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Keep Happy & Safe by Hiking Locally

Dublin Conservation Commission offers plenty of options.

BY JAY SCHECHTER

Despite Governor Chris Sununu's stay-at-home order, which took effect March 26, New Hampshire residents are allowed – and encouraged – to go outside to exercise. In fact, Governor Sununu and N.H. Conservation Groups have said to “hike local” during the pandemic.

But not every hiking and walking spot is available or safe to use during the coronavirus pandemic.

“We’re asking folks all over New Hampshire to find that little spot in your neighborhood, in your community, whatever it might be,” Gov. Sununu said. The governor is not considering closing state parks and instead is telling people to practice social distancing. Plus, hikers are urged to pick less popular trails.

Find some quieter, less-used, more family-friendly trails near home, he said – and come prepared with a few backup plans.

Our Town of Dublin offers many opportunities for hiking and outdoors recreation. We recommend staying away from more well-known trails such as those in Monadnock State Park.

- Beech Hill stands on the north side of downtown Dublin and Dublin Lake. The hill has a storied history of many interesting uses. Today, the hill is owned by the Beech Hill Dublin Lake Watershed Association. The hill offers several very nice ledge viewpoints, and here



we describe a nice loop that visits all of them: www.nhfamilyhikes.com/hikes.php?hike=Beech%20Hill&from=fth.

- Rotary Park land was donated to the Town of Dublin in 1978 by Samuel Tamposi to create a recreation area for the citizens of Dublin and the surrounding area. In 2008 members of the Monadnock Rotary Club embarked on a project to make the 40-acre property more accessible to the public. In partnership with members of the Dublin Conservation Commis-

sion and other residents of Dublin, the Monadnock Rotary Club cleared trails and created picnic areas and a canoe launch site (portal.clubrunner.ca/2945/SitePage/dublin-rotary-park).

- Monadnock Sunapee Greenway Trail is a 49.8-mile moderately trafficked point-to-point trail. The portion that goes through Dublin is a 2.1 mile out-and-back trail that offers the chance to see wildlife and is good for all skill levels. The trail is primarily used for hiking and nature trips (www.alltrails.com/trail/us/new-hampshire/monadnock-sunapee-greenway).

Other conservation organizations with trails in our area include:

- The Harris Center trails and grounds remain open: harriscenter.org/trails-grounds-facilities.
- The Monadnock Conservancy offers trails on conserved land: www.monadnockconservancy.org/explore/hiking.
- The Forest Society has details on its website of trails to avoid and hidden gems to try for social distancing. You can explore a full map of conservation areas: forestsociety.org/reservation-guide.
- The Nature Conservancy's New Hampshire properties are also open: www.nature.org/en-us/get-involved/how-to-help/places-we-protect/?s=new-hampshire.

JAY SCHECHTER is a member of the Dublin Conservation Commission. Other members of the DCC are John Morris, Rusty Bastedo, Sue Bird, Katie Featherston, Tom Hulslander and Wendy White.

From the Memorial Day Committee

Brian Barden and the members of the Memorial Day Committee will be placing flags, flowers, and wreaths on all veterans' gravesites, as is the custom for Memorial Day, to honor those who gave their lives for our freedom. However, there will not be a parade this year. Hancock and Peterborough have also canceled their parades. The bands will be silent this year, but we may commemorate Memorial Day in our hearts.



Dublin Public Library

BY RACHAEL LOVETT

The Dublin Public Library (DPL) remains closed due to the COVID-19 pandemic, but we are still here to serve you! You can leave a message or contact us via email or social media if you are seeking assistance with downloadable books, online resources, accessing material, or updates on programs for when we do open our doors again.

We have exciting new changes happening behind those closed doors, too! Check out our newly updated website, now featuring free online resources and important information for health and public safety surrounding the novel coronavirus. We have modified some programs to be online, such as recorded read-alouds, famous authors reading their works, children's online craft demos, and many more links to virtual and stay-at-home activities.

In addition to new and improved online resources, we are excited to announce that our catalog and patron system is turning automated! Collaborating with Apollo Biblionix, DPL will soon offer an online catalog, easily accessible patron accounts, ILL requests, and so much more.

Stay safe and we look forward to opening again soon.

RACHAEL LOVETT is the new Director of the DPL. She can be reached at 563-8658.

Take the 2020 U.S. Census Today

For PO boxholders, here is your alternative.

BY JUDITH KNAPP

State Sen. Jeanne Dietsch is urging Dubliners to complete the 2020 Census since to date only 30% have done so. If we do not complete the form, we will not be accurately represented at the state or federal level.

However, if you receive your mail at a Post Office (PO) box in Dublin, you have probably not received a copy of the mailing from



the 2020 Census with an ID code. This code is specific to the physical location of your home, not to your mailing address.

When Rep. Kuster's office contacted the regional census office about this situation they received the following response: "...The 2020 Census is not delivered to PO Boxes ... only where people live or could live. Thus, for those communities like Dublin, where many residents get their mail from a PO Box, they would not have received their invitation to respond yet. ...Typically, (in a non COVID-19 environment) [your constituent] would have received her 2020 Census invitation delivered to her door by a Census taker. However, that operation ... has been delayed to protect the health and safety of our staff and the public. Once operations resume, she will get one delivered to her house. ..."

Nevertheless, you can complete your 2020 Census without an ID code by going online to 2020Census.gov. Click "Respond" on the home page and again on the "Shape your future" page and then click "Start Questionnaire" On the next page, you will be asked for your 12-digit Census ID. But continue down the page to the bottom, under the Login box, and click on "If you do not have a Census ID, click here."

When you have completed the form, make sure you print your confirmation number for future reference or for when a census taker comes to your door. Thank you.

JUDITH KNAPP has lived in Dublin since 1977.

Del Rossi's Trattoria did not open April 8 as hoped. Currently they continue to offer take-out meals on Fridays and Saturdays (5 pm) and Sundays (4 pm). Please call 563-7195 anytime after 10 am to place an order.

