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## Mirror Lake hosts a private seaplane base in Tuftonboro

If you live on Mirror Lake you have undoubtedly seen the lovely red and white 1956 Cessna 180 amphibious float, also known as a seaplane, take off and land. T.R. Wood, a Kingswood High School graduate and his family moved to the Tuftonboro side of Mirror Lake years ago seeking a slower pace after decades on Lake Winnepesaukee. T.R. is a third-generation pilot and his near-teenage son is well on his way to becoming the fourth generation in the air. T.R. is quite proud that his son already exhibits some of the skills of older, more experienced pilots. The family has a long history with planes starting with T.R.'s grandfather who flew Consolidated PBY Catalinas during WW II as he patrolled the Atlantic and Caribbean searching for submarines. His pilot skills were also in use throughout the Korean War. Both T.R. and his father, Tom Wood, have been commercial pilots.

The history of flight in popular literature began with the Wright brothers' famous exploit on December 17, 1903 four miles south of Kitty Hawk, North Carolina. Seven years later Henri Fabre piloted the first seaplane in Marseilles, France. By 1911, Glenn Curtiss, the founder of the U.S. aircraft industry, had developed the Curtiss Model D. His Model H series was heavily used by the British Royal Navy during WW I. Seaplanes continued to be important strategic tools during WW II allowing the Allies to operate successfully in the South Pacific. The most impressive of the family of seaplanes was The Yankee Clipper used by Pan American in the 1940s to carry up to 70 people over 4000 miles. Ultimately, larger airports were constructed worldwide with longer runways eliminating the problem of finding clear spaces for take-offs and landings. Thus, another phase of aviation began leaving seaplanes mostly behind. Today's niche for seaplanes, beyond personal use, include forest firefighting; search and rescue; coastline patrol; scenic tours; marine biology research; and transportation to remote areas. During the pandemic, seaplanes have been used by people living in isolated areas or on yachts to deliver food and supplies.

Known by many names--floatplanes; flying boats; amphibious aircraft; hydravion--their conscientious pilots tend to belong to The Seaplane Pilots Association located in Lakeland, Florida. There is a New Hampshire chapter which can provide



**T.R. Wood's fiancé Alison, along with their dog Champ, are perched on the pontoon of T.R.'s 1956 Cessna, which in other seasons may wear wheels or wheels with skis.**

ample information for flight enthusiasts. T.R. is an active member and has been well trained not only in flying seaplanes but in taking care regarding invasive species and addressing other environmental concerns that may arise with a plane. He is careful to follow all the procedures and is an advocate and ambassador for lake protection. Additionally, as a courtesy, he pulls back on the power during landings and take-offs to be as quiet as he can. His rigorous training made him determined to "do this the right way." T.R. initially engaged in a process with the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) to make Mirror Lake certified as a seaplane base appearing as a private base on FAA navigation charts. It's actually T.R.'s dock that is the base which may only be approached with his permission. Legally, his airplane is considered as a boat when on the water and he must be very cautious about people waterskiing or boating as he makes his approach for a landing. Mirror Lake waters belong to the state of New Hampshire but common sense should tell boaters to keep a clear distance from the resting

plane. Yet, sometimes people get too close and even bump their watercraft into the plane at the dock.

The plane seen on Mirror Lake is a 1956 Cessna 180 classic which can be, and has been, heavily modified to accommodate the needs of the owner. A four-seat single engine plane, it has wheels that come down while the floats are removed in November and reconnected in late March. The fourth seat is often found in the folded-up position to make room for the family dog who loves to nap on the floor during the quick trip to the lake. If the family drives from southern New Hampshire, the trip can take up to two hours whereas the plane ride clocks 25 minutes. The Moultonborough Airport provides a convenient location for aviation gas which costs close to \$5.00 per gallon. A Cessna burns a hefty 15 gallons per hour. The savings is accrued in travel hours saved. And the fun is priceless.

Passengers in the Cessna can wear whatever they

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# Construction of the Great Meadow Trail is slow but sure

Trail construction activities are still being influenced by Covid-19. We remain cautious due to the risk posed to our older volunteers, and pressure-treated lumber is still in short supply with higher prices. We were able to receive donated advice from a trail building professional. Matt Coughlin has built trails all over the northeast and was able to give us some valuable tips and ideas to improve the quality of the trail and to simplify construction. This resulted in the need to make a few changes in our survey and design.

Steve Scapicchio, Conservation Commission Vice Chair, has agreed to take over coordinating and leading construction activities. Steve has been volunteering to lead other CC activities and is getting things done. Currently, he is assembling the materials to install a gate at the trailhead. The gate will restrict unauthorized vehicle use and will provide safe walking access to the trail. When needed, the gate can be opened for emergency access or for the transport of construction materials. Installing this gate will probably be the next workday activity.

In the absence of pressure-treated lumber for wetland crossings, we have a few other construction projects ready to go. There are some locations where we need to level the trail over very uneven ground and other areas where we need to provide safe passage through a network of rocks. These projects will require cut and fill or the digging and moving of soil for a better trail tread. We anticipate notifying



**This is Tuftonboro's Great Meadow as seen from the location of a proposed viewing platform on the Great Meadow Trail.**

volunteers and organizing workdays by mid-October.

If you would like to be a trail volunteer, you can sign up by calling the commission line at 569-4539, Ex 24 and leave a message or send an e-mail to [conservation@tuftonboro.org](mailto:conservation@tuftonboro.org). Please leave your

e-mail and phone number. We will be announcing workdays by e-mail.

**Steve Wingate**  
Conservation Commission Chairman

## The Hikers find new ways to serve during the pandemic



"I slept and I dreamed that life is all joy. I woke and I saw that life is all service. I served and I saw that service is joy." Kahlil Gibran

The above quote is this year's Hikers' Yearbook Thought for '20-'21 as we continue to seek new and different ways to fulfil our pledge to the community during a pandemic. Masked and social distancing makes raising funds for scholarships and philanthropy an unprecedented challenge; yet we are capable women and dedicated toward that worthy cause.

If you are interested in becoming a member of The

Hikers, a 501(c)3 organization, dedicated to raising monies for scholarships and local charities, contact Judy House, at (603) 520-7797 for information.

Our upcoming meetings are currently fluid, due to the continued wariness of a community outbreak of the Coronavirus. For all business meetings, following the current NH State Guidelines, we ask you wear a mask, bring hand sanitizer and respect six-foot social distancing. Going forward, an announcement will be printed in the Granite State News as to the time and place for each event. Our membership will continue to receive updates via email.

