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## Congratulations to 2020 Graduates

### CONVAL REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL

**Benjamin W. Asbury** is the son of Kimberly Kersey-Asbury and Wayne Asbury. Ben graduated from The Well School



and now ConVal High School. Throughout his life Ben has enjoyed sports, music composition, film/video, photography and art. Inspired by a recent trip to Botswana, his plans include travel, a gap year, and continuing his education at the Kansas City Art Institute or Saint Anselm College.

**Hailey Doherty:** I am graduating in June from ConVal Regional High School and am excited to continue my education at Stonehill College where I will be studying health sciences. I have been working at Scott Farrar as a personal care assistant for over a year now and since then, I have found my passion for helping others. In the end, I really hope to pursue a career in nursing.



**Hannah Doherty:** In June, I will be graduating from ConVal Regional High School. Throughout the past few years, I found a love for working with kids. I now work at the Dublin Community Preschool, where I once went to school. This fall, I will be studying Social Work at the University of New Hampshire.



**Catrina Kipka** will attend Emmanuel College in Boston in the fall. She graduated from ConVal High School with honors as the president of the National Honor Society



(NHS) and of the Student Athletic Leadership Team (SALT). Catrina received the 2020 NHIAA and NHADA Scholar Athlete Award. "I'd like to thank all of my teachers and friends

who encouraged me to better myself as a student and a leader."

**Max Scheinblum** graduates from ConVal High school with honors. He was involved in soccer, basketball, and playing the drums in concert band, jazz band, and the ConVal drum line. He was in the National Honor Society and Spanish National Honor Society. He made All New England Concert Band playing the drums. Max will attend the University of Connecticut in the fall to study journalism.



**Caroline Yates** will be graduating from ConVal Regional High School in June. The past couple of years she has been employed by Dear Hancock, a greeting card company in Peterborough. She is looking forward to discovering new interests when attending The University of New Hampshire as an Undeclared Liberal Arts major in the fall.



Other graduates from ConVal Class of 2020 are **Justin Burns**, **Logan Doyle**, and **Spencer Fromm**. Congratulations to all.

### DUBLIN CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

**Andrew Fletcher** graduated as salutatorian of his class at Dublin Christian Academy. He served in various ministries of the school and his church, Mountain View

Bible Church. In the fall Andrew will begin at Bob Jones University in Greenville, SC, where he will major in Communications and Ministry/Leadership. He leaves soon on a mission trip teaching trumpet lessons at a music conference in Mexico.



### DUBLIN SCHOOL

While **Aggie Macy** is sad to end her time at Dublin School, she is excited to head to Bowdoin College next year where she will pursue her interests in English, History, and Environmental History. She also looks forward to training and competing on the Nordic Ski team.



After completing his work at the Dublin School, **Otto Vogel** will attend Northwestern University this fall. There he will continue to pursue his passion for music in the Voice and Opera Program at the Bienen School of Music. His interest in music was kindled at The Well School in Peterborough, and at Dublin School, he dedicated much of his time to both his voice and his piano skills.



**Quinn Wilson** is excited to take a gap year after graduating from Dublin School. He hopes to spend time out west training for Nordic skiing and would like to do some traveling abroad. He plans to enter Williams College in the fall of 2021 and study physics and astronomy, as well as compete on the Nordic Ski team.



**2020 Graduates** continues on next page

## Congratulations to 2020 College Graduates *continued*

### COLLEGE GRADUATES

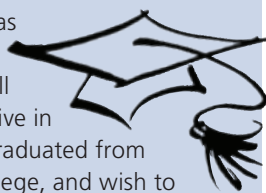
**Shelby Barden:** I graduated from East Stroudsburg University in PA with my MS in Athletic Training. While I attended, I had a graduate assistantship as the head athletic trainer for a year at a Middle School in Reading, PA. Congratulations to all who are graduating this spring.



**Spencer Hayes DrakeUnderkoffler** is graduating from UNH with a Bachelor's Degree in Psychology and EcoGastronomy. At UNH he was an RA, led backpacking trips in the Whites as part of the Outing Club, helped organize the first Farmer's Markets at UNH as president of Slow Food, and was a discussion leader for Socratic Society.



