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Curling, an Olympic sport, comes to the Tuftonboro area

If you've admired and enjoyed watching the graceful Olympic sport that is curling, you now have an opportunity to try your hand at it right down the road. In fact, a dozen or so of your Tuftonboro friends and neighbors are already participating in this ancient Scottish game.

The Lakes Region Curling Association, formed in 2015, brings together about four dozen residents from the region — spread across nine teams — for Sunday evening matches at the Pop Whalen Ice Arena in Wolfeboro.

The LRCA arranges a nine-week league running from September through December and a similar Winter league that plays from January through March. Each weekly match lasts about two hours.

A game of curling consists of two four-member teams competing in up to eight "ends" (like baseball innings). During an end, each player takes a turn at "throwing" (that is, sliding) two 40-pound polished granite stones down a 138-foot sheet of ice towards a painted bulls-eye — the "house" — at the other end of the sheet.

Curling is very much a cooperative game. Each team is led by a "skip," who acts as captain and guides each player's deliveries in order to carry out the team's strategy. At the same time, the two players who are not delivering are tasked with sweeping the ice in front of the moving stone. Sweeping, when done properly, creates a thin layer of water just ahead of the stone, and it not only allows the stone to travel farther but can also affect the curve ("curl") of the stone as it heads down the ice.

A team can hit the opposing team's stones in order to move them away from the center of the house, so "guard" stones play an important role in defense. Curling, which has been described as "chess on ice," is a game of strategy as well as dexterity.

At the completion of each end, points are allocated to the team whose stones come to rest closest to the center of the house.



Tuftonboro resident Paul Belville lays a stone, hoping it will curl into the house, as close to the button as possible.

Participants in LRCA leagues are free to organize their own teams of four to six players (players can rotate in and out of a game if more than four are present), but LRCA organizers also create teams for individuals who do not already have a team formed.

Reinforcing the laid-back feel of recreational curling leagues, team names can often be creative. Some local examples: Stone Agers, On the Rocks, and Late Broomers.

LRCA curling experiences are designed for participants of all ages, for men and women, and for people of varied physical abilities. While most of us are familiar with the classic sliding delivery seen in Olympic competition, players in the more relaxed environment of recreational leagues may also deliver their stones using a special push stick that enables a player to walk towards the delivery point and slide a stone without the need to crouch.

Started in Scotland in medieval times, curling came to the United States and Canada with Scottish immigrants in the 19th century. While it has been popular in Canada for decades, the game started to explode in popularity in the US after the last winter Olympics. Now it's poised once again to bask in the limelight of the 2018 Winter Olympics in South Korea.

For LRCA members and Tuftonboro residents such as Paul and JoJo Belville, Lorie Taliento, David Lee, Sue and Rick Weeks, and Joan Magrauth, that spotlight just reinforces their enthusiasm for this ancient sport.

For more information about the LRCA and the coming fall league, check out the organization's web site at www.lakescurlingnh.org.

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

Recalling the days when toboggans soared off ski jumps

Some of you may recall Roger Wingate, long time Tuftonboro Town Moderator. When I was a teenager my parents, Roger and Skipper Wingate, had some friends over for dinner. The conversation had drifted to winter sports, and people were telling stories about ski adventures when my Dad said, "I went off a ski jump once on a toboggan". The room went quiet, and I could see skeptical looks on some faces. Then one of the guys said, "Oh come on Roger?" Dad said, "Wait a minute," and disappeared into the basement. In a short while he returned with a scrapbook his mother had kept for him as he was growing up. It had the usual Sunday school diplomas and high school graduation stuff as well as newspaper clippings. I found the scrap book in the attic and here is an article from 1935.

The headline read: "**30,000 See Mount Hood Snow Carnival – Tobogganing Off Jump Among Many Carnival Activities. More than 30,000**



Wingate family, Jennifer, Jeff, Steve, Skipper and Sarah on the old toboggan in 1955

persons saw the second winter carnival of the year at Mount Hood Sunday. One of the feature events was tobogganing off the ski jump with Walter Davis, Jack Morrison, Robert Munson, and Roger Wingate. Another clipping announcing the carnival gave the following description: "*Those who attend the carnival on Sunday will experience the thrill of watching four Melrose men do an unusual stunt off the ski jump. These young men will go down the ski jump on a toboggan, and it is expected they will jump more than 50 feet. They have taken several trial jumps, and those who have seen them state it is one of the most thrilling stunts ever undertaken off a ski trestle.*"

My Dad's story went something like this. He and three of his friends were at Mount Hood skiing the weekend before the carnival. My Dad had his toboggan still strapped on his car from a previous outing with some girls. Walter Davis, who was known as a daredevil, dared his friends to go off the ski jump on the toboggan. They were at that point of youthfulness where turning down a dare could affect your reputation, so they all agreed. They thought no one was looking and did it. They launched the toboggan down the run, hanging on tightly, they had a good flight and landing, and they ran out to the bottom of the hill.

As they walked away congratulating themselves, a man came running up to them. They thought they would be in trouble now. It was the organizer of the carnival and he was excited. "Would you boys be willing to do that again at the carnival next weekend?" They agreed and took another trial run.

The next weekend they were ready and a little



Roger Wingate on the left with 2 of his daredevil friends in 1935

nervous. There was a big announcement of their stunt, and thousands of people crowded around the ski jump area. The PA announcer hyped the event; then they got in position and began the run. After they jumped and made a clean landing they suddenly realized that the wildly cheering crowd had closed in and there was no run out for the toboggan. They were about to crash into hundreds of people when my Dad who was in the rear in steering position shouted, "Dump it." Just before slamming into the people they turned the toboggan on its side and stopped -- showering the crowd with a spray of snow.

That toboggan was our Dad's pride and joy. It took our family down many hills and carried our supplies when we snowshoed in to Winter Harbor for ice fishing. Dad said that he never told that story in the presence of us kids because he didn't want us trying such a "stupid stunt."

Steve Wingate
Wingate Family Historian

Agricultural Commission active in a variety of projects

Moving into 2018, the Tuftonboro Agricultural Commission is looking forward to continuing several projects from the previous year: adding to the pollinator garden established at the Tuftonboro Community Garden, exploring ways to promote composting in the community, building a town-wide agricultural directory, and enhancing the Community Garden.

A new project will be to erect a Tuftonboro Community Garden sign. We want people to be aware of the Community Garden and all the hard work that goes into making the garden a success and a showplace for the town. Maybe you noticed all the sunflowers growing in the "field" as you were driving by the town offices last summer but didn't realize it was the Community Garden. A sign will let people know why there are so many flowers and plants there.