It has been determined that the Holiday Open House Luncheon traditionally scheduled in November will be canceled.

On a hopeful note, new approaches for fundraising and socializing are being discussed and planned for you! These will permit social distancing and fill the void from the lack of activities we have had to cancel: fall rummage sale, holiday luncheon, etc. These new activities will be advertised to make sure that you do not miss out on the fun and opportunities to socialize. Stay tuned, stay well, and be Safe.

**Judy House, President**  
The Hikers



**Remembering a simpler time, Hikers and husbands gather and break bread in the pre-Covid era.**

# Selectmen report on ongoing projects, thank volunteers

The fall season is upon us. We hope that everyone had a good summer. The Tuftonboro Board of Selectmen wishes to report on its busy schedule and acknowledge the hard work and contributions of those in our community. COVID-19 caused us all to adapt the way we do things.

The new Library is now open. We want to welcome long-time employee Dennis Guilmette who has been selected to replace the retiring Christie Sarles. We offer both our best wishes.

The Conservation Commission has been involved in several projects. They have worked with the new owners of the Cheney Farm and the new owners of the Hersey property on Lang Pond Road. Their cooperation is preserving the rural character and natural beauty of our Town. The Commission also continues to work with Wolfeboro on the Rapid Infiltration Basin project and related watershed plans.

The Town is working on the North Country Village Cooperative CDBG grant. This a \$500,000 Community Development Block Grant to replace the water system at North Country Village.

Tyler Phillips, Jr. of Horizons Engineering continues to work on the plans needed to repair and update both the Union Wharf and the Lake Road projects. It is a cooperative project that involves the State of New Hampshire.

The Town has received 16 bids for the annual

landfill monitoring at the Transfer Station. This year we asked for a three-year bid projection.

The Board has started early to work on the renewal of the Cable TV Franchise agreement between the town and Charter Communications. Public Utility law allows the town to negotiate on only the cable portion of the charter.

Selectman Chip Albee continues to work with the Carroll County Broadband effort that will bring computer access to more of our residents.

The Board is also negotiating with Verizon who would like to improve cell phone service in our community. They want permission to build 2 towers on selected sites in Town. They would pay annual rent to the Town.

The Town is working on building a new Police Station. We have hired Alba Architects and are in the process of selecting a project manager. We already have received a grant from USDA in the amount of \$250,000. We also are anticipating an EOC grant of \$125,000. The Town has learned that it has received Health Trust FY 2020 returned funds in the amount of \$15,128.25; Willand Road land owners have donated \$20,000 for road improvements; and the library has returned \$33,000 of unspent construction funds from last year's Town Meeting warrant article.

Old Home Day adapted to the pandemic and was a success. Thank you to all the volunteers.

Primary Day also needed to adapt to the additional safety issues that are required to be followed. Thank you to the Moderator and his staff. This year is unique because we have four elections.

Every year we welcome new people in many different positions. We also want to acknowledge and thank those people have served us so well.

Town Clerk Heather Cubeddu has been succeeded by Jennifer Coulter, who in turn has been succeeded by Priscilla Keaton for the combined position of Deputy Town Clerk and Deputy Town Tax Collector.

Administrative Secretary Karen Koch has been succeeded by Cathy Pounder.

Christie Sarles, Tuftonboro Free Library Director, has been succeeded by Dennis Guilmette.

Vicki Kinmond of the Police Department will have a successor announced soon.

In closing, as we move into the fall season we want to again express our appreciation for everyone inside our town government and to all you citizens and visitors to our community for your time, your efforts, and your understanding. You are great. Be safe.

**Tuftonboro Board of Selectmen**  
**Lloyd Wood, Chairman**  
**Bill Marcussen**  
**Chip Albee**

## Police respond to Covid, Governor's recommendations

Fall has arrived bringing cooler weather and changing colors. We continue to follow the State's reopening guidelines. Because of the pandemic, there were more people here during the summer and into the fall than we normally see. There are more boats on the lake. There are more people hiking and enjoying the outdoors. As other states have reopened, some of our seasonal friends may have left, but it seems that many have chosen to stay.

The numbers of COVID-19 patients reported to the State of New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services remains stable for Tuftonboro. That is not a reason to relax. The numbers are for those that use Tuftonboro as their permanent address. With the fall foliage season upon us we will see many visitors. The good news is that being outdoors and practicing social distancing seem to be the best prevention along with face coverings or masks.

COVID-19 is still impacting events. The CDC has issued guidelines for Halloween and the holidays. While these traditions can occur, please follow the latest guidelines for the safety of everyone. Go to: [www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/daily-life-coping/holidays.html#halloween](http://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/daily-life-coping/holidays.html#halloween).

The New Hampshire Municipal Association recommended these simple steps:

Everyone should wear appropriate face-

coverings designed to minimize the spread of Covid-19, especially when social distancing cannot be maintained

Trick-or-treaters should use social distancing and wait patiently for their turn to get candy (i.e. do not congregate together in the same place).

Trick-or-treaters should routinely wash hands or use hand sanitizer to prevent the spread of germs between candy bowls and homes.

Those handing out candy should set-up socially-distanced candy distribution methods: encourage candy distribution to occur outside the home, rather than in doorways, in a manner that increases the distance between individuals, and decreases the amount of time spent with those not in the same household. Monitor the area where candy is spread out (i.e. table, chair, stairs, etc.) so that trick or treaters can each take a piece with sanitization occurring as the area is restocked, or individually prepare packages/candies, rather than provide a big bowl that trick or treaters reach into.

Those handing out candy should use a disinfectant to routinely sanitize commonly touched surfaces (e.g. doorbells, candy bowls, etc.).

Due to COVID-19, the Department will not hand out candy at the police station this year. If we do participate, it will depend upon the weather as

it will be outside and require adhering to the above recommendations. Please check our Facebook page for updates.

The Governor has adopted the recommendations of the Commission for Law Enforcement Accountability, Community support and Training. He has released a roadmap on implementing the recommendations. Many recommendations will take legislative action or rule making. At this point they are recommendations and not mandates. The concern is that as they progress through the legislative

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# Fire Dept. says prepare for winter and protect against fire

I hope everyone had safe healthy summer and, with crazy times in which we are living, I hope it was enjoyable. Please get a flu shot if you have not already done so. With COVID-19 still lurking around it is more important than ever to get as much protection from the flu as possible. Please protect yourself and the others around you.