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Dublin Women's Club

Possible that most of the Club will be closed this summer.

BY NANCY CAMPBELL

The Women's Club annual meeting was conducted via email because of the coronavirus. The Club still plans on holding a dinner meeting at DelRossi's to ratify the results of the email meeting when group gatherings are again permitted.

The Board met via teleconferencing to discuss plans for the summer, especially with regard to opening the beach. As of this writing, the Board is waiting to see what Governor Sununu will announce concerning social distancing and the size of groups. The Club has been in contact with other organizations and towns about their beach opening plans. It is possible that most of the Club's facility will be closed (no porta-potties, docks, rafts or building open) and limits set as to the number of people on the beach at any one time.

Invitations to join the Dublin Women's Club will be mailed later. Dues for both the club and beach will remain at \$125. Those with questions they may contact Chairman Judy Knapp (563-8176), Treasurer Nancy Campbell (563-8480), or any other board member. We will keep members and others posted via email, *The Advocate*, and nextdoor.com

NANCY CAMPBELL is the Treasurer of the Dublin Women's Club. Judy Knapp is Chair and Margaret Blackburn is Secretary. Other Board members include Shauna Arpin, Connie Ceroni, Judy Edelkind, Laura Elcoate, Janice Moore, Rebecca Oja, Sarah Sangermano, and Jeanne Sterling.

Recycling Changes, Here & Everywhere

Recycling is currently suspended, according to a Dublin town website email sent by Interim Town Administrator Kate Fuller. Please put all of your trash in the compactor and, if possible, keep your recyclables until further notice.

This change was due in part to state recommendations to protect personnel from being at risk of exposure to Covid-19, since recycling requires both handling of the recyclables and interaction with the public.



Leave No Hungry Child Behind

ConVal's End 68 Hours of Hunger continues to send home food for the weekends, via the school buses, to food-insecure students in the ConVal School District.

The program especially needs 12-oz. boxes of cereal, 10-oz. cans of soup, and canned pasta, all of which can be left in the entryway at the Dublin Community Church (above).

Online donations, also a huge help, can be made at www.end68hoursofhunger.org, with a note that they're for the ConVal group.

Every donation, no matter how large or small, makes a real difference to a hungry child. Thank you!



Update from the Planning Board

BY BRUCE SIMPSON

Beginning May 7, 2020, and continuing until the Governor has lifted his Emergency Orders of March and April 2020 regarding public meetings during the COVID-19 State of Emergency, the Dublin Planning Board shall conduct its meetings electronically via Zoom video conference on the first Thursday of each month at 7 pm.

Any member of the public who wishes to join us either by Zoom or by telephone to observe and/or participate may email dublinplanningboard@gmail.com prior to the meeting to receive instructions and log-on information.

BRUCE SIMPSON is Chair of the Planning Board. Other members include Caleb Niemela, Steve Baldwin, Allen Hearn, Donna Garner, and Rick MacMillan. Chris Raymond is Selectmen's Rep. Alternates: Suzan Macy, Todd Bennett, and Neil Sandford, who is also Secretary.

DCA Adapts to Remote Learning

Folder Friday is one of the innovative adaptations Dublin Christian Academy has made to implement remote learning. Each Friday, lower-school faculty host a drive-through work drop off. Students coming through the line can greet teachers from the safety of their vehicles and turn in their weekly assignments.



School Board Update

BY ALAN EDELKIND

In this time of transformational change, I want to focus on how the ConVal School District's response to the Covid-19 Pandemic has created a positive remote-learning experience.

As of this writing, it has been four weeks since remote learning has been in place. With five days to organize, the ConVal Administration, support, and educational staff moved from a classroom-based environment to a remote home-based environment.

Think of this: On a Friday, 2,084 students in K-12 grade spanning eight elementary, two middle and one high school were comfortable in their classroom environment – and by the next Wednesday they were remote learning! Organizational challenges had to be overcome, as well as technological structures put into place, changes in how educational staff taught, communications to parents, and negotiations with multiple vendors for changes in services. These are only some of the challenges that were overcome. And this was only on the school side of the change.

Look to the other side: the home environment. With the slowing of the economy, jobs have been eliminated or downsized, so families that were used to having working members now had homebound non-working members. Parents that never had any training in the education of their children now had new responsibilities to assume. Issues with technology, access, data speeds, or no internet access had to be quickly resolved. Family life has changed and changed rapidly.

Looking back on the speed of this

change, did issues surface? Yes, of course they did. But the point is, were they resolved quickly? Yes. Did the issues affect all or were they isolated? They were isolated. A survey done by ConVal administration to parents shows an extremely high level of satisfaction with this transition.

This is also an ongoing and ever-evolving transition. Elementary school students have been moving from a maintenance environment to a forward-learning environment. The remote-learning mandate

has now been extended to the end of the current school year.

We have all contributed to the success of this transition. Not because we are heroes, but because we are parents, grandparents, residents, educators, town officials, administrators, support personnel, families – and all have the same goal: the health, well-being, and education of our students. We are ConVal!

ALAN EDELKIND is Dublin's representative to the ConVal School Board, SAU1.

Neighbors Right Down the Road!

BY MARGARET GURNEY

Charly and Diane Darius were walking by our driveway one Sunday afternoon, early in our stay-at-home time, when we struck up a conversation. I was so surprised to find out they had lived on this road five years, yet we had never even met. Life certainly seems to be opening some doors, even as others close.

It turns out that Charly is a Nurse Practitioner (NP) in a private medical practice based in Brattleboro so he, like many we are all so grateful for, is on the front lines of this pandemic.

Perhaps it was his 35-mile commute that kept Charly home on Sundays and not walking past our driveway, but now that he services patients by telemedicine, all that has changed. In fact, Charly admits, in his office, they are all still getting used to what is recently referred to as the New Normal.

Diane also had quite a commute. Since 2002, she has been teaching at the Middle School in Merrimack, and so drove there every day when school was in session. She is currently teaching 7th and 8th grades



from home. Diane was born in Manchester, NH, and Charly, who was born in the Caribbean, grew up in Boston, MA.

