Sixty years ago, in June 1958, the Rev. Edwin Brooks of the Melvin Village Church invited anyone with an interest in the history of Tuftonboro to an informational meeting, held at the church parsonage, to explore the possibility of forming an historical society. There were five persons in attendance: Bertha Shepard, Margaret Hunter, Milton Bean, Carroll Lamprey and the Rev. Brooks.

That small gathering decided to send a post card to all Tuftonboro residents asking anyone interested to attend a second meeting on September 7, 1958 at the Town House. Close to 25 people showed up. The group then decided to hold an organizational meeting on September 21, but first they appointed two committees: A Social Committee to handle refreshments, and a By-Laws Committee to draft by-laws for the fledgling organization.

At the meeting on September 21, the by-laws were adopted, and officers were elected to serve for a year. They were as follows: President, Reverend Brooks; Vice-President, Margaret Hunter; Secretary, Marion Horner Robie, and Treasurer, Dorothea Johnson. The Directors were Carroll Lamprey, Ernie Piper and Milton Bean.

In October 1958, the group decided to form a committee to investigate the matter of where to house any artifacts the society might acquire. Albert Dow, Jr. was appointed curator, to keep a log of what people were donating and ask them to hold the items in their possession until the Society had a place to house them.

At the November 1958 meeting the society voted to incorporate, and the Tuftonboro Historical Society became official.

In February of 1966, the society’s long search for a building to house its museum ended when the Melvin Village Men’s Club, owners of a former schoolhouse located at 449 Governor Wentworth Highway, offered to sell the land and building (plus any cash on hand, about $800.00) to the Historical Society for $1.00. Interestingly, the cash on hand proved to be sufficient to pay for insurance on the building for two more years.

Over the years the society, and its collection, grew. By 2007 there was not enough space in the museum to house the many donated items and artifacts. Fortunately, the Melvin Village Marina had a similar problem. When the lot across from the marina on Route 109 became available, Tom Young, the marina’s owner, bought the land and two buildings: a house and a classic New Hampshire barn. The house was not salvageable, but the barn was in excellent condition, although not suitable for the expanded offices and showroom Tom wanted to build. He then donated the barn to the Historical Society. Now the group had a solution to its space problem. All it had to do was move the barn!

The move was accomplished in May 2007 before a crowd of onlookers. Route 109 was temporarily closed as the barn was painstakingly moved 300 feet south from its original site to take its place beside the society’s museum.

The Museum is full of Tuftonboro related items from the 1800’s to the present, including a recently donated Civil War musket from a local family. There are military memorabilia from the Civil War, World War I and World War II donated by residents. Visitors can view the remains of an 18-foot, dug-out log canoe of indeterminate age and origin. There are numerous binders chronicling Tuftonboro events like the tornado in 1986 and the building of the Pope Dam in 1952. Photograph albums recall Tuftonboro in the 19th century and provide a visual record of Tuftonboro Events, like the moving of the barn in 2007 or the Tuftonboro Bicentennial celebration in 1995.

The featured exhibit at the museum for the 2018 season is the Strikers Haven Bowling Alley, which opened about the same time the Historical Society became organized. A project co-founded by Brad Hunter and Carl Hanson, it was originally called Smokey Hollow Lanes, but the name was changed within a few weeks of its opening. (The building still exists at 404 Governor Wentworth Highway, situated on two acres between NH Route 109 and Copps Brook.) After buying his partner’s interest in the venture, Brad Hunter and his wife Barbara ran Striker’s Haven for many years, ultimately selling it to their daughter, Bonnie, and her husband Colin Weeks.

If you ever bowled in a league at Strikers Haven you can see your scores, average and which team you were on along with photos. On the sideboard below the display are three scrapbooks kept meticulously by Barbara and Bonnie. The pictures are the best; how young we were!

As part of its 60th Year Celebration, the Tuftonboro Historical Society will host the following events:

For three weeks this summer, on July 17, 24 and 31, from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m., Mindy Jones will be hosting Trivia Night in the Historical Society’s barn. Mindy’s trivia is something you won’t want to miss! Teams consist of four individuals; bring your own team or Mindy will match you up. The cost is $5.00 per person and prizes will be awarded.

On Saturday July 21 and again on Saturday August 25, from 8:30 a.m. until noon time, there will be a barn sale where anyone can rent a table or just come and shop. There will also be a bake sale at the same time. For more information contact Sue Weeks at (603) 20-0395.

On July 25 at 7:00 p.m. there will be a special event: “Down Memory Lane.” Participating will be B.G. Hodges (Billowfare Snack Bar), David Ladd (Lanes End), Norma Dickey (Club Melvin), Janna Gaughan (Hallowood Lodges), and Betsy Frago (Ernie Piper’s Store). This program will certainly inspire lots of memorable conversations.

On August 1 and August 8, from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m., there will be cribbage in the barn. Beginners are always welcome. The society has cribbage boards and playing cards.

A sing-along from New Hampshire Humanities, “Rally Around the Flag,” will be presented at 7:00 p.m. on August 24 at the Tuftonboro Central School as part of Tuftonboro Old Home Days. The program is an overview of the Civil War through period music including camp songs, parlor music, hymns, battlefield rallying cries and fiddle tunes. The Historical Society will provide a display table that Friday night at the school as well as a table at the Town Picnic on Sunday. The public is invited to all the society’s programs and to come visit the Historical Society Museum, located on Route 109 in Melvin Village, across the street from the post office and the Geez Louise shop.

The Museum is open during July and August on Wednesday and Friday, 2:00 to 4:00 p.m., and Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Contact Jackie Rollins at (603) 544-3252 for more information.
More on the life cycle of Tuftonboro’s “Great Meadow”

The sun powers most living things on our planet and makes Tuftonboro’s Great Meadow hot and humid in the summer, just the way its residents like it. The sun warms the water and saturated soil, fueling the growth of large quantities of microscopic plants and animals, which feed amphibians, fish, and insect larva, which feed larger predators until the top of the food chain is reached.

