Sesquicentennial at Mirror Lake Community Church

On November 12, 1864, a group of 25 men and women from Mirror Lake, who had been meeting in private homes for worship, officially gathered in the schoolhouse on Tuftonboro Neck as the Second Christian Church of Tuftonborough. Elder Daniel A. Wiggin served as the first pastor. That organization, now known as the Mirror Lake Community Church, is celebrating this summer 150 years as a congregation and is still an active and valued part of the Tuftonboro community.

At the time that the Mirror Lake Church was organized there were already four other organized Protestant churches in the Town of Tuftonboro: the Methodist Church at Tuftonboro Corner (now the Tuftonboro United Methodist Church); the First Christian Church of Center Tuftonboro (now known as the Old White Church); the First Freewill Baptist Church of Moultonborough and Tuftonborough (now the Melvin Village Community Church) and the Advent Church of Melvin Village (who worshipped in what is now Willing Workers Hall in Melvin Village). It is interesting to note that all of the buildings in which these four churches worshipped are still in existence.

Only five years after the Mirror Lake Church was organized land was acquired and a meetinghouse was erected. The primary source of funding for the building came from the sale of pews with prices ranging from $45.00 to $81.25. The sales raised $2,240.00 towards construction which culminated in a dedication ceremony on August 8, 1869. That building is the current Mirror Lake Community Church, located at the intersection of Governor Wentworth Highway (Rt. 109) and Tuftonboro Neck Road.

Following Pastor Wiggin’s death in 1900 the church at Mirror Lake shared a pastor with the First Christian Church of Center Tuftonboro. In 1929 the Christian Church was merged into the Congregational denomination.

Today the Mirror Lake Community Church is overseen by a volunteer lay committee. Members serve three year terms and it is this group that oversees the maintenance of the building and grounds, the worship service, music, ministers and benevolences. Currently, Bruce Thayer of Mirror Lake is President of the 14-member committee.

In 1976 The Mirror Lake Church was fortunate to receive an endowment bequeathed by former Postmaster Ernie Piper who lived across the road from the church. He was a member of the church and served on its building committee. Thanks to Ernie Piper’s generosity the church has been able to maintain its building, give educational scholarships and help support community organizations.

Services are held only during the summer months at the Mirror Lake Community Church from late June until early September. The services are led by guest ministers who come from several different states throughout the United States including Minnesota, Florida, and Connecticut. Special music is also an important part of each service and is provided by talented local vocalists, musicians, and choirs.

Guest ministers for the Sesquicentennial Summer include the Rev. Mr. Edward Charest from Moultonborough on July 13; the Rev. Dr. Blair Moffett from Wolfeboro on July 20; the Rev. Dr. Raymond Weigle from New Durham on July 27; the Rev. Mr. Alden Barnes from Bristol, CT and recently the Rev. Dr. Edward Vanderhey from Sanibel, FL and Melvin Village on August 10; the Rev. Dr. David Huff from Franklin on August 17; the Rev. Dr. Arthur Rouner from Edina, MN on August 24, the Rev. Mr. Brad Wolff from Moultonborough on August 31 and the Rev Mr. James Christiansen from Alton on September 7.

Recently the Mirror Lake Church purchased land around its building, part of which will become a parking area. Fundraising to complete the project is underway through the sale of commemorative pewter ornaments of the church. They will be available during the summer months after each service at the church.

The Mirror Lake Community Church is a non-denominational Christian Church that welcomes residents, friends, and visitors. Services are at 10:00 a.m. every Summer Sunday through September 7.

Pam Thayer
Mirror Lake Community Church

The Tuftonboro Association: Past, Present, and Future

From its humble beginnings in 1965 to Candidates Night and the Road Clean-Up in 2014, the Tuftonboro Association has been an active voice for conservation and civic improvements in the town of Tuftonboro for nearly fifty years. Former President of the Association Robert Thave of Melvin Village said it best twenty years ago when he stated “…this organization of dedicated volunteers performs an important function in serving the community.”

How important? Consider the number and magnitude of the projects in which the Tuftonboro Association has been involved over the years. In 1992 the Association was a driving force behind the approval and construction of the Route 109, 19 Mile Bay Bypass and the construction of the then-new Town Beach. In 1990, with help from the state’s Land Conservation Investment Program (LCIP) the Tuftonboro Association raised $35,000.00 in donations to facilitate the purchase of 55 acres of unspoiled wetlands opposite 20 Mile Bay as well as an abutting 33 acre conservation easement. Those lands would become the Cecily Crowe Bentley and Wayne Parkhurst Wild Park.

Continued on page 2
Tuftonboro Association fetes Jeanne Tempest

At 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 5th, the available Officers and Directors of The Tuftonboro Association met at the Tuftonboro Free Library to thank and honor Jeanne Tempest for her eight years of service as the Editor of the Tuftonboro Times. A lavishly decorated cake bestowing the title of Editor Emeritus upon Jeanne was accompanied by a few gifts from the Association. Jeanne Tempest is retired after a 45 year career in journalism.

Officers and Directors of The Tuftonboro Association gathered recently to celebrate Jeanne Tempest and her eight years as Editor of the Tuftonboro Times. From left: Dan Barnard, Editor of the Times; Bill Marcussen, President of the Association; Sarah Matlock, Secretary; Michael Phelps, Director; Rosalie Triolo, Treasurer; Ken Cookson, Director; Jeanne Tempest; Chip Worthington, Director; Gail Weigel, Director and Lee White, Director.
Library advisory committee appointed by selectmen

The Tuftonboro Board of Selectmen want to welcome back all the summer residents and visitors from near and far. This summer promises to be an enjoyable yet busy season.

Much has happened since the last report. Diane Falcey was hired in May as the new Administrative Assistant. She joins Administrative Secretary, Lynne Brunelle, in the Town Office. Diane gained her municipal experience working in the Towns of Conway, Albany and Jackson. She received a Paralegal Certificate from Granite State College and has a background in accounting.