Charly and Diane moved to Dublin in 2015 from Andover, MA, and Goffstown, NH. They are looking forward to kayaking in the area lakes, their favorite weekend activity.

MARGARET GURNEY is editor of the *Advocate*.



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DCS News, Virtually

Remote learning continues.

BY NICOLE PEASE

What a unique and amazing time! Since March 16, the ConVal School District has been utilizing remote learning for its students. This has required a great effort from staff, students, and their

nections. We are in the process of moving forward toward increasing our students' progress in math, reading, writing, and enrichment activities. This planning is multi-faceted and is being thoughtfully and carefully developed in order to ensure our students are able to access the work successfully and that families have the ability to support their children. This is not an easy task, but one that is essential.

While waiting for the next steps to develop, DCS Staff wanted to demonstrate to our students just how much we miss them. On April 8, Jo-Ann Hopkins, Administrative Assistant at DCS, coordinated a Drive By and Wave Parade passing by our students' homes. With Jen Carter, one of the bus drivers in the lead, 12 staff members in their own cars were guided by the Fire Department and Police Department through the Dublin bus routes. It was so wonderful to see



families. I am so thankful for our amazing and dedicated staff, the supportive and hard-working parents, and our flexible and wonderful students! It has taken a village to keep our students' education going, and many involved in this work have had to step out of their comfort zones, and learn new things.

With that hard work, DCS students have been working remotely. The first few weeks were about keeping students' skills developed. Staff met virtually with their students to talk about how the assignments were going and to maintain positive con-

our students waving and smiling, many holding signs, showing how much they miss us too!

School is not the same without the face-to-face contact, but we know this is temporary, and we look forward to getting back into the groove in our building next school year.

Kindergarteners are wanted. If you know of a child that will be 5 years old before September 30, please have their parent call me at the school: 563-8332.

NICOLE PEASE is Teaching Principal at Dublin Consolidated School.

Dublin Summer Playground, Just in Case

Join our email list to receive updates.

BY ELIOT PELLETIER

The Dublin Summer Playground is a longstanding tradition for Dublin children looking for summer fun. Held at the Dublin Consolidated School daily from late June to early August, the program offers safe, fun, and engaging activities for local youth aged 5-12.

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, there is some uncertainty about if and when we will be able to hold Playground this summer. We are moving forward with our planning in the hopes that we can have another summer of fun at the Playground, but we intend to follow all state and local guidelines regarding gatherings and social distancing. The safety of our local children is our greatest priority.

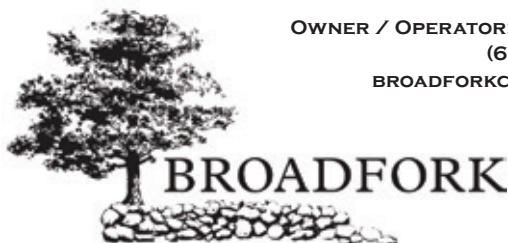
Please check out our new website at sites.google.com/view/dublinsummerplayground/ for updates or please email us at dublinplayground@yahoo.com to join our email list to receive updates.

We are hoping to include a registration form in the June issue of the *Advocate*. We thank you for your continued support and hope all those in our community are able to remain healthy and well during these difficult times.

ELIOT PELLETIER is in his 16th year as Director of Dublin Summer Playground. He is a 3rd Grade teacher at Jaffrey Grade School, and lives in Peterborough.

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Congratulations to All 2020 Graduates

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Michael Newell I am graduating in May with a major in Nursing and a minor in Women's and Gender Studies. At UNH, I found my passion for social justice and will incorporate it with my nursing career.



Last year, I was on the executive board of two student organizations: the United

Asian Coalition and Nurses for Sexual and Reproductive Health. This year, I have been the business manager of the Diversity Support Coalition, which oversees six other diversity organizations: Alliance (LGBTQ+ student org), Black Student Union, Hillel, MOSAICO (Latinx student org), Native American Cultural Association, and United Asian Coalition.

I have also been working on my honors thesis, which I started as a junior by col-

laborating with the Nursing department to incorporate UNH's Safe Zones program into nursing courses. The Safe Zones program is a student panel to raise awareness of LGBTQIAP+ issues and improve campus climate and inclusion.

In my research I interviewed new graduate nurses about how Safe Zones influences their work with patients who identify as transgender or gender non-conforming. I am currently writing my thesis and preparing to share my findings at the research conference.

I am applying for jobs with a focus on working in the public health area of nursing. I hope to continue to advocate for inclusive-care education both by employers and education programs. Other than this, I do not have any set plans and I am open to just going where life takes me.

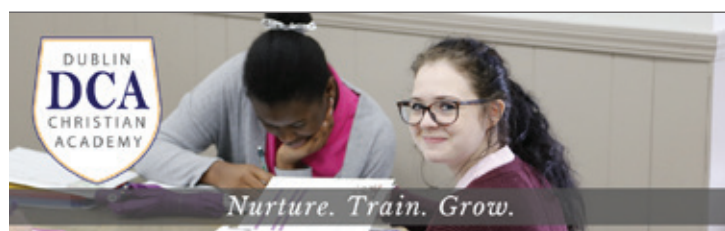
(LGBTQIAP+ stands for lesbian, gay, bisexual/biromantic, transgender, queer, intersex, aromantic/ asexual, and pansexual/panromantic. Sexual orientation and romantic identity are different concepts and both fall under LGBTQIAP+ and they both use the same prefixes [bi-, a-, and

pan-], which is why I included both in the explanation of the acronym.)

Stefan Jadaszewski will complete his Ph.D in Counseling Psychology this summer, and plans to do a Post-Doctoral Fellowship in the Counseling Center at Brandeis University, where his fiancée works. Stefan currently works at Towson University in Maryland. His plans to marry in June are on hold until people can gather once again.