It is hard to believe summer is long over, and old man winter is around the bend. This past summer was a busy one, and, so far, the fall continues to be busy for the department. Now is the time to get your furnace and or chimney checked. It is easy to forget to get it done, but the adage "an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure" holds true in the case of home heating. We have come across more than a few cracked heat exchangers in furnaces lately. A cracked or damaged heat exchanger not only makes your furnace less efficient but can allow carbon monoxide to enter the home. So please have a working carbon monoxide detector in your home. Hopefully, that will alert you if a problem does arise with your heat source before it becomes an unhealthy situation.

Always install and maintain heating and electrical equipment properly.

Do not store newspapers, rags, or other combustible materials near a furnace, space heater, or hot water heater.

Keep at least three feet between space heaters and things such as curtains, furniture, etc.

Do not run extension cords under furniture or rugs.

Do not overload outlets

Do not allow pets or small children to chew on electrical cords

Be extremely cautious when using kerosene heaters. Never use any other fuel besides kerosene, and never refill the heater when it is hot.

If you are having an electrical or heating problem, call a trained professional to have the problem fixed properly.

(This information is provided by Alert-all Corp. For a complete brochure on Fire Safety for senior Citizens stop by or call the Department at 569-3381).

The frost is on the pumpkin and on your windshield. Please allow time to clear your windshield before leaving in the morning. With the lower sun angles driving can be difficult while trying to look through a quarter sized hole that you cleared in haste. Also, decks and steps can be slippery when frost or ice



**Fire & Rescue personnel participate in brush fire training this past summer. Members continue to donate their time for training. Good training leads to the best possible outcomes when the real emergencies strike.**

accumulates on them. Wear proper footwear and use railings until you know the footing. I have surprised myself watching my coffee cup float thru the air from the comfort of my back on cold ground wondering how I got there so fast. Luckily for me only my pride was hurt along with the loss of a good cup of coffee, but we see folks every year that are not so lucky.

This past summer and early fall have been unusually dry, and the region is primed for a forest fire. Most of the larger fires in the area have taken place in September and October. The most recent was the Bayle Mountain Fire in Ossipee. If you hike Bayle mountain you can still where the fire went. So, if you plan on burning please watch the weather closely. There has been a ban on outside fires periodically this fall. So, call the department (569-3381) or the Carroll County dispatch center (539-2263 manned 24/7) to inquire on the state of outside burning. NH law states that all outside fires need a permit unless there is snow cover. There is a complete list of outside burning laws on the department's web page found on the Towns website, [www.tuftonboro.org](http://www.tuftonboro.org), or stop by Central Station for more information. Outside burning laws are controlled by the State of NH -- not the Tuftonboro Fire & Rescue Department. Please do not shoot the messenger if you do not agree with them. Contact your local state representative. I am sure they

would love to help.

Remember to keep leaves from accumulating around vents and under porches. Not only could this prevent your appliance from properly venting, it could also start a fire that can quickly spread to the rest of your house. It is important to keep a means of egress from your home in the event of an emergency. And it is also important to have an escape plan in place. If your plan was created when you had kids at home, it is time to revise it and update it. When considering your escape plan consider your physical limitations and plan accordingly. Make sure your exits are wheelchair or walker accessible if needed. If someone in your home needs assistance moving, remember to plan accordingly. Practice your plan. Better to find any problems with your plan before you need to use it.

I would like to thank all of you for your continued support of the department. The members work hard to provide you with the best possible service when you need us. Reflective house numbering signs are still available from the Firefighters Association. The cost is \$15.00 per sign, and that includes the hardware to hang them. As always, we can assist you in putting them up if you need it. We cannot help you if we can't find you. Thank you and stay safe,

**Caleb Pike, Captain  
Tuftonboro Fire & Rescue**

**Vote absentee, vote in person, but  
register and VOTE on November 3**

# How can I be sure that my absentee ballot will be counted?

How can I be sure that my vote will be counted? That is a question many voters are asking of Tuftonboro Town Clerk Jennifer Coulter as the November 3, 2020 General Election approaches. Concern about absentee ballots and worries about voter fraud seem to be on the mind of many residents, perhaps because of negative publicity generated around the subject of “mail-in ballots.”

New Hampshire utilizes absentee ballots for those voters who are unable to vote in person on Election Day. Those ballots are obtained by a voter filing an application with the Town Clerk. Prior to 2020, the reasons for obtaining an absentee ballot included being out of town or being physically unable to enter the polling place. In this year of the coronavirus pandemic, however, the law has been modified to allow a voter who has concerns about being exposed to Covid-19 at the polls to also apply for and obtain an absentee ballot.

In other states, such as Florida and Colorado, ballots are mailed to every registered voter without requiring an application. This is commonly known as “mail-in voting” as opposed to absentee voting.

Allegations of widespread voter fraud in New Hampshire have proved to be baseless. The State’s practice of “same day registration” (one can register to vote and vote at the polls on Election Day) has

often been a source of concern because voters without an acceptable “proof of domicile” can still sign an affidavit (and have their picture taken) stating that they are legal residents entitled to vote. Following the 2016 election the Secretary of State and Attorney General’s offices reviewed 6,033 domicile affidavits. In most cases a legal residence for voting was confirmed; only four cases of wrongful voting were identified and prosecuted. Additionally, only five cases of duplicate voting were discovered. Secretary of State William Gardner, a former member of the now-disbanded Presidential Advisory Commission on Election Integrity, has stated that he has never found evidence of widespread illegal voting in his 44 years in office.

Absentee voters in New Hampshire can utilize the internet to track the progress of their ballot, from application to receipt of the completed ballot by the Town Clerk. By accessing the Secretary of State’s website (<https://sos.nh.gov/elections/voters/absentee-ballots/>) and entering the town and their name, the voter can determine the progress of his or her ballot.

Completed absentee ballots, which are contained in an affidavit envelope (signed by the voter) which in turn is within a mailing envelope, are securely stored in the Town Office until they are processed on Election Day. This year the law allows for pre-

processing of the absentee ballots on one of four days before the election to facilitate handling of the ballots on voting day. “Pre-processing” involves announcing publicly the name of the voter, opening the outer mailing envelope, and verifying that the inner, affidavit envelope has been signed. If unsigned, the ballot may be rejected unless the voter can be contacted to correct the error. The application for the absentee ballot includes the voter’s phone number and email address.

In no case is the inner envelope containing the ballot to be opened until election day when processing is completed. Absentee ballots which are received by mail or in person after pre-processing but before 5:00 p.m. on Election Day will be processed at the polls.

