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Water Over the Dam

Mud Pond Dam is in need of repair; the ConComm considers options.

BY KATIE FEATHERSTON

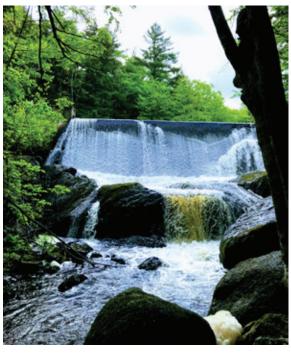
Have you ever walked out to the Mud Pond Dam? It's an easy hike from 101, one which I had never done until last spring. At that time the water was roaring so loudly over the dam you could barely be heard. It was pretty spectacular. Unfortunately, the concrete dam is really showing its age with a number of holes visible and vegetation creeping in.

The dam was built for Dublin Electric Company, which began service in 1910, and so today the Mud Pond Dam is 110 years old. According to a 2018 Notice of Inspection from the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services: "It is apparent that the dam is in extremely poor condition, and some of the deficiencies

that exist are significant and could lead to a premature failure."

The report recommends that Dublin consider engaging the services of a qualified engineering consultant to assess the condition of the dam and provide a cost estimate for restoration, replacement, or removal. Ultimately townspeople could decide at Town Meeting whether to expend money on an engineering study.





The question being considered by the Select Board is what to do about the dam. The question considered by the Conservation Commission (ConComm) is, could it ever generate electricity again as it once did for the town?

Last summer I returned to Mud Pond Dam with some friends including Robert King, owner of the Minnewawa dam and hydro plant in Marlborough. Robert purchased his first hydropower plant in 1991 and currently co-owns six such plants in New England.

His assessment was that the dam is in decent shape, but needs concrete work. In order to generate power, it would need all new penstock (steel pipeline approximately 42-inch diameter), new machinery, powerhouse, and a transmission line going south or west to the highway. It might be capable of producing something like 120 Kilowatts, enough to run the town's buildings, and

maybe the school. However, the process for federal licensing would take time (as much as three years) and money, not to mention the cost of the physical improvements that would be necessary.

The Conservation Commission's recommendation is that Dublin should engage an engineering consultant to get cost estimates for repairing, replacing, or removing the dam. For the time being, the Select Board has taken the step of opening the floodgate at the bottom of the dam to let the water resume its natural flow down the valley.

Walking below the dam reveals artifacts of the dam's past production of electricity. It's a lovely walk, a step back in time, and as Robert put it, a very cool site.

KATIE FEATHERSTON, a Dubliner since 1995, works at KSC in the Biology Lab and is its Greenhouse Manager. Other members of the Conservation Commission are John Morris, Sue Bird, Thomas Hulslander, Rusty Bastedo, Jay Schechter, and Wendy White.

Dublin COVID-19 Message

Dublin Emergency Management and Dublin Fire Department (new website: www.DublinEmergency.com) sent out a mailing to all Dubliners. Regarding COVID-19, updates will be posted on TownofDublin.org. The flyer indicates to follow Dublin Police Department on facebook and join the "NextDoor" app for updates. It lists phone numbers, websites, and provides details for deliveries of food from the Dublin General Store. If you wish to volunteer or need help, contact the Pastor Traceymay Kalvaitis at 715-0990.

For links to information and updates on COVID-19, in town and beyond, please see p. 9.

Dublin General Store 563-8401 Daily food delivery available.

Thanks to Andy & Michelle

Dublin Public Library

To avoid exposing patrons to the COVID-19 virus, DPL will be closed until April 6, and possibly longer. This decision reflects our desire to err on the side of caution in protecting our staff and community, and to contribute to efforts around the area to limit the virus's spread as much as possible.

Please view the library's website for alternative suggestions regarding the kind of items you find in our library and for ongoing information about how we may connect with library patrons at www.dublinnhpubliclibrary.org.

And when current events resolve, stop in the library to meet DPL's new director. Rachael Lovett lives in Dublin with her husband and three young children. She's eager to meet you!

New Director for the DPL

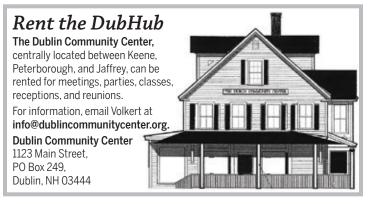
BY CELESTE SNITKO

Please join the Library trustees in welcoming our new Library Director, Rachael Lovett. Originally from Jaffrey, Rachael has recently returned to the area to raise a family of her own. She lives in Dublin with her husband, three children, and the family dog.

Rachael has been working in libraries since undergraduate school at Brandeis University, most recently running Franklin Pierce University's







Library Technical Services Department. After receiving her MBA from Franklin Pierce, Rachael moved into library administration, and is excited to bring new ideas, management, and collaboration to the Dublin Public Library.

Stop by the Library, when we reopen, to say hello, and see what's new!

CELESTE SNITKO is Chair of DPL Trustees. Other trustees are Connie Cerroni, Suzan Gillette, Jane Holmes, Bethe Walker, Bill Goodwin, Gail Bartlett, Nancy Cayford, and Dorcey Flynn.