The special 512-acre Great Meadow, wetland complex in Tuftonboro is a remarkable place. Located along the Melvin River, between Sodom Road and Rt. 171, it remains mostly undeveloped and in a natural state. The Great Meadow is located over one of the purist and most productive aquifers in this region. The meadow area is surrounded by a transitional forest-ed wetland and forested slopes. The remoteness and diversity of the Great Meadow provides habitat for nearly all the plants and animals found in New Hampshire. Free from roads, speeding traffic, houses, and yards, nature can interact as it always did. Being close to the Ossipee Range, which is largely conserved, the meadow benefits from the pure water that flows from the Ossipee’s undeveloped slopes.

The burst of spring greens and other colors continues into summer. Various species of plants time their flowering so there is little competition for the services of pollinators while also guaranteeing an ample food source for those pollinators all season long. Butterflies, bees, and hummingbirds work flowers throughout the day finding much more opportunity in this giant wetland than in adjacent habitats.

European Bittersweet, sometimes called Bittersweet Nightshade, is an invasive plant from Eurasia and is invading nearly everywhere in Tuftonboro including the Great Meadow. The berries of the bittersweet are ripening into an attractive red color. Don’t try eating them, as these berries are poisonous to humans and animals! This can a problem for children who are attracted to the berries’ bright color. Wild birds can eat them, but the fruit has a laxative effect causing the birds to expel the undigested seed all over the countryside.

Many of the amphibians that migrated to the wetland to mate and deposit eggs have left and traveled back to their former territories. Newts, salamanders, toads, and wood frogs can be found nearly a mile from the nearest wetland. Likewise, tree frogs have returned to the forest and can be heard in the evening trilling to warn other tree frogs away from their territory. The gray tree frog is a master of camouflage. It can change its skin color to match the bark of the tree branch on which it is hiding. The frog ambushes mosquitoes, moths, and other insects with a flick of the tongue as they pass by.

The song birds that migrated north to breed and raise their young are kept busy finding food for their chicks. The Great Meadow is producing large amounts of insects, which is the high-quality protein the young need to grow mature enough to fly south before winter. In a good year, the parents might raise two broods of nestlings. Great blue herons can be seen patiently standing or wading on their long legs looking for frogs, tadpoles, or fish to feed their rapidly growing offspring. High above, a circling and soaring osprey looks for fish below in the Melvin River. When the osprey, with its incredibly accurate vision, spots a fish, it dives directly into the water (often below the surface) before launching itself back into the air with a fish in its talons.

After most other song birds have stopped singing in the Great Meadow, the common yellow throat will still be warbling. At the same time, water striders are hunting down mosquito lava and sucking out their body juices. Thank you, water striders!

Brook trout that survived winter and the difficulties of the spring melt have enjoyed cool oxygenated water in late spring and early summer. Now the unshaded portions of the river in the meadow begin to heat up. Water volumes are diminishing as rainfall is less common. The brook trout are escaping upstream to cooler, shaded tributaries or downstream where the channel is deeper, and additional water enters from shaded streams. In the early morning, painted turtles can be seen basking in the sunshine on logs by the stream bank. They feel safe out in the large wetland where it is easy to spot an approaching predator.

Wild turkeys have mated, and the young have hatched. By summer the pouls are half grown and can fly for short distances. Mother brings them to the margins of the meadow to find insects to eat. They try to stay under partial tree or shrub cover where insects are still plentiful but where there is also overhead screening from hawks.

Young rodents are abundant and easy prey for foxes, coyotes, and hawks. Their parents gradually stop feeding them, and they must learn to find food on their own. This puts them in competition with their parents. Last year, there was an abundant acorn crop, a huge supply of pine cones and seed, as well as a good crop of hemlock and other tree seeds. This overabundance of food encouraged a high rodent survival rate this past winter, and a large rodent population increase this spring. These factors have created a natural crisis this summer as there now is little food to go around, and these rodents must take greater risks to find food. This, however, does create more food for predators. It also makes the tick problem worse for us. In the nymph stage, ticks rely on rodents for a blood meal to develop into adults.

Black Bears are now in breeding season. Mothers with cubs will avoid males. She will bring her recently weaned cubs to the meadow to look for emerging, succulent plants. Frogs, snakes, and young rodents are fair game as well. The edge of the meadow is home to raspberry, blackberry, and blueberry bushes which bears find quickly when the berries are ripe. Other mothers are beginning to drive away their 1½-year old cubs. These yearlings will be moving cross country trying to find territory not occupied by other bears. If their mother has taught them the fine art of opening trash cans and pulling down bird feeders, young bears may be harassing human neighborhoods for the first time. Bears are true opportunists. Once they learn about all the good stuff we throw away they will never reform from trash picking and littering.

Raccoons are working the wetlands at night. You can see their fresh tracks in the morning along the muddy banks. If you had night vision you could see them in the shallow water. They look like they are washing their hands but really, they are working their paws through the muddy bottom, feeling for crawfish, worms, or frogs hiding in the muck. You might see a mother racoon with several young mimicking her behavior looking for food.

Beaver have recovered from winter stress, and young kits were born in the spring. The family will often expand their territory at this time by building dams up and downstream from the original pond. You could be surprised to be in the vicinity of one in the water. They will sound the alarm by slapping the water with their large tail making an impressive whack sound. Often summer is the time when families separate if the food supply is running short behind the dam. The parents are monogamous, mating for life, so they will move together with any new young. Older family members will drift off to find their own habitat. Beaver ponds produce habitat for a large diversity of wildlife. Even after the pond is abandoned, it will continue to serve as a mecca of wildlife activity for many years.