This year the Town of Tuftonboro will vote at the Tuftonboro Central School, 205 Middle Road, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. To enter the school voters will be required to wear a cloth face covering or a mask. A separate polling area, in a tent outside the building, will be available for any voters who do not wish to or are unable to wear a mask.

All ballots will be hand-counted immediately following the closing of the polls. That process, as well as the pre-processing of absentee ballots and the voting itself, is open to the public for observation.

**Dan Barnard**

## Central School back in business, if not exactly normal

As we opened our 82nd year at Tuftonboro Central School, we started with two first days: one on September 14th for Cohort A and one on September 17th for Cohort B. This was most likely a first in school history. In the last 12 months, we have experienced three models of school: 100% in the building, 100% remote, and now Hybrid and Remote options for our TCS students for the beginning of the 2020-2021 school year.

What does the set-up look like in school? Well, we have the two Cohorts. Cohort A goes to school on Mondays and Tuesdays, has a Remote Day (Virtual Instruction) on Wednesdays, and Independent Days on Thursdays and Fridays. Cohort B has Independent Days Mondays and Tuesdays, a Remote Day on Wednesdays, and Building Days on Thursdays and Fridays. Some TCS students chose the Fully Remote option (5 days a week) and are taught virtually by elementary teachers from Ossipee Central School,

Crescent Lake School, and New Durham School.

It is great to be back! Staff and students have jumped right into school following guidelines of wearing masks while keeping socially distant. We have Owl stickers that are 6-feet apart, reminding everyone in the building to manage space. Except for the guidelines, school is back to business as usual. At TCS we are thankful for being back in the building, spending time with each other, practicing mindfulness, and getting into academics.

The Town of Tuftonboro has been fantastic through this whole experience. Police, Fire, the Tuftonboro Free Library, and Tuftonboro Parks and Recreation have really supported TCS through this process. I am thankful for community member Shayne Lovering and his support in creating our outdoor classrooms that are placed on part of Davis Field. I am also thankful again for Parks and Recreation for letting us use the field for this set up. Local camps



**The TCS owl is by Ned Schwartz, a custodian and resident artist.**

Camp Belknap and Camp Sentinel have offered support for our students and staff, as well. Being a part of this community is a great gift to Tuftonboro students and staff.

We look forward to future events where we can host guests and see you all in the building. Until then stay safe! Hootie Hoo!

**Ryan Gilpatrick, Principal  
Tuftonboro Central School**

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# Working with Charlie, remembering the “Good Old Days”

Growing up, my brother, sisters, and I spent the whole summer, with our mother at our grandparents' cottage on Winter Harbor. In 1959 I turned 16, and my father said it was time for me to get a full-time summer job and earn some decent money, “if I wanted to go to college.” I was not sure I wanted to go to college, but I always did what my father said...if he was paying attention. I had been working part time on Chet Pratt's farm at the at the top of our road, Winter Harbor Way. I did that work for two previous summers. The Pratts could not afford to pay me much, but I enjoyed farming, and the Pratts were wonderful people.

Charley Rosell, owner of Sunset Lodges and a local builder, seemed like a good place to start looking for work. My mother's cousin, Don Wright, worked for him as a carpenter, fall, winter, and spring. In the summer Don worked as the Purser and Public Address Announcer on the Mount Washington, and Charley was usually looking for a summer replacement. I told Charley that my father had taught me carpentry, and that seemed to seal the deal.

My starting wage was something like \$4.25 per hour. I think that was close to the minimum wage in those days. Charley was a well-respected craftsman in the area. We built homes, cottages, did home improvements, and a lot of dock work. He always took on more than he could do in the promised amount of time (job security). His wife Gracie had to field the sometimes-testy calls from customers wanting some action. Often, we would stop working on one job to go start another. After the customer thought we were committed to them, we would go back to the original job.

On the job, Charley was a man of few words. It was usually quiet in the cab of his truck on the way to a job. When we got there, sometimes he would tell me what to do, sometimes I had to figure it out myself. If I got it wrong, I would hear about it. As it turned out, some of my dad's carpentry techniques were unacceptable to Charley. I learned to watch him carefully to learn his style. If he caught me looking though, he would tell me to stop loafing and get to work. We worked for a variety of customers. Charley always pushed us to work hard and efficiently, but if a customer had limited financial means he would say something about that and ask us for extra effort to give them real value.

Another crew member was Henry Parker. Henry was one of those characters you never forget. He was always talking, laughing, and joking. He talked constantly to Charley who would occasionally grunt in response. Henry had no teeth left. He had false teeth but hated them, and he said he only wore them for weddings and funerals. Consequently, his normal facial expressions were unintentionally comical. Sometimes he would give me some life lessons or other advice. It was hard to take him seriously due

to his appearance and because he was always joking around. I think Charley noticed that in me, and one day while we were driving together, he told me that Henry was a lot more than he appeared. Despite growing up in a poor rural household he found a way to complete a college education and then graduated with a master's degree in poultry raising and genetics. With the same grit and perseverance, he started his own poultry farm and was conducting his own breeding program. He entered the business during the post war period when prices were high. As it turned out, many other farmers saw the same opportunity and switched over to poultry raising. Soon there was a glut in the supply of chickens. The bottom fell out of the market, and Henry was financially ruined.

I was interested in agriculture and recalled Chet Pratt telling me about how the meat packing businesses tried to encourage too many framers to raise chickens. Their intent was to keep prices low. While working with Henry alone later, I asked him about his experience. He was still quite bitter about the industry and how it took advantage of farmers to increase corporate profits. I learned that there was a lot more to Henry than there appeared and learned many valuable lessons from him after that. He said he liked working for Charley because although he seemed a little rough on the outside, he was really kind and honest to his workers and customers. I always remember, he would say, “you don't have to have a fine hat and coat to stay warm” or “common looking girls are a lot more fun than the pretty ones.”

One day while working with Charley, I saw him shaping a timber with a hatchet. I was amazed at how fast and accurately he was working. When finished, you could hardly tell it was done with a coarse tool such as a common hatchet. I asked him about it, and he told me that before the war he had trained as a shipwright. When he entered, the Army, in WW II, he was sent to the south pacific to build barracks and other military buildings out of local wood and the only tools available were an axe, a hand saw, and a hammer. So, he had to get really good with the axe. He said he kept requesting proper tools and, finally, near the end of the war, he was issued a carpenter's tool chest with everything you could want, and then they sent him home.

