

# The Tuftonboro Times



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## World's only "Salmon Sunday" happens November 13

The only Salmon Stripping Sunday in the world happens annually on the second Sunday in November at Pope Dam in Melvin Village. This year the event will take place on November 13<sup>th</sup> from 12:00 noon until 2:00 p.m. Known by the more sensitive as simply "Salmon Sunday", the affair is at least a 75-year tradition of the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department.

"Salmon Sunday" is a great chance for everyone to get a close-up look at landlocked salmon from Lake Winnepesaukee in their fall spawning colors," said Fisheries Biologist John Viar. "Kids love to see the big salmon, averaging about four pounds each, and watch biologists collect the eggs."

During the event, fisheries biologists will be busy harvesting, or "stripping" eggs and milt (sperm) from adult salmon. Standing knee-deep in the cold water of Melvin River, the scientists expertly relieve the colorful adult female salmon of their eggs by stroking their stomachs. Milt (sperm) from the male fish is obtained in the same way, and mixed with the gold-colored eggs to fertilize them. This activity is all part of the "behind-the-scenes" work Fish and Game does every year to help maintain the landlocked salmon population in New Hampshire's big lakes.

Fish for the stripping demonstration are netted from Lake Winnepesaukee during October and early November. They are returned to the lake after their



### Kids can explore the life cycle of landlocked salmon at the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department annual "Salmon Sunday" event on November 13

eggs and milt have been collected. The fertilized eggs and the stocking program that ensures these beautiful fish continue to be available in the lakes for anglers to catch. Salmon Sunday will be held rain or shine.

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Fish and Game staff will be on hand to answer questions about the salmon, the egg-stripping process

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## Pope Dam constructed in 1952 as boon to local fishermen



**Major Samuel Pope and his wife, Grace Fernald, gave land and water rights which made Pope Dam possible.**

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The construction of Pope Dam on Melvin River in Melvin Village was big news in 1952. There was a school essay contest and a special dedication ceremony attended by local, county and state dignitaries. Numerous newspaper articles commented about the projected boon to salmon fishing statewide and local tourism and trout fishing. Local residents, taxpayers and sportsmen all combined to donate land,

water rights, labor and enthusiasm for the project. In addition to the construction of a 75 ft. retaining wall and spillway, a v-shaped trap and two holding pools for salmon were built to aid the Fish and Game Department in their annual salmon harvest.

The Boody grist mill and dam, constructed in 1850, had previously occupied the site. Three successive generations of Boody's ran the mill from the time of its construction until about 1890 after which it was owned by John Stackpole and, later, Charles Bennett. Ernest Dane, a philanthropist with vast real estate holdings in Center Harbor, owned it during World War I and kept it running solely for the

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# Historic home is part of a new Salmon Sunday tradition

When he was eight years old, on a Sunday in November, Robert Cram traveled with his Uncle Richard and family from Varney Point in Gilford to Melvin Village in Tuftonboro. There he experienced his first "Salmon Sunday". It would be the first of many Salmon Sundays for Robert. But there is much more to this story.

Robert not only appreciated from an early age "Salmon Stripping Sunday", he also was struck by the beautiful home that sat on a height of land across High Street from Pope Dam. In his own words, he "absolutely fell in love with the porch as a child." At the time, it is likely that the home was still owned and occupied by Major Samuel Downer Pope and his wife Grace Fernald Pope, whose gift of land and water rights had made the building of Pope Dam possible.

The land on which the home stood had been in the Fernald family for generations. Below the house, late in the 1900's, on the corner of High Street and Main Street (now the Governor Wentworth Highway) was the Fernald Store, operated by Daniel Fernald. Across the street was the Fernald House, a rooming house that also rented rowboats on the Melvin River.

Little did the young Robert Cram realize that years later, in 2002, he and his partner, Michael Mooney, would purchase the home which had passed from the Popes to Samuel Pope's nephew, Weymouth H. Jackson and his wife Wilda, and thence to their descendants, John Jackson and his wife Ginny. The connection to the Salmon Sunday of Robert's youth was complete.

In 2003 Robert and Michael undertook a major renovation of the Pope's house to accommodate their growing collection of White Mountain Art. A year later they opened their house to the public on Salmon Sunday. Robert writes: "It's a day of teachable moments for everyone involved. An opportunity for neighbors, friends, relatives and the public to learn about NH Fish and Game and the fisheries, have a hot meal, bowl of soup or chowder and hot mulled cider."

"I get excited every year for Salmon Sunday" Robert Cram said in August of this year. He continued



**As a young man, Robert Cram fell in love with the porch on the home formerly occupied by Major Samuel Pope and his wife, Grace Fernald Pope.**

to say "I have already checked Cranberry Cove this morning, the berries are starting to turn red and soon I'll be harvesting for the Salmon Sunday cranberry chutney. I'll can over 60 cans to give out. The Concord grapes...are exceptional this year, and I'm hoping for at least 48 jars of Concord grape jelly. The apple tree on the dam side put out over 40 pints of applesauce last year."

Robert goes on to explain "This will be our twelfth year having an open house on Salmon Sunday. We began the open house for a late fall get together, the event has grown to close to 300 people, and everyone gets fish beads as they enter."