This is only a small sample of the natural activity that is happening night and day in the Great Meadow. As we humans spread out over the landscape, changing things to suit our needs or desires, we also change the natural ecology. Roads, culverts, houses, and lawns interrupt where wildlife can travel and live. It’s good to save a few special places where the natural world can carry on almost as it did before people changed everything. The Great Meadow is one of those very special places. Conserving the Great Meadow and a surrounding, protective buffer is one of our top priorities. The Tuftonboro Conservation Commission is currently applying for grants to purchase another 150 acres of wetland and bordering landscape which has become available.

There are currently two vacancies on the Tuftonboro Conservation Commission. Anyone who is interested in preserving natural resources might consider joining the group. Interested residents can apply at the town office or if you have any questions, call Steve Wingate, current chairman, (603) 569-3114.

Steve Wingate, Chairman
Tuftonboro Conservation Commission
Winnebago water quality study begun in Tuftonboro

It’s been a long time coming, but the study to assess the threats to water quality in Moultonborough Bay and Winter Harbor kicked off on June 20, with a presentation to the public held at the Tuftonboro Town House. The Conservation Commission has worked hard to raise funding and get our watershed next on the list. This important project builds on six years of effort by the Lake Winnipesaukee Association to develop a comprehensive lake-wide management plan for the lake.

The goal of the community-based watershed planning effort is to identify threats and pollution sources to Moultonborough Bay and Winter Harbor, and the actions necessary to correct them that will improve existing lake quality and aquatic habitat. The largest source of pollution comes from storm water runoff. The clean smell after a heavy rainfall is just that—everything has been washed clean. But all that dirt, salt, brake dust, fertilizer, etc. on our roads, lawns, parking lots, went somewhere, with most ending up in our streams, ponds, and lakes.

GeoSyntec Consultants will assist the Lake Winnipesaukee Association, and the communities of Moultonborough, Tuftonboro, and Wolfeboro, with development of the watershed management plan. GeoSyntec has completed over 40 watershed-based plans throughout New England, including the Mirror Lake Watershed Management Plan which will be incorporated into this larger plan.

Key objectives of the planning process include determining how much nutrient loading is entering the lake now, how much loading the lake can handle, establishing a threshold or water quality goal for the nutrient loading, identifying current and future pollution sources, site specific treatment actions, and creating an overall action plan. The watershed management plan will also include the selection of up to four sites for best management practice engineering design and bid packages for permitting and construction. This will enable the Town of Tuftonboro to move forward with designs in hand for actual implementation in the future.

Residents can play an active role in this project. Volunteers are needed for the Advisory Committee to conduct water quality monitoring, and to take part in the watershed assessment to identify pollution sources. The Lake Winnipesaukee Association and the Tuftonboro Conservation Commission will be gathering input from local officials and residents concerning known issues or problem sites. If you know of a problem site, or you are interested in finding out more about the volunteer opportunities, please contact the Lake Winnipesaukee Association at (603) 581-6632.

The mission of the Lake Winnipesaukee Association is to protect the water quality and natural resources of the lake and its watershed now and for future generations. Funding for the Moultonborough Bay and Winter Harbor Watershed Management Plan comes from several sources, including section 319 of the Clean Water Act, administered by the NH Department of Environmental Services, and the Town of Tuftonboro.

Pat Tarpey
Lake Winnipesaukee Association
Steve Wingate
Tuftonboro Conservation Commission

Pollinator garden, compost demo at Community Garden

Summer has come, and the Community Garden is in full swing. Stop by and see what is growing in the various plots. People are working hard to make their gardens grow, especially in the dry weather we’ve been experiencing. You may get inspired to do some gardening of your own. Take some time to browse the pollinator garden established by the Tuftonboro Agricultural Commission in the corner by the parking lot and the stone wall. There you will get an idea of the perennial plants you can use to attract pollinators to your own gardens. Plant identification is coming later this year.

The Agricultural Commission is working to get signs up to identify the Tuftonboro Community Garden as well as the Pollinator Garden. We have a volunteer who is going to help construct bluebird boxes for placement around the gardens. If you look to the rear of the community garden, back towards the tree line, you may see some pallets. These are a start of a compost demonstration. The intent is to eventually showcase several methods of composting.

If you have a plot in the garden, please note that there is one trash barrel exclusively for trash. The other barrels are for compostable material only (weeds, excess vegetable matter, etc.). The compostable material will eventually make its way to the compost demonstration area.

Check out the Agricultural Commission’s Local Producers webpage: www.tuftonboro.org/sites/tuftonboronh/files/uploads/tac_local_producers.pdf. This list includes local producers of agricultural products as well as those individuals interested in sharing their knowledge. If you would like to be included on this list, please send a note to Joan Magrath through the Town Office.

If you would like to join the Commission, we are still looking for an alternate member. Contact Sue Wingate swingate0447@roadrunner.com.

Sue Wingate, Chairman
Tuftonboro Agricultural Commission

Cheney family has owned the Cheney Farm for 100 years

2018 marks 100 years of Cheney family ownership of the Cheney Farm at 70 Middle Road, in Tuftonboro. Third generation Wayne Cheney and his sister Brenda Schulz have owned the farm since 1990, acquiring it when their father John Cheney died.

It is a beautiful sight. The rolling fields, grazing cows and sheep, and the stately farmhouse sit on top of the hill. The farmhouse dates circa 1863, and was built by Joseph B. Whitten. Joseph B. Whitten sold the farm to Albert W. Wiggin, who in turn sold the farm to Thomas F. Piper in 1911. Then Thomas Piper sold the farm to George M. Cheney in 1918. George Cheney and his family worked the farm until his son John and wife Edna took over operations.

Since 1990, Wayne Cheney has offered eggs for sale as available, hay packaged in round bales, grass-fed beef, turkeys and pork on request. Originally, Wayne worked the farm with a team of horses: logging, haying, plowing and giving wagon rides. Farms of this nature were common in Tuftonboro and neighboring communities, offering a living for the family and goods to trade and sell locally. In 2006, Wayne and Brenda placed the acreage in a conservation easement for agricultural use except for the 2 acres that the farmhouse sits on.