Thornton Associates has been hired to perform a Wage and Compensation Study for the Town and has so far completed the Employee Survey of Duties Performed. It is currently preparing the Peer Community Total Compensation Survey. The first drafts of Job Descriptions have been developed and employee interviews will be performed. It is hoped that the survey will be finalized by the end of July.

The Selectmen recently appointed a Library Building Advisory Committee to study the issues involved with the proposed library building project. The committee members are: Chairman Dave Ford; CIPC Rep and Co-Vice-Chair Helen Hartshorn; Co-Vice-Chair Carla Lootens; Jim Allen; Skip Hurt; John Lapolla, Budget Committee Representative Steve Brinser and Selectmen’s Reprepresentative Lloyd Wood. The Library Trustees named Paul Matlock as the Library’s Representative to the Committee. The Committee’s mission statement is:

*It is the mission of the Library Building Advisory Committee to research and develop a recommendation for a new library building proposal. At the minimum, their recommendation should include: building, infrastructure, total cost and location. It is expected that options for future use of the existing library building will be included in its findings. The Committee needs to inform and update other organizations such as the Planning Board, Budget Committee, Capital Improvements Plan Committee, town residents and the general public as appropriate. The goal for the Committee is to make a presentation to the CIP Committee, Budget Committee, Library Trustees and the Board of Selectmen. The intent is to prepare a potential Warrant Article for FY 2015 Town Meeting by September 15, 2014.*

As suggested by the Budget Committee, the Selectmen are considering a Police Facility Study Committee to research the needs of the Police Department and to wrap up loose ends as to what to do with the vacant library building as a potential place to house the future police facility.

Just a reminder that Househould Hazardous Waste Collection Day is the third Saturday of the month (June 21, July 19 & August 16) at the Wolfeboro Recycling Center. Residents and visitors must pick up the appropriate form at the Tuftonboro Transfer Station in order to participate in this program.

Island Trash Pick-up Day is Saturday, July 19 from 9 a.m. to 12 noon at the Union Wharf. The Tuftonboro Islanders’ Meeting will be held on Saturday, July 12 at 9:30 a.m. on Ragged Island.

Joe Lajewski from the New Hampshire Electric Co-op recently performed an energy audit of town buildings and made an Energy Efficiency Presentation to the Selectmen on Monday, July 7.

Congratulations to the Tuftonboro Conservation Commission who recently received an “Award of Excellence” from the Lakes Region Planning Commission. The citation reads, “Award of Excellence to the Town of Tuftonboro for Exemplary Leadership, Guidance and Persistence in Championing for Raising Awareness about the Importance of Testing Well Water for Current and Future Residents’ Thanks to Steve Wingate, Nancy Piper and Nancy Byrd for all their hard work in this effort. This year, the Water Testing Program consists of: Kit Distribution is Monday, July 21 through Friday, July 25 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. & Saturday, July 26 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Collection Day is Sunday, July 27 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Town Office (Piper Homestead). The cost ranges from $15 to $20. The standard analysis is only $35.

Hold on to your hats! Route 109A is scheduled to be paved from Union Wharf Road to Route 28 in Wolfeboro in October 2014. Must we ask why not pave from the Moultonborough/Tuftonboro town line to Wolfeboro? We digress; it’s all about the money!

Summer is here and there are all sorts of things to do for adults and youngsters alike. Join the swim team or hike the Gould property. Check out the bird watching station on Route 109A at Copps Pond (don’t run over the migrating turtles on the way there). Check out the Parks & Recreation Commission web page and don’t forget about The Nick. The Blue Loon Bus provides transportation if you need a ride to Wolfeboro for lunch or to North Conway to shop.

The Town is always looking for volunteers, so get involved in your community and in local government. The Board of Selectmen wishes everyone a warm, happy and safe summer!

Tuftonboro Board of Selectmen
Chairman Lloyd Wood
Selectman Daniel Duffy
Selectman Carolyn Sundquist

Local effort to provide transitional housing for veterans

There is a movement to establish a program for Veterans called “Starting Home.” This will provide transitional housing for homeless Veterans, both male and female. It will be located at the former assisted living quarters in Ossipee. Their mission statement is: “Starting Home, acting in a professional and fiscally sound manner, is committed to providing transitional housing with living quarters and communal facilities to qualified male and female Veterans including, but not limited to, a continuum of care, support and guidance in an effort to move residents to permanent housing and becoming positive elements in their community.”

This is a 501(c) 3 IRS tax deductible program and TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE! There are approximately 450 homeless Veterans in the State of New Hampshire. Approximately $1.6 million in donations is needed by the end of 2014. Your donations are critical to help get some of our Vets back on their feet. Information is available at the Town Office or contact:

Robert Pierpoint, 19 Timber Lane, Wolfeboro, NH 0884 (603) 569 4779
or:
John White, POB 658, Wolfeboro Falls, NH 0896 (603) 569 2590

Report from the Tuftonboro Conservation Commission

The Tuftonboro Conservation Commission will be doing its water testing program again this July. See Steve Wingate’s article elsewhere in the paper.

The Commission is also gearing up to protect more of the abutting properties around the Great Meadow Conservation Easement by contacting the people that showed interest when the project was started three years ago. After much work to get the town’s portion protected it can now move on to the next phase of the project.

The DES has notified the Conservation Commision that there has been a lot of damage to docks this year due to the ice conditions last winter; they expect a larger number then normal of applications for dock repair. So if your dock has been damaged try to get your application in as soon as possible to avoid the last minute rush.

Michael Phelps
The Hikers are on summer break during July and August. Since the spring issue of The Tuftonboro Times they have enjoyed and worked on a variety of activities: a June Bake Sale, the May rummage sale and a white elephant auction to raise money for the club. New members from this past year were honored at the May meeting, members learned how to live longer from a local chiropractor, and they discovered why they need to remember family stories from Jo Radner. A “field trip” to the Tuftonboro Historical Society finished out the Hikers’ meetings in June.