DCF Calls for 2020 Scholarships

BY JEFF OJA

Dublin Community Foundation (DCF) welcomes scholarship applications from 2020 graduating seniors who are residents of Dublin. A limited number of scholarships is available for students who are planning to continue their studies at a college, university, technical, or business school.

The deadline for completed applications is May 15, 2020. Notification of awards will be made by June 15. Applications are available from guidance counselors at Dublin Christian Academy, the Dublin School, and Fairwood Bible Institute. ConVal students may submit ConVal's Scholarship Common Application form.

DCF also welcomes applications from Dublin students who have been homeschooled. Those students may request an application from dublincommunityfoundation@gmail.com. Completed applications can either be emailed to the address above or mailed to DCF at PO Box 1036, Dublin, NH 03444.

JEFF OJA is the president of the DCF. Board members include Jane Keough, Holly Macy, May Clark, and Tom Warren.

Trustees of Trust Funds Offer Scholarships for 2020 Graduates

The Dublin Trustees of the Trust Fund are calling for applications from Dublin students seeking assistance for their pursuit of post-secondary education. The scholarships will award youth who are focused on civic engagement both now and in the future. Applications can be found at Town Hall, from high school guidance counselors, or directly from the scholarship committee. Deadline for receiving applications is Friday, May 22. All questions may be directed to either Balmeet Khalsa (balmeetkkhalsa@gmail.com) or Mary Loftis (mloftis2@myfairpoint.net).



Dublin's 2020 Town Meeting Decisions

Our attendance was way up and so too our tax rate.

BY MARGARET GURNEY

or the March 10 voting results, we welcome Carole Monroe as new Select person, Sarah Sangermano as Supervisor of the Checklist, Jeannine Dunne as Town Clerk / Tax Collector, Nancy Cayford and Suzan Gillette as Library Trustees, Nancy Campbell and Karen Eng Vanderbilt on the Budget Committee, Loring Catlin Jr. as Cemetery Trustee, Rick MacMillan and Caleb Niemela to the Planning Board. Charlie Champagne as Trustee of Trust Funds, and Alan Edelkind as Representative to

the SAU1 School Board, aka ConVal. They were all sworn in after the meeting.

The three new Zoning Ordinances from the Planning Board now include requiring a conditional use permit for transient housing; providing for a process to issue conditional use permits to implement innovative land use controls pursuant to NH state planning law: and eliminating inconsistencies in the Town's wetland rules.

As for the rest, at March 14's Town Meeting, everything passed, and then some.

Moderator Tim Clark opened with words of wisdom and Robb Sagendorph's nondenominational prayer for civil discourse after delays in the start associated with extra caution brought on from coronavirus concerns. Charlie Champagne was awarded with two citations, one from NH Governor Sununu and the other from Congresswoman Annie Kuster, marking his retirement after six years of service on the Town's BudCom.

In the only ballot vote, residents approved town-wide Broadband (223 to 5). This will allow the Town to seek a bond of \$1,300,000 with a 20-year agreement with Consolidated Communications, payment for which will come from user fees, not taxation. It will take a year to implement, if all goes according to plan.

Through the passing of additional warrant articles to follow, the initial approved budget for general municipal operations



All newly elected candidates attending were sworn in by Moderator Tim Clark after the Town Meeting, held March 14.

grew to \$3,772,313, for an increase in taxation from 4.7% to 6.6%.

We will raise \$62,985 to chip seal Valley Road and Perry Pasture Road; \$5,000 to repair the front access to the Post Office to come from unassigned funds; and \$201,000 for the Town Capital Reserve Funds – for future expenditures in Heavy Highway Equipment, Police Cruiser, Fire Equipment, Road Construction, Bridge Repair / Replacement, and Town Buildings Maintenance.

We approved an additional \$5,000 to upgrade our town website; another \$5,000 for insulating basement walls at the Library;

> and \$3,600 was approved for the *Dublin Advocate*.

All nine nonprofits that offer advisory health and welfare services to Dubliners will get some relief disbursed from a total of \$7,372; and \$7,000 will go to further the mission of the Dublin Community Center. Several new residents in town spoke highly of the Hub's welcoming atmosphere.

We approved \$13,808 for **Expendable Trust Funds** (Revaluation, Master Plan, Town Buildings Repair),

and \$175 in revenue from cemetery lots.

Two petition warrant articles were passed to support our Town veterans: the tax credit was increased from \$500 to \$750 and an optional tax credit for a Service Connected Total Disability on residential property of \$4,000.

We heard the reports of Agents, Auditors, Committees, and were "dissolved" before noon.

MARGARET GURNEY is editor of the Advocate.

Select Board Announces 2019 Citizen of the Year

This year's Citizen of the Year is recognized for his myriad contributions to the Town as a faithful and dedicated private citizen: for his contribution as a volunteer firefighter and for his role on the rescue team, where he has rescued hikers off Mount Monadnock; for his participation in many emergency calls to the homes of Dublin residents; for his dedication to the Memorial Day Committee and his role as flag tender to the flagpole in the center of town – a duty which he has faithfully discharged since 1988.