Gracie, Charley's wife, was really nice. She often stopped by the job site on her way to town to deliver Charley's lunch. Charley often wanted her to deliver an order to the lumber yard or get some things at the hardware store. Charley did not know what paper was, if he wrote something down, it was on a piece of scrap wood. He would hand his shopping list to Gracie on a piece of board. The longer the list, the longer the board. Gracie would complain, loudly, about how silly she felt walking around shopping with a board under her arm. She drove an early model

Jeepster station wagon. A jeep collector would kill for one today. She always complained about it and would ask Charley when they could get a proper car. It was a form of entertainment to hear their banter as we worked. Henry and I would exchange glances, smirks, and winks through the whole dialog.

The new guy always gets the dirtiest jobs and sometimes gets hoodwinked into doing jobs for others. One day we were preparing to pour some concrete. Charley had the bags of cement in his pickup. He got as close as he could to the site and left Henry and me to unload the truck. Henry got up on the truck and said he would load me up. He put an 80 lb. bag of cement on my shoulder. I started to carry it when he called me back, “real men carry two bags a trip” he said and put another bag on top of the first. It was awkward and heavy, so I staggered a bit but made it to the site. The truck was nearly empty when Charley returned. He looked at me and said, “stop showing off, one bag at a time.” On my return trip I passed Henry who had one bag on his shoulder, grinning from ear to ear.

In 1938 there was a terrible hurricane that ravaged the Northeast. Many more good trees were blown down than the lumber industry could salvage. To prevent the trees from being wasted, the federal government stepped in and financed the salvage operation. They found ponds around the state to store the logs in, and then the government contracted with portable sawmills to set up on the edge of the ponds to process the logs. There had been one of these operations on the Basin, on land behind the current Mirror Lake Fire Station. It carried on for over 3 years. In that time many logs sank to the bottom. One morning, Charley said, “Get your swimsuit on; we are going fishing for logs.” I rowed the boat while he looked down (the water was much clearer in those days, no algae). When he saw a log he liked, he would send me down to tie a rope on it. Then we would pull it ashore. These logs were quite soft on the outside and made effective fenders for docks. Later that day, Henry told me if I was ever again in a boat with Charley, keep an eye on him because he does not know how to swim. I do not know how true that was, but I never saw Charley in water deeper than his knees.

Saturday was “change day” at Sunset Lodges where Charley had five rental cottages. I was required to work at least half of that day. My job was mostly raking the grounds, emptying trash, filling wood boxes, and other odd jobs. If one of the cabin cleaners did not show up, I sometimes did that work as well. Any customers at the end of their stay had to be out at 10. We often worked around them as they moved out and packed their cars. I did not mind helping people pack up if there were any teenage girls involved.

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# After years of waiting, the “new” library is finally open

On Tuesday, September 15th, the library once again opened its doors to welcome back the patrons after shutting down six months earlier due to Covid-19. Although staff had returned to the building in June, and curbside pickup and outdoor service had resumed at that time, having the chance to greet our friends in person and finally show them around inside the new library made it a very special day for us.

While some of our patrons had seen the new addition before we closed back in March, there were many more who had not had the opportunity. And nobody had seen the long-awaited and much-needed renovations to the original section of the library once they were completed. After so many people from the community had worked so hard for so long, it was with great joy and much pride that staff was at last able to share that with others.

For those of you who do not know, the library is now open to the public on Tuesday from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., Wednesday through Friday from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., and Sunday from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Curbside pickup and outdoor service will remain available during these hours, and Interlibrary Loan service has resumed. Public computers are also available, as well as copying, faxing, free notary service, and 24/7 WiFi. Masks and social distancing are required in the building, for both public and staff, and hand sanitizer will be available in the entryway, at the circulation desk, and in browsing areas.

Full programming has yet to resume, but smaller groups have begun using our new meeting rooms with safety guidelines and protocols in place. Please visit the library's website for information and postings on group happenings, and updates on reading selections for our History Book Group and Readers' Choice Book Group. Sadly, the first graders are not walking



**The new circulation desk at the Tuftonboro Free Library, complete with sneeze guards and a masked gorilla.**

over to the library this year for weekly Storytime, but Lynn has been going over to the school twice a week and reading to the kids in one of their outdoor classrooms. (Hooray Lynn!)

Although we do not have all our new furniture in place because of the need for limited seating and social distancing, monthly art displays are happening again, and we have happily returned to showcasing all the amazing local talent. October features another beautiful collection of hand-turned bowls, vases, platters, and free-form art pieces from Nicholas Moore of Arrow Wood Turning, and the display case is filled with bright and colorful hand-made crafts from Kezzie Allen. November will see the return of

the Lakes Region Photography Club with their annual exhibit of diverse and striking photographs from a great group of artists. Be sure to stop by the library and check out their work!

Thank you to all of you that have visited the library in recent weeks, and thank you for helping us make our re-opening a smooth and safe transition for all. Your patience and understanding during this difficult time have been greatly appreciated. We look forward to seeing you all again, as well as even more of our patrons and friends return in the weeks to come.

And on a personal note, thank you to everyone for your heartfelt congratulations and encouragement on my becoming the new Library Director after Christie Sarles retired at the end of August. She was a great mentor to me, and I know that everything she has taught me over the twelve years I worked with her will be invaluable to me as I continue to find my footing and make the job my own. It is with her support, as well as the support of the Trustees, the Friends of the Library, and all our patrons and generous volunteers, that my transition from Circulation Supervisor was and will be possible.

And the staff, of course...

The library has a great team working the Circulation Desk, and I certainly could not do it without them. Much gratitude to newcomers Liese Gauthier and Barbara Widmer, and to long-time and dedicated employees Ellan Hastings, Deidra Zimmerschied, and the new Coordinator of Circulation and Youth Services, Lynn Dancause. Thank you all and keep up the great work!

**Dennis R. Guilmette**  
Library Director



**The “Kids’ Room” at the newly renovated Tuftonboro Library.**

# Libby Museum, still propped up by old whiskey barrels

Did you know whiskey barrels (filled with cement and rubble) have been holding up The Libby Museum for over 108 years? They just do not make foundations like that anymore!

Many of the barrels are crumbling, and things are getting unstable. That is why the Libby is asking for your support. The Friends of The Libby are doing what they can to help raise more than \$2 million needed for the Museum's restoration, including a modest addition for utilities. We're hoping the restored and renovated space will include room enough to continue the very popular kids' programs and artists' exhibits, and to store and repair collection items.

Please help **SAVE THE LIBBY MUSEUM:**

**BUY A CAKE** and goodies at The Tuftonboro Craft Fair, Nov 13-14. (Everything you buy from our table in the Historic Society Barn benefits The Libby's restoration).