One of two highlights this spring was the awarding of scholarships to Tuftonboro students who are continuing their education after high school. This year seven scholarships were given to graduating seniors from Kingswood Regional High School. Bravo to the following students: John Hewitt, Catrina Jordan, Trisha Masterson (Dorothy Barwis Scholarship), Zoe Reed (Marion Robie Scholarship), Shawn Roseen (Bertha Shepard Scholarship), Casey Sargent (Inez Wood Scholarship), and Randi Talbot.

Four returning college students, Diane Aponte, Peter Gibson, Steve MacMartin, and Dean Masterson were also awarded scholarships. Best wishes to all of them in their future studies! Scholarships are open to anyone continuing their education beyond high school and are either a resident of Tuftonboro or their mother is a member of Hikers.

The other highlight of the spring was an invitation to the Hikers from The Castle in the Clouds. On May 22 the club was invited for “Tea at the Castle”. It was to be tea in the 1920s with period dress encouraged. Around forty Hikers enjoyed an afternoon of touring the castle, learning about its history, and having tea and goodies in the sunroom. Thanks to Nancy Gaver and her crew for a wonderful afternoon with a spectacular view.

The Hikers’ next meeting on September 4 at 2PM is a business meeting followed by “Summertime Bingo” and refreshments. All are welcome to join us at Willing Workers Hall in Melvin Village. The September 18 program meeting will be a trip to the Portland Museum of Art followed by lunch and an afternoon in Portland. Carpooling will be arranged.

The Hikers is a civic, social group that welcomes new members, who enjoy being involved in the community and sharing friendship. For more information call President Norma Metz at 544-8663.

Blue Loon buses offer local transportation assistance

The Blue Loon buses are available for everyone who needs a ride. Do you need to go to the doctor? Are you trying to get to the store for some provisions? Or are you trying to take the bus and leave the driving to us? There are many residents who cannot drive or should not be driving and the Blue Loon is here for them.

How does it work? If you call Dispatcher Sara at least 24 hours in advance at 1-866-752-6890, she will do her best to schedule a bus to pick you up and get you to your destination and back. The destination needs to be within the region of Wolfeboro/Tuftonboro.

On the Blue Loon Flex Routes service, a bus leaves Wolfeboro every Thursday at 9:00 a.m. and links up with a bus in West Ossipee where passengers can transfer and ride to North Conway. There they can access grocery stores, Settlers Green, or go on to Memorial Hospital for appointments. Later in the day they can board the bus for the return trip to Wolfeboro and home. Sara, the Dispatcher, can help you make arrangements to get on board. Did you know that the Wal-Mart in North Conway is becoming a Super Store? It will be months, but it will add to your Thursday shopping experience in North Conway.

There are a lot of summer activities you can attend via the Blue Loon Dial-A-Ride and Flex Route services. Talk it up! Jack Rose is anxious to come back to Tuftonboro and meet with anyone to help everyone understand what he is offering. Please give him a call at 1-888-997-2020 and let’s get together.

Have a great summer.

Jack Rose, Chair
Blue Loon Transit Advisory Committee

Curling May Be Coming Soon to a Town Near You

One of the most popular Winter Olympic sports may be coming to Wolfeboro. That’s right: Curling. A sport sometimes called “chess on ice”. A sport that is able to be played by almost all ages and abilities. Presently in New Hampshire there are three places to curl: Nashua, Conway and Plymouth. There is a group working on setting up a club in Wolfeboro at the Pop Whalen arena. If all goes well, there will be curling in Wolfeboro this fall. For more information contact Mike Spence: mikejspence62@gmail.com
Library announces a flurry of summertime activities

Hurry in to the Tuftonboro Free Library during July to browse the Sixth Annual Art & Artisans Exhibit & Raffle. Purchase a ticket(s) for the chance to win original artwork, all donated by local artists and crafters. Hand knit children’s sweaters from Barbara Hartig and Ann Hunt, landscape paintings by Liese Gauthier and David Lee, a pet portrait by Nancy Piper, one of Cindy Barnard’s Hand-made braided rugs, a vintage quilt rescued from a Tuftonboro yard sale—these are just a few of the many items on offer. All proceeds benefit the Library Building Fund. Drawing will be held on Saturday, August 2 at noon, and winners need not be present.

Happy Birthday, Dear Library: Saturday, August 16 from 11:00-1:00. Join with friends and neighbors to celebrate 175 years of library service in Tuftonboro. Party include live jazz from the Lakeside Ramblers, a balloon clown, lunch from the hot dog cart, party favors, ice cream, a very special proclamation, and of course, birthday cake. Rain or shine!

Food for Thought is once again the theme for TFL’s model Summer Reading Program. Kids sign up to read for pleasure, and adults sign up to sponsor a summer reader, agreeing to donate one item to the Life Ministries Food Pantry for each book the child reads. Since starting this program five years ago, Tuftonboro’s summer readers have accounted for thousands of Food Pantry donations. To sign up as a sponsor or register as a reader, just stop in or call.

More summer fun for kids and their families include four special programs on Friday mornings at 10:30. No registration necessary, but the early birds get the best seats!

- Friday, July 18 Rocketry Workshop – Blast off a working straw rocket
- Friday, July 25 YogaCadabra – A magic show with a new twist
- Friday, August 1 Puppet Show -- Carol & Crew, back by popular demand
- Friday, August 8 Reptiles on the Move – Meet a Blue Tongue Skink & friends

Family crafting sessions are also scheduled on five summer Saturday mornings. Drop in any time from 10:30 to noon, and make something fun to take home. There will be a choice of crafts each week.

- Saturday, July 12 Family Crafting -- Butterflies & Birdfeeders
- Saturday, July 19 Family Crafting -- Puzzles & Pinball Games
- Saturday, July 26 Family Crafting -- Christmas in July

Saturday, August 2 Family Crafting -- Tambourines, Maracas, & Rain Sticks
Saturday, August 9 Family Crafting -- LOTS of beads!