In addition, we recognize Brian for the many times he volunteered to make ice cream



for town events, giving up his weekend days while still working full time as the Town's Road Agent. For these contributions, and for many other contributions to the betterment of the Town of Dublin, the Selectmen \(\frac{1}{20} \) recognize Brian Barden as our 2019 Citizen of the Year.

Citizen of the Year for 2019 was awarded to Brian Barden for his decades of service to the Town of Dublin in many capacities. The clock was presented by the Dublin Select Board: Walter Snitko, Chris Raymond, and Dale Gabel.

Update from the Swap Shop

The Swap Shop at the Transfer Station usually opens in April, but due to the coronavirus situation, we have decided to delay the opening date. We will open as soon as we think it's safe for both volunteers and residents.



Notices will be placed in the Post Office and in next month's *Advocate* when the date is decided. In the meantime, residents can use the Salvation Army and Planet Aid donation bins next to the Swap Shop or hold on to their items another month or two until we open again.

The well-being of our volunteers and residents is our first concern! We look forward to seeing you soon.

The volunteers at the Transfer Station's Swap Shop are Leslie Whone, Jane Holmes, Rosemary Mack, Nancy Nolan, Jane Simpson, and Meredith Martin.

Town of Dublin Public Notice

Effective March 2–May 1, 2020, all Town roads will be closed to all vehicles over six tons. For exceptions, please contact the Road Agent, Roger Trempe, at 398-8546.



Respond promptly to U.S. Census 2020



At the Town Hall on March 10, Dale Gabel (L) joined Ballot Clerks on duty to check in voters (L-R): Laura Elcoate, Sharon Murray, Susie Vogel, and Jean Barden.

News from the Dublin Women's Club

BY NANCY CAMPBELL

The Women's Club annual meeting (subject to cancellation because of the coronavirus) will be held on Wednesday, April 22, at DelRossi's. A social hour begins at 5:30 pm with dinner being served around 6 pm. The cost will still be \$39 per person, which includes a selection of Del Rossi's favorites, along with a choice of soup or salad, bread, dessert, coffee or tea. The 9% meals tax and gratuity is included.

This may be the last opportunity the Club has to have dinner at DelRossi's. One doesn't have to be a Women's Club member to join us; we welcome guests, especially anyone who has just moved to town. Members will receive notification either by USPS mail or email in the near future.

The Women's Club board has been meeting to make plans for the summer 2020 Beach. Polly Seymour, Kamryn Coll, and Andrew Fletcher will be returning staff. We will provide updates on setup date, opening day, and the beginning of swim lessons in May.

Invitations to join the Dublin Women's Club will be mailed the end of April. Any-

Marie Leonard Rajaniemi 1931-2020 one who does not receive an invitation or who needs financial assistance may contact Nancy Campbell (563-8480).

NANCY CAMPBELL is Treasurer of the Dublin Women's Club.

School Buses Delivering Food for "End 68"

ConVal's End 68 Hours of Hunger shelves are bare, grocery stores no longer accept large orders. Please help by filling the donation bin in the entryway at the Dublin Community Church. End 68 tries to keep the food bags as consistent as possible from one child to the next, so the needs are pretty specific: cereal (12-oz. boxes), soup (10- and 18-oz. cans), and Ramen noodles are especially needed. Online donations at www.end68hoursofhunger.org are also greatly appreciated. Please direct questions to convalnh@end68hoursofhunger.org or call 588-2468. Thank you!

Congratulations to All 2020 College Graduates

The May issue of the *Advocate* focuses on your graduations from technical school or college. Share with your neighbors where you will graduate from, plans if you wish, and a photo of your face. Please send all your material to DublinAdvocate@gmail.com by April 15.

short-term experience but, as always, staff will do whatever is best for our students! I

am so appreciative of our amazing teachers

In this challenging time, if you or any-

one you know needs anything, please reach

and building staff at our little school.

NICOLE PEASE is Teaching Principal at DCS.

out and call us at 563-8332.

Let's hope this

remote learning is a

News from Our Consolidated School

BY NICOLE PEASE

ife sure can throw us curveballs! LWithin a few hours of my article submission, school at DCS changed completely; so here is version two.

With the decision to close the ConVal District Schools, DCS staff members have embraced the possibilities of remote learn-

ing for our students. District teachers have worked with great care and effort to establish learning activities for students to continue their educational experience. Our staff has created learning menus through which their students will maintain their learning up to this point in the school year. Teachers will be connecting with families and students on a regular basis to offer encouragement and support as needed.

Music with Miss Shepherd

DCA Presents Thornton Wilder's The Matchmaker

cast of Upper School students at Dublin Christian Academy will present The Match-A cast of Upper School students at Dublin Christian Federal, Maril 24, at 1 pm and Friday, April 24, at 1 pm and A 7 pm. Performances will be held in the school auditorium at 82 Page Road in Dublin and are open to the public. Tickets cost \$5 per person and will be available at the door.

