, Wolfeboro Area Children's Center and End 68 Hours of Hunger. Members also supplied items to the food pantry in Wolfeboro and the local Humane Society. The Hikers would not be able to provide these donations without the generous

support of its many members and those of our local community.

The Hikers will have their first meeting of its new year on September 8<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m. in Willing Worker's Hall in Melvin Village. Guests are always welcome!

There will be a barbecue and auction fundraiser for the scholarship fund held at Camp Belknap on September 18<sup>th</sup> from 4-8:00 p.m. The menu will include steak tips, chicken, salads, beans, soft drinks, coffee, tea and dessert. There will also be live music featuring local singer Carolyn Ramsey. The cost of the tickets is \$35 per person. For further information and to reserve your ticket (or a table of ten) RSVP by September 3<sup>rd</sup> to Maria Coussens at (603) 301-1188. Checks can be mailed to: The Hikers, PO Box 102, Melvin Village, NH 03850. We hope to see you there!

If you have any questions regarding the Hikers or would like to become a member of this wonderful organization, contact President Maria Coussens.

**Maria Coussens, President**

# Dusty Davies recognized with 2016 Kim Ayers Award

On Monday, June 27<sup>th</sup>, at the Annual Meeting of the Lakes Region Planning Commission held at the Wolfeboro Inn, Dusty Davies of Mirror Lake was presented with the 2016 Kim Ayers Award.

This prestigious award is given annually by the Lakes Region Planning Commission in memory of B. Kimball Ayers, Jr. who faithfully and persistently worked to maintain and improve the environmental quality of the Lakes Region in New Hampshire. Like Kim Ayers, the award recipients have been active in one or more of the following areas: water quality of the lakes and of the groundwater, the preservation of wetlands, and the wildlife habitat of the region.

The citation on the award reads as follows: *Dusty*

*Davies has devoted herself to protecting the water quality of Mirror Lake in Tuftonboro since 2008. As President of the Mirror Lake Protective Association (MLPA), she was the first one to alert the residents around the lake to the insidious danger of phosphorus in the water. No longer president of MLPA, Dusty is still an active member and continues with her efforts to improve and protect Mirror Lake. We can safely say that without Dusty's dedication and persistent efforts, Mirror Lake would not be as healthy as it is today.*

The Tuftonboro Board of Selectmen were also present at the meeting to congratulate Dusty and applaud her achievements.

Dan Barnard, Editor



**Dusty Davies, Kim Ayers  
award winner**

## Historical Society program will highlight N.E. stone walls

Do you know what the Historical Society Museum has to offer? There are over 100 alphabetically labeled binders celebrating Tuftonboro people (Richardson, Piper, Shepard and more) places (Mackerel Corner, Barvel Whang, Pope Dam, Cow Island) and things (Shaw Mountain fire, 1986 Tornado, 1998's unusual weather.) There are genealogies (Hersey, Dow, Banfield) and histories (Tuftonboro school houses, Tuftonboro Telephone Company, Camps, Churches.)

The Historical Society has books by local authors: Elizabeth Wilkin, Richard Frye, Thomas Dreier, Duke Southard, Vice Admiral George Dyer, and Cecily Crowe. There is also a large collection of postcards from around the lake. These are just a few examples of what the Society has in its collection.

In the Historical Society Museum there are displays pertaining to life in Tuftonboro: the Tuftonboro Telephone Company switchboard and the post offices in Melvin Village and Mirror Lake. Come in and see antique farm equipment, lake fishing equipment, Lake Winnepesaukee steamboats, and the Carrigan Map.

The July and August hours are Wednesday and Friday from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. You should visit before the Scavenger Hunt on August 27<sup>th</sup> as part of Tuftonboro Old Home Days.

Wednesday August 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m., at the museum in Melvin Village, a New Hampshire Humanities Council program called "Discovering New

England Stonewalls" will be presented. Author Kevin Gardner will explain how and why New England came to acquire thousands of miles of stonewalls. He will also describe the way in which stone walls and other dry, stone structures were built. As a demonstration, Mr. Gardner will build a miniature wall on a tabletop. Refreshments will be served.

Sue Weeks' pictures of some of the interesting stonewalls in Tuftonboro are on display in the museum. On Wednesday, September 28<sup>th</sup>, all are welcome to join in a walk to view some of these walls.

All Historical Society programs, as well as the Museum, are free and open to the public.