The Friends of the Library’s annual Book & Bake Sale will be held on Friday, July 11th and Saturday, July 12th at the Tuftonboro Central School. As usual, the sale will feature new and gently used books, DVDs, videos, CDs, games and puzzles as well as homemade goodies from some of Tuftonboro’s storied bakers. Hot dogs for lunch, too! This sale is the Friends’ major fundraiser of the year. Proceeds support both the library’s current services and resources and also the Building Fund. Don’t miss the chance to stock up on a summer’s worth of beach reading!

The latest technology? You’ll find it at the library, of course! Two Chromebooks for in-house use were purchased with funds donated by the Hoppin Family Fund. They are perfect for checking email and surfing the web, and wireless printing is also available. Just check one out at the circulation desk and use it anywhere in the library.

TFL was the second library in NH to circulate an e-reader, and that old Kindle II has now been updated with a brand new Kindle Paperwhite, purchased with funds donated by the Friends of the Library. It has a white display with high resolution, a high contrast screen, and a built in light. It will be used primarily for second copies of popular new titles on reserve, but there’s lots of room for more books, and all suggestions for additional Kindle titles are most welcome. If you haven’t yet tried out an e-reader, here’s your chance!

Researching your family history this summer? Check in with TFL’s resident Genealogist, Marianne Marcussen. She will be happy to show you how to navigate the extensive genealogical databases available through the Library’s website. You can also make an appointment for some extra in-depth help if you need it.

The History Book Group will continue to meet throughout the summer and fall on the last Wednesday of each month. The group welcomes new members, and there is no need to register. For the first time this year, they are including historical fiction in their selections, as well as non-fiction.

The selection for July 30th is James Bradley’s Imperial Cruise: A Secret History of Empire and War. On August 27 the discussion will center on The Forgotten 500: The Untold Story of the Men Who Risked All for the Greatest Rescue Mission of World War II by Gregory Freeman. Tony Horowitz’s Blue Latitudes: Boldly Going Where Captain Cook Has Gone Before is the book for September 24, and on October 29 it will be Citizens of London by Lynne Olson.

Books are available to borrow before the programs, which are all scheduled for 7:00 pm in the Hamel Meeting Room. The rear entrance will be open for these programs.

Games Nights: Friendly competition on alternate Fridays at 7:00 pm in the Hamel Meeting Room. Scrabble, dominos, cribbage, and a wide selection of popular board games, plus popcorn on July 25; August 8, 15, and 29; September 12 and 26; October 10 and 24.

Pre-school Story Hour resumes on September 10th, and continues throughout the school year on Wednesday mornings at 10:30. Join the group for read-aloud stories, simple crafts, and lots of fun and glitter. There is no need to register.

Friends Annual Meeting & Program: Join neighbors and “Friends” on Saturday, October 18 at 10:30, for a brief business meeting followed by program and lunch. Award-winning picture book author and conservationist Mary Lyn Ray will tell stories from her life and books, and read from her book Deer Dancer. Books will be available for sale and signing. Parents are welcome to bring children.

Upcoming Art & Craft Exhibits:

- July -- Local Art & Artisan Exhibit & Raffle – see above.
- August -- Landscapes by Liese Gauthier - Local scenery captured in acrylics and beautifully hand-framed. Liese, a former TFL Trustee, will donate 10% of the sale of each painting to the Library Building Fund. Last year, her debut exhibit sold out. This year’s exhibit will be cash and carry, with additional paintings replacing those that are sold.
- September -- Watercolors by David Lee. Familiar landscapes and local landmarks from the private collection of a good Friend of the Library.
- October – The Happy Hookers. Beautiful examples of the art of rug hooking. Some rugs are designed and drawn by the artists, while others are based on a pre-stamped canvas, but all are hooked by hand, using wool strips.

For further information about these or any other library happenings, please visit our website www.tufonborolibrary.org.

Christie Sarles
Lindalee Lambert
Co-directors
Watershed Association addresses Lang Pond Road

In the summer of 2013, the Tuftonboro Board of Selectmen established the Tuftonboro Mirror Lake Watershed Committee (TMLWC) with the mission: to protect and preserve the Mirror Lake Watershed for the benefit of the residents and surrounding communities and for future generations; to implement Best Management Practices, including The Mirror Lake Watershed Management Plan; to educate and promote knowledge about the Lake and its environs; and to seek additional funding sources for watershed protections.

The committee’s role is advisory and, as its first priority, it selected issues concerning Lang Pond Road. The flat terrain on Lang Pond Road makes it a desirable route for commercial vehicles traveling between Route 109 and 109A. The road is also a high priority for Mirror Lake because the annual run off of sand and gravel, used to maintain the road, carries phosphorus pollution into the Lake. After site visits to Lang Pond Road by TMLWC members, Tuftonboro’s consulting engineer and a NH Department of Environmental Services representative, a public hearing was held by the committee to determine stakeholders’ wishes. TMLWC advised the Board of Selectmen that the proposed redesign and upgrade of LPR, at a cost of approximately $450,000, would not meet the stakeholders’ objectives. The committee has proposed a low impact remediation, undertaken in phases, in order to reduce the costs, maintain the rural character of the road, and address the run off issues. It is developing a plan of action to implement this proposal which it will present to the Board of Selectmen for approval.

Committee minutes can be found on the town web site. The committee will be meeting again on July 16 and 30 at 5:30 pm at the town office and the public is welcome to attend.

Dusty Davis
Mirror Lake Watershed Committee

Importance of local well water testing discussed

A recent research project conducted in three Maine school districts determined that the presence of arsenic in well water, above the recommended limit of 10 ppb, results in a significant reduction in child IQ test results. The comparison was made between children of similar social, economic and family types where the main variable was the presence or absence of untreated, naturally occurring arsenic in well water. A detailed copy of this work and other information regarding the long term health effects of arsenic in well water can be found on the Tuftonboro web site (www.tuftonboro.org) in the Conservation Commission section.