As part of TAC's efforts to provide education on the benefits of composting, we will be erecting a demonstration composting site at the Community Garden. In addition, TAC is hoping to have a workshop on various ways to compost at the home and at the business level. Stay tuned.

TAC generally meets the first Tuesday of every other month at 4:00 p.m. in the Selectmen's office. Check the town calendar for dates and agendas. We are also looking for alternates for the Commission. If you are interested in joining us or have projects you would like us to consider, please contact Sue Wingate, Ron Sundquist, Karen Nemeth, Joan Magrauth, or Michael Haeger. Or drop us a note at the town office.

Sue Wingate
TAC Chair

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Longtime resident Bob Moulton operates local sawmill

Robert C. Moulton came to Tuftonboro in 1954 as a two-year old boy from Wolfeboro and has lived in town ever since. Many will remember his father, also Robert Moulton, who dredged a channel in Melvin Bay and set in docks and piers and started the Melvin Village Marina.

As a boy, Bob delivered Mrs. Pope's mail in Melvin Village for Marian Horner Robie, Postmistress, earning 4 cents a day. He worked at the Melvin Garage, where he met his future wife, Jeannette. In 1998 they were married and launched a life together.

During his career, Bob has worked at many jobs. He drove his own truck hauling sand and gravel and wood chips for Pinetree Power. Later he hauled logs. Eventually he decided to set up his own sawmill in Tuftonboro. Bob and Jeannette drove to Oswego, NY and trailered home the makings of a sawmill. They set it up in their own yard, and since then Bob has been busy making lumber.

Bob Moulton does no advertising; he depends on his customer's recommendations and his reputation for excellent work at a fair price. Bob cut much of the blowdowns for Camp Belknap and turned it into useable lumber for the camp to use. He supplies local builders with custom cut mill work. He will mill blowdown salvage as well as logs that are brought to him. Bob has built picnic tables, Adirondack chairs and even a casket. He can help develop a project based on the quantity and quality of the raw material available. Drop by at 27 Ledge Hill Road or call (603) 569-6925 to talk to Bob about an upcoming project.

Bob and Jeannette Moulton together have four children: their son Jimmy is in the Army, a daughter Jessica lives in Maine, and two daughters, Megan and Jillian, live in Vermont.

**Joan Magrauth
Tuftonboro Agricultural Commission**



Bob Moulton stands next to the sawmill equipment he and Jeannette transported from Oswego, NY

Parks & Recreation Commission seeks Aquatics Director

With winter in full swing, a good way to get out and enjoy the weather is snowshoeing. The Tuftonboro Parks and Recreation Commission has snowshoes available to borrow from the library. There are plenty of trails in town to explore including: Ossipee Mountain trails, Abenaki Tower, Cross Neck Trails, Spider Web Gardens, Great Meadows, Davis Lot, Central Park trail, Hackl and Chandler trails.

The Commission is currently planning events for 2018 including an Easter Egg Hunt (March 31), Town-Wide Yard Sale (June 2), Summer Kick Off (June 23), Swim Lessons/Team (Thru July), Expanded Concert Series (July 5, 12, 19, 26 and Aug.

2 & 9), Old Home Days (Aug 24-26), and Harvest Festival (October 20). Be Sure to check out www.tuftonboro.org, or www.facebook.com/TuftonboroParksandRec for up-to-date info.

The Commission needs to fill the Aquatics Director position. The Aquatics Director is responsible for management of the waterfront program at 19 Mile Bay Beach under the supervision of the Board of Selectmen and the Tuftonboro Parks & Rec Commission. The ideal candidate would be a Certified Water Safety instructor. If certification is needed, training is available through the town. The candidate must pass a background check.

Parks and Recreation is also looking for Lifeguards and Water Safety Instructors. Applicants need to be 16 years or older and be able to successfully pass a certification program.

Training for these positions is also available through the town.

The Commission needs members and volunteers. Monthly meetings are the first Thursday of the month at the town offices at 6:30 p.m. All are welcome and encouraged to attend.

**Gina Lessard, Chairman
Tuftonboro Parks and Recreation
Commission**

Winter offers recreational opportunities to TCS students

The weather has certainly been a rollercoaster this year! Tuftonboro Central School (TCS) students have already been taking advantage of the different weather conditions while participating in our winter sports program. Students in grades K-6 have the option of skiing at King Pine, skating at Abenaki, or snowshoeing the trails in Tuftonboro for four sessions during the month of January. These outdoor recreational activities are an essential part of our health/wellness and physical education curriculums. Thank you to the Parent Teacher Community Organization for your continuous support of this program.

Within the classroom, students continue to learn literacy and mathematical skills while integrating specific units of science and social studies. Students

learn ways to incorporate technological skills into class-assigned projects and quickly prove how knowledgeable they are within that domain. Currently, we are looking forward to the National Geographic Geography Bee for grades 4-6 and the Spelling Bee for grades 3-6 towards the end of this month.

Another program that continues to quickly grow is our Robotics/coding program. Students in 5th and 6th grade participated in the program that uses First Lego League materials to compete with other teams throughout the state. Congratulations to the TCS Robotics Team who qualified and participated in the State Championship this past fall.

The student council collected a significant number of non-perishable items to bring to the Life Ministries Food Pantry in Wolfeboro during the

month of December. Currently, they are organizing service projects for a school-wide Day of Service to learn more about Martin Luther King, Jr. Day and to benefit the military, nursing homes, humane society, and community organizations. Student council will continue its efforts through the end of winter and into spring. It's very exciting to observe our students taking leadership roles in community service projects!

Other important dates:

Wednesday, January 31st - No School for students/ In-service for staff

Tuesday, February 6th - PTCO Meeting 6pm

Monday, February 26th - Friday, March 2nd - Winter Recess

**Andrea Fournier
Principal**

Selectmen report on need for Sodom Road bridge repairs

The Tuftonboro Board of Selectmen continues to work diligently on town matters. Of current concern is the reduction in the weight limit of the Sodom Road bridge to 15 tons (formerly posted "E-2"). The Town is still in line for the State Aid Bridge Program for replacement of this bridge, scheduled for fiscal year 2025. Bridge replacement will ultimately be necessary as repairing the bridge only targets the weight limit issue. The estimated cost to replace the bridge is \$525,000. The Town's portion of the replacement would be 20% (approximately \$100,000). The Selectmen added an article to the 2018 Warrant for \$88,500 to repair the bridge to restore it to its full load carrying capacity. The total repair cost could range from \$62,500-\$114,500. Separately, the Tuftonboro Neck Road bridge is scheduled for replacement in the State Aid Bridge Program for fiscal year 2027.