Please check dublinchristian.org for event updates and COVID-19 related schedule changes. You can call the school at 563-8505 with any questions.

BETHANY PAQUIN is Development Assistant at Dublin Christian Academy.

School Board Update on Budget and 5th Grade

BY ALAN EDELKIND

This is my first note as an elected Con-Val School Board representative for Dublin vs. being an appointed one. Thank you all for your confidence in me and my ability to represent the Dublin community. To meet publishing deadlines this update is being written on March 16.

At this time there is a tremendous amount of activity taking place for remote learning due to the COVID-19 outbreak. I hope that things have somewhat stabilized by the time you read this.

All warrant articles, including the new school budget, were passed by voters in Dublin and ConVal as a whole. Although the budget did reflect an increase in needed revenue, it was carefully considered. By passing the budget, the default budget, which would have resulted in scaling back programs and needed expenditures, was avoided. Every year brings the challenge of controlling our expenditures while providing the education our students deserve.

As to DCS 5th grade, our commitment is to keep 5th grade at DCS based on certain objective criteria. One is that the retained 5th grade population is greater than four students. The deadline to request change of assignment to SMS was March 15. Although the final count has not been determined yet, due to the work being done on remote learning, it looks like we will be meeting the criteria to keep 5th grade at DCS next school year.

Stay safe and healthy in these turbulent times.

ALAN EDELKIND is Dublin's School Board Representative to SAU1.

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Write Your Dublin Story!

Here is a fun project for parents, grandparents, and children to do while you are at home.

BY LUCY SHONK

The Dublin Historical Society (DHS) ▲ is collecting stories for our Centennial exhibit entitled "My Dublin Story." We

hope to collect 100 or more stories about Dublin from current or former residents.

The story just needs to be about you or your child/grandchild and a Dublin memory, event, place, or person. It does not matter if you have been here for centuries or just moved here yesterday.

The storyboard will be on 11x17 with a photograph that you can send online to val@dublinhistory.org or bring to the Dublin Archives to have scanned.

> The stories should be approximately 125 words and can be sent as an email or word document to val@ dublinhistory.org. Your name will be at the top of the storyboard. These will be printed by DHS and saved in the Archives after the exhibit.

The Centennial Celebration, with all the stories exhibited. will take place this summer, on Saturday, August 8, at the Schoolhouse Museum, next to the Dublin Consolidated School.

LUCY SHONK is co-president of the Dublin Historical Society with Felicity Pool. Board members are Laura Elcoate, Donna Garner, Ruthie Gammons, Paul Hardy, Judy Knapp, and Peter Kenyon.

The Friendly Farm

BY MARY ALICE FOX

y husband, Allan, and I both grew up on farms. After we married, we lived in Concord, MA. Allan worked for a deep well company and I took care of our five children. In 1963, Allan's company wanted him to transfer to NJ, which we did not want to do. Allan's love of children and animals took us on a new path. We found an old farm, up for auction, in Dublin, right on Main Street. By the summer of 1965 we had started the Friendly Farm. Allan loved getting up early to tend to the animals and then spend time introducing children to the joys of watching chicks hatch, feeding goats, helping to feed a calf with a bottle, and patting the rabbits. We both loved our life on the Friendly Farm!



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Paul and Archie Roth Chose Dublin

"We are so lucky to have found such a great place."

BY RAMONA BRANCH

7hen the Facilities Maintenance Director position at the Cheshire Medical Center/Dartmouth-Hitchcock in Keene opened up, Paul Roth and his wife, Archie, jumped at the chance to return to the New England they loved. A native Delawarean, with an electrical engineering degree from the University of Delaware, Paul has been in healthcare facilities management for about 30 years. "We wanted to get back to the real New England," explains Paul. "We had lived in Arlington, Vermont, before moving to Waterford, Connecticut, and we missed being in the mountains and beautiful forested countryside."

When Paul took his job at the hospital, the Roths rented a townhouse in Keene, which gave them the time to look for a house to buy. They wanted a small house with several acres with no more than a 30-minute commute to and from the hospital. After searching for homes in Surry, Chesterfield, Swanzey, and Walpole, they saw a house listing in Dublin on realtor.com that listed the requirements they were looking for and set up an appointment with the listing agent.

"Driving to our appointment past beautiful Dublin Lake and Mt. Monadnock on the winding 101," Archie says, "Paul and I looked at each other with excitement and anticipation. When we saw the house on Monument Road we knew right off the bat that this was the house for us."

The Roths say they pinch themselves when they think how lucky they are to have found such a great place in the Monadnock Region. "We have three dogs, Dylan, Louie and Carson," explains Paul, "and walking them on Monument Road is ideal. Our neighbors are so friendly and stop to introduce themselves while we are walking them."

Archie, a retired hairdresser of 25 years, is a DIY interior designer and loves decorating with antiques. She had an antiques booth in a mall when she lived in Maryland and also has experience volunteering with nonprofit organizations.

Woodworking is Paul's hobby and he spends much of his free time completing home improvement projects and building things. An active outdoor enthusiast, Paul says he loves taking their dogs for long walks, playing golf, hiking, snowboarding, and kayaking.