The Tuftonboro Conservation Commission will be providing a town wide testing opportunity for private well owners again this summer. Participants will be required to pay for the tests but the Conservation Commission makes the effort easy by providing the test kits and delivering the samples for testing. Arsenic and other hazardous substances are commonly found in well water in this area. Fortunately if you test your well water you can determine if there are unhealthy compounds present and how best to treat the water to eliminate the risk.

Test kits will be available at the town office on Middle Rd. during the week of July 21 thru 25, 9am to 4pm and Saturday the July 26 from 9am to 11am. If there are kits left over they will be available on collection day, Sunday July 27. Participants should draw their samples per included instructions on the 27th and bring them with payment to the town office where they will be checked and collected by TCC volunteers. Test selection advice and payment amounts will be included in the kit material. Collected samples will be refrigerated then delivered to the testing lab early the next day, well within the specified time limits. A representative from the State Public Health Laboratory will be present on July 27 to answer any questions from the public.

If you can’t participate during that period, there are a few kits currently available at the town office (ask for Lynne Brunelle). Samples can be delivered to the lab or mailed with overnight delivery. If you have any questions, call Steve Wingate 569-3114.

Steve Wingate

Enjoy the LWWA “floating classroom” this summer

The Lake Winnipesaukee Watershed Association (LWWA) is offering lake ecology cruises aboard its new Floating Classroom! Beginning July 1 and running through Sept. 5, educational cruises will be offered on Tuesdays and Thursdays each week throughout the summer.

The ‘Floating Classroom’ is a fun and informative hands-on lake ecology program for adults, children, students, and summer campers who are interested to know what shapes Lake Winnipesaukee’s natural beauty. The tour features a 90-minute boat excursion on a pontoon boat, where participants will learn fun and interesting facts about the history, geology, and ecology of the lake, as well as more serious threats and water quality issues facing the lake. Passengers will have an opportunity to ‘be the scientist’ through collecting water samples, measuring water clarity, and determining what’s living below the surface with our underwater camera.

Tours will depart from the Weirs public docks on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 10am and 1pm. The cost is $20 per adult and $15 per child under 16. Cruises must be booked two days in advance and registrations can be made on line at: www.winnipesaukee.org. The floating classroom is made possible with funding from the Environmental Education Fund, the Nighswander Community Fund of the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation and the Samuel P. Pardoe Foundation. Please call the LWWA at 603-581-6632 if you have questions or to make a reservation.

Steve Wingate
LWWA Board Member

Recycling revenues up, costs down at Transfer Station

It seemed like winter lasted forever and popped right into summer! Repairs are nearly completed on both stairways to the compactors with pressure treated wood and roofs so they will last longer. They are more secure and safer for employees.

Staffing at the transfer station remains steady. Current employees are Michael Tenny Jr, Ralph Bussiere, Barry Colbert, Rob Edwards, and Clay Gallagher.

Island Day is tentatively planned for Saturday, 19 July. The disposal site is for Tuftonboro island residents only. Check at the transfer station to be sure that date is still valid. Remember... Island Day is not for normal trash disposal, but rather it is for construction debris and large bulky items like appliances etc. There will be a container at Pier 19 at Nineteen Mile Bay and the normal fees to dispose of items will apply. This is your chance to get rid of those bulky items right at the pier. The disposal point will be manned from 9 am until 12 noon.

Continued on page 7
Summer fire safety tips from Tuftonboro Fire and Rescue

Summer is in full swing and with it the Tuftonboro Fire Rescue Department has been busy. The department upgraded the fire boat’s pump and electronics this spring. The upgrades increase the pumps pumping capacity to 350 gallons per minute. The new electronics package includes a chart plotter, sonar/bottom structure scan and a 4G radar. This will aid the department in responding to lake emergencies more efficiently, safer in foul weather and at night. The biggest thing that will help the Fire and Rescue personnel to find you in an emergency is good property numbering. Numbers need to be at least 6 inches tall, reflective and able to be seen from the water.

People are hurt every year with fireworks and sparklers. If you choose to enjoy them please be careful with them. Never allow small children to light or shoot fireworks. I am sure that most everyone can remember a time when a sparkler burned some one’s foot when it was dropped or stepped on. So please think twice before allowing kids to play with them. For more information on fireworks safety and the list of allowable fireworks in NH please visit the NH Fire Marshals website at www.nh.gov/safety/divisions/firesafety and look under the Bureau of Special Operations and Communications.

The summer always brings the potential for severe weather. Please keep an eye on the sky and if you see a storm coming your direction. If you hear thunder please get under cover and off of the water if you can.

It is not uncommon for trees to fall and take down power lines during storms. In the event of a tree and wires down blocking a road please do not go near the tree or wires until the power company says it is safe to do so. They are the experts and try their hardest to resolve the problem as fast as possible but when multiple calls are happening or it is a wide spread event it simply takes time to get everywhere. I urge you to be patient with them and the first responders that are redirecting traffic. No power lines are safe to touch. EVER!

On behalf of myself and the entire department I want to wish all a safe summer season.

Caleb Pike, Captain

Parks and Rec Commission in full summer mode

Summer is in full swing and so is the Tuftonboro Parks and Recreation Commission. The swim program is busy with swim lessons and swim team meets. Lifeguards are on duty from 12-5 at Pier 19 Beach. The Davis Field Revitalization Project is underway with the baseball diamond backstop being replaced this month.

The Parks and Recreation Commission recently installed a sandbox at the Davis Field Playground, and work on a butterfly garden has been done by students, staff, and volunteers from Tuftonboro Central School. A porta-potty will be on site for July and August, so get out and enjoy the playground, ball field, and adjacent trails this summer!

Mark your calendars for the town picnic on Sunday September 7 from 1-3 pm at Pier 19 Beach. Rain date is September 14.