Through the Town's relationship with the Lakes Region Planning Commission, an agreement was established with Provider Power for reduced electricity rates for Tuftonboro. This will save the

town approximately \$2,000 per year.

In November, the Selectmen set the 2017 property tax rate. This is the basis for the tax bills generated at the end of 2017 and for the next bill due in July 2018. In setting the rate, the Selectmen applied \$350,000 of the town's undesignated fund balance to offset local taxes. Thus, the 2017 municipal tax rate is \$2.73 per \$1000 valuation, a reduction of \$.18 from 2016. In addition, the local education tax rate (Governor Wentworth Regional School District) is \$4.23, an increase of \$.72 from 2016; the state education tax rate is \$2.43, a reduction of \$.11 from 2016; and the county tax rate is \$1.38, a reduction of \$.09 from 2016. The total tax rate, the sum of the four components, was set at \$10.77, a \$0.34 increase from 2016.

Switching health insurance providers for the coming year will save Tuftonboro over \$75,000 in health insurance premiums. Although the town will be saving in premiums, employee copays increased substantially. To reduce the burden on

town employees, the Selectmen increased the health reimbursement account limits. The Board is also considering using a portion of the undesignated fund balance to establish a designated trust fund for health insurance.

The initial 2018 budget submissions have been completed by the Selectmen, who continue to work on the 2018 warrant articles to be voted on at Town Meeting on March 14, 2018.

Finally, the Board of Selectmen is pleased to report that the Lake Street boat ramp project in Melvin Village has been successfully completed. 2017 Funds have been encumbered to finish the Mirror Lake boat launch project.

For events in Town or to see when boards, commissions and committees are meeting, please visit the Town website at www.tuftonboro.org.

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

Winter concerns: detectors, chimney fires, and shoveling

On behalf of myself and the entire Fire & Rescue Department, I would like to wish all residents a safe, healthy and prosperous new year. 2017 was another busy year for the Department. At the time of this writing there were over 600 calls for service, an increase of over 100 from 2016. The calls have been spread out between types, but the medical calls have increased the most. As calls for medical assistance have increased all over the country, Tuftonboro is no different than other towns. The Department continues to train and to continually adjust to provide the best possible service to members of the community. There were a couple of storm events: the blizzard on election day in March and the wind event in the fall that added to an already busy year.

This is an old-fashioned winter with subzero temperatures, wind and substantial snow. It's been a long time since snowmobiles have been ridden locally at Christmas time. When you are shoveling please make sure your vents are free of snow. Blocked vents

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

The heating season is in full swing so if you have not had your heating system serviced or your chimney cleaned, it is never too late. You should do so at least once a year; if you burn wood make sure it is well-seasoned. The burning of green wood increases the likelihood of creosote buildup in your

chimney. Creosote is what burns during a chimney fire so avoiding its build up reduces the chances for a fire.

Please keep an eye out for your neighbors and others that may need a little help shoveling out. Many hands make light work. So please help prevent an accident or injury and give a hand where needed. If you are shoveling take lots of breaks, and if you feel ill or experience chest pain, stop shoveling and call for assistance. It is better to be checked out for nothing than not to get checked out and have a real medical crisis.

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

Caleb Pike, Capt.
Tuftonboro Fire & Rescue

Local Grange mourns longtime member Mary Craigue

Tuftonboro Grange #142 is in its winter hiatus and will resume meetings in April 2018.

The local Grange lost a long-time member, Mary Craigue, this past December. She was a golden sheaf member with well over 50 years of generous service to the Grange. She will be remembered as a robust and generous person

With the help of State Master Jim Gentry, North Carolina State Grange, Barbara Leslie was awarded her 35-year membership certificate at her home in Cramerton, NC. This was a generous gesture by the North Carolina Grange and one which the local Grange appreciates very much.

The Tuftonboro Grange looks forward to

resuming its meetings in April and invites anyone interested in the Grange to contact either Master Florence Perkins at (603) 569-2041 or Secretary Joy Perkins at (603) 569-1887. The Grange is a non-profit fraternal organization with a passion for our community, friends, and neighbors

Joy Perkins, Secretary,
Tuftonboro Grange #142

New procedure in place for visitors to Police Department

As we leave behind 2017, New Hampshire appears to have had fewer overdose deaths and more administrations of naloxone, a medication designed to rapidly reverse opioid overdose, than in 2016.

A Drug Court will soon be coming to Carroll County. Drug courts are specialized court docket programs that target criminal defendants and offenders, juvenile offenders, and parents with pending child welfare cases who have alcohol and other drug dependency problems. Drug courts are usually managed by a non-adversarial team including judges, prosecutors, defense attorneys, community corrections, social workers and treatment service professionals. Such teams work together to help addicted offenders get into long-term recovery. Under the best practices and model drug court policy, the criteria to be admitted to the program are strict. It is a promising concept when the court follows the best practices. The goal is to assist the defendants in changing their lives by dealing with the underlying

substance use disorder.

The Police Department renewed its Narcan for Law Enforcement licenses. The Tuftonboro Fire Department helped in completing that training. The department also underwent annual training on the use of force.

The department is currently working with the Board of Selectmen, the Capital Improvements Program Committee, and the Budget Committee to develop conceptual plans for a new police station. The hope is to update the needs assessment and work towards a proposal for the 2019 town meeting.

Recently, the policy on entering the police facility at the town offices has been changed. It will now be necessary to keep a record of non-law enforcement personnel who enter the Police Department. Visitors are still welcome, but need to be logged in and monitored closely. It is part of the CJIS system security requirements.

Legislatively there were no major criminal or

motor vehicle changes for 2018. There is an initiative to have a Constitutional Amendment for victim's rights. If it gets approved by the legislature, it will still take a super majority vote in November to ratify it. It gives victims equal footing with defendants. It is called Marsy's Law and provides for equal rights for crime victims.

There is a variety of bills from legalization of marijuana to making it illegal to photograph a car on a public way, but most will not make it into law.

As we go through the deep freeze of winter, make sure you follow the advisories from the NH Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management. Their site <https://www.readynh.gov/> has many helpful guides. You can receive alerts through a Twitter account and a smartphone app called "NH Alerts".

**Andrew Shagoury, Chief
Tuftonboro Police Department**

Transfer Station reports 2017 gross revenues over \$100K

2017 was a very busy year at the Tuftonboro Transfer Station, especially for construction debris. For the second year in a row construction debris' yearly weight has been over what was shipped out the previous year. This necessitated an increase in requested funding for that budget line for 2018.