In fact, friends and visitors have already been making fish earrings and fish pins that will be given away at the event this year. 360 fish bead necklaces have been ordered for the same purpose. Robert and Michael's friends and neighbors also volunteer their

time to serve the food, fill coffee and soup containers, manage the ovens and the stove, handle the trash and clean up the dishes. As Robert said: "It certainly does take a village."

This year the menu will include roasted pork loins, spiral ham, turkey, lasagna, homemade beans, fish chowder and black bean kale Portuguese soup. Many who attend every year will also bring their own favorite dishes: baked beans, pineapple upside-down cake and carrot cake. And, of course, the fish lure earrings, salmon pins, tee shirts and other salmon-related items will be available for those who want more festive outfits.

Robert Cram summed it all up: "Above all I love the spirit and camaraderie, the diverse crowd, the friendly feeling and [it's] awesome to meet new people. For those that have attended, they always come back and usually bring someone new along."

## Tuftonboro 2016 Christmas Fund gets underway on October 28

On November 28<sup>th</sup>, the Christmas tree at the Town Office will be put in place adorned with ornaments listing the needs and wishes of a Tuftonboro child. This is the kickoff for the Annual Christmas Fund. Please consider helping make this holiday season a little brighter for your neighbors.

You can either purchase all of the items, or consider doing the shopping for a child and the Christmas Fund will reimburse you (please save your receipts).

Gifts should be returned unwrapped to the Town Office by Friday, December 16<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m. Please make sure to put the ornament with the child's name on the bag containing the gifts.

Monetary donations are gladly accepted. Donations can be made payable to the *Tuftonboro Christmas Fund* and sent to:

Tuftonboro Christmas Fund  
PO Box 98 Ctr. Tuftonboro, NH 03816

**Heather Cubeddu, Town Clerk**

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# Interactive town maps accessible on Tuftonboro website

In the last article featuring the interactive maps of Tuftonboro, we promised more information on improvements. We are happy to announce a new map that incorporates many changes and improvements recommended by early users. Specifically, many users complained about the 'clunky' interface that made adding and removing layers difficult. Also, some users had a hard time printing maps they had made. Both these issues have been addressed in the new release. The old maps remain available and can be accessed as already described in the earlier issue of the *Tuftonboro Times*, but if you would like to check out the new map, please point your browser, as before, to the Town's web site and select the Conservation Commission. In scrolling down the Commission's page, you will see near the bottom a link that is called "ARCGIS Map."

If you select the link called 'Basemap' in the upper left hand corner, you will see a number of other maps you can use as a map that will underlie all other information you will be selecting. Just below the 'Basemap' link, you will see another link named 'Content', selecting that link will show you many other pieces of information that you can select to display. If you want to zoom in, click on the '+' sign you see in the upper left hand corner of the actual map. You will find, as you zoom in and out of the picture,



**Clicking the link called "ARCGIS Map" will take you to the new map which will look something like the map above.**

some information that was hidden will suddenly come into view. The reason is there is so much information available, we cannot display everything at once or the map would become very cluttered and unreadable.

Please feel free to zoom in and out as you please, select and deselect the various 'Content' that is available. You cannot break anything. Printing the picture you can see is as easy as selecting the 'Print'

icon on the top center of the bar on top. In time, the map will be updated to be more informative, and will be displaying the latest information available from State, Federal and Town sources. In the next issue of the *Tuftonboro Times*, I will try to explain in more detail all the various information that is available.

**Mark Howard**  
Lakes Region Planning Commission

## Historical Society annual meeting will be on Oct. 26

The Historical Society has had a very successful season that will wrap up on October 26<sup>th</sup> with a pot luck supper at the Mirror Lake Church. After supper there will be a short business meeting followed by a lecture on the history of the Church.

Sue Weeks continues to catalogue all items donated, including a large wooden bowl, 32" in diameter, that was in a Tuftonboro farm, traveled to

Alabama, and now is back in Tuftonboro. Thanks go to Charleigh Davis.

The Society has a great collection of paper relating to Tuftonboro: letters, pictures, newspaper articles, genealogies and written histories of names and places. They are all now in 3 ring binders, clearly categorized for your reading enjoyment and/or research.

Twelve-foot stained glass panels, done by well-known artist Lawrence Peterson, will be brought in this fall and hung in the barn ready for viewing next season.

The Society is totally a self-sufficient nonprofit organization and always welcomes volunteer help and donations.

**Jackie Rollins**

## Grange names Gina Lessard "2016 Citizen of the Year"

Gina Lessard has been chosen by the Tuftonboro Grange #142 as its 2016 Citizen of the Year!

Gina Lessard has been a lifelong resident of Tuftonboro and has exhibited community pride in all of her endeavors. Gina is the chairperson of the Tuftonboro Parks & Recreation Department, coaches the Tuftonboro Torpedoes Swim Team, and was instrumental in promoting and organizing this year's Tuftonboro Old Home Days. Her unselfishness and community pride brings out the best in those around her. The Grange is proud and honored to recognize her as the 2016 Citizen of the Year. Ms. Lessard was honored at the October 14<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Grange with a pot luck supper and was presented with a Proclamation and Certificate of Appreciation.