The June issue of the *Advocate* will focus on graduates from high school. Share with your neighbors where you will graduate from, plans if you wish, and a photo of your face. Please send your material to Dublin-Advocate@gmail.com by May 15. College grads: We'd love to hear from you, now more than ever.



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An Honored Dublin Artist

Rosemary's dioramas earn acclaim.

BY MARY LOFTIS

Rosemary Mack has been named by *Art New England* magazine as one of this year's top ten "emerging artists" in New England. Rosemary, who has lived on Church Street with her husband Jim Guy for 22 years, has created art throughout her professional career, but for many years it was edible.

She worked as a cook and baker in the Boston area before moving to Dublin and spending four years in the kitchen of the MacDowell Colony. When she retired, Rosemary switched to another 3-dimensional medium, which she characterizes as "not fine art but fun art."

She collects found objects, dolls, plastic toys, and paper ephemera and assembles them into dioramas and assemblages that are humorous and irreverent commentaries on her personal history as well as the current political scene.

Rosemary's beautifully crafted artworks are in the tradition of Surrealist assemblage artist Joseph Cornell – but more playful! Her studio is filled with the raw materials, carefully catalogued and arranged, that she mines from rummage sales and the Dublin Swap Shack, as well as contributions from friends who pass along quirky stuff.

These days, stuck at home like the rest of the world, she's glad to have a stockpile to work with. All of us are making do with what's in our pantry to fix dinner, and Rosemary is making art with what's in her studio "pantry," which will no doubt have something to say about our new reality.

The judges who chose Rosemary as a top Emerging Artist, said "her enthusiasm and fresh eye make her quite unique." When Rosemary displays her art, as she did in a weekend pop-up show this winter, she herself becomes part of the art-viewing experience because she gets such a kick out of what she's created.

Congratulations to Rosemary on this big honor!

To view some of her work, check out her website at ant-rose.com. MARY LOFTIS is on the staff of the *Advocate*.



Dubliners Stand Ready to Help

Keeping our community healthy.

1. Dublin Emergency Management has posted all its news on the Town's site: www.townofdublin.org and on Facebook at Dublin Emergency Management. It suggests other important resources to keep informed with the most up-to-date information regarding COVID-19 are cdc.gov, ready.gov, and www.nh.gov/covid19.

In an emergency, call 911. Otherwise, you can also call Tom Vanderbilt, Emergency Management Director and Fire Chief at (603) 562-6960, or email tvanderbilt@townofdublin.org.

For assistance with essential errands, call Traceymay Kalvaitis, Chaplain of the Dublin Community Church, at 715-0990. She has a list of Dubliners who stand ready to help.

2. Health guidelines from CDC: "It's up to all of us to slow the spread of COVID-19. Everyone, including young and healthy people, should avoid large gatherings during this time. Stay up-to-date with public health guidelines from cdc.gov." www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/

3. More locally, you can support our regional and national newspapers and radio stations: *The Monadnock Ledger-Transcript* (www.ledgertranscript.com), *The Keene Sentinel* (sentinelsource.com), National Public Radio (NPR), the BBC (www.bbc.com/future/tags/covid-19), and New Hampshire Public Radio (NHPR.org). All of these news sources provide COVID-19 updates.

4. The State of NH website posts a tinted map on COVID-19, updated daily. It indicates by town which towns have documented cases (www.nh.gov/covid19).

5. You can also purchase gift certificates to support our local restaurants and bookshops, order takeout to be picked up curbside, and contribute your funds to hospitals and mental health organizations that support the ill and isolated.

6. The Southwest Region Planning Commission (www.swrpc.org/covid-19) offers regional coverage on the pandemic.

7. Donate food to End68Hours or Hundred Nights.

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Lindsay Brown: A Passion for Learning, Teaching, and Rowing

Olympian joined the faculty at the Dublin School in 2016.

BY DENISE FRANKOFF

In 1988 Lindsay Brown had a decision to make: Do I continue teaching high school and coaching rowing or commit to training full time for the 1992 Olympics? Lindsay described the journey that led to this question – a journey that inspired him to become a teacher, a coach, and an Olympian. He explains these pursuits share a common thread: each requires hard work, dedication, and focus.

Lindsay Brown grew up in Rochester, NY. As a child he had a passion for learning. He described himself as a nerd who excelled academically, but had little success with sports. After high school, he went off to Williams College, where he was encouraged to try out for the rowing team. “I fell in love right away,” Lindsay says. “I had physical abilities I didn’t know about. Lots of habits of being a good student came into play.”

While at Williams, Lindsay was determined to develop the skills, strength, and endurance needed to become a serious athlete. He became captain of his college rowing team and won several awards for dedication to the sport. During his senior year at Williams, he was selected for a pre-elite USA team. As part of this team, he participated in a training camp with other U.S. athletes during the summer of 1986.

Lindsay also recalls many exceptional teachers who were dedicated to their subjects and committed to their students. They inspired him to become a teacher. So after graduating from Williams College, he began teaching history and coaching row-

ing at St. Andrew’s School in Delaware. Still passionate about the sport, Lindsay contemplated becoming a full-time athlete and, after much thought, he decided to train full time. St. Andrews supported this decision and granted him a leave of absence for one year.

Lindsay began rowing full time at the Pennsylvania Athletic Club, a private rowing club where many top rowers train. He and another rower entered to compete in the Pan American trials in men’s pair. To his surprise, they won the trial! In 1987, he represented the USA at the Pan American Games and finished fourth in men’s pair.

After this achievement, Lindsay trained all over the country. He met many top rowers and Olympic coaches. Coaches encouraged him to try out for the Olympic team, which would compete in the Olympics in Seoul, South Korea. And to his surprise, Lindsay made the Olympic team.

But during his year of training he discovered that he missed teaching, which he felt was his calling. Rowing was taking a toll on him physically. He wanted a career and a more balanced life. Also, it was becoming economically difficult to support himself as a full-time athlete so he made the decision to continue his teaching and coaching career.