The gross revenue from Transfer Station operations in 2017 (not including avoided costs) was \$101,690. When final numbers are available from our hauler, Waste Management, regarding the weights and associated costs of hauling and disposing of our solid waste and construction debris, we will be able to calculate our final revenue for 2017.

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.

The new Bobcat has been a terrific improvement from the past. It has been smoother and safer to operate in such a congested area. This machine should be able to service the facility for at least the next 15 years.

Transfer Station Stickers 2017-2018 are

available for purchase at the Transfer Station or the Town Offices. The stickers are white in color with black 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 ensure that only Tuftonboro Residents are using the facility and that taxpayers are only subsidizing Tuftonboro solid waste and construction debris.

Recycling procedures at the Transfer Station remain the same this year as last year. 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. Increased charges for transportation, along with lower commodity prices, are a constant challenge to the bottom-line. The best avenue to offset these challenges is to keep improving the percentage of residents that recycle.

Please assist in reducing all taxes by recycling plastic, tin cans, aluminum cans, glass, cardboard, and mixed paper. Residents that continue to throw recyclables into the compactors are costing everyone

In 2017 the Transfer Station shipped out the following:	
Solid Waste	1060 Tons
C/D	800 Tons
Plastic	28 Tons
Paper	70 Tons
Glass	52 Tons
Cardboard	45 Tons
Steel/tin cans	7 Tons
Electronics	15 Tons
Car batteries	2 Tons
Metal scrap	104 Tons
Tires	16 Tons
Propane items	80 Units
Freon items	214 Units
Used oil	450 Gallons
Recycle batteries	148 Lbs.
Fluorescent bulbs	1504 Linear feet

more money in taxes. The more material kept out of the household waste compactors, the more tax expense avoided.

**Clayton Gallagher
Transfer Station Supervisor**

Tuftonboro Christmas Fund thanks generous contributors

The Christmas Fund was created in 1999 at the urging of residents in Town who wanted to help others in the community. Each year, after Thanksgiving, a tree is placed at the Town Office and the age, gender, needs and wishes of a needy Tuftonboro child is placed on an ornament. Every year we are astounded and grateful for the number of residents who come in wanting to help and to make a child's holiday wishes come true.

This year the program assisted 57 children, families and seniors in Tuftonboro. A heartfelt thank you to all those who purchased gifts for the children and/or made a cash donation to the fund. We are so blessed to have such a caring community. Many of our donors and shoppers have supported our program for several years since it began in 1999. We sincerely hope that each of you can know the smiles of delight,

tears of gratitude and humbling hugs from those whose holiday was made brighter by your generosity. Mere words do not seem adequate to express our deepest gratitude. Thank you for truly making the Town of Tuftonboro "the diamond in the heart of New Hampshire."

**Heather Cubeddu
Tuftonboro Christmas Fund**

Library trustees to host three meetings on building plans

The Tuftonboro Free Library Trustees have announced three special, public programs to present information and answer questions about the proposed addition and renovations to the existing library building. The first "Open House Q & A" will be held at the library on Saturday, February 10th, at 10:00 a.m. in the Hamel Meeting Room. The project's architectural team from SMP Architects will be on hand for this meeting. The second Q & A is scheduled for Saturday, February 24th at 10:00 a.m., and the third for Saturday, March 10th, also at 10:00 a.m.

All three Open House Q & A sessions are free and open to the public. Supervised crafts and STREAM activities will be available for children during the presentations. The Friends of the Library will provide refreshments. The Trustees encourage anyone who has questions about the project to come to one of these programs.

Preschool Storytime continues Thursday mornings at 9:30. Read-aloud stories and rhymes and simple crafts are on the weekly docket. Note to concerned parents: glitter has been banned from the craft table. No registration is needed for these programs, and younger and older siblings (and cousins and friends) are always welcome.

There's still time to catch the January art display, showcasing the creative partnership of Linda Barrowclough and Michael Stefanilo. The exhibit includes amazing freshwater fish lamps, sturdy canvas carry-alls, Canaan Valley photos in handmade frames, homemade jellies and ornaments, hiking gear and game tables with custom cushions, and even long johns! This may be the most eclectic exhibit ever -- don't miss it!

In February, Jean Galvin returns as Artist of the Month after a long hiatus. She will be showing her

signature paintings on feathers, rocks, barrel staves, and other "canvases" -- even canvas ones! Jean sees the hidden images in natural objects, and illuminates them. March brings a perennial favorite, the annual Lakes Region Photography Club exhibit. You can count on new views of familiar land and seascapes, and plenty of unfamiliar sights for sore eyes, too. In April, Tuftonboro Central School art teacher Marcia Kiley LeMay returns with an all-new exhibit of paintings, and first-time exhibitor Janice Allen takes over the mirrored case to display her original jewelry designs.

The excellent 2018 Book & Author Lunch lineup continues Saturday, February 17th, when Tom Ryan and his dog Samwise pay a visit. TFL is a special stop on Tom's author tour to launch the paperback publication of his second bestseller, *Will's Red Coat*. Of course, *Following Atticus* will also be available for sale and signing at this event.

On March 24th, Plymouth State University professor David Leuser will present a talk and show slides based on his new book about the history and lore of the Brook Walk at Castle in the Clouds. The series winds up on April 21st with Benjamin Ludwig, whose debut novel, *Ginny Moon* was a 2017 national bestseller.

All Book & Author Lunch programs are held in the Hamel Meeting Room, beginning at 11:00 a.m., and are followed by book sales and signing and an informal lunch, with desserts provided by the Friends of the Library. Tickets are free but limited. Pick yours up at the library, or call 569-4256 to reserve.

Is laughter really the best medicine? Find out on Saturday, March 3rd, when the Friends of the Library sponsor a special free public program with Sandra Maisey, Certified Laughter Leader, Expert

Level. Sandra will present documented evidence of the physiological and emotional benefits that laughing provides, and lead the group in some engaging exercises that will have everyone in tears -- of laughter! Shake off the winter blahs and rev up your heart and mind. Lunch is included. The program begins at 11:00 a.m. in the Hamel Meeting Room.

The History Book Group meets on the last Wednesday of the month. The selection for January 31st is *Thomas Jefferson and the Tripoli Pirates* by Brian Kilmeade. On February 28th, the group will discuss *The Hello Girls: America's First Women Soldiers* by Elizabeth Cobbs, and the book for March 28th is *Immortal Irishman: The Irish Revolutionary Who Became an American Hero*, by Timothy Egan. The January and February sessions will convene at 3:00 p.m. In March, when the evening light returns, the group resumes its usual starting time of 7:00 p.m.