**DONATE** on Dr. Libby's Go Fund Me page: <https://www.gofundme.com/f/save-the-libby-museum-of-natural-history>.

**SEND** a check to Friends of The Libby Museum, Restoration Fund, Box 2062, Wolfeboro, NH 03894.

**The Friends of The Libby Museum, Inc.**  
a 501(c)3 organization



**This view from the underside of the Libby Museum may bring a smile to those who enjoy a good "dram" occasionally.**

## Medicine collection is October 24 at Transfer Station

Summer is over and the fall foliage has begun! This year has been one to remember due to the dramatic effects on everyone caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. Current employees at the Transfer Station remain the same: Robert Dean, Kerry Long, and Ralph Bussiere are per diem attendants. Barry Colbert, Rob Edwards, and Clay Gallagher are full time employees.

After federal and state response guidance was issued concerning the COVID-19 pandemic, we adjusted our operation accordingly and still provided the public a means of getting rid of their household trash in a safe and efficient manner for both the residents and the employees. As the federal and state governments eased guidance restrictions, we did the same and established outside recycling points for glass, plastics, aluminum and steel cans, and limited construction debris. As further re-opening guidance was given from the governor, we opened the recycling building back up and are providing all normal services and recycling. The Swap Shop is now open as well. We are still following social distancing guidance and highly recommend wearing masks while in the recycling building. Masks and gloves are required in the Swap Shop.

The following services are open for recycling:

Corrugated Cardboard inside the recycling center

for recycling.

Aluminum cans inside the recycling center for recycling.

Steel/Tin cans inside the recycling center for recycling.

Plastics 1-7 (no rigid plastic or plastic bags)

Used motor oil only – (no larger than gallon containers) inside the recycling center for recycling.

Lead Acid batteries inside the recycling center for recycling.

Rechargeable batteries inside the recycling center for recycling.

Fluorescent bulbs and mercury containing items inside the recycling center for recycling.

Glass Bottles and Jars are still recycled but collection is outside the end corner of the recycling building by the loading dock. Residents will drive up next to sign "GLASS ONLY" at the 30yd container and then dump their glass only directly into the container (No plastic bags or boxes)

Other Notes:

Electronics, Tires, Construction Debris, Propane tanks, fridges, scrap metal, and brush (see attendant as charges apply).

Mixed Paper is to be discarded in household trash in compactors

Upcoming: Controlled medications collection date will be on Saturday, October 24. Collection will be at the Tuftonboro Transfer Station by the Police Department and the collection days usually occur in early spring and late fall.

Current Transfer Station Stickers for 2019-2020 are available for purchase at the Transfer Station or the Town Offices. The current stickers are orange in color with white lettering and they are \$5 per sticker. Please make sure you have the current sticker displayed on the front window of any vehicle you drive to the Transfer Station. This helps us ensure that only Tuftonboro residents are using the facility and that our tax dollars are only subsidizing Tuftonboro household waste.

The recycling building is back open, so please join us in reducing all our taxes by recycling (plastic, tin cans, aluminum cans, glass, and cardboard). Residents that continue to throw recyclables into the compactors are throwing their money down the drain and costing everyone more money in taxes. The more recyclable material we keep out of the household waste compactors, the more tax expense we avoid.

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

# Grange #142 “Mystery Ride” stays local in Tuftonboro

The Tuftonboro Grange #142 has not had any regular meetings this year. In July we had an outdoor picnic and ice cream social, which was well attended by our members.

On September 19, while wearing masks and practicing social distance, the members of Tuftonboro Grange #142 ventured forth on their annual “Mystery Ride”. We met up at the Grange Hall and followed Secretary Joy Perkins to the Tuftonboro Historical Society.

We spent time checking out the local history of Tuftonboro and reviewing several books of photographs and stories. There was even a book with history of the Tuftonboro Grange. Everyone

found something special to see and review. We all had a good time. Those participating were Mary Ann Murray, Florence Perkins, Joy Perkins, Martha Peterson, and Georgene Sellinger.

The Grange is a non-partisan, non-sectarian organization, involved in enhancing the lives of those who live in our communities. The Grange is America’s Family Fraternity. To anyone who is interested in education, legislation, social welfare, recreation, and having meaning and purpose in life, we welcome you to our Grange.

**Joy Perkins, Secretary  
Tuftonboro Grange #142**



**Mystery Riders: (back) Mary Ann Murray, Martha Peterson (front) Florence Perkins, Joy Perkins, Georgene Sellinger**

## “Walk in Confidence” summer theme at Camp Sentinel

A few days ago, I found myself at the Camp Sentinel waterfront wondering why we were open this summer. It would have been easier and perhaps financially beneficial to remain closed – “shelter in place”. But Sentinel opened to serve the local community.

This summer: eight weeks, 351-day campers, 12 staff, 26 volunteers and ZERO covid cases. This summer is not what we planned when we wrote the brochure last fall, and not what I thought when the summer theme “Walk in Confidence” hit my heart over a year ago, but there is a story to share.

At check-out the other day, a camper’s parent looked me in the eyes and, through her mask, said, “thank you.” Her glance and her words reminded me why we were open. The words “hope,” “encouragement,” “confidence,” and “fresh air” all have special meaning to me especially this summer, certainly in uncertain times.

We stepped-out in faith, and now we are open for student care: a day program for families who need to work and find a place for their students with remote learning ([www.campsentinel.org/studentcare](http://www.campsentinel.org/studentcare)).



**Teen mentors at Camp Sentinel demonstrating “social distancing”**

On Wednesday evenings at 6:30 p.m. Sentinel hosts a Community Youth Group – a collaboration of several local churches for youth aged 6th to 12th grade to come to a positive Christian environment ([www.campsentinel.org/youth-group](http://www.campsentinel.org/youth-group)). On Thursday evenings this fall Sentinel hosts a free community dinner, where local families may come to enjoy a healthy delicious meal (pickup and delivery available).

Sentinel is MISSION first, and we love our neighbors. If you would like to learn more about supporting camp in these efforts, please call (603) 539-4839 or visit [www.campsentinel.org/ministry-partners](http://www.campsentinel.org/ministry-partners).

Hope to see you soon on the mountaintop,

**Kevin Van Brunt “PK”  
Executive Director, Camp Sentinel**

## “Feet for Fuel-Walk for Warmth” on Sunday, October 18

It is anticipated this will be another difficult winter for many in our community. Since 2008, Melvin Village Community Church in Melvin Village has sponsored the annual “Feet for Fuel-Walk for Warmth” Walk-A-Thon to raise funds to assist local families in need of fuel and emergency assistance. Over the years, MVCC has raised over \$150,000 through this effort. During the 2019-2020 heating season the church has provided over \$13,000 to 28 families in our commu-

nity in need of fuel assistance.