Joan Magrath
Tuftonboro Agricultural Commission

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Selectmen report on capital projects, praise volunteers

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

This year, the Parks & Recreation Commission expanded their popular concert series to eight evenings. The concerts are held at the 19 Mile Beach pavilion on Thursday evenings at 6:30PM. Remaining concert dates are July 19th and 26th, August 2nd and 9th. The youth summer swim program is in full swing at the town beach at 19 Mile Bay. Swim lessons and swim team continue through the end of July. Take advantage of outdoor recreational activities offered by the town. Sunbathe, swim or picnic at the Melvin Wharf, 19 Mile Bay or Cow Island town beaches. Take a walk or hike on trails at Central Park, Copps Pond, or the Chandler Conservation area. Explore the Great Meadow conservation area.

Work continues on projects approved at Town Meeting. Improvements to the Mirror Lake launch ramp on Route 109 were completed in May. ReplACEMENT of the septic system at the Library was completed in June. The Sodom Road bridge is currently closed for major repairs and a detour route is posted. Work is expected to continue through at least July 24th to replace the bridge to full load-bearing capacity. Base and top coat paving has been completed on Durgin Road; reclaim and base coat paving on the lower section of Brown Road will be scheduled after Labor Day.

Mark your calendars for the third annual Tuftonboro Old Home Days celebration. This year, Old Home Days are Friday, August 24th through Sunday, August 26th. A full schedule of events is planned, including a BBQ chicken dinner and historical program on Friday evening; a 5K run, book & breakfast, market day, antique car show, cardboard boat race, traveling planetarium and lasagna dinner on Saturday; and a nature walk scavenger hunt and town picnic on Sunday. We hope you will be able to attend.

Town government rests on the shoulders of our Boards, Commissions and Committees, composed of volunteer members who generously contribute their time and expertise in service to the community. Appointments to these bodies are for a 3-year term, with many volunteers serving multiple terms. We want to recognize the contributions of the following individuals who have recently completed their terms: Nancy Bynd and Nancy Piper with the Conservation Commission, Bruce Casper with the Milfoil Control Committee, Ted Bense and Matt York with the Parks & Recreation Commission.

For happenings in Town, or to see when various boards and committees meet, please check out the Town website at www.tuftonboro.org. We encourage all to attend not only Selectmen’s meetings but any other boards or committees that may be of interest.

Seasonal fire pits require a burn permit and a phone call

Tuftonboro Fire and Rescue would like to take this opportunity to welcome all our seasonal residents back to town as well as welcome any newcomers. The weather has turned to summer, and we can take advantage of all the area has to offer. If you have a seasonal fire pit, remember you must obtain a permit for all outside fires regardless of the size. If you had a seasonal fire permit last year then you should have received one in the mail this spring. It must be signed and returned for it to be valid. If you need a permit, please contact the Fire Department and we will direct you on how to get one. Seasonal permits are only available through the station. Also, you must call the dispatch center at 603-539-2262 before lighting any outside fire. On occasion, when the weather is very dry or windy, outside fires may be shut down. This is the only way we can communicate this to you. The weather can change quickly either way and with it so does the fire danger. If you choose to have a fire without calling it in and we respond you could be responsible for the cost of suppression.

Summer celebrations often include fireworks. If you choose to set off fireworks, please be safe and keep the little ones well away from them. Fireworks can be faulty and unpredictable. Thousands of accidents happen every year where children and adults are injured from fireworks. Sparklers burn at over 1200 degrees F. They will leave a mark that lasts a life time if you drop or step on one with bare feet. Think about it before you allow unsupervised children to play with sparklers. Please have a good time, but be safe.

The department responds to all types of emergencies in all types of weather at all hours. But we are often slowed down by smaller roads and driveways that are overgrown with trees and limbs that make it very difficult to navigate with our vehicles. As much as we can appreciate the “campy feel” that many of you tell us you enjoy while going to and from your properties, it does often hinder a timely response from the emergency services you require. If you have any questions about the accessibility of your property, please contact us. We would love the opportunity to give you recommendations on how to improve it. A good guide you can use is: if a tree has a scuff mark on it something has already hit it. So maybe it would be prudent to have it removed. If you are planning a major road repair or putting in a new driveway, ask us what we think. It just might save you a little time, money and aggravation if you need to change it after the fact. Also, having good reflective house numbers that are visible from the street is important, especially at night. It happens every year that we respond to an emergency and the people are not familiar with the area or the place they are staying, and the house has no number on it. Or, if the 911 center gives us the number that is provided by the phone company, we are delayed due to the fact there is no physical number on the house. If you need assistance with figuring out what your number is, the great folks at the town office can help you to figure it out.

Please enjoy your summer. Thank you all for your support of the department. Please do not hesitate to call or stop by the central station if you have questions or concerns. Our non-emergency number is (603) 569-3381 and the email address is firedept@tuftonboro.org. The central station is located at 189 Middle Road if you would like to stop by or bring the little ones in to see the apparatus.

Caleb Pike, Capt.
Tuftonboro Fire and Rescue

Monthly suppers are again featured at Methodist Church

This summer there will be three monthly suppers at The Tuftonboro United Methodist Church. On Saturday, July 28, at 5:00 p.m., the supper will be a Turkey dinner. On Friday, August 24, also at 5:00 p.m., the supper will be Chicken Teriyaki. Finally, on Saturday, September 22 at 5:00 p.m., the supper will be a Roast Pork dinner. For reservations, please call (603) 569-2097.