The Tuftonboro 5K road race is scheduled for Saturday, September 27. This year’s proceeds will be donated to the Tuftonboro Scholarship. If you would like to be a sponsor of the event or are interested in signing up for the 5K please send an email to: parksandrec@tuftonboro.org

The Commission is looking for new ideas and new members. Meetings are the first Thursday of the month, and all are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Rhonda Thompson
Parks and Recreation Commission

“Recycling” continued from page 6

2013-2014 Transfer Station stickers are still available and will be required to use the station through the end of 2014. Please make sure you have a sticker displayed on your vehicle. The stickers are green in color and may still be purchased at the Transfer Station or at the Town Office for $5 each.

New procedures went into effect last year for the disposal of household hazardous waste items. The result of the new program is better than anticipated: Twice the number of residents have used this program to properly dispose of their hazardous waste items! Tuftonboro joined forces with Wolfeboro and Alton in the operation of the Lakes Region Household Hazardous Product Facility in Wolfeboro. The new procedures are posted online and information pamphlets are available at the Transfer Station. The actual hazardous waste disposal days and the existing procedures will remain the same as in previous years. Residents can pick up a Lakes Region Household Hazardous Waste pass tickets from the Tuftonboro Transfer Station prior to disposing of their materials at the Wolfeboro facility. Each household will be authorized one free ticket and there is still a 10-gallon limit per ticket. After using the free pass, the residents will be responsible for paying for excess material at the standard disposal fee rate. Please ask us if you have any questions concerning disposal of hazardous waste items.

Two years ago a new program was started for collecting vegetable oil. Already over 950 gallons have been recycled through the Northeast Resource Recovery Association since the program began. This will bring in more revenue to the town with minimal labor costs. The oil is processed into biodiesel in Pittsfield NH.

More townspeople are recycling which shows an increase in the awareness of the benefits of recycling: “direct revenue” increases and “avoided costs.” This increase in recycling in the past year has resulted in significantly increased revenue and a reduction in solid waste costs. However, increased fuel charges and 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 number of residents that recycle. The more material kept out of the household waste compactors the less expense to the Town. Residents can reduce all their taxes by recycling plastic, tin cans, aluminum cans, glass, cardboard, and mixed paper. Residents who continue to throw recyclables into the compactors are throwing tax dollars down the drain and costing everyone more money.

Year- to-date totals for outbound shipments and approximate weights are as follows:

- 32 compactor loads of solid waste (325 tons)
- 20 C/D containers of construction debris (129 tons)
- 10 containers of mixed plastic (9 tons)
- 2 containers of mixed paper (14 tons)
- 1 shipment of crushed glass (17 tons)
- 1 shipment of baled cardboard (22 tons)
- 3 shipments of scrap metal (20 tons)
- 1 shipments of appliances with Freon (18 units)
- 10 pallets of electronics with screens (4 tons)
- 2 pallets of electronics without screens (1 tons)
- 1 Propane Tank shipments (4 units)
- 1 container of tires (4 tons)
- 4 boxes of fluorescent bulbs (175 Bulbs)
- 4 tons of used clothes to Planet Aid
- 1 shipment of rechargeable batteries (45 lbs)
- 275 gallons of used Motor Oil
- 1 shipment of veg oil (40 gallons)

2014 revenues through May 31, 2014 at the Transfer Station are approximately $34,000.

Clayton Gallagher
Melvin Village Community Church welcomes summer

Melvin Village Community Church enjoys the summer in unique ways. Continuing activities include a weekly worship service and Church school at 10 a.m. July 20 will be an outdoor worship service under the tent. An adult Bible Study on the “Acts of the Apostles” is held Tuesdays at 2:00 pm. at the home of Jean Peterson (newcomers are welcome). Special Music is scheduled for every Sunday of the summer.

In addition to the regular worship services, the church is sponsoring three Vesper Services on Sunday Evenings. The second and third are scheduled for July 13 and August 17 at 6:30 PM., at the southeast corner of the church parking lot overlooking the lake. Bring lawn chairs, blankets, your voice, and bug spray. These will last about 45 minutes with hymn and song singing as well as a short message. As always the public is welcome. In case of serious rain they will be cancelled.

The big activities for the summer are the Annual Auction (July 19, 10:00 a.m. – closing) and the Fair (July 26, 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.) both on the Church grounds. This year the Boutique will be open both Fair and Auction Days at Willing Workers Hall, from 9:00 am. to 1:00 pm. The Auction will include antiques, several boats, arts, and collectibles, furniture and some special items such as Gift Certificates. In addition, books, refreshments and the White Elephant will be offered. The Fair includes Games for children, the White Elephant, This ‘n’ That, Linens, Electronics, Books, Bake Sale, Household, Plants, refreshments and more.

For Children ages 4 through grade 6 there is Church Adventure Week on August 4-8 (8:45 a.m. to 12 p.m.) which will focus on “Workshop of Wonders: Imagine and Build with God!”. The children will explore the creative power of the Living God. Registration forms are available at the church office (544-9661) but registration fills quickly, so don’t delay. There are also opportunities for youth entering grades 7 and up to offer leadership, and to have some fellowship time.

Seven youth from the church were part of an adventure week at “Quest” in Green Lake Wisconsin from June 22-28. They enjoyed a time with Christian youth from all over the country and return with enthusiasm and leadership skills. The youth group will resume activities in the fall.

The Deacons are in the process of organizing a trip to attend a Fisher Cats baseball game on Sunday, August 24 in the afternoon. That day the Fisher Cats play the Portland Sea Dogs, and group rates are available if enough people sign up. The church is happy to include all Tuftonboro residents in this fellowship activity. Contact the church office at 544-9661 if you would like to attend.

Looking ahead to September, Christian Education Sunday will be Sunday September 14. Visitors are always welcome, any Sunday, at Melvin Village Community Church. The church office is open Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays from 9:00 a.m. until noon (544-9661).

Mark Larson, Pastor
Melvin Village Community Church
Changes to child restraint and cell phone laws detailed

The summer is upon us and so far the weather has been great. The roads will become busier with traffic of all kinds. New Hampshire has updated some of its vehicle laws this year. Hopefully everyone will have a safe and enjoyable summer.

There is a change in the child restraint law this year which requires children less than 7 years of age to be in a properly fastened and adjusted child restraint system unless they are 57 inches or more in height.