He has had an illustrious career teaching and coaching high school rowing teams. While at St. Andrew’s, he took four teams to compete in the Henley Royal Regatta in England. In 1995 he was part of the USA coaching staff of the Junior Rowing team that competed in the Junior World Championships in Poznan, Poland. Then in 2016,



Photo courtesy of the Dublin School

Lindsay joined the faculty at the Dublin School, where he is History Department Chair and Head Crew Coach.

“I love sharing my enthusiasm for this beautiful sport of rowing with young people,” Lindsay says. “It has been gratifying to watch high school athletes learn and grow as rowers. Seeing a person set and reach challenging goals, and watching a group come together as a team, keeps me excited to continue coaching.”

Lindsay Brown and his wife live in Dublin. Lindsay’s wife is an Episcopal priest and family therapist. The first time she saw him was on television as she watched the Olympics opening ceremony with the St. Andrew’s community. She thought to herself, I need to meet this person! Lindsay and his wife have two sons. Both sons are teachers.

DENISE FRANKOFF is on the staff of the *Advocate*.

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May Events at the DubHub

The sign in front of the Dublin Community Center says it all. We have successfully transitioned some events to Zoom meetings online:

- Coffee & Conversation (bring your own coffee) will meet online on Mondays and Wednesdays from 10 to 11 am and “Knit with Nancy” will meet on Fridays (10-11 am).
- The DubHub Song Circle will meet via Zoom on Friday, May 1, starting at 7 pm. And the DubHub Open Stage is on Friday, May 22, at 7 pm (unless our doors have reopened again by then).
- During May, we will pilot a new offering: Community Lunch-to-go. Watch the DubHub and our sign for details, which are still being worked out.

Links to the above events are provided in the weekly Hubbub newsletter, and can be found on DubHub Facebook pages. To sign up for the Hubbub newsletter, go to <http://eepurl.com/bLCNTz>. For information, email info@dublincommunitycenter.org.

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Free Face Masks While the Need Lasts

Nancy Cayford and Ruth Thompson have placed a rack by the DubHub

entrance, filling it with hand-sewn face masks daily. The masks are free for the taking, but they ask that you only take what you need. Community members are invited to contribute masks as well. This project will keep going as long as there is a need. (See Ruth's story on page 12.)

Balmeet Lasky on the Provider Network

DubHub board member, Balmeet Lasky, has begun representing Dublin on the Eastern Monadnock Provider Network, which connects local social service agencies.

Dance Fitness (Not) at the Hub

Instructor Deb Giaimo shares ways to stay active. When indoors: put on your favorite dance music while spring cleaning and dance during breaks! YouTube has fabulous quarantine dance fitness/ Zumba workouts. When you go outdoors: walk, bike, garden, wash/vac your car, go kayaking. When you are active both indoors and out, you stay strong and healthy.

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DHS Collects Our Stories

Everyone's story gives us a little glimpse into life here in Dublin.

BY VALERIE MULVERHILL

Although the Archives Building is currently closed to the public, the Dublin Historical Society archivists continue to document the activities of our town throughout this historic pandemic. As DHS celebrates its 100th year, we are preserving information for people to look back on 100 years from now.

Those readers will know that the townspeople of Dublin helped each other by running errands for the elderly, generously sewed masks and left them outside of the DubHub for others, and they'll learn about the parade of public servants that drove through town, bringing a smile to all of our faces. The stories of the people are what makes up the history of Dublin.

This is why the DHS is collecting the stories of our townspeople for its Centennial Celebration, which is scheduled for



The Oja family.

August 8. Some people we've spoken to feel that they don't have an interesting story to tell; however, we know that everyone's story gives us a little glimpse into life here in Dublin. Whether you are new to town or 5th generation, young or old, a current resident of Dublin or not, we welcome your story. It can be anything that you'd like to share – perhaps we will even

receive a few submissions about life in Dublin under a stay-at-home order!

The following story (photo at left) was sent by Rebecca Oja.

"Dublin has provided more for our family than we could have imagined. Beginning in preschool, our children were able to form friendships which carried through high school and many, even beyond. Because of our small community, their teachers were caring and nurturing, creating the feel of a home away from home. Our little town has everything we need. Right from our doorstep we can walk, run, snowshoe, cross country ski, bike to the lake for a swim, and let's not forget the hike up Mount Monadnock! The beauty of the Monadnock Region is right here for us, the beauty of lasting relationships, the beauty right outside our doors. Deciding to raise our family in Dublin was the only choice for us."

Stories must be under 125 words, include a photograph and be submitted to Valerie Mulverhill at val@dublinhistory.org.

VALERIE MULVERHILL is the Dublin Historical Society's administrator.

Opportunities for Documentation

We asked our staff to share how Dubliners are spending their at-home time. It's so inspiring to hear all the creative ways people are using their time: gardening, cleaning, exercising; painting, redecorating, reading; Zooming, tinkering, building; volunteering, cooking, delivering food; sewing (masks), sorting photographs, tossing (hoeing); writing, tree-cutting, brush clearing, carpentering.

Now it's your turn. Document what has changed in your life since the stay-at-home order and send it along. If it's 125 words, email it to the Dublin Historical Society at val@dublinhistory.org with a photo; if it's 250 words, send it to DublinAdvocate@gmail.com.

COVID-19 Snapshot via Community Journals

Using journals prepared and printed by Savron Graphics, you can participate with the Monadnock Center for History and Culture and the *Monadnock Ledger-Transcript* by picking up your journal at the Dublin General Store to document this historic moment in our region. Submit your materials (photos, writings, etc.) to director@MonadnockCenter.org. More info from monadnockcenter.org/help-us-document-this-moment-in-history/ or monadnockcenter.org/covid-19-journals/.

How I Spent Time During the Coronavirus Sequester Period

BY RICK MACMILLAN

I am currently re-reading about the Spanish Flu pandemic of 100 years ago. What amazes me, is that of the few people I have talked to who had parents who lived through that episode, no one can recall ever hearing their parents talk about it. Certainly my parents never did, even though I think my paternal grandmother may have died from it.

RICK MACMILLAN is a former editor of the *Advocate*.