This year the Walk-A-Thon will take place on Sunday, October 18th at 2:00 PM. We will assemble in the church parking lot at 476 Governor Wentworth Highway in Melvin Village to begin our four-mile walk through the community. We are asking that walkers wear a mask and follow all social distancing guidelines.

Please consider walking, sponsoring a walker, or

sending a donation to the church at MVCC, P.O. Box 233, Melvin Village, NH 03850 and indicating Feet for Fuel. In addition, reflective safety vests with the Feet for Fuel logo are available for purchase for \$10. Additional information about the walk or reflective vests can be found at [www.mvccnh.org](http://www.mvccnh.org) or by calling the church office at 603-544-9661.

**Pastor Kevin Van Brunt (“PK”)  
Melvin Village Community Church**

# Local watershed plan completed for most of Tuftonboro

A watershed plan for most of the area within Tuftonboro has been completed. This watershed also includes smaller areas of Moultonborough and Wolfeboro. A watershed is a bowl-like area where the water flows from high points, such as hills, ridges, and mountains, down to a common point such as a river or, in our case, Lake Winnepesaukee. The Lake Winnepesaukee watershed covers portions of 10 communities in two different counties on over 215,133 acres. To make planning more feasible, the Lake Winnepesaukee watershed was divided into nine sub-watersheds.

Tuftonboro's sub-watershed, Moultonborough Bay, runs from the Bald Peak Colony Club area to Mount Shaw, to the middle of Winter Harbor. The major waterflows include the Melvin River, Wingate Brook, Twenty Mile Brook, Nineteen Mile Brook, and the outlet from Mirror Lake.

Recently, the lakes and ponds in the Winnepesaukee watershed have been experiencing water quality problems. This includes high phosphorus levels and cyanobacteria blooms. The phosphorus fertilizes algae, which gives the water a greenish tinge, and coats rocks and boats with a slimy gel. Algae also gives the water an unpleasant taste and odor. The phosphorus encourages cyanobacterial blooms that can make us and our pets sick.

Watershed planning allows residents to identify present and future sources of phosphorus and other pollutants. Once these sources are identified, something can be done to mitigate the pollutants. One way to eliminate pollutants is through grant funding. Grants are available for such projects, but they first require that watershed plans have been completed. The plans can be used by the granting agencies to verify that the work is needed and to rate and to prioritize the projects.

Have you noticed how unusually clear the water is this year? We have had a severe drought; lack of rainfall has significantly reduced the amount of phosphorus released into our waters. Phosphorus inputs can come from sources such as fertilized lawns along the shoreline and failing septic systems, but most inputs come from unmanaged storm water. All the fuels and refuse that we burn contain quantities of phosphorus in the smoke. The phosphorus precipitates out in the atmosphere and attaches itself to water molecules which then come down in the rain. If the rain is absorbed into the ground, the phosphorus will attach itself to soil particles and often is taken up by plants where it becomes locked in the plant fiber. If the rainfall is not absorbed, which often occurs in storms and heavy showers, it flows directly into streams, lakes, and ponds. There the phosphorus is released and

becomes fertilizer for algae and cyanobacteria. Also, when rainfall travels on the land (and you have seen this on the road, your driveway, off roofs and down walkways) it picks up soil particles (erosion) which washes more phosphorus to our streams and lakes. Watershed plans work on detecting or predicting these issues and finding solutions.

The Lake Winnepesaukee Association (LWA), whose motto is "Keep Winni Blue," has been leading the development of local watershed plans. The Executive Director, Pat Tarpey, has been locating and applying for grant funding, then supervising environmental contractors in writing plans for sub-watersheds. Our Moultonborough Bay sub-watershed plan is the fifth to be completed. In each of the other watersheds that have a plan, a watershed committee has been formed, and, with Pat's help and guidance, they have completed many stormwater projects.

LWA's Accomplishments to date include:

Over 120 volunteers engaged in watershed planning and water quality monitoring

More than \$850,000 garnered in grants and match \$416,000 for Watershed Management

\$427,000 for Implementation/Restoration

1,173 kg of phosphorus identified

383 Mitigation sites documented

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The new people were not supposed to arrive before 2 p.m., but they often did, and they would want to visit with Charley or Gracie while they were desperately trying to get things ready. I had to keep an eye on Charley. If he was waylaid by a guest, I had to pick up where he left off and get that job done. The Sunset Lodges customers seemed to be really nice people who really enjoyed being there.

Sunday night was volleyball and party night at Sunset Lodges. Charley was often a little worse for wear the next day. One Monday morning, Charley did not come out at the normal time to go to the job. After waiting about a half an hour, I knocked on the door. After a few minutes Gracie opened it, looked at me with blurry eyes and said, "Charley will be out in a minute". About 20 minutes later Charley came out looking like a train wreck. He was walking as if his shoes were full of broken glass. He took one look at me waiting for him and said, "Next time find something useful to do," and hobbled to the truck. Henry and I tried to avoid him all day as Charley was noticeably short tempered and obviously in pain. When we returned to the Lodges at the end of the day, one of his guests was walking by his workshop where Charley parked. When Charley got out of the truck the guest said, "Wow what a party last night, I couldn't believe that you could dance on the top of that rock,

barefooted, while singing and playing the concertina." Charley could be talked into playing the concertina after a few drinks, and he was good. Charley grunted a thank you and walked away briskly but showing a hint of tenderness in his feet. Before heading home, I went and looked at the "rock" pointed out by the guest. It was a boulder sticking a few feet out of the ground with a rough quartz surface on the top. Ouch!!

I rode my Dad's 1930s vintage bike to and from work each day. It had been a nice, one-speed bike in its day but by this time, the bike had no fenders or chain guard. When I got to the beginning of Winter Harbor Way on the way home, it was almost all downhill all the way, and I would try to set a new record each day. One day I was doing about 25 mph when I came upon Carl Wood, our neighbor. He was a stickler for staying under the prescribed speed limit of 15 mph. He was just about to take a right-hand curve and was applying the brakes. I noticed that there was plenty of room on the left, so I decided to keep my speed and pass him. I was about halfway by the car when Carl decided to swing wide. To avoid contact, I had to leave the road on the left and found myself careening through the trees, boulders, and downed limbs. I stood on my departure brakes, but my rear wheel just skidded over the dry leaves. I was lucky to survive that wild ride. I am sure he never even saw me as he would have complained to my dad.