New Hampshire has had a distracted driving law for some time but it has been difficult to enforce. It required proof hands were being used to type while the vehicle was in motion. The legislature has recently updated the law. It is now illegal for someone less than 18 years of age to use a cellular or mobile telephone or other mobile electronic device, whether hands-free or not, while driving a motor vehicle in motion or temporarily stopped in traffic on any way, except to report an emergency to the enhanced 911 system or any public safety agency. They will be subject to a fine and possible loss of license. These rules are currently in effect.

As for older drivers, the law now covers a wider variety of devices and includes while the vehicle is temporarily stopped at a traffic control device. It allows the use of two way radios, blue tooth devices that allow dialing with one touch and making of emergency calls. The biggest change over present law is that holding a cellular phone to the ear while the vehicle is in motion is presumed to be violating the law. Many studies have shown distracted driving causes numerous accidents. This section related to driver 18 or over goes into effect July 1, 2015. Until then there are several laws that still cover distracted driving but none as specific as this one in addressing electronic devices.

There is a link to a great resource covering distracted driving, child restraints and other motor vehicle safety issues: **http://nhdrivingtowardzero.com/**

We hope everyone has a safe and enjoyable summer.

Chief Andrew Shagoury
Tuftonboro Police Department

Don Berry speaks at Abenaki Tower annual meeting

The Abenaki Tower and Trail Association 89th Annual Meeting is scheduled this year for the 9th of August at 3:00 PM. The meeting will take place at the Tuftonboro Historical Society, across the street from the Melvin Village Post Office. The speaker at the meeting will be Don Berry, President of the Lakes Region Conservation Land Trust (LRCT). He will be discussing the LRCT’s conserved lands, including the Castle in the Clouds property, Red Hill, and properties in Tuftonboro, as well as LRCT’s land conservation and stewardship work and conserved places to visit around the Lakes Region.

Don is a long time member and supporter of the Abenaki Tower & Trail Association and will update the Lakes Region Conservation Trust’s partnership with the Forest Society to protect the Belknap Range on and near Mount Major. The Trust has done exceptional work to conserve hiking trails, views and wildlife in all the viewscapes seen from the Abenaki Tower. The LRCT is a non-profit, member-supported organization, based in Center Harbor, which is dedicated to the permanent protection, stewardship, and respectful use of the lands that define the character of the Lakes Region and its quality of life.

Since its founding in 1979, LRCT has completed 129 conservation transactions and conserved over 23,000 acres of land throughout the region.

Don is a lifelong seasonal resident of the Lakes Region as his family has maintained a summer cottage on Lake Winnipesaukee in Melvin Village since 1972.

**Historical Society museum announces summer schedule**

The Tuftonboro Historical Society was organized in June 1958 with five persons in attendance: Bertha Shepherd, Margaret Hunter, Milton Bean, Carroll Lamprey and Rev. Edwin Brooks. These were five dedicated people who, within three months of that meeting, had hosted the first guest speaker, elected officers, adopted by-laws and recruited 66 members who had paid their dues. Within a few years a museum was established in the former Melvin Village school house. The purpose of the museum is to preserve items from everyday life in Tuftonboro.

In addition to furniture, implements, housewares, and whatnots, there is a large collection of postcards, photographs and other documents from Tuftonboro’s history. The museum is maintained and staffed entirely by volunteers. Operating expenses are generated from fundraisers, membership dues and donations. The Tuftonboro Historical Society is a private, non-profit entity and receives no public funding.

Currently on exhibit at the museum is a pictorial history of the “Farms of Tuftonboro” compiled by Susan Weeks. Old photographs and local history provide a look back to when Tuftonboro was primarily an agrarian community. An ongoing project, additional information and photographs will be added to the exhibit throughout the year.

The museum is open for visitors in July and August on Wednesdays and Fridays from 2 to 4 PM and on Saturdays from 10 AM to 1 PM. There is no charge for admission. In addition to the museum, the Society has a calendar of events from April through October where the public is always welcome. For more information, contact Jackie Rollins, President, at 603-544-3252, or Susan Weeks, Museum Curator, at 603-520-0395.
The Tuftonboro Association
Post Office Box 121
Melvin Village, New Hampshire 03850

July 11, 2014

Dear Friends and Neighbors:

Since 1965, the Tuftonboro Association has been dedicated to working with members of our community who are "concerned with and interested in the welfare of the community." Our interests include "conservation and preservation of the natural beauty and resources of the community" and "support of various projects of a charitable and civic purpose in the community."

Major ongoing activities include:

- The Tuftonboro Times - Published four times a year and distributed free to every Tuftonboro mail recipient. The Times is also available for viewing and download on the town's web site.
- Candidates' Night - An annual forum in February that provides residents with the opportunity to interact with candidates for local office and learn more about major issues being brought before town meeting.
- Town-wide Clean-up Day - An organized effort in late April to pick up trash along all roads and highways in the town.

The Association's annual meeting will be held at 7 PM on Monday, September 8th at the Tuftonboro Town House. In addition, our board meets on the first Monday evening of most months during the school year in the Tuftonboro Library's Hamel meeting room. Meetings are open and we welcome attendance by anyone who is interested. We are always looking for additional participation. If you would like to become involved or have questions or suggestions, please contact me at 544-2650.

Our activities and projects are funded by memberships and donations. Individual membership in the association is only $5 (family membership is $10.) Dues have remained at this same level for many years. As the cost of publishing and distributing the Times continues to increase, many of our supporters generously provide an additional contribution to assist with the expense. To those who have previously supported us, we thank you and hope we will continue to be in your favor. If you have not been a member or supporter in the past, please consider returning the enclosed envelope with your contribution. Help us keep the Tuftonboro Times free and non-commercial.