**The Advocate** has made every effort to include all graduates. If you live in Dublin, and just graduated from high school or college, and wish to be included in the next issue, please email your photograph and your plans to [DublinAdvocate@gmail.com](mailto:DublinAdvocate@gmail.com).



He has accepted a job as a Field Guide at a Wilderness Therapy Program.

**Tatum Wilson** graduated from Bowdoin College in May with an Economics major and Anthropology minor. She has many interests, including visual art and learning to speak German, and hopes to see the world. We are excited to see where she will land.



## Register to Vote

BY JUDY KNAPP

**T**he Supervisors of the Checklist will meet at the Town Hall on Tuesday, June 2, at 7 pm, to make additions and corrections to the voter checklist. This is the last day you can change your party affiliation prior to the State Primary in September.

You can also register to vote at the Supervisor's meeting. Please bring: proof of identity (driver's license or photo ID), age, domicile (lease, utility bill, property tax bill, or driver's license with street address), and citizenship (birth certificate, naturalization papers, or passport).



If you are not sure what your party affiliation is, or whether you are registered to vote, checklists are posted at the Post Office and the Town Hall, or check the NH Secretary of State website at <https://app.sos.nh.gov/Public/PartyInfo.aspx>.

JUDY KNAPP is chair of the Supervisors of the Checklist, which includes Sarah Sangermano and Megan Suokko.

## Dublin Women's Club Beach Opening on Hold

BY NANCY CAMPBELL

**A**s of this writing (mid-May), the Women's Club board has not made a decision on opening the beach this summer. In addition to heeding the State's stay-at-home advisories, we are monitoring what other towns and clubs are doing to help inform our decision. The board will wait as long as possible before we make any decision. Once a decision is made, members will be notified via email (if we have an email address for you) or via [Nextdoor.com](http://Nextdoor.com).

Invitations to become a member and join the beach will be sent out later this month. Dues will still be \$125, including beach membership (\$25 for Club membership only); scholarship assistance is available to individuals or families who cannot afford the dues.

The Club thanks those people and organizations who have generously responded to our annual appeal to help defray the costs of running the Women's Club Beach. It is because of the generosity of Dublin citizens that we are able to keep membership costs down.

NANCY CAMPBELL (563-8480) is treasurer of the Dublin Women's Club; ten others serve on the board.



## Dublin Summer Playground?

*Stay updated via email.*

BY ELIOT PELLETIER

**T**he longstanding tradition for Dublin children attending Dublin Summer Playground (DSP) is still up in the air, and may be decided at any time. To receive updates, join our email list, or check out [sites.google.com/view/dublinsummerplayground](https://sites.google.com/view/dublinsummerplayground). You can always email us at [dublinplayground@yahoo.com](mailto:dublinplayground@yahoo.com).

If DSP can open (it is ordinarily held at the Dublin Consolidated School daily from late June to early August), which is dependent on many moving parts, we will follow all state and local guidelines regarding gatherings and social distancing. The safety of our local children is our greatest priority.

ELIOT PELLETIER is in his 16th year as the Director of DSP, and teaches 3rd grade in Jaffrey.

**Census 2020: Dubliners at 43%**  
Count everybody because everybody counts.



## Dublin Public Library

BY RACHAEL LOVETT

Our new automated system is launching the end of May! Please keep an eye out for more information on how to access our online catalog by visiting [www.dublinnhpubliclibrary.org](http://www.dublinnhpubliclibrary.org) or go to our Facebook page (Dublin NH Public Library).

All patrons will need a new library card, which you will be able to do online. By signing up for a temporary library card online, you will be able to access all our e-resources and check out books. Once we open again, we'll ask that you stop in to the library to receive your permanent library card.

We're also excited to offer curbside pickup. Please check out our website for more information on how you can sign up for a pickup time and reserve materials. We're adding extra precautions for cleaning materials, as safety is our top priority.

We will continue to offer online services and hope to even launch a virtual book group and programming in the near future. Please contact us if you're interested. We are reopening in phases; stay tuned for our open hours!

RACHAEL LOVETT is the Library Director at the Dublin Public Library, 1114 Main Street. She can be reached at 563-8658.