Tuftonboro Grange #142 is participating in the Tuftonboro Holiday Festival on November 12 with a bake sale in the morning, and a Penny Sale in the evening. The bake sale will go from 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. There are some awesome bakers in the Grange. The penny sale will start with ticket sales and viewing at 4:00 p.m. with the drawing commencing at 6:00 p.m. It promises to be fun day for all. There are many new and interesting items.

The Grange will continue with the tradition of giving dictionaries to the third grade class at Tuftonboro Central School. The dictionaries have been ordered and Grange members are eagerly awaiting their arrival for Ms Swinerton's third grade class. Delivery is anticipated during the early part

of October. The dictionaries include biographies of the U.S. presidents, the Declaration of Independence & the Constitution, along with maps of the seven continents, information about all 50 states.

As always, anyone wishing to find out more about our organization is welcome to come to any meetings or contact us directly. Joy Perkins (Lecturer) or any member of the Grange would be happy to talk to you about who and what we are and answer any questions. You can contact Joy at 603-569-1887 or Master Florence Perkins at 603-569-2041.

**Joy Perkins**  
Recording Secretary

# Parks and Rec declares “Old Home Days” a huge success

Community spirit is alive and well in Tuftonboro! By all accounts the First Annual Tuftonboro Old Days on Aug. 26-28 were well received by year-round and summer residents as well as area visitors.

The weather could not have been better for the weekend's events that started Friday evening with approximately 70 people attending an ice cream social and a showing of the movie “The Goonies.”

Saturday, the 5<sup>th</sup> annual Tuftonboro 5K Run/Walk was the first event of the day with almost 60 runners & walkers taking to the roads. Several young children participated in the kids' fun run before the race.

Twenty-five antique vehicles graced Davis Memorial Field for the Antique Car Show providing plenty for spectators to admire including: a 1938 Maxim Fire Truck -- Tuftonboro's first fire engine.

Clue hunters traversed Town looking for the answers to questions about Tuftonboro and its landmarks in the scavenger hunt sponsored by the Historical Society.

By far, the most fun event of the day was at 19 Mile Beach where nine homemade vessels participated in the cardboard boat race. Around 100 spectators cheered on participants as they paddled the course. Some boats fared better than others, and the Titanic Award (most dramatic sinking) was awarded in both the kids' and adult divisions.

The \$5.00 a plate chicken dinner was a huge hit, and the dining room at Tuftonboro Central School was bustling even before the scheduled 5:30 p.m. seating. Baked chicken, salads, rolls and cake were sold out before the end of the evening as the number of diners exceeded expectations.

Dudley Laufman provided the evening's entertainment as newcomers and seasoned dancers listened to the caller's instructions at the contra dance held at the Tuftonboro Central School gym.

A nature walk hosted by the Conservation Commission and a fun pick up softball game preceded the annual town picnic on Sunday. There were field games, a dunk tank and music by local musicians. Hamburgers, hot dogs and potluck dishes were on the menu for the afternoon as neighbors enjoyed the



**The weather was perfect for a variety of events spread out over two days during the first annual Old Home Days, involving a multitude of local participants**

beautiful weather.

A lot of planning went into the weekend and a lot of volunteers helped to make it a success. Thanks are due to the following: Chief Adam Thompson, Terri Sontra, Nancy Lemieux, Pat Berg, Mary Ann Murray, Amy Varney, Rhonda Thompson, Liz McNamara, Nick Chapman, John Lapolla, Matt York, Bill Lessard, Kyle Williams, Lloyd Wood, Roger Hazlet, Brittany Lapolla, Katherine Lessard, Hannah Crouteau, Skip Galvin, Rich Piper, Sgt. Jamie Hathcock, Adian Thompson, Theresa Mercier, Mike Abraham, Nickie Hunter, Kate Borelli, Gaye Fiedrich, Mo Marsh, Cindy Barnard, Maria Coussens, Joan Macgrauth, Carla Lootens, Norma Metz, Carol Simpson, Steve Wingate, Sue Wingate, Nancy Byrd, John Libby, Ted Bense, Anne McNamara, Paul & Carol Magrath, Bob Wood, Heather Smith, Brian Hastings, Daryl Carlson, John Petruzzelli, Peter Heimlich, Sparky Grupp and Dave Cash.

The Old Home Days Committee would like to thank the Melvin Village Community Church, Glen Cordelli, Skelley's Market, Richie Clyne and the Tuftonboro Fire Dept. for contributions to the weekend.

A special thank you goes to our generous sponsors as Old Home Days would not have been possible without them. Thank you to the following: 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

Mark your calendars! The dates for the 2017 Tuftonboro Old Home Days have been set for Aug 25<sup>th</sup> through the 27<sup>th</sup>, 2017. If you would like to help with the 2017 Old Home Days, ideas and volunteers are always welcome. Call the town offices 569-4539 or email [parksandrec@tuftonboro.org](mailto:parksandrec@tuftonboro.org).

**Gina Lessard, Chairman**



# Tuftonboro Library offers full schedule of holiday events

There's still time to check out the Tuftonboro Free Library's Halloween exhibit, on display through the end of October, and full of shivery surprises. Thanks to Nancy Gaver for loaning some prize pieces from her All Hallows collection, and to Ann Hackl, who provided the photos and plot maps of the Tuftonboro cemeteries and gravestones in the display case (taken from *Tuftonboro, New Hampshire: Cemeteries, Graveyard, and Burial Sites 1800-1995* published by the Tuftonboro Association.) For more information, you can check out a copy of this invaluable local resource at the library, or purchase a copy at the Town Offices.