The Readers' Choice Book Group meets on the third Wednesday of the month, from 10:00 a.m. to noon, and lots of laughter emanates from the Hamel Meeting Room! *The Little Paris Bookshop* by Nina George is on tap for February 21st. Selections for March 21st and April 18th have not yet been decided.

Neither book group requires registration, and new members -- and their suggestions for readings -- are most welcome. Books are always available to read in advance.

Keep in mind that when you take a break from a terrific book in front of a toasty fire, you can borrow snowshoes and cross-country ski trail passes right here, thanks to Tuftonboro Parks and Rec and the Friends of the Tuftonboro Library. And pick up a bookmark too, so you can get right back to your place in the story after a lovely day outside!

Christie V. Sarles, Librarian/Director

Scholarship Fund supports post-high school education

The Tuftonboro Scholarship Fund is managed by the Trustees of the Trust Funds. The fund accepts donations from the public to support scholarships for Tuftonboro residents in their post high school education. While most local scholarships are only available for college freshmen or sophomores, the Tuftonboro Scholarship is available every year a student is enrolled in school. The student could be in

a two or four-year college, a work-related course of study, or pursuing an education online.

In 2017, the fund awarded scholarships of \$1,000.00 each to 21 students. Donations are received from residents, non-resident taxpayers and from local organizations. Some are very modest, and others are very generous, but all of them are welcomed and needed. The cost of a college education can be

prohibitive to many students and their families.

Donations can be made payable to Town of Tuftonboro with a memo "Scholarship Fund" and mailed to the town at PO Box 98, Center Tuftonboro, NH 03816. Donations are tax deductible.

Trustees of the Trust Funds

Susan Weeks, Peter Sluski, Chris Sawyer

Local contributions power Thomas Cemetery renovation

Thanks to local community financial donations, the Thomas Cemetery, located at the end of Tuftonboro Neck Road, has undergone extensive improvements. The old, wooden picket fence and gate have been replaced with a colonial style, white vinyl fence and gate, eliminating the need for periodic painting.

In the past, volunteers from the community,

including the late Randall Whittier and Roger Wingate, Charlie and Ilona Train, and members of the Mirror Lake Community Church, generously donated the materials and labor required to scrape and repaint the fence, as needed. The new fence is virtually maintenance-free and the gate is easier to open for patrons wishing to enter for visitation.

Janice Allen offered her personal memories of the fence painting. "Some years ago, my neighbor Randall Whittier told me of the MLCC's long-time involvement in the maintenance of the antique cemetery at the end of the Tuftonboro Neck Road.

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Tuftonboro, LWA agree to watershed management plan

Water - we can't live without it, and here in the Northeast we are blessed with lots of it. Our soils are moist, our aquifers full, and our streams, rivers, and lakes brimming.

Quantity is one thing and quality is another. In New Hampshire, some aquifers are polluted with man-made chemicals and have compromised private and municipal wells. We have lakes that produce toxic bacteria due to an overabundance of nutrients entering through stormwater runoff. Aquatic dead zones (lack of dissolved oxygen) have been created from erosion and sedimentation. Acid rain, originating from coal fired power plants in the Midwest, requires the State of NH to issue freshwater fish consumption guidelines due to high levels of mercury and other contaminants.

One way to protect and improve the quality of our water, identify and implement restoration projects, and detect and head off future threats is to have a Watershed Management Plan. The water cycle begins with rain and snow falling on the land where it either infiltrates into the ground, replenishing groundwater and aquifers, or flows overland into our streams and lakes. Determining the flow of this water helps define a watershed area. Conducting watershed and water quality analyses helps identify current and potential future pollution sources that contribute nutrients and pollutants to our waterbodies. Once identified, corrective actions can be taken to prevent further degradation, thereby protecting the value, uses, and health of our water.

In Tuftonboro, we have two great water resources, Lake Winnepesaukee and Mirror Lake. Taxes from lake front property represents 2/3 of our town revenue. Recreational activity and the businesses that support

these activities provide a livelihood for many people in our community. In the last survey Tuftonboro citizens identified swimming, boating, and fishing as three of the top four recreational activities.

For the past six years, the Lake Winnepesaukee Association (LWA) has been leading an effort to complete a comprehensive lake-wide management plan for the entire Winnepesaukee watershed. The watershed, located in Belknap and Carroll Counties, covers 236,225 acres or 369 square miles, encompassing land area in 16 towns. Factors including the size of the Lake Winnepesaukee watershed, the morphology of the lake, and local municipal controls over planning, zoning, and conservation have led the Lake Winnepesaukee Association to adopt a subwatershed approach to developing a comprehensive lake-wide management plan.

To date, watershed management plans have been completed for Meredith Bay, Paugus Bay, Sanders Bay, the Lake Waukewan watershed, and most recently Moultonborough Bay Inlet. Communities in these watersheds have already begun implementing water quality improvements projects identified in their plans.

This past year the Lake Winnepesaukee Association, with assistance from the Tuftonboro Conservation Commission, applied for and received a grant to develop a Watershed Management Plan for the Moultonborough Bay and Winter Harbor subwatersheds. The town of Tuftonboro budgeted matching funds for the effort. The majority of Tuftonboro lies within this area as well as a small portion of Moultonborough on the northwest side and a small part of Wolfeboro on the east side. Mirror

Lake Protective Association previously completed a watershed plan for its watershed that will be incorporated within the Moultonborough Bay Plan.

LWA is currently soliciting for a qualified environmental consultant to assist in development of the Watershed Management Plan. To ensure there is an opportunity for local input, there will be a Citizens Advisory Committee formed. The Advisory Committee's role is to provide local knowledge and history, review water quality data, assist in a watershed and shoreline inventory, review and comment on the work completed by the consultant, including a review of the draft management plan, and prioritization of action items identified in the plan. Interested town officials, volunteers, and businesses should apply to the Tuftonboro selectmen if they would like to serve on this committee.

An example of the recently completed Plan for Moultonborough is available for review. Go to the town Web site, www.tuftonboro.org/ and select "Boards and Committees," "Conservation Commission" and click on "Additional Links."

To Learn more about water quality monitoring, Watershed Planning or Lake Winnepesaukee and the Association go to the Winnepesaukee Gateway website at <http://winnepesaukee.gateway.org/>. While you're there, check the maps where you can look up water quality data or go to a links with an interactive program to measure your effect on water quality.