He still has a passion for ocean sports – swimming, surfing, and skim boarding – and tries to get back to his roots and family at the Delaware beach when possible. A Rotarian of many years and former president of the Bennington, Vermont, Rotary, Paul has joined the Keene Rotary Club and serves on the Board.

The couple has three children, twins Julie and Daniel, 34 years old, and Ben, 29 years old. They also have four grandchildren: Vivian, Charlie, Max, and Lucy.

We are thrilled to have them in the neighborhood.

RAMONA BRANCH is on the staff of the Advocate.

Contoocook Valley Regional School District SAU #1

ConVal Kindergarten Registration and Screening All Towns

Tuesday, May 19, 2020, 8 am-3 pm

at Peterborough Elementary School for children in Dublin and neighboring towns.

To attend the Kindergarten Registration and Screening, please call Kate Wasserloos at 924-7503 ext. 2032. All incoming kindergartners should attend, pre-registration is required. A child must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian.

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April Events at the DubHub

DubHub Wifi Access

The DubHub Wifi is accessible from the **L** parking lot, so we are offering that as an option for students and others who may need Wifi access. Look for the network NETGEAR28-5G EXT. The password is ancientpond703 (all lower case).

Presentation: End Violence on Campus

he DubHub in cooperation with a Con-Val High nt group, will CANCELED host a presen part of a month-long serv Violence on Campus. The talk will be leld on Tuesday, April 14, starting at 7 pm.

Community Lunch & the Nurse Is In

ome enjoy some delightful conversation with your neighbors over a tasty meal on Tuesday, April 21, from noon to 1 pm. The menu this month is tomato bisque and grilled cheddar cheese, salad, sweets, and drinks. A \$3 donation is requested.

During lunch, a nurse from the Nurse Is In wellness clinic, offered by Healthcare,

Hospice and Community Services (HCS), will check blood pressures and answer any questions about home care or health concerns. Free, no appointment necessary.

Open Stage on Fourth Friday

pen Stage will be on Friday, April 24, starting at 7 pm. Doors open at 6:30. Performers should come prepared to do three songs or 15-minute sets. Admission is \$5. Sign up in advance at info@dublincommunitycenter.org, or at the door.

Dublin's Nonprofit & Volunteer Fair & Newcomer Reception

The Community Forum on Saturday, April 25, will highlight Dublin's local nonprofits and volunteer organizations. The Forum will run from 4:30 to 5:30 pm, and will be followed by a Newcomers' Reception from 5:30 to 6:30 pm.

Dublin newcomers and old timers alike are welcome to come and circulate among the town's nonprofits, who will display their materials. To register, contact Lucy Shonk at 563-8837 or Balmeet Khalsa at 203-6673, or email info@dublincommunitycenter.org.

The DubHub board closed the Center until the virus is under control. As with our weather policy, we will comply with ConVal closings. The events above are based on an April 5th opening. Stay tuned for any changes or updates on dublincommunitycenter.org or from the Hubbub newsletter (sign up at eepurl. com/bLCNTz).

When the DubHub reopens, we will resume Coffee & Conversation on Mondays and Wednesdays from 9 am to noon. On Fridays "Knit with Nancy" (also open to crafters) is from 9 am to noon. On Mondays, the DubHub will be open until 5 pm. On Wednesdays, the Hub is closed from noon to 1, but then is open again from 1 to 4 pm. The DubHub closes at noon on Fridays. Call 563-8080 with questions.

Military Working Dogs during the Vietnam War

R etired college professor Howard Thomas will speak about the U.S. military's use of dogs during the Vietnam War on Monday, April 27, at 7 pm. Dogs were used by four of the five branches of the Armed Forces present in Vietnam; the presenter will include his experience as a U.S. Marine Sentry dog handler during 1967-68. Admission is free.

Dance Fit

ance Fitness with Deb (DFWD) Giaimo Spring Session may begin on April 6. The class meets on Mondays from 5:30 to 6:30 pm. DFWD is a moderate intensity, low-impact aerobic dance workout done to popular songs. Newcomers may try a complimentary class. For information, call Deb at 563-8648 or email fredebg@myfairpoint.net.

Qigong

nce the DubHub reopens, Qigong classes will continue on Wednesdays, from noon to 1 pm. New students are welcome any time. For information, contact instructor Ginnette Groom at ammatwirl@ aol.com or 313-9828.

Code Club Continues

ode Club will hopefully resume on ✓April 9. The club is open to any Dublin students, grades 2 through 8, as long as they can read. Interested people may email dubhubcodeclub@gmail.com.

> Julie Crocker, MD 1927-2020

Harrisville Lake Cottage



New Cottage Year around Go to AirBnB.com Harrisville, NH

Harry and Pegg 603-852-8026, 603-852-8166 Harrisville Lake Cottage Sleeps up to 6



Keeping COVID-19 at Bay

Cancellations, social distancing, extreme hygiene, staying home, or dial 2-1-1 for the NH hotline.