And speaking of Halloween, you won't want to miss the annual Tuftonboro Central School costume parade on Monday, October 31<sup>st</sup> at 2:00 p.m. The library will be closed, but that means plenty of room for parking/viewing in the parking lot – do enjoy!

Take advantage of the early dark these days by checking out the Orion StarBlast astronomical telescope. It only takes a few minutes to learn how to use the scope, and it circulates for a week, so there's plenty of backup time in case of overcast skies.

In November, the Happy Hookers put up their annual exhibit of creative and colorful original designs in fabric art. In December, first-time Tuftonboro Library exhibitor Cate Poole shows her lovely watercolors featuring familiar lakescapes. In January, Elma Caudle, another first-time exhibitor, hangs a collection of landscapes in acrylics, including both local views and scenes from Nova Scotia.

Story Hour continues on Thursday mornings at 10:30 a.m., offering read-aloud stories and simple crafts for preschoolers and toddlers. No registration is necessary and drop-ins are welcome. Other

continuing programs include Café Socrates on Wednesday mornings at 11:00 a.m., and the Saturday Writers Group, on Saturday mornings from 10:00 a.m. to noontime. No registration is required for either program. For the Café, just bring your thoughts and ideas. For the Writers Group, bring what you're working on to share.

The Tuftonboro Free Library will participate in the Tuftonboro Holiday Festival again this year, opening early on Saturday, November 12<sup>th</sup> to accommodate festival-goers. From 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., shoppers will find a Gift Book Sale set up in the Hamel Meeting Room, featuring new and good-as-new books, movies, puzzles, and games for all ages, most for \$2.00 or less. There will also be a Holiday Basket Raffle, with tickets at \$1.00 each, or 3/\$5.00. Raffle tickets will be drawn at 1:30 p.m., and winners need not be present. All proceeds from sale and raffle will benefit the Library Building Fund.

Whooooo whoooo! *The Polar Express* pulls back into the Tuftonboro Library on Friday, December 9<sup>th</sup>. At 6:00 p.m., join friends and neighbors and Brewster choristers out in front, to light the library Christmas tree and sing some carols. Then all are welcome inside for hot chocolate and holiday cookies, followed by the 18<sup>th</sup> annual retelling of Chris Van Allsburg's classic story, which has become a Tuftonboro family tradition. Pajamas are optional, and every child will receive "the first gift of Christmas."

On Saturday, December 10<sup>th</sup> from 10:30 a.m. to noon, the Hamel Meeting Room will be well-stocked with Christmas craft supplies for the whole family to enjoy. Drop in any time, make an ornament or two to take home, and get a holiday tattoo!

The 2017 Book & Author Lunch Series is all set,

and will, of course, feature a quartet of provocative and engaging authors. The programs are scheduled for the third Saturday of the month, from January through April, at 11:00 a.m. We'll begin on January 21<sup>st</sup> with a gripping story of murder and revenge that will engage not only true crime fans, but also anyone interested in New Hampshire history. Author and scholar Richard Adams Carey will be our guest. His book, *In the Evil Day*, recounts the day in August, 1997, when Carl Drega terrorized Colebrook, murdering four people before dying in a shootout with police. With fine writing, compelling story-telling, and in-depth research, Carey's narrative fully renders both the victims and the character of the tight-knit north country community.

The Friends of the Library have decided to forgo their annual Book & Bake Sale, but the ongoing book sale in the Hamel Meeting Room will continue, as space allows. We appreciate donations of clean, gently-used books, movies, and CDs in good condition. We can't resell or recycle moldy, musty, or damaged items. Please check in with a staff member during open hours before dropping off donations. Thanks for your cooperation and generosity – every donation benefits the library's collections.

Please Note Holiday Hours: The library will be closed on Friday, November 11<sup>th</sup> in observance of Veterans Day. It will also be closed on Thursday, November 24<sup>th</sup> and Friday, November 25<sup>th</sup> for the Thanksgiving holiday. The library will be open on Saturday, November 26<sup>th</sup>.

The library will be open as usual from 10-2 on Saturday, December 24<sup>th</sup>, and Saturday, December 31<sup>st</sup> – stop by and share some holiday cheer!

**Christie V. Sarles**

## Hikers begin new season, raise funds for scholarships

After taking a few months off to enjoy the summer with family and friends, the Hikers are back in full swing. They started off this year by serving dinner to over 170 town members at the Old Home Days chicken dinner.

Our first meeting was held on September 8<sup>th</sup> at the Willing Workers Hall, and our program was entitled "Baubles, Bangles and Beads." Members were encouraged to bring a brown bag filled with accessories (such as hats, gloves and jewelry) which was then exchanged with another member who would then model the items. The fashion show was quite comical and well enjoyed by all.

The Hikers hosted a barbecue at Camp Belknap on September 18<sup>th</sup>, sponsored by the Fundraising Committee. It was a beautiful waterfront setting with

live music performed by singer Carolyn Ramsey. All the food was prepared, barbecued and served by Hiker members and their spouses for the sixty plus attendees. Guests also enjoyed taking chances at winning one of the 34 themed baskets, along with a \$50 gift certificate to The New Woodshed. The staff at Camp Belknap was exceptional and contributed greatly to the success of this wonderful event.