Stay tuned. Updates will be presented right here in the Tuftonboro Times as the project moves forward.

**Steve Wingate, Vice-President
Lake Winnepesaukee Association**

Melvin Village Church addresses local community needs

Melvin Village Community Church Mission:

"To provide the best environment for young and old together to grow and experience the richness and generosity of Christ."

The Melvin Village Community Church is a local community church, purposed to grow spiritually and enjoy fellowship together. Regular Sunday morning worship services begin at 10:00 a.m. The church exists to serve youth, adults and families both in the church and in the local community, and to share the love of God in a fun and authentic way. MVCC encourages everyone to come and see what church life is all about and to join in ongoing or upcoming events.

As winter settles-in and the cold takes hold, many people go without necessary things. Melvin Village Community Church understands the importance of outreach and the importance of helping to provide

the necessities to those in need locally and globally. Last month 35 shoeboxes were sent to children internationally through the Samaritan's Purse, and 51 hats and 35 pairs of gloves and mittens were collected to send to a residential home for special needs children and adults. The church raised funds through its "Feet for Fuel" walk to help make sure those in Tuftonboro stay warm this winter through heating fuel assistance. It is a pleasure and act of worship to serve those in our local community and beyond, to share the gospel of Jesus Christ with others in this way.

The MVCC youth group is for anyone in grades 7 through 12, and they are invited to join and participate in MVCC youth group events. Please contact Nicki Hunter (544-9661) for more details about the MVCC Youth Group.

If you are interested in joining the MVCC Bell

Choir, practice begins at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday evenings directly followed by Choir rehearsal at 7:30 p.m. All who are interested are encouraged to contact Music Director, Peggy Johnson at peggyjohnjohnson@gmail.com.

If you would like more information about any of these events, or about our church community please contact Judy in the church office at 544-9661. If you need prayer or fuel assistance, please contact Pastor Kevin Van Brunt at the church office.

You can also find us on the web at www.melvinvillagecommunitychurch.org, or friend us on Facebook at <https://m.facebook.com/mvccnh>, to stay up to date with the happenings in the church.

**Rev. Kevin Van Brunt
Melvin Village Community Church**

Conservation Commission releases 2017 annual report

Map Program: Last year the commission rolled out a map program put together by Mark Howard and the Lakes Region Planning Commission. The purpose was to aid the TCC in our local conservation planning efforts. Over this year Mark has made improvements that make the program much more useful, and he presented several classes to interested people on how to use it. If you like maps or just want to check out your neighborhood go to the town website, <https://www.tuftonboro.org/> and select Boards and Committees, then Conservation Commission, and click on ARCGIS. You can take the tutorial or just explore the program. Nice work Mark!

Master Plan: Many members of the commission put in many hours of work to update the town Master Plan. We added new information about the town's natural and heritage resources and provided rationale for conservation priorities. This information will provide guidance to town government over the next ten years when decisions regarding protection of natural resources and conservation need to be made.

NHACC: The Executive Director, Barbara Richter, of the New Hampshire Ass. of Conservation Commissions visited Tuftonboro and met with the CC. We reviewed our activities, mission statement, and Land Protection Policy & Acquisition Criteria. Barbara gave us several ideas to improve our effectiveness.

Watershed Plan: Last year, with the help of the Lake Winnepesaukee Association, the commission applied for a grant to complete a Watershed Plan and asked for matching funds from the town. Town meeting approved \$15,000 for the plan; federal funding was delayed until this fall. The planning effort is now set to begin and carry on through 2019.

Lake Monitoring: The TCC supports volunteers who monitor water quality in our lakes. Some commissioners are also volunteer monitors. Water samples are taken throughout the year at the same locations and are then analyzed by the UNH Water Lab. The TCC pays for the analysis and uses the data to track water quality trends in our Lakes.

NH DES Support: NH DES water division requests assistance from CCs in checking wetland permit applications. Commissioners help by visiting the permit sites and verifying the plans in the applications. This year 30 site visits were made.

Well Water Testing: Once again Nancy Piper headed up our annual Well Water Testing Program this year. Because of the growing awareness of

harmful elements often found in New Hampshire well water, the NH Department of Health's laboratory has been overwhelmed with requests for testing. Again Tuftonboro was limited in the number of kits we could offer residents. Seventy-eight test kits were distributed, and 49 kits were returned for testing. This is the sixth year the TCC has offered this service. Over that time 538 residents have tested or retested their well water through this program. Tuftonboro has currently the highest participation rate in well water testing in the state. Check out our webpage and learn about natural arsenic and radon which could be in your well water and could affect your health.

Conservation Easements: The commission provided advice to five landowners who were interested in conservation easements. One of these, Joan Gale of County Road, completed an easement agreement with the town. Previously, she had donated two parcels to the Lakes Region Conservation Trust. The town easement will protect an important link between those two parcels and prevent future development. Another owner is working with the commission on an easement that will help connect conserved property with lake shoreline. Anyone with an interest in conservation easements can contact us, and we will explain all aspects of property rights, use and tax advantages.

The TCC also annually inspects easements that were acquired with grant funding. This insures that the easement agreements are being maintained.

Old Home Weekend: The TCC provided two activities in support of Old Home Weekend. Mark Howard put up and explained several maps of Tuftonboro including one of the Great Meadows project. We also ran a Nature Scavenger Hunt where over 50 kids, adults, and families followed a nature trail, testing their knowledge of trees, plants, wildlife habitats, and geology. Everyone had a great time, and a lot of kids went away with prizes while learning some new things about our natural resources.

Great Meadow Project: We continue to work towards protecting this special, large wetland complex known as the Great Meadow. This lies over one of the purest aquifers in this area and contains an abundance of undisturbed wildlife habitat. We are in the process of acquiring another key parcel from a willing seller and stand ready to work with any property owner in the area who is interested in conservation. The Tuftonboro Association is helping to develop a small parking area and kiosk while the TCC works on designing a hiking

trail on town-owned land that will access the edge of the meadow. It will provide views of the meadow area and be great place to observe wildlife.

Libby Park: The town owns a small parcel of land between the Libby Museum and Mirror Lake. Henry Libby originally left this to his family to be preserved in perpetuity. The Libby Museum Staff has asked if they could use this area for a walking path for conservation education and enjoyment by the public. The Selectmen have asked the TCC for advice on this request. The current deed has many restrictions that prohibit earth disturbance and vegetation cutting under most circumstances. The TCC members have carefully studied the proposal and looked at the site. They have reported to the Selectmen that they think it could be done within the restrictions and would help promote conservation.