## Recycling Begins Again

BY TOM KENNEDY

Effective mid-May, the Dublin Transfer Station is accepting recyclables again! Please have your recycling sorted ahead of time as social distancing is still being observed. Please wear a mask if you have one.



If you have recycled items in with your trash, it's ok as there is a grace period so you do not need to separate them. Thank you in advance for your patience as we try to resume normal operations.

TOM KENNEDY is Superintendent of the Transfer Station.

**Free masks are available every day at the DubHub, courtesy of neighbors. Donations welcome.**

## The FDPL Wants You!

Since its founding in 2000, the Friends of the Dublin Public Library and its volunteer board members have supported the Dublin Public Library and the Dublin community. Now we need your help!

We are asking members (anyone who is a current donor to the organization) to step forward to join our board. It's a fun group, with a very important function in helping our library remain a vibrant, important part of the Dublin Community. The FDPL meets once a month to discuss events and needs for the library. The Board supports the Library with special programs and events throughout the year.

Questions? Please email Jay Schechter at

[JSchechter@Focussales.us](mailto:JSchechter@Focussales.us) or give him a ring at 563-8519.

JAY SCHECHTER is President of the FDPL. Current board members are June Brening, Phil & Ruthie Gammons, Donna Garner, Meg Page, Joan Rowett, Becky Watts, Wendy White, and Rosemary Wolpe.

## Scholarship Deadline Extended

Due to so many changes these past two months, the Dublin Trustees of the Trust Fund have extended the deadline to July 1 for receiving 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 the Town Hall, from high school guidance counselors, or directly from Balmeet Lasky ([lasky.balmeet@gmail.com](mailto:lasky.balmeet@gmail.com)) or Mary Loftis ([mloftis2@myfairpoint.net](mailto:mloftis2@myfairpoint.net)).

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## School Board Rep Congratulates Grads & Looks Ahead

BY ALAN EDELKIND

Challenges presented, overcome, and to come. By the time this is read, we will have come to the end of the most unprecedented school year brought upon us by the COVID-19 virus. The challenges overcome in transitioning to remote learning for our students' education demonstrated the fortitude and can-do attitude of all involved.

Challenges can produce different outcomes: we can let them overwhelm us, or we can do everything in our collective power to face them head-on and overcome them. Our community elected to face them. There will be more challenges to come, and I am sure we will overcome them as well.

To our graduating seniors: Congratulations. You did it! The challenges you faced have made you stronger and better

equipped to face the outside world. It is your world to conquer!

Thank you, Yankee Publishing, for allowing us to place signs on your lawn honoring each of our high school graduates.

Another challenge has been 5th grade at DCS. We now officially have nine 5th graders who will be attending DCS next school year.

What will the school environment be next school year? We don't know yet. It is an ongoing situation that will take time and energy to address.

Summer is not a time-off for the School Board or ConVal administration. We will all be working hard as facts present themselves to make the best environment possible for the education, health, and well-being of our students and families.

An important question is what will remote learning cost and what is the effect on our taxes? The answer is too long for this article. I have co-authored an article (with Greenfield's SB representative Katharine Heck) titled "The Effects of COVID-19 on the ConVal Budget (April 24, 2020)."

It is an easy-to-read article that describes the process we go through and when the impact will be felt. It is a very important read.

There are two ways to access this article online. One is via ConVal, go to Convalsd.net: <https://schoolboard.convalsd.net/2020/04/24/the-effects-of-covid-19-on-the-conval-budget>, and then click on the icon of the pdf indicating "The Effects of COVID-19 on the ConVal Budget (April 24, 2020)". The other way to read this article online is via the *Advocate*: go to [DublinAdvocate.com](https://dublinadvocate.com) and in the June 2020 section click on the link "The Effects of COVID-19 on the ConVal Budget" (<https://dublinadvocate.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/SAU-COVID-19-Effects-on-CV-Budget.pdf>).

Stay safe, stay healthy, stay positive — and know you are not facing this alone.

ALAN EDELKIND is Dublin School Board Representative for SAU 1.