In light of the changes occurring every day in all recent reports on COVID-19 locally — with universities and schools, events and concerts, parades and churches, meetings and gatherings all being canceled or postponed — many opportunities exist to stay updated on what is happening locally and how to protect yourself and your family. Safe to say, many local enterprises are using the dates ConVal has chosen to estimate closures.

At Dublin's Town Meeting, Kay Eng Vanderbilt distributed a handout from the Town of Dublin Emergency Management Team regarding COVID-19. She updates those postings on Townof Dublin.org. Also, the Town's Facebook page and NextDoor group app are two other sources of updated sources, or call 563-8544.

If you are in need of support (food deliveries, errands, etc.) in the event of quarantine, or if you would like to volunteer to help, contact the Community Church pastor, TraceymayKalvaitis@gmail.com.

Some local grocery stores have modified hours exclusively for seniors to shop early in the day.

Follow Good Practices (at right), and visit many links on Center for Disease Control at CDC.gov.

Dublin's Health Officer, Michael Borden, suggests visiting ReadyNH.gov to sign up for alerts visible in the right-hand column.

Renewing Vehicle Registrations during the pandemic; from the Dublin Town Clerk/Tax Collector's office: "We have been instructed by the Town's Health Officer to keep the doors to the Town Hall closed to the public at this time. We are asking residents to renew registrations by mail —townofdublin. org/2020/03/17/renewing-vehicle-registrations-during-the-pandemic-until-further-notice-stay-tuned/ for the full message."

Good Practices

- Stay home if you feel sick or show signs of illness, and avoid public places.
- Wash your hands frequently with soap and water (for 20 seconds or long enough to sing the "Happy Birthday" song beginning to end two times).
- Or, use a hand sanitizer (with at least 70% alcohol) on hands.
- Sanitize items and disinfect all surfaces you touch (door-knobs, light switches, keyboards, phones, remotes).
- Refrain from handshakes, avoid any face-touching (eyes, nose, or mouth).
- ◆ Refrain from close contact (less than 6 feet) with others.
- ◆ Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue or elbow when sneezing or coughing; throw tissue into the trash.

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More Resources

COVID-19 coronavirus in New Hampshire, WMUR: www.wmur.com/article/covid-19-coronavirus-new-hampshire-information/31193750

Answers to FAQ from the NH health department: www.dhhs.nh.gov/dphs/cdcs/documents/covid-19-faq.pdf

Information from the State of NH on COVID-19: www.nh.gov/covid19/

GET INFORMATION FROM GOVERNMENT HEALTH AGENCIES AND SOURCES

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: www.cdc. gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html. Maps and information for travelers, health officials, and the public.

The World Health Organization: www.who.int/ emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019. A "one-stop shop for all information and guidance."

Factcheck.org, a nonpartisan, nonprofit "consumer advocate": www.factcheck.org/2020/01/qa-on-the-wuhan-coronavirus.

Link to New Hampshire Department of Health & Human Services (DHHS) for up-to-date information: www.dhhs. nh.gov/dphs/cdcs/2019-ncov.htm.

Continuing to serve you during the COVID-19 (Coronavirus) Outbreak from Congresswoman Ann McLane Kuster (3/17): "We can all do our part to slow the spread of COVID-19 by practicing social distancing and help to 'flatten the curve' and avoid overwhelming our health care system." Kuster.house.gov/contact.

New Hampshire residents seeking benefits, including the self-employed, can apply online at **www.nhes.nh.gov**, or call 603-271-7700.

FROM THE SOUTHWEST REGION PLANNING COMMISSION

See the NH Division of Public Health Services: www.dhhs. nh.gov/dphs/cdcs/documents/covid-19-businesses.pdf. Also here is a link for posters that can be downloaded for use at your place of gathering or work: www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/communication/factsheets.html

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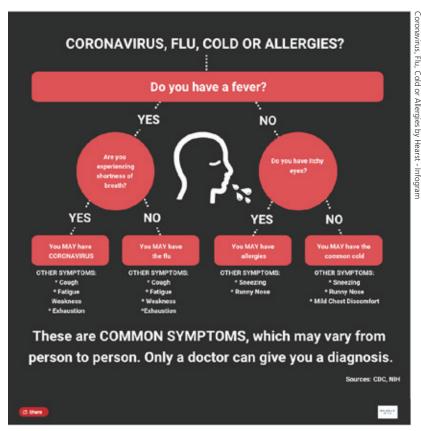
Two local newspapers have offered free access to their sites for sharing recent updates:

Monadnock Ledger-Transcript: www.ledgertranscript.com/ Special-Reports/Coronavirus

Keene Sentinel: www.sentinelsource.com/news/coronavirus

A friendly Facebook group site that you join to read: Peterborough Area Cares during COVID-19: https://www.facebook.com/groups/212670823140282/?fref=nf&__tn__=C-R

NHPR: 90.7 FM Keene or 88.3 FM Nashua: Vetted, independent community-minded news and information 24/7: www.nhpr.org/



how-listen-radio-online#stream/0. Also access livestream, an app, or via social media: www.nhpr.org/social-media#stream/0

WMUR: What You Can Do to Slow the Spread of COVID-19: "The government has recommended that for the [rest of March], Americans should avoid gathering in groups of 10 or more people. Governor Sununu ordered (WMUR.com 3/17/20) all bars and restaurants to close except for delivery, drive-through, and takeout, and gatherings of 50 people or more are prohibited until April 7. If you have the ability to work from home, do. We should all be minimizing our contact with others."