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Forgotten Heroes

BY JEANNE STERLING

Perhaps others, like me, are addressing tasks that keep being pushed to the back of a normal daily life.

My dad, Gerard Dubuque, died in 2004. I was the recipient of a vast collection of photographs taken during his military stint in the Aleutian Islands (Shemya & Attu) between 1942 and 1945. What to do with them?

After looking online regarding the Aleutian Islands WWII, I found an organization/museum in Anchorage, Alaska, and decided to email them. I've been communicating with Rachel Mason, Curator of the museum. After explaining what I



had, she wrote back telling me how excited she was to think that these photos would be available for the museum. So, in my newly found 'free time', I've collected and organized dozens of photos – Errol Flynn, Olivia de Havilland, Jimmy Dodge, and other USO entertainers, as well as photos of planes, Quonset huts, mess halls, etc.

My dad was Chief of the Photo Lab on Shemya, so that explains the quantity of everyday occurrences and many 'confidential' photos.

If anyone would like to read about my dad's story and the first little puppy on Shema, just go online to "Shemya Features-Boozer I" (shemya.hlswilliwaw.com/shemya-features-boozer.htm). Scroll down to find a combat boot stuffed with an adorable cocker spaniel puppy!

The Aleutian Island military posts have been a forgotten part of our country's military history, yet they played a very important role in the protection of the United States.

Stay safe, stay sane, and stay healthy.

JEANNE DUBUQUE STERLING is on the staff of the *Advocate*.

Stay Connected, Stay Strong

BY DIANE STOLAR

I just stepped outside to say goodnight to the guardian trees that surround the property where I live. There is no wind and the sky is filled with stars. A Barred owl calls from deep within the woods. Here in Cheshire County, as throughout the state, we maintain social distance, hunker down at home, wash our hands, and use masks. The order to shutter all non-essential businesses/services, impacts our lives as well. Restaurants offer takeout, curbside pickup, and some even offer delivery.

I am in awe of the dedication and courage of all the medical personnel on the front lines of this pandemic and pray that no member of my family or community of friends will require their services. Blessings on the governors and mayors who have taken the initiative to make the hard decisions to protect the welfare of their citizens.

My gratitude goes to those in our rural region volunteering their time to go to grocery stores and pharmacies, transport or run other errands for our most vulnerable, collect non-perishable food for those in need, and to stores that have designated hours for seniors to shop.

Please do whatever it takes to remain centered, and reach out to the most isolated of us; it's vital that we remain connected.

DIANE STOLAR has lived in Dublin for six years, the region for 44. She is a writer and sales representative at *The Monadnock Shopper News*, which published a longer version of this article on 4/1/20.



Molly Levene in NYC

Susan Peters writes to share that their daughter, Molly Levene, is involved in family health care work as an EMT for a Cambridge, MA-based ambulance company, Pro EMS.

On April 1, Molly was deployed to NYC as part of a three-ambulance team (each ambulance has a paramedic and EMT) to help with FEMA's work to support NYC.

Over the last two weeks, Molly and her partner had been transporting Covid-19 patients from one hospital to another to

help with overflow issues in NYC. They put in long days, picking up patients at hospitals in all five NYC boroughs and Long Island – including trips to the temporary military hospital at the Javits Convention Center. With their two-week deployment ending April 15, Molly and her partner have headed back to Cambridge.

At the end of this summer, Molly plans to enter Yale's Graduate Entry Pre-Specialty in Nursing Program to begin studying to become a family nurse practitioner.

SUSAN PETERS and her husband, Dr. Steven Levene, a radiation oncologist in Keene, are Molly's parents.

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Old Dogs Learn New Tricks

BY JULIE RIZZO

Spring is the time of year my mind turns to gardening – and there's usually a two-week window when the toil of a starting a serious vegetable garden seems appealing. (Most years, I lose interest once the weeds take over.) This year, our homesteading millennial son is prodding us to learn about hugelkultur gardening to minimize the watering, weeding, fertilizing and expense of growing our own food.

Fortified by websites, YouTube videos, and extra time on our hands, my husband and I have set to work constructing our



first hugel mound. Fortunately, we have piles of stumps and brush in the woods near our vegetable site. We've smothered the aggressive berry vines with corrugated cardboard, dragged fallen birch trees into place for a retaining wall, built a base of punky firewood and stumps, piled branches and twigs on top, and swept up tarps of leaves to cover it all. Once the rain stops, we'll dress it with compost

and a few inches of soil. I'm imagining pumpkins, potatoes, onions, garlic...

...or maybe in a few weeks, we'll have another mess of weeds, and it will be off to Rosaly's, full of appreciation for those that can do this well!

JULIE RIZZO is on the staff of the *Advocate*.

Flora and Fauna

BY MARY LOFTIS

Every day I think, "Thank goodness it's spring!" My garden beckons. I could spend every waking hour out there and still have plenty to do! Last week I cleaned out the old cardboard and straw mulch from the vegetable garden and pulled out weeds that were already poking up – as well as sturdy horseradish roots that had escaped their raised bed. Then my husband Paul dumped bucketfuls of delicious compost on top with his tractor. The Cornucopia Project is selling seedlings this year, and our garden on the brow of the hill will be ready to receive them.

In addition to gardening, I've been spending my time with animals – from whom I don't need to be socially distant! Chester and I take two walks a day: In

the morning, we walk up Pierce Road and Windmill Hill Road, where we often encounter dog-walking neighbors. The humans talk to each other from opposite sides of the road while the dogs wait patiently. In the afternoon, my four-legged friend and I go on a walking adventure.

Sometimes we drive to Dublin Lake or MacDowell Dam; other times we set off from neighboring towns. On Easter Sunday, we took the North Trail off the Eastview Rail Trail in Harrisville, through the lovely woods just waking up to the new season. Twice a week I go horseback riding with my friend Abby in Peterborough. We're up in the spring air, close to our horses but safely distant from each other. I find it comforting that the flora and fauna are oblivious to the upheaval in our world.

