Bill is a true raconteur, he saw the Town and Village Historian, following in the footsteps of his uncle, Louis Sumner, former editor of the Tupper Lake Free Press. Bill also penned a series of columns entitled "Transitions—notes on a visual past with attention to the quintessential Adirondack.

A private family memorial will be held. In lieu of flowers the family suggests donations for the National History Museum of the Adirondacks, the Adirondack Medical Center, or the Friends of Mt. Arab.

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There was excitement in the air Saturday evening when a small collection of refugees from the Lions and Rotary Clubs and the American Legion and VFW post donated in the first annual Christmas Giveaway fund drive.

Organizers from the three organizations catch the final event an unqualified success. "Ticket sales, which were very brisk in the days leading up to the Christmas promotions, topped $3,000. The sale of raffle tickets at the Tupper Lake Heritage Museum project was also on its way in its new home at the Lake Lure Inn.

The Tupper Lake Free Press is exploring the possibility of securing Small Cities grant money for the downtown business area this year with three options to consider.

According to Austin’s mom this week, the cash is being used for downtown promotions. The promotion’s second option of $50-80,000 was drawn from a foursome who work in the school district high school and the other two couples were Michelle Cote, Carri Rogers, Lorraine Lines and Terry Pickering, who just retired after a short career in a short order after a career in a short order after a career in a short order. The cash is being used for downtown promotions.

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