Need to get rid of some of those clothes you haven't worn in a while, or maybe some small household items that you no longer need? The Hikers will be hosting a Rummage Sale on Saturday October 15<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Willing Workers Hall in Melvin Village. Don't miss out on these great bargains!

Save the dates for two holiday events coming

up in November: our annual Holiday Luncheon Open House will be held at Willing Workers Hall on November 12<sup>th</sup> from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Also, on both November 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>, our Tuftonboro Holiday Open House will be held at 164 Ledge Hill Road in Center Tuftonboro from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. each day. The Open House is where you will find some beautifully hand crafted gifts for the holidays, as well as baked goods, jams and jellies, hand knitted caps, quilted table runners, etc. The Hikers have been working all year making items for this wonderful event and all proceeds go to the Scholarship Fund.

If you are interested in attending a Hikers meeting or joining this wonderful organization, contact Maria Coussens @ 603-301-1188.

**Maria Coussens, President**

# Selectmen negotiate with fuel suppliers, tour town roads

Summer is over and we are well into the fall season. The Board of Selectmen has been busy. We signed two fixed pricing agreements for FY 2016-FY 2017. Eastern Propane will provide propane for \$1.19 per gallon. Carroll County Oil will supply fuel for \$1.839 per gallon.

The Conservation Commission conducted its annual well-testing program. This program has been copied by other communities. The State of New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services and Dartmouth College promote our Town's efforts.

Mary Ann Murray recruited six volunteers to act as Lake Hosts. These individuals man the Town boat ramps and check for invasive weeds attached to boats as they are removed from a day of boating. Bill Marcussen reports another successful year controlling milfoil. He reports that 19 Mile Bay did not need the herbicide treatment this year.

The Selectmen completed their annual tour of the Town roads with our Road Agent Jim Bean. They also welcomed the third graders from Tuftonboro Central School as they continued their studies of Town Government.

As we moved into July, we joined the Conservation Commission on a tour of Cow Island. Commission member Ray Everest offered to do a Natural Resource Inventory and work on a Management Plan. On July 9, 2016, we attended an annual Island Association meeting which is held each year on Ragged Island.

The Board would like to say thank you to Bob Murray for his two decades as Chairman of the Zoning Board of Adjustment. It would also like to congratulate Dusty Davies for receiving the Kim Ayers Award from the Lakes Region Planning Commission.

She was cited for her civic efforts and grant writing on behalf of the Mirror Lake Protective Association.

Ben Ladd and the Mirror Lake Watershed Committee are working on two projects. One is the Lang Pond road contract which was awarded to L. A. Drew. Norway Plains is the engineering firm overseeing the project. The other project, also in conjunction with Norway Plains Engineering, is developing plans for the repair of the Mirror Lake boat ramp.

The Joint Loss Committee again conducted its annual inspection of all Town buildings. We thank the members for making our structures safe.

The Parks and Recreation Commission completed another year at our Town Beach and its youth swimming program. They submitted an updated version of the Town Beach Staff Manual. They had a concert at the Town Beach. They also had the first annual Old Home Days celebration. There were so many activities that it lasted an entire weekend. Let them know what you would like to see next year. Mark your calendars! Next year, Old Home Days will be held on August 25, 26 and 27, 2017.

Steve Wingate, Mike Phelps and the Conservation Commission have completed the purchase of the Fabian property located in the Great Meadow. This offers more protection for the large natural area. \$26,425.00 came from the Conservation Fund and a \$10,000.00 donation was received from the Wolfeboro-Tuftonboro Land Bank.

Mark Howard is the contact person for the Town and the NH Department of Transportation. The overlay of Rte. 171 has been completed. Last year, this project was dropped from the 10-year plan. The

Board of Selectmen continues to work on the issue of installing a crosswalk at Pier 19 on Rte. 109.

David Ford gave an informational presentation with an onsite update of the Wolfeboro Rapid Infiltration Basins. There was an excellent turnout with various Tuftonboro board members in attendance.

Karen Koch has been working on updating the Town website using the Virtual Town Hall program.

A thank you for our Treasurer, Jack Widmer, who has worked with Marcus Weeks from Meredith Village Savings Bank. He encouraged MVSF to open a branch in the recently vacated office space adjacent to the Melvin Village Post Office. He also has negotiated an agreement for the bank to provide all of the Town's banking needs. Our town office staff were all involved.

In closing, the Board wishes to recognize the professionalism shown by Chief of Police Andy Shagoury in his investigation of an unattended death due to an accidental overdose of prescription drugs. The Chief has been consistently in the forefront of efforts to deal with the state's opioid and drug abuse program and is working with Senator Shaheen in this regard.

The board also thanks Fire Chief Adam Thompson for the services his Fire & Rescue Department consistently provides. One of your firefighters, Ralph Bussiere, stopped and gave life-saving CPR to a person traveling through Tuftonboro.

**Tuftonboro Board of Selectmen**  
**Carolyn Sundquist, Chairman**  
**Lloyd Wood**  
**Bill Marcussen**

## Police Dept. assists in drug deal arrest, opens website

The leaves are turning. It is time to make sure your vehicles are ready for winter. Snow and ice will be here soon. It is especially important to check your tires, battery and anti-freeze.