Old Town Dump: A concerned citizen reported a suspected leak of pollution from the old, capped town dump. The Selectmen asked the TCC to investigate. We did a field inspection and determined that the evidence points toward possible leaching from the capped area. Commissioner Larry Gill has experience from his former employment with this kind of issue and will be working with a possible contractor to test the leaching material to see if some remedial action is needed.

Town Beach: The Parks and Recreation Commission has asked the Conservation Commission for help in designing and permitting improvements to the perched beach and pavilion area. Currently the soils are compacted, and portions of the parking area drain into the lake affecting water quality. Improving the permeability of the soils and drainage will improve user experience while reducing water quality effects.

Opportunity: One of our commissioners will be retiring later in the year. This will provide an opening for an alternate position on the commission. If you like to do things to protect our environment conserve our rural flavor, create and maintain trails and provide space for wildlife, consider becoming part of the dedicated group of volunteers.

Rewards: In February each commissioner received a thank you card from a student at the Central School. They thanked us for our volunteer efforts in behalf of the town. Volunteers often go unrecognized, so this was a special moment for a group of people who work steadily, often in the shadows for the good of all with only good will for compensation.

Steve Wingate, Chairman
Tuftonboro Conservation Commission



The Hikers launch 2018 schedule of tours and programs

The holiday season has come to an end, and the Hikers are geared up for the busy winter months. We begin our season with a tour of the Lone Wolf Brewery in Wolfeboro on January 18.

The first business meeting of 2018 will take place at Willing Workers Hall on Feb. 1, followed by a program of "Hobbies and Collections". The February program meeting will be held Feb. 15 at the Tuftonboro Library, including a "Book Swap".

March 1 will be a business meeting to be held at Willing Workers Hall. Following the meeting we will enjoy the ever popular "Pound Auction." Please bring a mystery one-pound item for the auction. Items can

be anything that you can think of that is useful or not-so-useful. Please wrap your item in a non-identifiable manner. The annual "Guest Night" will be a potluck dinner on March 16 at 6:00 p.m. at Willing Workers Hall. Following dinner will be a presentation by Mark Foynes of the NH Farm Museum. The dinner is open to all who wish to come. Please bring a main dish, salad, side dish, or dessert to share. Be sure to bring your own plate, utensils, and mug. Beverages will be provided.

Mark your calendar for the annual "Easter Breakfast" at Willing Workers Hall on Easter Sunday, April 1. Come join the Easter Bunny and enjoy a

breakfast of eggs, pancakes, ham, sausage, hash browns, hot cross buns, juice and coffee. All are welcome to come to this popular event. The cost is \$8.00 for adults and \$4.00 for children. Serving time is from 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

The Hikers welcome new members who are willing to help with fund raising activities, make new friends and enjoy the spirit of this dedicated group of women. Please contact President Carol Simpson at (603) 539-7587 for information on becoming a member.

Carol Simpson, President

Country, Bluegrass, and Gospel jam is in its eleventh year

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

Musicians and listeners alike gather here each Tuesday evening from 6:30 p.m. until 9:30 p.m. to play their instruments, sing their favorite songs and share their musical skills. In the mix of instruments are guitars, dobro, banjo, fiddle, piano, bass, mandolin

and, of course, there are singers. The jam sessions are open to singers, instrumentalists and fans of country, bluegrass and gospel music. There is no admission charge, but a donation is requested to help cover operational expenses.

The Tuftonboro Country, Bluegrass & Gospel Music Jam Session operates year-round at the historic Old White Church of Center Tuftonboro. During the winter months the jam session will only be canceled

if the weather is it too bad to drive the day of the jam.

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

Joe Ewing

Thomas Cemetery from Page 6

Randall informed me that the Church did not own the property, but some of the members felt that surely some of their ancestors rested there, and therefore they would like to assume responsibility for its upkeep, i.e., the painting of the wooden picket fence."

A few years later, with Randall gone, Roger Wingate gathered his old paint buckets and managed to gather a less-than-enthusiastic crew for an afternoon of painting pickets. A potluck supper was the promised carrot at the end of the day. Unfortunately, Roger's odd mixture of "we'll just use up some of these old paints" did not weather well, and soon the fence was crying for attention. Next seen with paint brushes in hand were the good neighbors, Charlie and Ilona Train. Their new paint helped, but the dislocated gate latch made entry impossible, except for the young and limber, who could hop the fence or climb over the stone wall. Recently, newly-elected as a Trustee of Tuftonboro Cemeteries, Charlotte Allen viewed the disrepair and peeling paint, then took charge of the planning and fundraising necessary to replace the fence with vinyl. Gone is the need for paint buckets!

Today, the fence gracefully frames the resting places of loved ones, some known and many unknown. The cemetery improvement project was made possible by the generous donations given by the Marriott Family Foundation, the Mirror Lake Community

Church, and Winnepesaukee Lumber. "I want to thank our local donors for their far-reaching contributions to this cemetery improvement!" said Charlotte Allen, a long-time resident of Christian Cove Road. "The community and the Tuftonboro Cemetery Trustees are very grateful for their willingness to participate in a local beautification project that honors the sanctity and heritage of our cemeteries."

The Thomas Cemetery is one of 62 graveyards located in Tuftonboro. According to the book *Cemeteries, Graveyards and Burial Sites 1800-1995*, published by the Graveyard Committee of the Tuftonboro Association, this cemetery "is an expanded family graveyard also used by neighboring families, most of whom were farmers. The names most represented here are Swett, Libby, Wiggin, Thomas, McIntire, Holmes, Horne, Chamberlin and Welch. There were, at one point, as many as five Wiggin families living on Tuftonboro Neck. One of the best-known family heads was Augustus Wiggin, Captain for many years of the Lake Winnepesaukee steamer, "The Mount Washington."

Virginia Cole, the member of the MLCC responsible for bringing the improvement proposal before the Lay Committee for approval, added that Reverend Wiggin was an early pastor of the church, and his portrait hangs over the organ today. The book continues, "There were three families bearing the Thomas name. The senior Thomas was considered



A new fence at the Thomas-Tuftonboro Neck Cemetery acquired through the generosity of friends, neighbors and the Mirror Lake Community Church. (Photo courtesy Max Ledoux)

a model of hospitality and one of the best farmers in the area. The Chamberlin family is distinguished by Jason Chamberlin, who was a veteran of both the Revolutionary War and the War of 1812." Mr. Chamberlin appears to be the oldest tombstone in the cemetery, dated 1823.