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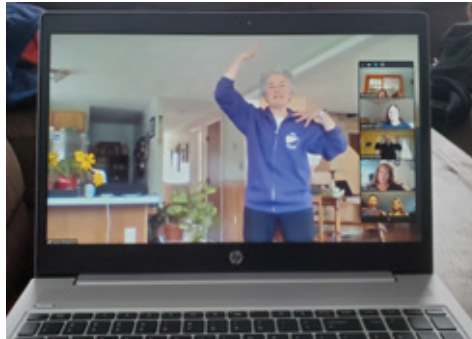
## DCS Virtually Over for Summer Break

*Kindergarteners are wanted for the fall.*

BY NICOLE PEASE

It has been such an interesting time since last I wrote. Teachers, families, and students have worked incredibly hard to adapt to remote learning. There have been lots of successes and also some challenges with this new way of teaching and learning. I have been so impressed with the efforts of everyone to make this work for our students!

The highlights of this experience have been the virtual meetings with the students. DCS holds monthly whole school assemblies to celebrate birthdays and to connect with the students. As we moved to remote learning, we wanted to continue these meetings. It is a unique experience to have students and teachers meeting together virtually. Thanks to First and Second Grade teacher Deb Lang for coordinating these assemblies, and to Kindergarten teacher Susan Ellingwood for leading



the whole school in a virtual Simon Says game. It was a lot of fun!

We hope that you have a safe and wonderful summer, and we look forward to seeing everyone back in the fall.

Kindergarteners are wanted! If you know of a child who will be 5 years old before September 30, please have their parents call the SAU at 924-3336.

NICOLE PEASE, M.Ed., is Dublin Consolidated School's Teaching Principal.

## DCP Open for Children

*The childcare center never fully closed.*

BY SHEENA BALDWIN

With the onset of COVID-19, the Board of Directors and I decided to partially close our Dublin Community Preschool (DCP). Most of our teachers were furloughed, while I stayed on to provide childcare for essential healthcare personnel.

Each morning throughout the stay-at-home order, the children went 'live' on Facebook for our Morning Circle and again for Story Time.



In mid-May, our teachers attended a day-long informational training on safety precautions and cleaning protocols. When stay-at-home orders are loosened, DCP is prepared to welcome back our former families as well as some new ones, while adhering to safety standards set forth by the Centers for Disease Control, NH Child Care Licensing Unit, and the Department of Health and Human Services.

SHEENA BALDWIN is program director and preschool teacher at the DCP ([www.dublinpreschoolandchildcare.org](http://www.dublinpreschoolandchildcare.org)). She can be reached at 563-8508.

## DCA Holds Eight Graduations for Class of 2020

BY BETHANY PAQUIN

Dublin Christian Academy's 2020 graduation was unlike any other in the school's 56-year history. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, the DCA Class of 2020 did not cross the stage together or deliver their speeches to a crowd on the back lawn. Still, there were speeches on the back lawn, and marching, and the congratulations of family and friends.

The school held individual, private ceremonies for each of the eight graduates. Each graduating senior marched across the stage in cap and gown to receive his or

her diploma while a handful of immediate family members looked on. Graduates delivered speeches by video. A videographer captured the ceremonies and speeches and wove them together in a format the graduates could share with friends and family far and wide.

Instead of a reception line, a parade of vehicles filled with underclassmen, family, and friends drove by to show their support for the Class of 2020.

BETHANY PAQUIN is Development Assistant at Dublin Christian Academy ([dublinchristian.org](http://dublinchristian.org)). She can be reached at 563-8505 x 16.



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## Welcome to Dublin's New Town Administrator

BY MARGARET GURNEY

"I like to be proactive, by planning ahead," says Kate Fuller, Dublin's newly appointed Town Administrator. This is surely a useful trait when working in a municipal capacity. Kate served in an interim position until our Board of Selectmen hired her to be full-time on April 27.

"Everyone here has been very nice and helpful. My goal is to apply Best Practices: I work for the Selectmen; I'm here to help the townspeople, and get them what they need."

Kate comes well prepared: she served as the Sullivan Town Administrator for three years, where she handled much the same town business that she will be doing here, including bookkeeping, budgeting, and safety administering.

"When I left Sullivan, I was looking for another municipal job, so this opening came along at just the right time," explains Kate. She has been in the position now long enough to see that the job has some days that are busier than others, and is getting accustomed to its "ebb and flow."