Jackie Rollins

## Abenaki Tower & Trail annual meeting set for Sept. 30

Melvin Village's very own Abenaki Tower and Trail Association is holding its 91st annual meeting at the White/Craig families' summer home, 15 Old Pasture Road, in Tuftonboro. As in all previous years, the public is invited to attend. The meeting consists of a brief business session (which includes an overview of efforts to keep the views open and the tower well maintained), then a special presentation, followed by a "meet and greet" with light refreshments.

The hosts, newly elected treasurers, Brian and Sarah Trachtenberg, have graciously agreed to host this year's get together of Association members and interested community members. The presentation this

year will be very informal as we share stories and history of some of the long time summer residents from the shoreline areas known as Wawbeek and Merrymount. We'll talk about some of the original members of the association dating back 90 years including the Litchfield's (1904), stories from the Camp on Bear Island dating back to the '30's that connect to Wawbeek shore and stories of the Old Wawbeek Hotel. Audience participation is encouraged and we urge you to come and share your family story with us. We are anticipating a very convivial gathering!

The meeting will start at 5:00 pm on July 30<sup>th</sup>.

As always, the not for profit Abenaki Tower and Trail Association welcomes members and visitors. New members/donors are needed to continue to grow the tower replacement fund as well as to sustain continued enjoyment of this local resource in our own back yard. It is the wish of the Association that the tower and grounds will continue to be "freely and considerably used". If you have any questions or need directions, feel free to contact Christopher Burnett, Association President, at 603 544-2209. Alternatively, write to Post Office Box 222, Melvin Village, NH 03850 or like and contact us on Facebook at Abenaki Tower.

Gary Burnett, Secretary

## Dudley Laufman contradance tickets now on sale

Tuftonboro Old Home Days is pleased to have renowned musician and caller Dudley Laufman along with his wife, Jacqueline, lead the dancing on Saturday August 27<sup>th</sup>, at 7:30 p.m.

The Contra dance will be held at the Tuftonboro Central School Gym, 205 Middle Road, Center Tuftonboro. All dances will be taught. No partner or

prior experience is necessary. All ages are welcome. Soft-soled, non-marking shoes are required.

Dudley Laufman has been dubbed an "elder statesman of the American Folk Dance scene," having called his first dance in 1948. He is the bridge generation between the old-time New England village dance tradition and the counterculture revival of

contra dancing which began in the 1970s.

Tickets are \$5.00 each and may be purchased in advance at the Tuftonboro Town Offices – 240 Middle Road, Ctr. Tuftonboro, or at the door on August 27.

Gina Lessard, Chairman  
Tuftonboro Parks & Rec



# Tuftonboro Central School stays active all summer long

We are fortunate to live in a place where there are many opportunities for our children to explore nature. The weather has been fantastic this summer. I hope everyone is taking time to swim in the lake, go for a hike, or just spend time outdoors. There are also many opportunities to join new activities and programs through Tuftonboro's Parks and Recreation Department and our local museums.

Tuftonboro Central School is open during the summer months. Each year students are given the opportunity to participate in the summer program. Students who attend are given extra support in the area of reading and/or math for one to two hours, three days per week for five weeks. We are proud of our students, parents, and staff for continued support of

the summer program.

There are more great ways to read, write, and practice math skills too. Children are encouraged to check out books and participate in the Tuftonboro Free Library's programs. In addition, the teachers at TCS have created a summer reading blog. Please use the link to find great books and contribute to the blog, <http://tuftonborosummerreading.blogspot.com/>.

The following are a few websites to check out for additional practice:

<http://interactivesites.weebly.com/>

[www.abcya.com](http://www.abcya.com)

[www.mathplayground.com](http://www.mathplayground.com)

[www.ixl.com](http://www.ixl.com)

[www.khanacademy.org](http://www.khanacademy.org)

[www.raz-kids.com](http://www.raz-kids.com)

[www.readworks.org](http://www.readworks.org)

If you are new to the community and need to register school aged children please stop in the office to obtain a registration packet to fill out. Students and their parents/guardians are welcome to meet their new teachers and explore their classrooms on the afternoon of Thursday, September 1<sup>st</sup>. Specific information will be available towards the middle of August. The first day of school is Tuesday, September 6<sup>th</sup>.

I am looking forward to seeing you all at the start of the new school year. However, continue to enjoy the summer months!