MARY LOFTIS is on the staff of the *Advocate*.

An Ardent Mask Maker Speaks

BY RUTH THOMPSON

If anyone has cotton fabric, muslin, or ¼" elastic they can offer it would go to good use!

When COVID-19 stripped our world of its routines, it created anxiety in me that I didn't even know was there. Listening to the news and how quickly it was spreading with grim outcomes was heavy on my heart. At that same time, the media was claiming it wasn't necessary for the general public to wear a mask; I felt differently about that.

A friend had sent me a video that spoke clearly to me. It was a story about how people sewed face masks at home in the Czech Republic and lowered the number of COVID-19 cases. They put them out on city corners for people to take. I thought, that's what we need to do to make a difference in our town.

I've sewn all my life, had a sewing machine collecting dust, and several boxes full of fabric that had never seen a purpose. I felt it would be a crime if I didn't do this.

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On Friday morning April 3rd I contacted Nancy Cayford and asked if she'd like to join me to start a community effort to offer free homemade masks to whomever needs them. Her reply was an immediate yes - and we began.

The Free Mask Rack went up the very next morning at the entrance of our beloved and vacant DubHub. We promoted the free masks on NextDoor and through the DubHub newsletter. That was all it took; the rack has emptied daily.

We continue to try and keep some available at all times but it gets challenging with other orders that come in from family, friends, nursing homes, but the demand has been wonderful! As of today, 11 days into our effort, Nancy and I have collectively made 200 for our community alone and they have all been taken. I'll keep making them as long as people are taking them.

Here is the link to the video that inspired me: docs.google.com/document/d/1EWpWmyjzM4sNBF-7jp_1Y9a-pqiRg0wakGXy7kj11RA/preview

RUTH THOMPSON plays guitar, mandolin and ukulele; she writes songs and sings in the DubHub's Ukulele Group, Song Circle, and Open Stage.

Interested in Facemask Designs?

COVID-19 says wear a mask in public since Coronavirus can spread farther than 6 feet in the air.

If you are interested in joining a group of community volunteers who are sewing masks for Monadnock Community Hospital, the pattern and instructions can be found on the MCH website and also on www.facebook.com/groups/212670823140282

Masks for All (masks4all.org): https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HhNo_IOPotU

Also, USA TODAY, 4/5/20, the *Monadnock Ledger-Transcript* (3/31/20), and *The New York Times* (3/31/20)

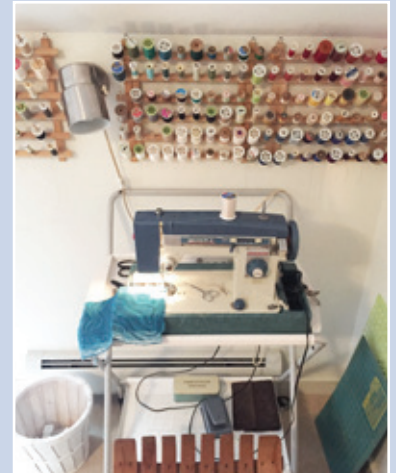


Photo by Jane Simpson

Nelson Town Band Prepares for Memorial Day

BY RUSTY BASTEDO, TRUMPETER

Current restrictions on meeting have not prevented the Nelson Town Band from Crehearsals of new marches and show tunes, courtesy of Zoom, in preparation for a Saturday, May 23, parade at Gilsum, NH and the traditional Sunday, May 24 Memorial Day concert at Nelson – if we are allowed to proceed.

The Nelson event begins at 11:30 am and includes ceremonies at the hillside Town Cemetery, above the town center. *Advocate* readers are welcome at one or both events!

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For information, please contact Laura. Gingras@mchmail.org or call 924-4666 at Monadnock Community Hospital (monadnockcommunityhospital.com), 452 Old Street Rd., Peterborough, NH 03458.



Support our healthcare heroes
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As the COVID-19 outbreak continues to grip the world's attention, we wanted to take a moment to recognize some local heroes: **our medical staff and employees.** They are selflessly manning the front lines of this pandemic and risking their own health to help others. To us, that's pretty heroic.

To salute their service, please consider making a contribution to the **MCH COVID-19 Fund.** Your gift will be used to purchase personal protective equipment and supplies as well as support services for MCH employees who are working tirelessly to keep the community healthy.

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Anthology Open for All

Share your experience handling this illness that has gripped the world.

The Monadnock Writers' Group invites submissions for a new anthology, "Coping with COVID," which will be published. Limit submissions to 5,000 words, in any genre (memoir, poetry, essay, science fiction, fantasy, mystery, romance, experimental), or anything else you do.

Submissions must be received by June 1. There is no fee; authors whose work is accepted will receive a free copy of the anthology.

The identity of the writers will be hidden from the judges, who will select items based on the quality of work with a preference for connection to the Monadnock Region.

Submissions must be sent as a Word document to monadnockwriters@gmail.com. Include your name and address in the body of the email but not on the attachment. For more details, email monadnockwriters@gmail.com.

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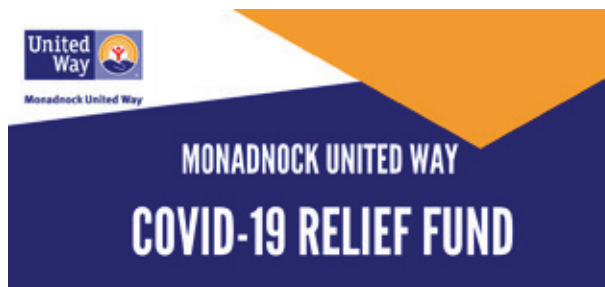
The Monadnock United Way has been hard at work, having formed the Covid-19 Relief Fund to help support, in short order, the financial stability of many community members who are at risk due to massive layoffs. It often takes weeks for unemployment and other benefits to reach recipients.