With a BA from University of Vermont (1990) in History, and an MEd from Keene State College (1994) in education, curriculum and instruction; and as a supervisor of a crisis shelter for four years, Kate feels confident she can handle whatever comes across her desk.

While working in Sullivan, Kate won the Prime 3 Award for best safety practices; this award also comes with a reduction in insurance premiums and she plans

to work toward getting those savings for Dublin. She has joined the Dublin Safety Committee.

Kate and her husband Rick have lived in Marlborough for 22 years, where they raised their four children. She was the registrar at Camp Glenbrook, where she managed the office and handled bookkeeping. Kate has been a member of the Monadnock Lions for eight years, is a member of the YMCA, and deacon of her church. She and her family love the area lakes for their kayaking expeditions.

Please join us in welcoming Kate to town administration.

MARGARET GURNEY is editor of the *Advocate*.

## DHS Will Celebrate 100th Next Summer

The Dublin Historical Society regrets to announce that its 100th Anniversary Celebration, scheduled for August 8, has been postponed until the Summer of 2021. We continue to welcome stories via email to [val@dublinhistory.org](mailto:val@dublinhistory.org) for our "My Dublin Story" exhibit as well as any anecdotes, events and photographs that might help us document Dublin's pandemic experience.

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## Jenn Carter Helps Feed the Community

*Dublin school bus driver delivers meals to schoolchildren.*

BY RAMONA BRANCH

The pandemic has certainly changed our lives. Many of us are cloistered at home, only venturing out to make a run to the grocery. But some, like Jenn Carter, are delivering food to households.

Jenn, a long-time resident of Dublin, grew up here with her parents, Barbara and James Sovik, who lived on Boulder Drive for 40 years. Barbara and James now live in Keene, and Jenn and her husband and children live in her childhood home. Some may recall that Barbara was Dublin's town clerk for many years.

In normal times, Jenn is a bus driver for the ConVal School District for Dublin students. When the shutdown occurred and the schools in the ConVal District closed for the remainder of the school year, a

program was implemented to deliver food to the children in the district. This program also includes children who are in private schools and are home schooled.

The program was looking for volunteers to deliver these meals and Jenn, now out of work, volunteered. "It was easy for me to step up in this time of need," Jenn says. "Instead of picking up children and delivering them to school, now I deliver food to them. It's the same kids and the same locations."

ConVal Food Service prepares the food at the South Meadow School in Peterborough. Every Monday through Friday at 5:30 am, Jenn drives to South Meadow and picks up coolers full of meals. She drives about 40 miles a day delivering breakfasts and lunches to 55 kids in Dublin. It takes

### A Note from Our Bus Driver

The breakfasts and lunches are provided, Monday through Friday, for free to all children under the age of 18 living within the ConVal district regardless of whether they qualify for free/reduced lunches at school. There are no income requirements, nor do they need to attend a ConVal district school (for example, I deliver to some families over at the Christian Academy). So, the only "requirements" for receiving food are that you are 18 or younger and live in one of the nine district towns. We are currently scheduled to continue deliveries at least until June 30.

The End 68 Hours of Hunger bags that we deliver every other Friday are a separate program designed for lower income families, to provide food over the weekends. — JSC

her around two hours to complete, she says. On Fridays, Jenn includes additional food for the weekend as part of the End 68 Hours of Hunger Program.

Jenn says, "It's a very good feeling to know that I am helping out a whole lot of people in these uncertain times." Dublin residents say thank you, Jenn, for your dedication in serving our community.

RAMONA BRANCH is on the staff on the *Advocate*.

### Skunk Spray Antidote

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## Local COVID-19 Support Network

*Monadnock Providers meet monthly about local resources.*

BY BALMEET LASKY

The effect of COVID-19 on taxes, money matters, unemployment filing, eviction and housing security, and the resulting financial stimulus, were the focus of the April meeting of the Monadnock Providers' Network. The network is a collection of nonprofit and social services that meet monthly to share information and resources so as to better serve the needs of our regional community residents.