The Tuftonboro United Methodist Church will also be part of the Tuftonboro Old Home Days celebration. The church will be having a craft fair along with a yard and bake sale on Saturday, August 25 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Estelle M. Zedalis
Tuftonboro United Methodist Church
Sentinel Community Ministry hosts students from Beijing

Since 1949, Camp Sentinel in Tuftonboro has offered a safe, fun, Christian summer overnight and day camp for youth 5-18 years old. Located in the foothills of the Ossipee Mountain Range, on crystal clear Dan Hole Pond, stillness is one of the things for which the camp is known. The camp staff experience a weeklong training each summer, learning the best practices of camper supervision and Bible-based program service.

Camp Sentinel is the community mission of Tuftonboro. It provides scholarship assistance for campers, and never turns away a Tuftonboro resident for the inability to pay. The cabins are ready, and the staff is excited to see you again, or meet you for the first time!

Last summer over 700 campers attended Camp Sentinel programs, including 18 campers from Beijing, China who chose to come to the United States to strengthen their English and to build long lasting friendships.

Camp Sentinel helps build a strong Tuftonboro community by:
• Hosting events at no charge: Tuftonboro Historical Society, Fire Department, New Hampshire Carroll County 4H, NH Homeschool groups, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Dan Hole Pond Trust, Lakes Conservancy, and others.
• Emergency shelter for the Tuftonboro community.
• Hiking trails, ice fishing, snowshoeing trails for the community.
• Provide summer seasonal employment for young adults.
• Provide lifeguard, first aid, professional rescuer CPR, AED, O2 for the town aquatic staff at no charge.
• Provide space for community art classes and elementary theatre classes to the community.
• Spiritual respite for Pastors and Ministry leaders and summer church services.

The ministry motto is, “Where Relationships Are Built and Lives Are Changed.” These relationships are built through the programs offered at Camp Sentinel. Activities include swimming, archery, canoeing, kayaking, arts and crafts, traditional camp fires, s’mores, soccer, volleyball, basketball, Bible study and other activities to have fun and build relationships.

Check out the website for more details at www.campsentinel.org or call the main office at (603) 539-4839. Kevin Van Brunt, Executive Director

Annual Melvin Village Church Fair & Auction is July 21

Summer has arrived, and Melvin Village Community Church is your local community support for spiritual care and community fellowship. Regular Sunday Morning worship services begin at 10:00 a.m. This summer’s sermon series will focus on Taking on God’s Character: exploring attributes like Being Humble, Being Content, Being Thankful and embracing joy in our lives.

Join us for a day of family fun and remarkable treasures at our 67th Annual Church Fair and Auction to be held at the church on Saturday, July 21 from 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. The live auction will begin at 10:30 a.m.

The Auction and Fair, a Melvin Village tradition since 1951, begins with a ribbon cutting ceremony at precisely 9:00 a.m. that officially opens the event and lets the public loose to roam the fairgrounds. The morning events include free games for children and tasty treats to purchase. Attendees will find trinkets and treasures at the fair’s popular flea market including china and glassware, toys, used books and DVDs, camping items, sports equipment, small appliances, furniture, art and much more! A fine assortment of clothing and linens can be found a short walk away at the Boutique at Willing Workers Hall. Not to be missed is the old-fashioned, live auction featuring a unique assortment of antiques, collectibles, furniture, art, water craft, golf carts, and appliances. All items will be available for preview the morning of the auction.

Children are invited to experience with God the ride of a lifetime at the Rolling River Rampage Church Adventure Week starting Monday, July 30 through Thursday August 3 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. To sign up please contact the church office.

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 PM. All who are interested are encouraged to contact Music Director, Peggy Johnson at peggyjohnson@gmail.com. We strive not only to serve the families of those who attend church, but also those around our community who want to experience the love of God. We invite you to come and see what we are about and to join us at one of our ongoing or upcoming events.

If you would like more information about any of these events, or about our church community, please contact the church at (603) 544-9661 or email us at mvcc@tds.net. The church’s mission is “To provide the best environment for young and old together to grow and experience the richness and generosity of Christ.”

You can also find us on the web at melvinvil-lagecommunitychurch.org, or friend us on Facebook: https://facebook.com/mvccnh.

Pastor Kevin Van Brunt
Melvin Village Community Church

Some of the 18 students from Beijing, China cool off by Dan Hole Pond at Camp Sentinel. Camp Director Kevin Van Blunt stands in the middle.
Dragons and Damsels at Tuftonboro Association meeting

The annual meeting of the Tuftonboro Association will be September 13 at the Tuftonboro Central School in the cafeteria, beginning at 7:00 p.m. The guest speaker will be Dr. Pamela Hunt of the New Hampshire Audubon Society; her talk will be on dragonflies of New Hampshire.

Her program will provide an overview of the biology and ecology of dragonflies and damselflies, from their amazing life cycle (note, some crazy reproductive behavior is involved) to their incredible diversity. Dr. Hunt will also summarize the results from the five year “New Hampshire Dragonfly Survey” that documented the distribution of these insects across the state. Her lecture is entitled “Dragons and Damsels of New Hampshire.”

Dr. Hunt has been interested in birds since the age of 12 when an uncle took her to Brigantine National Wildlife Refuge in New Jersey. She earned her Bachelor of Science degree in Biology from Cornell University, M.A. in Zoology from the University of Montana, and her Ph.D. from Dartmouth College. Pam joined the NH Audubon after a five-year adjunct faculty at Colby-Sawyer College in New London. In her current position as Audubon’s Avian Conservation Biologist, she works closely with NH Fish & Game to coordinate and prioritize bird research and monitoring in the state. She also authored NH’s “State of the Birds” report.

As usual, these meetings and lectures are open to the public and, while no admission is charged, donations and membership renewals will be welcomed by the Association.

Mark Howard, President
The Tuftonboro Association

Photos, kiosk display highlight Abenaki annual meeting

Melvin Village’s Abenaki Tower and Trail Association is holding its 92nd annual meeting at the home of Chris and Debby Burnett, 23 Old Pasture Road, Tuftonboro, on Saturday, July 28th at 3:00 p.m. As in all previous years, the public is invited to attend this charitable, community service organization’s annual event.