The Town has had its second overdose death this year. The first was due to prescription medicines, including opioids. The second was a heroin/fentanyl death which occurred at the end of September. In July there was training on handling overdose deaths. The formation of the DEA Strike Force and the training on handling these cases is the result of funding from the State to deal with the overdose deaths. Recently, the Tuftonboro Police Department worked with the

DEA Strike Force and three days later the dealer who sold a deadly dose was in jail. I use the term "heroin/fentanyl" because almost none of what is being seized in New England is heroin. It is fentanyl made in labs in Mexico and China and ending up in the Lawrence area.

While the drug crisis is still a problem in the area, there are a number of programs for prevention, treatment and enforcement that are starting to come online. One is a state grant program for enforcement. The Carroll County Chiefs of Police worked with the Carroll County Sheriff's office on an enforcement grant. We will be working cooperatively with other

departments to try to enhance ongoing efforts to catch drug dealers. It took several years for the abuse of opioids to reach the crisis level; it will take time for it to subside. With the programs in place, we should be seeing progress towards that goal.

The first week of October is Community Policing Week. The Tuftonboro Police Department has launched a Facebook website ([www.facebook.com/tuftonboropolice](http://www.facebook.com/tuftonboropolice)) and hopefully it will prove useful to the public. It is not for complaints or reporting crimes. The Department will keep it up date with lost and found property and security warnings.

Andy Shagoury, Chief

## Annual "Feet for Fuel" walkathon scheduled for Oct. 23

On Sunday, October 23, 2016 the Melvin Village Community Church will once again host the "Feet for Fuel, Walk for Warmth" event to raise funds for the

fuel assistance program to help Tuftonboro residents who are in need. The annual walkathon will commence from the church yard at 2:00 p.m. Anyone interesting

in walking with other volunteers or donating to the cause should contact Judy House, Church Secretary, by calling the church office at (603) 544-9661.



# Fire Department urges public to prepare for “winter”

Fall has arrived, and now is the time to start thinking about your 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 up any leaves from around your furnace, stove or dryer vents? Make sure your 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 better be prepared. A lot can be said for the old saying “an ounce of prevention can save you pound of cure.” Remember to change your smoke and carbon monoxide detector batteries when you set your clocks back.

With the heating season here, remember 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. You will get thousands of sites explaining the hazards. There are also flyers available at the Central Fire Station or on the Town website ([www.tuftonboro.org](http://www.tuftonboro.org).) 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.

The fall has been unusually dry. With all the leaves down, if a wild fire does occur it could spread very rapidly. If you decide to burn, please do so with extreme caution and due diligence. Have a working hose nearby and never leave the fire unattended. Better yet, wait until there is snow cover around your pile before burning it. There is a full detail of outside burning laws online linked through the Departments

website ([www.tuftonboro.org/Pages/TuftonboroNH\\_Fire/Index](http://www.tuftonboro.org/Pages/TuftonboroNH_Fire/Index)) or you can get them at the Central Fire Station.

If you haven’t received a flu shot yet you should be thinking about it. There will a flu clinic on Tuesday October 25<sup>th</sup> from 9:30-11:30 at the Tuftonboro Central Fire Station. This flu clinic will be provided by Lakes Region Visiting Nurses Association. All Insurance will be billed, and if you do not have insurance the cost will be \$25.00.

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 those with whom you come into contact. So before you decide not to get vaccinated think about those around you.

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

**Caleb Pike, Capt.**

## Fifth and sixth graders elect Student Council officers

We love this time of year at TCS! The weather is pleasant and great for playing outside at recess. We have begun the school year learning rules, routines, and procedures at TCS. As students have been learning essential work habits and life skills, they have also been hard at work with academics. Students were able showcase their academic work at our Open House night in September, which is always a wonderful event for families!

Sixth graders took their annual trip to Camp Merrowvista. While attending Camp Merrowvista students learn how to incorporate honesty, leadership, respect, and communication into our school community. Students who exhibit those qualities earn a Tuftonboro Quality award. The students continue to pass on the Tuftonboro Quality awards each month at our all school meetings to other sixth graders who exhibit those qualities. Please visit our school website, (<https://sites.google.com/a/govwentworth.k12.nh.us/tuftonboro>) to view a slideshow of the Camp Merrowvista trip highlighting the many rewarding experiences.

Student Council is an essential part of our TCS community. The Student Council program promotes school spirit and service learning that will help foster community leaders. Students have meetings to plan and prepare for school events throughout the school year. The Student Council organizes the Annual Holiday Food Drive, Humane Society Drive and Spirit Days. They play an important role in the Field Day activity that is held every June as well



**TCS Student Council officers (l to r): President Amber Dolliver; Vice-President Shaw Swinerton; Treasurer Gianna Borelli; Secretary Abigail Fournier**

as Earth Day and Day of Service committees. This year our Student Council officers were elected by all fifth and sixth grade students to represent our school. Some upcoming events include Fire Prevention day presented by the Tuftonboro Fire Department and the annual Halloween parade where students will walk from TCS to the Tuftonboro Free Library on Monday, October 31st beginning at 2pm.