Sincerely,

[Signature]
Bill Marcussen
President

The Tuftonboro Association is a tax-exempt 501 (c) (3) charitable organization.
## JULY

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Date</th>
<th>Time</th>
<th>Event</th>
<th>Location</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>16</td>
<td>7:00 PM</td>
<td>Historical Society Meeting – NH Humanities Program</td>
<td>Historical Society Museum</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Tom Hubka – “Big House, Little House, Back House, Barn”</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>19</td>
<td>9:00 AM–Noon</td>
<td>Market Day at the Barn</td>
<td>Historical Society Barn</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>19</td>
<td>9:00 AM–Sellout</td>
<td>Melvin Village Church Auction &amp; Boutique</td>
<td>Melvin Village Community Church</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>21–26</td>
<td>9:00 AM–1:00 PM</td>
<td>Well Water Testing Kits – available for pick up</td>
<td>Tuftonboro Town Offices</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>26</td>
<td>5:00 &amp; 6:30 PM</td>
<td>Ham &amp; Bean Dinner – Reservations: 569-2097</td>
<td>Tuftonboro Corner Methodist Church</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>27</td>
<td>8:00 AM–4:00 PM</td>
<td>Well Water Sample drop off</td>
<td>Tuftonboro Town Offices</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>30</td>
<td>7:00 PM</td>
<td>History Book Club - <em>Imperial Cruise</em></td>
<td>Tuftonboro Free Library</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

## AUGUST

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Date</th>
<th>Time</th>
<th>Event</th>
<th>Location</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>16</td>
<td>9:00 AM–Noon</td>
<td>Market Day at the Barn</td>
<td>Historical Society Barn</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>16</td>
<td>11:00 AM–1:00 PM</td>
<td>175th Birthday Celebration</td>
<td>Tuftonboro Free Library</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>23</td>
<td>5:00 &amp; 6:30 PM</td>
<td>Chicken Teriyaki Dinner – Reservations: 569-2097</td>
<td>Tuftonboro Corner Methodist Church</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>27</td>
<td>2:00 PM</td>
<td>Antique Automobile Show &amp; Rides</td>
<td>Historical Society Lawn</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>27</td>
<td>5:30–7:00 PM</td>
<td>Historical Society Bean Supper</td>
<td>Historical Society Barn &amp; Museum</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>27</td>
<td>7:00 PM</td>
<td>History Book Club - <em>The Forgotten 500</em></td>
<td>Tuftonboro Free Library</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

## SEPTEMBER

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Date</th>
<th>Time</th>
<th>Event</th>
<th>Location</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>2</td>
<td>7:00 PM</td>
<td>Tuftonboro Association Annual Meeting</td>
<td>Tuftonboro Town House</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>13</td>
<td>10 AM–Noon</td>
<td>Cemetery Workshop</td>
<td>Town Hall Cemetery</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>with Jessica Felix, gravestone restorer</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>13</td>
<td>7:30 PM</td>
<td>Celtic Concert – Peter McGuire &amp; friends</td>
<td>Old White Church</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>18</td>
<td>5:30–7:00 PM</td>
<td>Open House</td>
<td>Tuftonboro Central School</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>20</td>
<td>9:00 AM–Noon</td>
<td>Market Day at the Barn</td>
<td>Historical Society Barn</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>24</td>
<td>7:00 PM</td>
<td>History Book Club - <em>Blue Latitudes</em></td>
<td>Tuftonboro Free Library</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>27</td>
<td>5:00 &amp; 6:30 PM</td>
<td>Turkey Dinner – Reservations: 569-2097</td>
<td>Tuftonboro Corner Methodist Church</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

## OCTOBER

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Date</th>
<th>Time</th>
<th>Event</th>
<th>Location</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>18</td>
<td>9:00 AM–Noon</td>
<td>Market Day at the Barn</td>
<td>Historical Society Barn</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>18</td>
<td>9:00 AM–3:00 PM</td>
<td>Hikers Fall Rummage Sale</td>
<td>Willing Workers Hall</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>18</td>
<td>10:30 AM</td>
<td>Friends of the Library Annual Meeting &amp; Program</td>
<td>Tuftonboro Free Library</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>18</td>
<td>7:30 PM</td>
<td>Celtic Concert – Matt Cranitch &amp; Jackie Daley</td>
<td>Old White Church</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>22</td>
<td>6:00 PM</td>
<td>Historical Society Annual Meeting and Pot Luck Supper Program – “Celebrating 100 Years”</td>
<td>Camp William Lawrence</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>25</td>
<td>5:00 &amp; 6:30 PM</td>
<td>Roast Pork Dinner – Reservations: 569-2097</td>
<td>Tuftonboro Corner Methodist Church</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>29</td>
<td>7:00 PM</td>
<td>History Book Club - <em>Citizens of London</em></td>
<td>Tuftonboro Free Library</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

### Ongoing

2\(^{nd}\) through Last Mondays

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Time</th>
<th>Event</th>
<th>Location</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>6:30 PM</td>
<td>Knit Wits knitting group – All Welcome</td>
<td>Tuftonboro Free Library</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Every other Friday Night (July 25, August 8, 22, September 5, 19, October 3, 17)

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Time</th>
<th>Event</th>
<th>Location</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>7:00 PM</td>
<td>Game Night – Scrabble, Cribbage, Dominos</td>
<td>Tuftonboro Free Library</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Wednesday Mornings beginning September 10\(^{th}\)

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Time</th>
<th>Event</th>
<th>Location</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>10:30 AM</td>
<td>Pre-school Story Hour – stories and crafts</td>
<td>Tuftonboro Free Library</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Tuesday Evenings through August, Wednesday Evenings beginning in September,

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Time</th>
<th>Event</th>
<th>Location</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>6:30 – 9:30 PM</td>
<td>Country, Bluegrass &amp; Gospel Music Jam Session - Musicians &amp; Listeners Welcome – Info: Joe Ewing 569-3861</td>
<td>Old White Church</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Please direct items for inclusion in the community calendar to: timescalender@gmail.com
Mirror Lake intersection in the early days. The building in the background is “Holiday Hill” and still exists. Illustration courtesy of the Tuftonboro Historical Society.