The meeting will consist of a brief business session, followed by an overview of a newly developed photo and kiosk display that will be installed at the Tower. Our host, the association president, Chris Burnett, will be presenting on screen, a beautiful new collection of professional photos taken from the tower last fall and winter. There are some really stunning panoramas. The presentation will include some fun and interesting insights into the Ice Age Geology, and what you see from the Tower. We hope you will join in for a gathering of friends and locals that has been a staple for the area for nearly 100 years.

Chris Burnett will be displaying several large new photo montages taken post-logging. The new and improved viewscape will delineate mountain peaks, ranges, elevations and numerous local landmarks in the Tower’s view. The Association will seek discussion and approval of plans to mount these beautiful photo montages on the Tower and for construction of a kiosk.

The meeting will start at the end of one-lane, Old Pasture Rd. Parking is a bit limited so if you can come by boat, canoe, or on foot that would be helpful. Following the meeting, an optional tour of the latest of the solar dock powered, smart home, high energy efficiency and unique off-grid capabilities of the Burnett home will be offered.

As always, the non-profit Abenaki Tower and Trail Association welcomes members and visitors. The future of the Tower depends on support from the community. New members/donors are needed to continue to grow the Tower replacement fund and keep the grounds “freely and considerately used by the public.”

If you have any questions or need directions, feel free to contact Christopher Burnett, Association President, at (401) 862-4713. Alternatively, write to Post Office Box 222, Melvin Village, NH 03850 or like and contact us on Facebook at http://www.facebook.com/abenaki.tower.

Gary Burnett, Secretary
Abenaki Tower and Trail Association

A Penny Sale will be held at the Grange Hall on July 21

The Tuftonboro Grange #142 has been busy this Spring. The Annual July Penny Sale will be held on July 21, 2018. The sale will be at the Grange Hall at 157 Middle Road. The preview and ticket sales begin at 4:00 p.m. and drawings will begin at 6:00 p.m. The Grange has multiple items and gift certificates donated from local businesses. It has also added a new fun item: A “MYSTERY CERTIFICATE” worth at least $25.00 will be hidden among the items on the table.

Tuftonboro Grange is participating in Old Home Days in August with an informational table at the Town Picnic. We are excited to be part of this home town event and invite one and all to learn about your local Grange. Your local Grange is involved in the community, supports “Dictionaries for Third Graders”, Hospice, and recognizes residents with our annual Citizen of the Year award.

The Tuftonboro Grange Secretary now has an e-mail address. Anyone can contact Secretary Joy Perkins at TuftonboroGrange@outlook.com.

Joy Perkins, Secretary
Tuftonboro Grange #142
Summer Concert Series returns to 19-Mile Bay Pavilion

The Tuftonboro Parks and Recreation Commission is pleased to be hosting the Summer Concert Series at the 19 Mile Bay Beach Pavilion again this year. The concerts will be held on four Thursdays in July and August at 6:30 p.m.

The Sweetbloods return to Tuftonboro on July 19. Janet and Phil Sangiudolce are a local acoustic duo from Meredith. They specialize in blending tight vocal arrangements with tasteful guitar accompaniment. The duo’s repertoire is varied and incorporates songs from several genres and time periods, centered around acoustic versions of classic rock tunes, folk rock and country rock tunes intermingled with folk, bluegrass, reggae, calypso, blues, and jazz tunes.

Granite Planet is a retro cover band based in Portsmouth, NH. They will entertain on July 26, with music that is mostly upbeat, danceable rock and pop, ranging from the 60s to today. Granite Planet features something for everyone both young and old, from Tom Petty to Aerosmith to Luke Bryan to the B52s. From “Play That Funky Music” to “Uptown Funk,” their playlist also includes unique versions of familiar songs.

On August 2, Acoustic Radio brings new meaning to country/rock. The band is a sea-coast-based band consisting of Rick Twombly, Don Berrios, Chris Boyleand, Mike Waterman, and Pete Leavenworth.

With over a century of live performance experience and with musical influences ranging from alternative to classic rock and country, the band has strong vocals and harmonies and a diverse set list. Acoustic Radio provides a party-like atmosphere, and the group of seasoned musicians is sure to play something for everyone.

The season ends on August 9 with the Wolfeboro based Carolyn Ramsay Band, a collaboration of musical talent brought to life by Carolyn Ramsay on lead vocals and rhythm guitar; Jessica Ramsay on lead vocals, harmony and rhythm guitar; Chuck Farrell on lead guitar; Bud Clark on bass guitar, and Mike Chatigny on percussion and back-up vocals. After knowing one another for years, the group formally became a band in 2012, with the goal of doing what they are passionate about and bringing music to central New Hampshire. The band, whose style of music mimics the beautiful environment that they call home, has roots in rock and folk music. Their soulful style leaves a joyful impression on their audiences.

The Summer Concerts at the Pavilion are made possible by Presenting Sponsor Meredith Village Savings Bank and Season Sponsors: Financial Focus and Doran Independent Insurance. The concerts are free, although donations are welcomed with proceeds benefitting the Tuftonboro Scholarship Fund.

Changes made in recycling procedure at transfer station

Recycling procedures at the Transfer Station have two major changes this year. The first change is for Mixed Paper Products due to the global collapse of the paper recycling market. The second change is in how we collect glass bottles for recycling.

All Mixed Paper (newspaper, magazines, paper, cereal boxes, 12 pack boxes, etc.) are now discarded with normal household trash in the compactor. This change eliminates the problem of having bales of mixed paper on site and not being able to get rid of it. This is a long-term issue until the recycled paper market recovers. Corrugated Cardboard will still be turned in to the recycling center for recycling.