Other important dates:

Wednesday, October 26, 2016 – Delayed Opening for students

Tuesday, November 1, 2016 – PTCO Meeting 6:00-7:00pm

Saturday, November 5, 2016 – Annual Christmas Bazaar / PTCO Sponsored Event

Wednesday, November 9, 2016 – Parent/Teacher Conferences/ No School

Thursday, November 10, 2016 – Parent/Teacher Conferences/ No School

Friday, November 11, 2016 – Veterans Day/ No School

**Andrea Fournier  
Principal**

# Recycling is good for the bottom line, saves nearly \$100K

Summertime operations at the Transfer Station are winding down. It has been a very busy summer at the station, especially for construction debris. We are glad to be moving into the fall. Employees of the Transfer Station remain the same: Robert Dean, Kerry Long, and Ralph Bussiere are per diem attendants while Barry Colbert, Rob Edwards, and Clay Gallagher are full time employees.

We will be ordering new Stickers for 2017-2018, and they will be available in Jan 2017. The current 2015-2016 Transfer Station stickers are blue in color. If you don't have one, or if you have a new vehicle, they may be purchased at the Transfer Station or at the Town Office for \$5.00 each. Please make sure you have the current sticker displayed on the front window of your vehicle.

Recycling procedures remain the same this year as last year. Disposal of household hazardous waste

items are the same and they may be dropped off at the Lakes Region Household Hazardous Product Facility in Wolfeboro on Beach Pond Road. Hazardous waste disposal collections are on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month, from May thru October (830 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. *The last day for hazardous waste collection this year is Saturday, Oct 15th.*

Many families are recycling which shows an awareness in our residents to the benefits of recycling both in "direct revenue" increases, and in "avoided costs" increases. The revenue generated by collecting

fees for disposal of certain items plus our avoided costs totals 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. Please join us and assist in reducing all our taxes by recycling (plastic, tin cans, aluminum cans, glass, cardboard, and mixed paper.) Residents who continue to throw recyclables into the compactors are just throwing dollars down the drain and costing everyone more money in taxes.

*The more material we keep out of the household waste compactors, the more tax expense we avoid.*

**Clayton Gallagher**  
Supervisor

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## Pope Dam cont'd from page 1

purpose of aiding local farmers with their food crops. George Williams, father of Roger Williams, founder of Spider Web Gardens, was foreman for Mr. Dane until the war emergency ended.

The grist mill then went into disrepair and eventually was destroyed by spring flooding and ice floes. Meanwhile, the original log and earthen dam gradually disintegrated until only half remained and "Melvin Pond" disappeared. (The remains of the log dam were covered by the cement of the new dam.)

The idea for a new dam and salmon trap was the brainchild of two local sportsmen, Harold I. Wiggin, Tuftonboro Chief of Police and operator of Wiggin's Esso Station in Melvin Village, and District Conservation Officer, Bernard S. Cram. However, the project didn't proceed until Major Samuel Downer Pope and his wife, Grace Fernald Pope, a native of Tuftonboro, agreed to donate the land and water rights for the project. In addition, neighbors Marion Horner Robie and Susan Bennett Grebenstein, daughter of Charles Bennett, surrendered their water rights for the project and the State of New Hampshire Fish and Game Department agreed to pay for the construction, estimated to be about \$25,000.

Construction commenced in August of 1952. The father and son team of Howard and Reginald Colby "with plows, derricks, bulldozers, trucks and what-have-you, toiled day after day..."<sup>1</sup> to complete the project before the year end despite uncooperative weather. It seems that Howard "Sam" Colby wanted to do the best possible job, while at the same time,

being an avid fisherman, had picked out his own special spot for trout fishing in the spring.

Prior to the construction of the salmon traps at Pope Dam, the Fish and Game Department trapped salmon in Melvin River below Marion Horner Robie's store [*Editor's note: Now the home of Ray and Peggy Everest*] using hand nets and an old fashioned leaves-strewn wooden weirs-like structure. The salmon would sometimes travel more than a mile upstream before spawning, making the job of catching them with hand nets quite a project. With the new construction, once the salmon entered the v-shaped trap, there was nowhere else for them to go. The project was engineered by Leon Hoik, State of New Hampshire Chief Engineer, assisted by engineer Carl Hanson.

The dam was dedicated to Maj. and Mrs. Samuel D. Pope in a ceremony on Nov. 8, 1952. The dedication tablet was unveiled by Tommy Paige and Sandra Davis (now Mrs. Peter Lyons) who were the winners of the Tuftonboro School essay contest. Principal Everett Rockwell and teacher Thelma Colby led Tuftonboro school pupils and the audience in singing "America". Mrs. Edward Cantwell, organist, played several songs on the Melvin Village Community Church carillon and Rev. Edward Cantwell gave the Invocation. The Melvin Men's Club Dedication Committee, sponsors of the event, consisted of Eugene Tuttle, Leroy Matthews, Harold Wiggin, Charles Allen, Forrest Hodgdon, and Ernest Hunter. Speakers and dignitaries on hand included Charles E. Smart, Chairman of the NH Fish and Game Commission, Ralph G. Carpenter



**Pope Dam in 1952 under construction in Melvin Village**

<sup>2nd</sup>, Director of the Fish and Game Commission, and Edwin B. Edgerly, County Commissioner. Charles E. Smart praised the local effort and "promised that his department would do everything within its means to properly maintain the enterprise and encourage development of the pond for trout fishing, capture of salmon in the spawning seasons, and establishment of a scenic recreation area."<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Article by Fred A. Cummings published in *Granite State News* Nov. 1952

<sup>2</sup> *Ibid.*



# More Old Home Days pictures . . .

Chief Andy Shagoury contemplates his fate as he waits in the Dunkin' Booth



Town Clerk Heather Cubeddu gets dunked!