**Andrea Fournier, Principal**

# Tuftonboro Transfer Station operations are in full swing

Summertime operations at the Transfer Station are in full swing. It has been an unusual Winter and we are glad the warmer summer days have arrived. Employees of the Transfer Station remain the same as last year. Robert Dean, Kerry Long, and Ralph Bussiere are per diem attendants. Barry Colbert, Rob Edwards, and Clay Gallagher are full time employees.

Current 2015-2016 Transfer Station stickers are blue in color and may be purchased at the Transfer Station or at the Town Office for \$5 each. Please make sure you have the current sticker displayed on the front window of your vehicle.

Recycling procedures are the same this year as last year. Also, disposal of household hazardous waste items is the same as last year, and they may be dropped off at the Lakes Region Household Hazardous Product Facility in Wolfeboro on Beech

Pond Road. Hazardous waste disposal collections are on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sat of the month, from May thru Oct (8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.). Residents can pick up a Lakes Region Household Hazardous Waste pass ticket from the Tuftonboro Transfer Station prior to disposing of their materials at the Wolfeboro facility. There is a 10-gallon limit per household pass, and each household can get one pass per year. Please ask us if you have any questions concerning disposal of hazardous waste items.

Most people are recycling which shows an awareness in our residents to the benefits of recycling both in "direct revenue" increases, and in "avoided costs" increases. Our revenue generated by collecting fees for disposal of certain items plus our avoided costs totals added up to approximately \$98,470 for 2015. However, increased fuel charges

and increased charges for transportation, along with lower commodity prices, are a constant challenge to our bottom-line. Our best avenue to offset these challenges is to keep improving the percentage of our residents that recycle. *The more material we keep out of the household waste compactors the more expense we avoid.* Please join us and assist in reducing all our taxes by recycling (plastic, tin cans, aluminum cans, glass, cardboard, and mixed paper). Residents that continue to throw recyclables into the compactors are just throwing tax dollars down the drain and costing everyone more money.

2015 revenues - \$71,000

2015 Avoided Cost by recycling - \$26,470

Total Revenue and Benefit - \$ 98,470

**Clayton Gallagher**  
**Transfer Station Supervisor**

# Old White Church hosts jam sessions every Tuesday eve

Now in our tenth year, the weekly old-fashion country, bluegrass and gospel jam session at the historic Old White Church of Center Tuftonboro is always a fun gathering.

Musicians and listeners alike gather here each Tuesday evening from 6:30 p.m. until 9:30 p.m. to sing, play their instruments, learn new songs and share their musical skills and ideas with others. Included in the mix of instruments are guitars, dobro, banjo, fiddle, piano, bass, a mandolin or two and of course there are singers. The jam sessions are open to singers, instrumentalists and fans of country, bluegrass and gospel music. There is no admission charge but a

\$2.00 minimum donation is requested.

The Church is air-conditioned and is located on Route 109A, just across from the Tuftonboro General Store & Post Office. While the historic building no longer has an active congregation, it continues to serve as a place of public gatherings and as a music hall. Everyone is invited to attend the jam session while enjoying cookies and a cup of coffee, every Tuesday evening from 6:30 until 9:30 pm. Come and enjoy the fun!

**Joe W. Ewing**  
**[bigjoe65@roadrunner.com](mailto:bigjoe65@roadrunner.com)**



**Joe Ewing leads the weekly old-fashion country, bluegrass and gospel jam session Tuesday nights at the historic Old White Church of Center Tuftonboro.**

# Comments from Concord . . . by Sen. Jeb Bradley

*Editor's Note: This is the second in a series of articles that will be published under the heading "Comments from Concord". In each issue, one of Tuftonboro's four representatives to the NH legislature will have an opportunity to address any topic of their choosing. The Tuftonboro Times, and its parent organization, the Tuftonboro Association, remain non-political and impartial. The "Comments from Concord" column is offered simply as an opportunity for Tuftonboro citizens to hear from their elected state officials.*

The 2016 Legislative Session has ended and was one of the most productive sessions in recent memory. We worked on important issues including dealing with the heroin epidemic, health care, energy issues and business tax policy. I am pleased to have sponsored many key pieces of legislation that have either been signed into law or will be shortly.

Last fall I chaired a twenty-six member legislative task force that recommended passage of several initiatives designed to curb the heroin epidemic. I sponsored SB 576 which increases penalties for the distribution of fentanyl, the cause of many overdose deaths. This legislation also updated the prescription drug monitoring program to curb illegal use of legal prescriptions and has led to the creation of a 24 hour drug-crisis hotline. Another bill I sponsored, SB 464, establishes a matching grant program for counties to implement drug courts. Drug courts have proven very successful in helping high risk individuals confront the disease of addiction while avoiding prison as long as they meet strict behavior criteria. Drug courts rely upon significant intervention in a drug user's lifestyle and their personal responsibility. Drug courts have a significantly lower cost than prison and are far more successful in helping addicts turn their lives around.