One day they oiled the road to keep down the dust,

while I was at work. It was hot so I was not wearing a shirt for my ride home. The trip took a little longer than usual as there were slick spots where I nearly lost control. When I arrived home, everyone was looking at me funny. That is when I realized that because the bike had no fenders, I had a black, oil-stripe running up the middle of my front and down my back. My mother had to scrub me with turpentine to get it off.

While I was working for Charley, my older cousins had jobs every teenage boy wanted. They were "gas jockeys" at the marina (in those days we called it "the boat yard"). The boat yard in Winter Harbor was where Winmiir Condos are today. They pumped gas and provided other services to boating customers like you would see at a service station. There was no self-service in those days. The work was not hard. They often got hefty tips from well-healed boat owners, but the best part was, it was a great way to meet girls, or, as we would have said then, "chicks."

Looking back on it, I am glad I did not have the "dream job." I learned a lot of valuable life lessons from Charley and Henry, as well as construction skills that still serve me today. Thank goodness Sunset Lodges was rescued by Rick Sager, local Attorney. Rick grew up with his family spending their vacation at Sunset and he loved the place. Thanks to Rick, the friends and descendants of Charley's customers can still enjoy this great family vacation place.

Steve Wingate

# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Due to the uncertainty of scheduled events during these times, there will be no Community Calendar printed in this edition of *The Tuftonboro Times*.

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like and unless it is winter, they do not need to be concerned about getting cold while flying. The plane, incidentally, does have a type of ski apparatus for landing on the ice. The Cessna typically flies under 3000 feet at about 120 mph and since air temperature only drops two degrees per 1000 feet passengers are unlikely to notice much difference. There is a heater in the plane, but no air-conditioner. Air is cooled by vents. Baggage can be packed more liberally since there are no searches or security involved with a private flight. Most do not experience motion-sickness, especially if passengers are careful to keep their eyes oriented on the horizon. Generally, if the eyes and the body are having the same experience (i.e. both realize they are in motion, rather than the eyes focused on reading) the brain adjusts accordingly.

Describing what it's like to fly above Mirror Lake T.R. commented that once he gets above the trees Mirror Lake appears to be very small. The area is literally surrounded by rich mountain terrain including multiple mountain ranges. Lake Winnepesaukee dominates the view and in the summer hundreds of boats can be seen on that lake. His safety check flyovers on Mirror Lake are a pilot's dream as the lake is generally very quiet. Mirror Lake is perfectly suited for a seaplane.

As T.R. reflected on growing up in Wolfeboro then moving to Tuftonboro he noted: "Tuftonboro is this great little quiet town. As long as you are not creating a problem everyone lets you do what you want to do. It's the ultimate freedom." As Mirror Lake residents watch the beautiful Cessna soar, we too get a sense of freedom.

**Kathleen Sciarappa**



**Airborne! Mirror Lake below, the Ossipee Mountains in the background.**

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process they could transform from recommendation to mandates. Some of the recommendations relate to accreditation which is expensive. There are requirements of accreditation that we may not be able to meet without more staff and a new facility.

Speaking of the new facility, we have had three public hearings for public input on the plans. Based upon the input of the public, police department staff, and others, the plans have been revised. Presently there is a request for proposals for construction management to help price the facility and more changes may be coming from that process as alternatives are discussed.

On October 24 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. there will be another National Drug Takeback at the Transfer Station. The April takeback was cancelled due to COVID-19.

Tuftonboro policemen are again doing Beards for Bucks to raise money and awareness for the Child Advocacy Center for Carroll County. [www.carrollcountycac.org](http://www.carrollcountycac.org) The work they do there is critical for supporting our children and our department. Here is the link to our team fundraising page: [www.justgiving.com/team/TuftonboroPolice](http://www.justgiving.com/team/TuftonboroPolice). So far Officer Gillis is leading the team and exceeded the modest goal we set. Thank you for the support. So far, we are ahead of last year.

The Tuftonboro Police Department Benevolent Association is also selling pink patches to support breast cancer patients. The money raised goes to a group called My Breast Cancer Support ([www.mybreastcancersupport.org](http://www.mybreastcancersupport.org)). They are in New Hampshire and give directly to patients and their families to support them financially and emotionally. The patches are \$10 and there are some baseball hats. Last year's donations were helped by fundraising at the Old Home Days car show and Krispy Kreme. This year we hope to match it.

Lastly, by the time this article is read the administrative assistant position should be filled. I hope everyone has a safe and healthy fall.

**Chief Andrew Shagoury**

## Watershed, Continued from Page 10

More than 1600 shorefront properties assessed.

28 Best Management Practices (BMPs) implemented/installed

A reduction of 35 kg phosphorus and 75 tons sediment per year

That is a lot of work!

Most of the grant-funded projects have been accomplished on public lands or roads. This is only a small portion of the work that needs to be done. The largest area of potential improvement is on privately-owned streamside and shoreline residences. It is hard to reach these owners and to get them to recognize the effects their properties have on water quality. It is in everyone's interest to take steps to protect our lake

quality. Much of our tax base is shoreline property. The water quality in our lakes and ponds determines the value of those properties. The more water quality declines, the more cyanobacteria incidents we have, and the more the value of shoreline properties will decline. This not only affects the owner's investment, but also it reduces the value of Tuftonboro's tax base and increases the tax burden of other residents.

Solutions are available. Shoreline owners can contact Lake Winnepesaukee Association at [www.winnepesaukee.org](http://www.winnepesaukee.org) or call (603) 581-6632. Ask for a free analysis of your property. A trained professional will make an appointment at your convenience and give you a full report on your property and landscaping. You will enjoy the visit and learn a lot about the lake in the process. You will then be given

a plan on how you can improve your impact on water quality. You would be surprised how easy it can be to make just a few changes that will result in a large difference to water quality. And, while you are at it, join the team, become an LWA member. Contribute! Hey, let us all work to KEEP WINNI BLUE!!

Now that you are interested, why not check out the watershed plan? It will be available soon on the LWA website, [www.winnepesaukee.org](http://www.winnepesaukee.org) or [www.tuftonboro.org/conservation-commission](http://www.tuftonboro.org/conservation-commission). You will learn a lot about our water resources, problems in our watershed, and what all of us can do about it.

**Steve Wingate, Chairman  
Tuftonboro Conservation Commission**



The banner hanging at the Tuftonboro Central School includes the names of all the students.

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