Glass collection is no longer done in the recycling building. Glass will still be recycled but collection is now outside the corner of the recycling building by the loading dock. Residents will please drive up next to a sign “GLASS ONLY” and dump their glass only (no plastic bags or boxes) directly into the container. This change eliminates hazardous glass dust from the compactor, eliminates the noise pollution inside the building, and makes it easier to dispose of large amounts of glass.

Upcoming events of interest are Island Day and Hazardous Waste Collection days.

Island Day will be on July 21 at 19 Mile Bay from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. This collection is for Island residents of Tuftonboro only and is not for normal trash or hazardous waste items. Island day collection is only for Construction Debris, large bulky items, stoves, fridges, mattresses, TVs, etc. Normal transfer station fees will apply for items brought. More info will follow as the date gets closer.

Hazardous Waste Collection days will be on July 28 and August 4 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon. July 28 drop off will be in Meredith Public Works garage and the August 4 drop off will be at the Center Ossipee Town Highway Garage. These two dates above are when Tuftonboro residents can drop off 10 gallons of material free of charge. All Tuftonboro residents may also drop hazardous waste material off at the Wolfeboro hazardous waste facility at their own expense from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon on the third Saturday of each month from May thru October.

Controlled medications collection dates will be published when available. This will be at the Tuftonboro Transfer Station and usually occurs twice during the summer/fall.

Transfer Station Stickers 2017-2018 are always available for purchase at the Transfer Station or the Town Offices. The current 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 us ensure that only Tuftonboro residents are using the facility and that our taxpayers are only subsidizing Tuftonboro solid waste and construction debris.

Please join us and assist 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 just throwing tax dollars down the drain and costing everyone more money in taxes. The more material we keep out of the household waste compactors, the more tax expense we avoid.

Clayton Gallagher
Transfer Station Supervisor
The Hikers have had a busy spring hosting events to raise money to support scholarships and to support local organizations. The spring events included the ever-popular Easter Breakfast, a “Soup Cook-off,” a “Pound Auction,” and the annual “Spring Rummage Sale.” All of these events were held at Willing Workers Hall in Melvin Village and were open for the public to enjoy. Our sincere thanks to all who supported us by attending these fun events.

This year the Hikers awarded a total of $15,000 in scholarships to 22 deserving Tuftonboro students who will further their education this fall. Donations were also made to Caregivers of Southern Carroll County, Wolfeboro Area Meals on Wheels, Central NH VNA & Hospice, Kingwood Youth Center, Tuftonboro Free Library, Wolfeboro Area Children’s Center, End 68 Hours of Hunger, and Camp Invention. Donations of pet supplies were made to the New Hampshire Humane Society, and food donations were made to L.I.F.E. Ministries Food Pantry.

Summer provides a break from the busy schedule. However, we will be hosting the annual “Bake Sale” on Saturday July 7th in front of Geez Louise in Melvin Village. Please stop by for delicious cakes, sweet breads, pies, cookies and more.

Members of the Hikers will be assisting at the chicken dinner at Tuftonboro Old Home Days in August. They will be serving delicious food that is donated by local camps and restaurants. The dinner will be served at the Tuftonboro Central School.

The Hikers first meeting of the Fall will be held at Willing Workers Hall at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 6. Our first fundraiser will be a barbeque with an auction and basket raffle at Camp Belknap on Friday, September 21. For further information on the BBQ, or to become a member of Hikers, please contact Hikers President Carol Simpson at 539-7587.

Carol Simpson, President
The Hikers
Chief Shagoury details new parking regulations and laws

In the last Tuftonboro Times I mentioned that the snow was melting. As July starts, we are in the middle of a heat wave and drought.

In preparing for the summer rush the Tuftonboro Police Department has been working with the N.H. Department of Transportation. The goal has been to fix and clarify the parking situation along Route 109 at 19 Mile Bay and 20 Mile Bay. New signs have arrows clearly indicating the areas where parking is prohibited. The 20 Mile Bay zone stayed the same but new signs were erected. The area along 19 Mile Bay needed the regulation updated as it referred to Union Wharf Road as Bennett Road. It predated the 1992 relocation of Route 109 away from the water.

In looking at the parking ordinances it was clear they needed to be updated. For example, they referred to stickers on bumpers, but we have been using tags from mirrors for several years. We have looked at all the parking lots and town property to try to update the ordinances and make them easier to follow and enforce.

We are working on getting a new radar sign up. Hopefully by the time you read this the sign will have been installed. The radar trailer is out and about and appears to be working properly.

The legislative session has ended, and some new laws will take effect. As of July 24, domestic fowl were added to trespassing stock causing damage under RSA 635:3. In doing so the legislature also mandated that law enforcement enforce the law. Roosters are not restricted under state law or town ordinance.

Bottle rockets are now legal. They were added without one.

LRCA organizers will create teams for those who are without one.

All equipment needed to participate in the sport is provided by the LRCA, so there’s nothing to buy.

Matches last about two hours.

For those who would like to learn more about playing the sport, joining and forming teams, the schedule of matches, and costs, the LRCA will hold an Information Night event on Wednesday, Aug. 8, in the meeting room of the Wolfeboro Public Library. The event will begin at 7 p.m., and LRCA organizers will be on hand to answer questions and present information about the organization’s leagues, which play on Sunday evenings from October through December and again from January through March. Participants may join one league or both.

Registration for the Fall league will begin in late July, and more information about the sport of curling and Lakes Region Curling Association is available at www.lakescurlingnh.org. For those who are already members of the LRCA, the organization will hold its Annual Meeting on Wednesday, August 22, at 6:30 p.m. in the meeting room of the Wolfeboro Public Library. The event lets the group’s directors present a financial report and discuss plans for the upcoming year. Members also vote for members of the Board of Directors. The session lasts less than an hour, and members are urged to attend to ask questions and play a part in the organization’s management.

Rich Masse, President
Lakes Region Curling Association

Curling Association “information night” to be held August 8

With the Winter Olympics three years away, those wanting to share in the fun and camaraderie of the sport of curling need look no further than the Pop Whalen Ice Arena in Wolfeboro. This is where the Lakes Region Curling Association hosts curling leagues for both fall and winter.