[Editor's Note: The referenced book, *Tuftonboro, New Hampshire: Cemeteries, Graveyard and Burial Sites 1800-1995*, can be purchased at the Tuftonboro town offices.]

**Charlotte Allen
Tuftonboro Cemetery Trustee**

BULFINCH COTTAGE

Letter and Photo Courtesy of Susan Weeks, Curator, Tuftonboro Historical Society Museum

Bulfinch Cottage¹: a letter to Margaret Hunter from Flossie Bulfinch in 1958

Lynn, Mass. Sept. 1958

Dear Margaret,

My sister, Florence, has asked me to give you a little Melvin information. I am 73 now, so it is a long time since Jacob Hodgdon drove us to Bald Peak Farm² towards night in June 1890. But I do remember the impression we had of Bald Peak as we drove out of Jonathan Hodgden's woods³. It seems Dr. Judkins of Lynn got my father to come to Melvin and, as we recall, the place he had reserved for us didn't "pan out" so someone suggested "Bald Peak." We paid as I recall \$6. A week for Pa & Ma and \$3. Each for the 3 girls. Imagine! And such wonderful meals

I was very fond of Ralph⁴ who died quite young & he & I used to drive bare-back together to take the cows to pasture at 5 A.M. & on the way we located birds & nests, etc. We had several happy summers there & met many fine folks, among them Ethel Webster, her mother & grandmother Mrs. Jones. For fun we had great croquet games, waded in Fields brook⁵ & went haying. Evenings we played charades & sang to old organ music & once or twice went on a hay-rack ride in the evening.

I suppose we left there to be nearer the lake & boarded at the old Bayview⁶ & at the Blazo place⁷ with Grace Horner.

In 1898 my father bought the land by the wharf from a Nellie Richardson for \$175. & we built our first cottage in June. My father took 5 crack carpenters from here by train to Lakeport & from there, they had a small steamer tow a barge filled with all materials from the Cook Lumber Co. (I think). It took the 5 men just one week to build the house & shed & they worked from dawn to dark. This performance gave a lot of amusement to the villagers who never saw a summer cottage before - a house with no cellar and no plastering. Chas. Shepard was the first to venture to copy the idea by building his little "Minnehaha⁸." The "Wee Hoose⁹" was bought from Mr. Hoyt the butcher who built it as a sort of store. He lost it by foreclosure so we got it for \$400 in Oct. 1915.

My father owned a 1-cylinder Rambler car & in 1905 he drove it, with my sister, to the Half-way House on Chocorua Mt. - the first auto to make the trip. As for anecdotes, not much. But we always had a good laugh at the weekly performance of Ernest¹⁰ as a baby when every Sunday - just as sure as Cora got him all dressed in white, he'd run away & wade in the chicken water-pan at the end of the old trough leading from the pump, fall down & get soaked! Gee!

Also, Floss, then 5 years old was showing off some toy glasses out in the barn-floor when she walked right into the open trap door over the hog pen. She was all dressed in a white Sunday dress & you can imagine the mess. Before the men could go downstairs she had climbed out over the sty & half-way upstairs again - scared to death!!

Well, if there is anything of use to you in this effusion, you are welcome. Call again.

Sincerely, Mildred C. Bulfinch

1 Bullfinch Cottage property is on Lake Winnepesaukee on the easterly side of Wharf Road. See photo on back page of this issue.

2 Bald Peak Farm took in summer boarders at the time. Boarders slept on cots in the shed attic with blankets for room dividers.

For amenities, there was a 3-seater privy downstairs and a hand-pump out on the front lawn. Boarders were expected to help with meal preparation and clean-up as well as household tasks.

3 Mountain Shadows. There used to be a shortcut from New Road through what is now Mountain Shadows to Bald Peak Farm.

4 Ralph Hodgdon lived at Bald Peak Farm and was the only son. He fell through the ice, caught pneumonia and died at the age of 19.

5 The brook beside the Shaw Trail.

6 Bayview hotel building was between the Melvin Church parsonage and the "Dorian" place.

7 Blazo place was the two story house on Gov. Wentworth Highway opposite High Street; Grace Horner was Ralph Hodgdon's sister.

8 Minehaha was a small rental cottage located on property now owned by the Barnards.

9 The Wee House was located on Wharf Road southwest of Flint Drive.

10 Ernest Hunter, Ralph Hodgdon's nephew born in 1891; Cora was Ralph's sister.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

January

31 All day No school for students; in-service day for staff TCS

February

10 10 AM Library addition/expansion outreach - SMP architectural team present TFL
 21 10 AM - 12 PM Readers' Choice Book Group TFL
 24 10 AM Library addition/expansion outreach - Library Trustees present TFL
 26 All day Winter recess begins TCS
 Last week in February Candidates Night (Exact date to be determined) TCS

March

6 All day Last day of winter recess TCS
 10 10 AM Library addition/expansion outreach - Library Trustees present TFL
 13 8 AM - 7 PM Town Elections TTH
 14 7:30 - Conclusion Town Meeting TCS
 16 6 PM Hikers sponsor 'Guest Night: NH Farm Museum' WWH
 21 10 AM - 12 PM Readers' Choice Book Group TFL
 22 6 PM - 8 PM BEE School snow date (contact the library) TFL

April

1 7 AM - 10 AM Easter Breakfast - Sponsored by Hikers WWH
 13 Evening Grange meeting TGH

Ongoing

First Tuesday of the month PTCO meeting at 6 PM TCS
 Thursdays 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM Pre-school story hour at the Library TFL
 Last Wednesday of the month 7 PM - 8:30 PM History Book Club meeting TFL
 Tuesday - 6:30 PM – 9:30 PM Country, Bluegrass & Gospel Music Jam Session OWC
 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
 Last Wednesday of the month 7 PM History Book Club **TFL**
 Most Thursday evenings 6 PM - 8 PM BEE School – Hamel Meeting Room (Contact the library) TFL

KEY to Abbreviations:

DMF - Davis Memorial Field	OWC - Old White Church	TCS - Tuftonboro Central School
TFL - Tuftonboro Free Library	TFS - Tuftonboro Central Fire Station	TGH - Tuftonboro Grange Hall
THS - Tuftonboro Historical Society	TTO - Tuftonboro Town Offices	TUMC - United Methodist Church
TWS - Town Web Site	WWH - Willing Workers Hall	TTH - Tuftonboro Town House



The Bulfinch Cottage, built in June 1898, still stands on the east side of Wharf Road, next to the town dock and across the street from the town beach. It was one of the earliest “camps” built exclusively for summer use. Read the story on Page 10.

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