Washington Post: Why outbreaks like coronavirus spread exponentially, and how to "flatten the curve". www.washingtonpost.com/graphics/2020/world/corona-simulator/

LOCAL HOSPITALS

Our two most local hospitals have sent out emails indicating new visitors rules.

Cheshire Medical Center: NO VISITORS will be permitted on the Cheshire Medical Center campus. To reach your primary care provider at Cheshire, call (603) 354-5400 or visit www. cheshire-med.com/. Latest COVID-19 updates and FAQs from the Cheshire Medical Center: www.cheshire-med.com/coronavirus.html

Monadnock Community Hospital has instituted a limited visitation policy for all visitors: "We will share changes and information as it becomes available. You can find more information and resources about COVID-19 at www.nh.gov/covid19 and www.cdc.gov as well as monadnockcommunityhospital.com/covid-19-info/."

Allen Davis Facilitates in Bennington

Talking About Race: Staying Curious, Moving Forward, and Being Part of the Solution" will be held at the Bennington Historical Society (2 Antrim Rd, Bennington) on Thursday, April 9, at 6:30 pm. It is co-sponsored by the Bennington and Francestown libraries.

The program, facilitated by Allen Davis, an educator and social justice advocate, will focus on the experiences of three local African Americans, Claire Holston, Luis Rosa, and Doug Sutherland, who have generously offered to share what it means to be Black in the U.S. today.

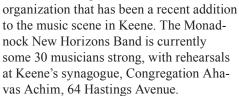
This workshop is designed to encourage an open and thoughtful conversation on race and how as a community we can learn to appreciate and understand experiences and perspectives different from our own.

Allen Davis lives in Dublin.

Brass Band in Action

BY RUSTY BASTEDO

New Horizons Music is a global



The 2020 New Horizons Band concert is scheduled for April 7 at 7:30 pm (snow date April 14). If you want to find out more, visit mnhband.org, and the global organization at www.newhorizonsmusic.org.

Musicians come from all over the Monadnock Region to play during the winter months, and we welcome your attendance on Tuesday, April 7, at 7:30 pm.

RUSSELL BASTEDO is on the staff of the *Advocate*. He plays the trumpet, and is retired from serving as NH State Curator (1997-2009).

In keeping with the tagline of *The Dublin Advocate*, "to encourage and strengthen our community," our newsletter focuses on the dissemination of community information and entertainment. The editor reserves the right to select and edit all editorial and advertising. The views expressed in these issues are not necessarily those of *The Dublin Advocate* or its staff. –Ed.



Bears Love Birdfeeders

Complete your bird-feeding activities by April 1.

HPR (Sarah Gibson) reports that warm weather is luring bears out of hibernation (2/17/20). "Low snow cover, warm spells this winter, and a mast crop of berries and acorns in the fall have more bears coming out of hibernation, particularly in the southeastern corner of the state."

Dan Bailey, a wildlife biologist with NH Fish and Game, says they "are seeing more winter bear activity this year than usual, with regular sightings in people's backyards...".

Read the full story at www.nhpr.org/post/warm-weather-luring-bears-out-hibernation#stream/0.







Monadnock Rotary

BY PEGG MONAHAN

Tarry Wolhandler of Monadnock ■ Rotary recently presented cash awards from the Community Walk for Recovery from Substance Use to three local agencies who participated in the Community Walk: Phoenix House, Dublin; Serenity House, Keene; and Reality Check, Jaffrev.

The funds will be used to help provide services for these local programs.

Recently Monadnock Rotary also heard

L-R: Mary Drew of Reality Check, Jaffrey; Peter Dal Pra, Dublin Manager and Shorey Dow, NH Manager of Phoenix House; Kathy Mota, Keene Serenity Center; and Harry Wolhandler, Rotary.

from a variety of speakers: Andrew Maneval of Harrisville speaking about his role as a legal arbitrator and court expert. Howard Thomas, of Dublin, retired professor of Biology Department, Fitchburg State, talked about his profession studying small mammals in remote locations worldwide.

Because of the community's need to avoid group gatherings due to the Coronavirus, Monadnock Rotary has temporarily suspended its regular meetings.

International Rotary Clubs focus on

serving the world; we are instrumental in nearly eradicating polio. Locally, the Monadnock Rotary Club focuses on wellness and youth with service programs and donations. Usually, we hold Tuesday breakfast meetings, hear a speaker, and plan for community programs and fundraising. We partner with the Peterborough Rotary Club on many programs. Please visit MonadnockRotary.com for more information.

PEGG MONAHAN is President of Monadnock Rotary. She can be reached at 827-3139 or 852-8166.







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Once our vetted volunteer drivers choose which trips best fit their schedules, they call the rider to verify pick-up times and, when they return home themselves, they track their total mileage for reimbursement from CVTC. Drivers select when, and to where, and for how long they are available.