Health care continued to dominate the policy discussions in Concord. After rigorous review, the New Hampshire Health Protection Program was reauthorized. This program uses federal funds to provide health insurance to 48,000 low-income New Hampshire residents who neither qualify for traditional

Medicaid nor the Affordable Care Act. HB-1696, which I supported, received broad support from public health officials to business leaders because these uninsured get sick like everyone else and eventually show up at the emergency room with no means of paying. These uncompensated care costs are a 'hidden tax', passed onto other insured people in the form of higher insurance rates. Uncompensated care has fallen by nearly \$150 million providing a break on rising health insurance costs.

Another health care related bill I supported, SB 481, protects public safety by requiring licensing, safety and quality standards for three high-risk health care services – cardiac catheterization, open heart surgery and megavoltage radiation used for cancer treatment. SB 481 also helps to protect the viability of Critical Access Hospitals like Huggins and Memorial Hospitals. This bill was necessary because the Certificate of Need (CON) law sunsets on June 30 and this meant there would be no mechanism to oversee quality and patient safety in this high risk areas.

Energy prices and the ability to site new energy resources while protecting property rights remain significant concerns in New Hampshire. Fortunately, solar technology has developed to a point that it is easily installed and more affordable than it has previously been. HB 1116, which I co-sponsored, will allow electricity customers to install solar technology on their roofs. When a homeowner produces more power than they consume, they can sell that excess power back into the grid—otherwise known as net metering. There had been a cap on such sales and this legislation was necessary to allow the expansion of solar. A key provision of HB 1116 will have the Public Utilities Commission set a long term rate fair to both customers who utilize net-metering and those who don't. Given the difficulty of siting new sources of generation, both conventional and renewable, net metering has become a significant new energy resource in New England as well as providing nearly 1000 New Hampshire jobs.

During this session, we also passed a vitally



**State Senator Jeb Bradley**

important piece of legislation for improving our NH economy. While NH has an overall very good tax ranking because we don't have a sales or income tax, our business taxes are the 48<sup>th</sup> highest in the nation. In 2015, I sponsored legislation to reduce both the Business Profits and Business Enterprise taxes. Governor Hassan vetoed the budget as a result but eventually accepted our position.

In 2016, there was bipartisan recognition that we needed to continue to make NH more competitive. With that goal in mind, I sponsored several pieces of legislation including a bill that removes what is known as a phantom tax when a business gets an infusion of investment or initially goes public, a bill that increases business expensing to \$100,000 and a bill that increases the research and development tax credit.

These tax improvements combined with efforts to lower the impact of uncompensated care and to lower workers' compensation costs have produced an improving economy in New Hampshire which is reflected in the second lowest unemployment rate in the nation.

It was an honor and privilege to work in a bipartisan manner with my Senate colleagues to resolve many of the difficult challenges our state confronts.

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We spent the rest of the day indoors watching the storm. Occasionally, we could hear the crash of trees coming down outside. The next day we were busy clearing downed trees that were blocking our road. We had a crosscut saw and an axe for tools that we normally used to harvest a little fire wood. It was my first experience on the end of a cross cut saw. As a ten-year old kid, sometimes I felt like I was riding that handle rather than pulling it. After clearing the road, we packed the car and left for home the next day. Dad promptly organized a group of friends to return with him over Labor Day weekend to refloat then pull and store the boats for the winter.

We returned for several weekends in the fall to work on cleaning up fallen trees. Dad promised neighbor Carl Wood that we would clean up his trees as soon as we finished ours. Carl was too old for that kind of work. We suspect that he wasn't satisfied with our progress with the crosscut saw and axe as he purchased a chainsaw and gave it to us. What a monster. It weighed about 30 lbs., and the operator held the engine end with two handle bars. A second person had to assist by holding a handle at the end of the 3-foot bar. That was my job.

Clean up continued into the next summer. We would cut trees on the weekends, and it was my job to split, stack and pile branches during the week while Dad was back at work. Many of the blown down

trees were pines, and Dad thought it would make good firewood. I had to split most of it with a sledge hammer and wedges. I was allowed one set of work cloths and one pair of gloves. It wasn't long before the pine pitch coated clothing and gloves felt like a suit of armor.