The MUW cites a few of the amazing ways its partners are helping

individuals and families stay healthy and financially whole, through food pantries and the Community Kitchen; through

Southwest Community Services (SCS) to distribute and deliver food to vulnerable populations; and to the Cheshire County Emergency Housing Collaborative (SCS, Hundred Nights, and MCVP) to purchase bedding and supplies that ensure the health and safety of shelter residents.

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The Eastern Bluebird

BY TOM WARREN

This spring, given the chaos and sadness occasioned by the coronavirus, a welcome creature uplifts our spirits. Who does not welcome this beloved harbinger of spring?

The poet, James Russell Lowell, showed an appreciation of the beautiful when he wrote in "Under the Willows" the following:

"The Bluebird, shifting his light load of song, from post to post along the cheerless fence, a spring habit which has delighted many." The sight of a bluebird brings genuine domestic peace and happiness.

Sometimes a late April snowstorm brings a meteorological surprise to the bluebird. In 1895, thousands of bluebirds were killed by such a storm in the southern states. It was truly a "Silent Spring" that year and there were fears the bluebird might be exterminated. Within 10 years they had recovered their former numbers.

This Bluebird prefers open fields and orchards and will readily accept birdhouses with the opening facing east to southeast. From four to five light blue eggs



are the normal clutch and the young remain in the nest about 17 days. The Bluebird is a thrush and the young have spotted breasts like Robins.

In the Monadnock Region they usually have two broods. If the female is killed, the male will take over until another female appears to help out.

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During mild winters, they remain here, living on fruit and berries of sumac, mountain ash, and bittersweet. They will also attend feeders supplied with mealworms from the local Agway stores. When snowstorms with strong winds occur, bluebirds will huddle in birdhouses, hollow trees, even a stove when not in use.

TOM WARREN is Dublin's resident ornithologist.

Photo by Jane Irvine

From the Curator

This anonymous poem appeared October 19, 1916, in *The Peterborough Transcript*, under "Dublin News."

Never swear because it's hot
Here in Dublin.

Breeze from Monadnock on the town
Cool as a lady's summer gown
Here in Dublin.

And it's pretty safe to say
That on Resurrection Day
Most of us will want to stay,
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Submitted by Russell Bastedo, NH State Curator 1997-2009, Retired, and on the staff of the Advocate.



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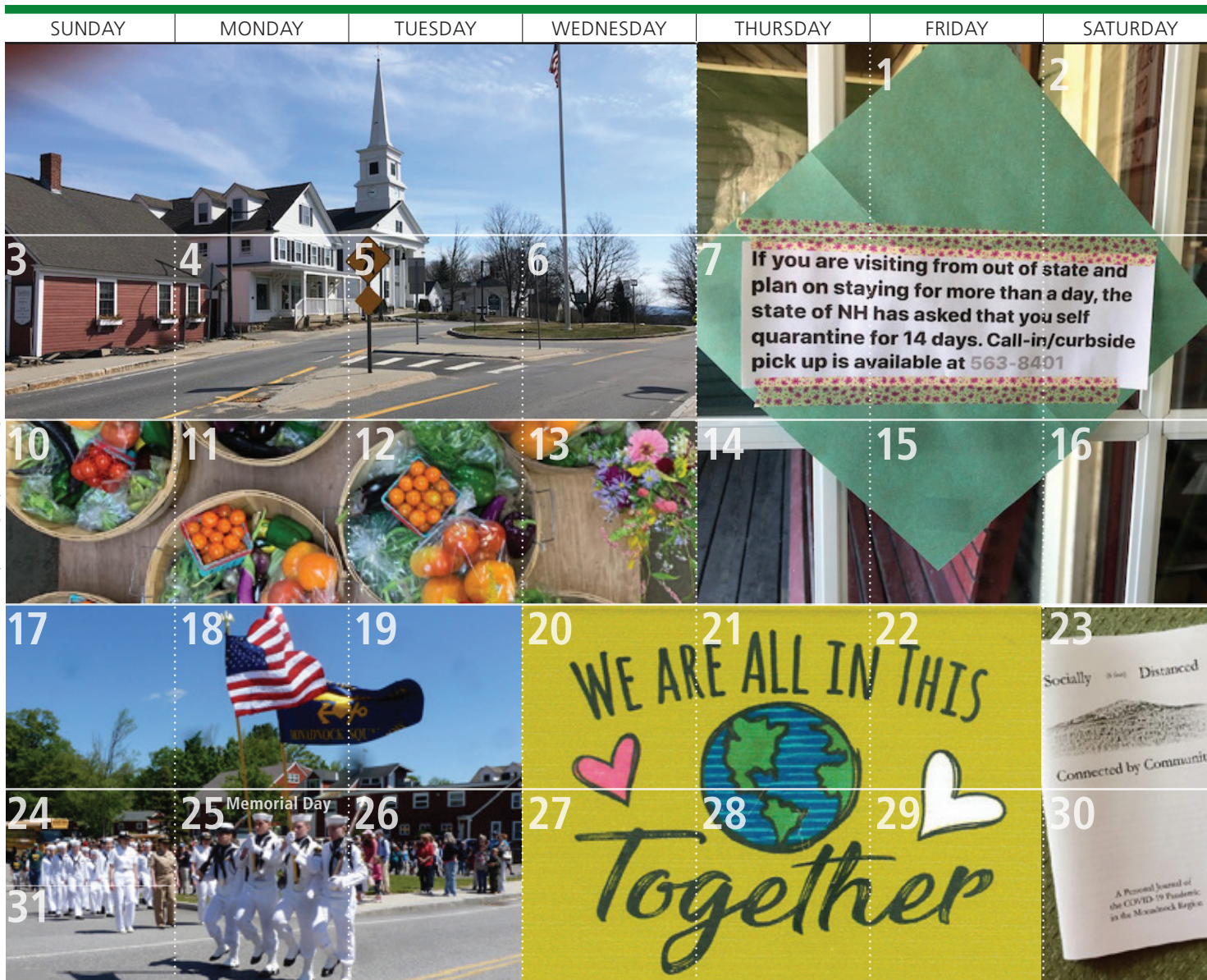
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