The leagues are intended for both men and women of all ages, and players can register individually, as couples, or as entire teams of four or five people.

The Libby offers “Museums by Boat & Trolley” package

The Libby Museum, located adjacent to the Tuftonboro/Wolfeboro town line on Route 109, opened on June 1 and will remain open Tuesday-Sunday through Columbus Day. The entrance fee is $5.00 for adults (over 16) and free for all under 16 years of age as well as for veterans. This summer the Libby is offering the following:

Museums by Boat & Trolley -- Fridays (July & August) at 9:30am. Take the “Millie B” boat from the docks in Wolfeboro to (or) from The Libby Museum, then ride the Trolley all day (with a full-day pass) to the Boat Museum (included in cost), and the Wright and Clark Museums (entry fees apply). Cost per adult: $33.00; per child: $12.00.

From the Mountains to the Sea -- ART EXHIBIT at The Libby Museum by the Women’s Coalition for Art- Lakes Region Pod. August 1st through Columbus Day; free reception August 3 (5:00-7:00 p.m.)

Live animal shows at The Libby -- Wednesdays at 2:00 p.m. These programs are free and require no reservations. Just drop by on July 18, 25 and August 1, 8, 15.

LIL SPROUTS at The Libby -- “Summer of Seuss” (for ages 5-8) held on Tuesday and Wednesday from 10:00 a.m. until noon. The cost is $15.00 per day, per child and parents are asked to register online at www.thelibbymuseum.org. The remaining dates are July 31 and August 1; August 7 and August 8.

For more information, call the Libby Museum at (603) 569-1035, e-mail to director@thelibbymuseum.org, or visit the website at www.thelibbymuseum.org.

Alana Albee, Director
The Libby Museum
Old Home Days Schedule of Events

Friday 8/24

5 pm - BBQ Chicken Dinner
BBQ Chicken, Quick Baked Potato, Corn on the Cob. Build Your Own Ice Cream Sundae.
$10 Adults/$5 Children
Tuftonboro United Methodist Church, 129 Mountain Rd.
Please RSVP Reservations -569-2097

7 pm - Rally ‘Round the Flag:
The American Civil War Through Folksong
Tuftonboro Central School Gym
Sponsored by the Tuftonboro Historical Society
FREE
Woody Pringle and Marek Bennett present an overview of the American Civil War through the lens of period music. Audience members participate and sing along as the presenters explore lyrics, documents, and visual images from sources such as the Library of Congress. Through camp songs, parlor music, hymns, battlefield rallying cries, and fiddle tunes.

Tuftonboro 5K Run/Walk
205 Middle Road (Rte. 109A)
Tuftonboro Central School
Registration & Sign in Begins: 7am
Walk 8 am • Run 8:30 am
Pre Registration Preferred
Sign up online at www.lightboxreg.com/tuftonboro_2018
Registration Fee: 12 years and under Run/walk-$15
13 years and Older Run/walk-$20
Race Day Registration Fee: 13 and older – $25, 12 and under – $20

9 am - Book & Breakfast
The Tuftonboro Free Library
Sponsored by the Friends of the Tuftonboro Library
Enjoy a sumptuous breakfast buffet catered by Vicki Zimmerschied, then gather in the Hamel Meeting Room for an engaging hour with popular travel writer and journalist, Dan Szczesny. Dan’s new book, The White Mountain, on Mount Washington, an icon for climbers and tourists, birders and bikers from around the world. Books will be available for sale and signing. Please call 569-4256 for Free reservations.

8:30 am - 12 pm - Market Day
Tuftonboro Historical Society
449 Governor Wentworth Hwy
Flea market, crafts, bake sale.
Rent a table $10, Contact Sue weeks 520-0395.

11 am-2 pm Antique Car Show
Davis Memorial Field - 205 Middle Road
FREE
All Cars 1975 and Older are Welcome.
People’s Choice Award
For More Information
Contact Mark Smith at 544-2230
or smithmh9@gmail.com

Concession Lunch will be available for purchase

12:30 pm - Nature Walk
Scavenger Hunt
Central Park Trails
(Next to Central Fire Station)
Have some fun and learn a little about nature.
Kids, adults, families, test you knowledge of the natural world. Follow the trail and match up things from nature with your scavenger hunt list. Look carefully because there are hidden prizes along the way. If you find something that shouldn’t be there, turn it in for a reward. There will be prizes for everyone who can match up everything correctly on their list. Test your knowledge and learn some cool stuff about the natural world.
FREE

1-3 pm - Town Picnic
Central Park (Next to Central Fire Station)
Hamburgers, Hot Dogs and Beverages Provided
Please Bring a Potluck Dish to Share and a Chair or Blanket.
Field Games, Bounce House, Pie Eating Contest and Live Music by Local Musicians including
Mark Dearborn and Brian Hastings
FREE

Check www.tuftonboro.org for up to date information | Donations Welcome
**COMMUNITY CALENDAR**

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**KEY to Abbreviations:**

- 19MB - 19 Mile Bay Pavilion
- DMF - Davis Memorial Field
- TFL - Tuftonboro Free Library
- THS - Tuftonboro Historical Society
- TWS - Tuftonboro Town Web Site
- OWC - Old White Church
- TFS - Tuftonboro Central Fire Station
- TTO - Tuftonboro Town Offices
- WWH - Willing Workers Hall
- TUMC - United Methodist Church
- TOTH - Tuftonboro Old Town Hall
- TCS - Tuftonboro Central School
- TGH - Tuftonboro Grange Hall
The Cheney Farm on Middle Road in Tuftonboro has been owned and worked by the Cheney family since 1918. This beautiful painting by the artist G. Dale Devork depicts one of the 100 winters the farm has seen. See related article on page 3.