Hurricane Carol was worst storm to strike New England since the hurricane of 1938. In the region, 1,545 homes were destroyed, 9,720 damaged. Approximately 3,500 cars and 3,000 boats were totaled. There 65 deaths and 1,000 injuries. In total there was over \$462 million in damages. The storm continued into Canada causing two deaths and \$1 million in damages.

**Steve Wingate**

# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

## July

16	4:30 - 6:30 PM	Penny Sale & 50/50 Drawing	TGH
18 - 23	All Day	Well water testing kits can be picked up from the Town Offices	TTO
22	10:30-11:30 AM	The Greg and Axel Show	TFL
24	8 AM - 4 PM	Well water test kits collection by Conservation Commission	TTO

## August

12	6 PM	Friends of the Library Auction - Todaro Center, North Woods Camp	TFL
24	7 PM	NHHC "Discovering New England Stonewalls" with Kevin Gardner	THS
26	7 PM	Ice Cream Social - Served from an Antique Ice Cream Truck	Davis Memorial Field
26	8 PM	Free Movie under the Stars <i>"The Goonies"</i>	Davis Memorial Field
27	7 AM	Tuftonboro 5K Run/Walk	TCS
27	10 AM - 1 PM	Free Scavenger Hunt	THS
27	1 - 3 PM	Free Antique Car Show	Davis Memorial Field
27	3 - 5 PM	Free Cardboard Boat Race	19 Mile Bay Beach
27	5:30 - 7:30 PM	Baked Chicken Dinner - only \$5 a plate, (dinners to go available)	TCS
27	7:30 - 9:30 PM	Contra Dance - only \$5 per person	TCS
28	10 AM	Free Nature Walk conducted by Conservation Commission	Davis Memorial Field
28	11 AM	Free Pick Up Softball Game - 6 inning	Davis Memorial Field
28	1 - 3 PM	Free Town Picnic - Field games, dunk tank and much more	Central Park
30	All Day	Last day to fill out Tuftonboro Agricultural Commission Survey online	TWS

## September

9	5 PM	Grange Pot Luck dinner followed by meeting at 6 PM	TGH
10	10:30 AM	Friends of the Library Annual Meeting & Lunch & Program by Chris Schadlert	

The Eastern Coyote in New England. Program and lunch are free.

17	08:30 -12:00 AM	Sale in the Historical Society Barn	THS
19	7 PM	Presentation "Tuftonboro Great Meadows" by Rick Van de Poll, PhD	TCS
28	1 PM	Exploring Tuftonboro stonewalls - (Start at the Historical Society)	THS

## October

14	5 PM	Grange Pot Luck dinner followed by meeting at 6 PM	TGH
26	6 PM	Historical Society pot Luck at Mirror Lake Church	THS

\*\*\* Please note all the activities available on the three day period 26, 27 & 28 August. Come out and support Tuftonboro Old Home Days. For more info visit [tuftonboro.org](http://tuftonboro.org) or call 569-4539 \*\*\*

## Ongoing

Wednesday - 11:00 AM	Cafe Socrates - discuss whatever deep thoughts are on your mind	TFL
Thursdays - 10:30 AM	Starting Sept 8th, Pre-school Story Hour resumes after summer hiatus.	TFL
Tuesday - 6:30 – 9:30 PM	Country, Bluegrass & Gospel Music Jam Session	Old White Church
	Musicians & Listeners Welcome– Info: Joe Ewing 569-3861	
Every Monday night EXCEPT first Monday of the month, 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM, Knit Wits		TFL
Saturdays - 10 AM - 12 PM	Saturday Writers Group	TFL

## KEY to Abbreviations:

TWS - Town Web Site	TFL - Tuftonboro Free Library	TGH - Tuftonboro Grange Hall
TTO - Tuftonboro Town Offices	TCS - Tuftonboro Central School	TUMC - Tuftonboro United Methodist Church
	THS - Tuftonboro Historical Society	WWH - Willing Workers Hall



A sawmill, located at the end of Lake Road (on land now owned by David and Sandy Wolfe), shipped lumber across the lake by barge and steamboat. "First wharf," a pier that extended from Lake Road into Melvin Bay more than 300 feet (to where a red-top buoy now marks its remains) served as the sawmill's shipping dock. The picture was taken from the Melvin River behind what was then the Fernald House (note the markings on the rowboats.)

*Photo courtesy of the Tuftonboro Historical Society*

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