Cardboard Boat Race gets underway



Town picnic at "Central Park"



"Kraken II," filled with Little Bear Island residents, Patrick, Laurie, Aleisha, Kevin, Trisha, Matt, Diana, Ellen, Dandy, and Chris



# Comments from Concord ... by Rep. Glenn Cordelli

*Editor's note: This is the third 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 the 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.*

While knocking on doors during the campaign, one question I am often asked is why would you want to be a State Representative? Well, it certainly isn't for the money. The reason I want to be a representative is that I believe I can make a difference in the lives of our citizens. Let me mention two recent examples.

Last year I was asked to co-sponsor a bill by a Democrat rep from another county. There had been an incident in her county where there was a death of an unattended four-year-old in an illegal day care center. Due to a loophole in the law, the owner could not be prosecuted for criminal negligence. Our legislation was passed that closed that loophole, and I had the honor of attending the bill signing and talking to the courageous family of the child.

The second example is based upon a call from a constituent who was having trouble getting necessary services for their child with dyslexia. As a member

of the House Education Committee, I contacted the Department of Education and after a few calls, the necessary services were arranged. The child proceeded to make great progress and advance to grade level reading ability. I was appointed to a study committee on the issue and then co-sponsored legislation to require early testing for dyslexia. Telling that families' story at the public hearing, on the House floor and in Senate hearings, was a factor in passage of the legislation.

The job is not all about what votes we make in Concord. There is a great deal more work involved. Even though we are in session in Concord from January through June, the work does not stop for many of us. I am currently on four study committees and chairing two of them. Also part of that work is constituent services. Being able to help citizens (often people from other districts) and cut through the red tape of state government is one of the most satisfying parts for my job.

One other source of great personal satisfaction is that I have gained, I believe, the respect of House members and Senators from both sides of the aisle. I was nominated by a State Senator and gained recognition in the GOPAC Emerging Leaders Class of 2014 – one of 21 legislators from around the country. This past year, in addition to the bills that I sponsored, I was asked to co-sponsor over 30 additional pieces of



**NH State Representative Glenn Cordelli**

legislation from legislators of both parties. Seven of those bills made it through the gauntlet of the House, Senate and signature by the Governor to become law.

If I am back in the NH House next term, I would welcome you to be my guest in the gallery during a House session (Thursdays). The State House is a great place to visit; the cafeteria...not so much.

**Glenn Cordelli**  
**State Representative**



# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

## October

14	5 PM	Grange Pot Luck dinner followed by meeting at 6 PM	TGH
22	5:00 and 6:30 PM	Two seatings for Turkey Pot Pie dinner. Please call to reserve a seat.	TUMC
26	11:00 AM	Delayed opening of the Tuftonboro Central School	TCS
26	6 PM	Historical Society Annual Meeting & Pot Luck at Mirror Lake Church	THS
29	10:00 – 11:30 AM	Supervisors of the Checklist – Last chance to change party affiliation	TTO
31	2:00 PM	Halloween Parade of students	TCS

## November

5	9:30 AM – 2:00 PM	Annual PTCO Christmas Bazaar	TCS
8	8:00 AM – 7:00 PM	General Election	Tuftonboro Town House
9, 10	All Day	Parent/Teacher conferences – No School	TCS
11	All Day	Veterans Day – No School	TCS
11	5 PM	Grange Pot Luck dinner followed by meeting at 6 PM	TGH
11	All Day	Library is closed for Veterans Day	TFL
12	12:00 - 4:00 PM	Snowflake Fair	TUMC
13	12:00 – 2:00 PM	Salmon Sunday in Melvin Village	Pope Dam
23 – 25	All Day	Thanksgiving – No School	TCS
24 & 25	All Day	Library is closed for Thanksgiving	TFL
28	12:00 PM	Tuftonboro Christmas Fund tree is erected	TCS

## December

1	10:00 AM	Monthly Artist: Cate Poole, watercolors	TFL
9	6:00 - 6:30 PM	Tree Lighting Ceremony and Carol Singing	TFL
9	6:30 - 8:00 PM	<i>The Polar Express</i> , 18th annual retelling of Allsburg's holiday classic	TFL
10	10:30 - 12:00 PM	Christmas Crafts Family Style	TFL
26 – 30	All Day	Christmas break – No School	TCS

## Ongoing

First Tuesday of the month	PTCO Meeting at 6:00 PM	TCS
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.	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:

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



**The Boody grist mill and dam on the Melvin River, circa 1900. The dam was constructed of logs, earth and rocks and was located at the present site of the Pope Dam in Melvin Village. Built in 1850, the earthen dam eventually disintegrated. The Pope Dam was built in 1952. *Photo courtesy of the Tuftonboro Historical Society.***

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