By making this difference in a rider's life, drivers contribute to the health of the Monadnock Region, one person at a time.

Call CVTC with questions at 1-877-428-2882 x 5.



Art by Chris Reid

2020 Annual Spring Art Exhibit

The Jaffrey Civic Center's 2020 Annual Spring Art Exhibit will include mixed media including photographs, paintings, drawings, textiles, glassworks, paper works, pottery, woodwork, and other 3D disciplines.

The exhibit will run through April 24. It is free and open to the public.

The Jaffrey Civic Center, is at 40 Main Street, Jaffrey, with parking in back.

Admission is always free. For information, call 532-6527, or e-mail info@jaffreyciviccenter.com.

A Helping Hand for Amphibians

The Harris Center reports: "As the earth thaws and spring rains drench New Hampshire, thousands of salamanders, frogs, and toads make their way to vernal pools to breed. Many are killed when their journeys take them across busy roads. Each spring, we train volunteers to serve on Salamander Crossing Brigades at amphibian road crossings throughout the Monadnock Region. These heroic citizen scientists count migrating amphibians and safely usher the animals across roads during one or more Big Nights" (harriscenter.org/programs-and-education/citizen-science/salamander-crossing-brigades).

Since 2007, our Crossing Brigades have moved more than 47,250 amphibians out of harm's way! To join their ranks – or simply to learn more about the remarkable amphibian migration – visit harriscenter. org/programs-and-education/citizen-science/salamander-crossing-brigades/salamander-forecast

For information, please contact the Harris Center's Brett Amy Thelen at (603) 358-2065.



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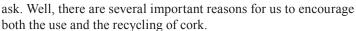


The Magic of Cork

BY HANNE SKOV HANSEN

Thanks to the efforts of Tom Kennedy, the Dublin Transfer Station Superintendent, the town is now accepting cork for recycling!

Why do we even care about a little "wine stopper," you might



Cork is an important renewable resource. Harvesting cork bark assists in the absorption of CO2-a greenhouse gas that causes climate change. When the cork bark is harvested from the tree it actually initiates a regeneration process of the tree, where it takes in more CO2 and produces more oxygen than normal.



In fact, harvested cork trees absorb 3-5 times more CO2 than non-harvested trees. Cork oak trees in Portugal alone help offset 10 million tons of carbon every year.

On the "used" side of the equation, because cork is such a durable material, it can get recycled into anything from craft supplies to flooring. The Town already has a cork-recycling vendor that will accept all our cork at no cost to the town.

So please thank Tom next time you see him, and remember to bring all your little cork stoppers to be recycled!

HANNE SKOV HANSEN is a most welcome newcomer to our little town.

RSVP Awarded Grant

Monadnock RSVP Volunteer Center has been awarded a \$86,913 grant to support volunteer activities from the Corporation of National and Community Service (CNCS).

Monadnock RSVP mobilizes more than 180 older adults in meaningful service opportunities at 40 nonprofit and public organizations, and in RSVP signature programs locally including America Reads, a national literacy program that pairs RSVP volunteers with students in grades K-3; and Neighbors-In-Deed, an independent living program that helps seniors, adults with disabilities, and veterans and military families remain in their homes as long as possible.

Through community partnerships, RSVP works to improve social living conditions and create long-term change that produces healthy, well-educated, and financially stable individuals and families in our community.

Monadnock RSVP (www.monadnockvolunteercenter.org) is sponsored by Monadnock Family Services, and its offices are based in Keene at 64 Main St. Call 357-4400 for information.

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New Hampshire Eagle Survey

BY TOM WARREN

Every winter New Hampshire
Audubon conducts a mid-winter
Bald Eagle Survey. Over the past
40 years, there has been a dramatic
increase in Bald Eagle sightings.
This year 101 Bald Eagles and three
Golden Eagles were observed:
immature (first year), juvenile (1-4
years old), and adults (5+ years).

Most eagles were observed in the Lakes Region (31) and the Connecticut River Watershed (29), Seacoast (15), and the Merrimack River (14). One Golden Eagle was observed in the Lakes Region.

Bald Eagle populations continue to rise, the past six years having the greatest rise.

This was the third time Golden Eagles were observed, one adult and two immatures.

The Golden Eagle, observed in small numbers every October and November at Pack Monadnock, has a long history. This bird is commonly found in the western



United States and Canada. The ones we see are coming from Greenland and Labrador.

Research at 154 Neanderthal sites show data from as early as 130,000 years ago that indicates Eurasian hunters were hunting Golden Eagles and using talons as jewelry and other symbolic artifacts. The research results show that Neanderthals were more sophisticated than earlier

believed. The research is at variance with accepted theory that Neanderthals hunted big game, like bison and could not adapt to hunting smaller, faster prey like eagles.

In the Monadnock Region, Bald Eagles are already incubating eggs at Nubanusit and Granite Lakes as well as sites near the Connecticut River in Hinsdale.

TOM WARREN is Dublin's resident ornithologist.



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