**1. Stimulus payments:** Most people are eligible for the stimulus. The amount received is based on income level and number in the household. If you haven't received your stimulus payment go to Get My Payment on [www.irs.gov/coronavirus/get-my-payment](http://www.irs.gov/coronavirus/get-my-payment). Please note: for high income households, the stimulus check is reduced proportional to the amount you make above a certain income level. For more information, contact Cary Gladstone ([cary.gladstone@graniteuw.org](mailto:cary.gladstone@graniteuw.org)), Senior Director of Asset Building Strategies, Granite United Way.

**2. Taxes & Money Matters:** The IRS extended the filing deadline until July 15, 2020. "Virtual" tax preparations are now offered through video conferencing or phone calls and secure file sharing. Filers need to have access to the internet through their phones, tablets, laptops, or PCs. For those who don't have that technology, but need to file their taxes urgently, they can contact Barbara Heggie at the Low Income Tax Clinic at 603-715-3215.

The River Center is continuing to offer money coaching via phone calls or video conferencing. This service is more important than ever as many are living on reduced incomes and having to choose which bills to pay. Our money coaches can help you make wise choices and point you in the direction of resources to help fill in the gaps. For questions regarding money matters, contact Nisa Simila ([nsimila@rivercenter.us](mailto:nsimila@rivercenter.us)) at The River Center.

**3. Unemployment Filing:** Mary Hubbard ([mhubbard@peterboroughNH.gov](mailto:mhubbard@peterboroughNH.gov)), the Assistant Library Director at the Peterborough Town Library, is our local

resource for unemployment topics. The Employment Security Dept. has added 200 people to the call center to manage the influx of filers for unemployment, and yet there are still wait times when calling. Mary can assist people with filing or answer questions, and has left documents in a box outside the library for those who need them. Mary's assistance is available to everyone, regardless of their town.

(The Unemployment Assistance Hotline at 603-271-7700 is open M-F 8 AM- 8 PM and Sat 8-5. Best time to call is after 4:30 PM M-F to reduce wait time. For additional unemployment questions, contact [pmcnamara@nhada.com](mailto:pmcnamara@nhada.com)).

**4. Eviction and Housing Security:** Susan Howard, Program Director ([mats.peterborough@gmail.com](mailto:mats.peterborough@gmail.com)), Monadnock Area Transition Shelter (MATS), is the local resource for housing issues. She noted that although landlords are not allowed to evict tenants who don't pay their rent, tenants are still legally obligated to pay. If

For continuing information, check the following resources:

1. [www.townofpeterborough.com/](http://www.townofpeterborough.com/)
2. [www.townofpeterborough.com/covid19](http://www.townofpeterborough.com/covid19)
3. [www.nh.gov/covid19/](http://www.nh.gov/covid19/)
4. [rivercenter.us/factbook/](http://rivercenter.us/factbook/)

they stop paying rent, tenants will need to catch up on those payments at some point, so it is strongly advised to make partial rent payments, preferably at least 50%. If tenants are struggling to pay, they should seek additional resources to assist them with food, utilities, etc. to free up funds to pay rent. Howard also recommends that tenants keep detailed records and receipts for everything, both for income received and expenses paid. As far as Susan knows, the eviction order coincides with the state of emergency order, so perhaps when that is lifted, landlords will be allowed to give notice for non-payment.

BALMEET LASKY ([lasky.balmeet@gmail.com](mailto:lasky.balmeet@gmail.com)) represents the Dublin Community Center (Hub) at the monthly Monadnock Provider Network meetings.

## STAY AT HOME. SAVE LIVES.

### DO:

- Stay at home, only leaving for the essentials
- Exercise outdoors, practicing social distancing
- Check in on your neighbors, bringing supplies like groceries to those who can't go out

### OPEN:

- Grocery and convenience stores
- Pharmacies
- Doctor's offices and hospitals
- Gas stations
- Banks and credit unions
- Takeout & delivery from restaurants
- School lunch program deliveries
- Essential businesses

### DON'T:

- Gather in large groups or get together with friends
- Have play dates for kids
- Travel unnecessarily
- Stop practicing healthy social distancing

### CLOSED:

- Non-essential retail stores and malls
- Barbershops, hair salons, cosmetic stores, and tattoo parlors
- Movie theaters, bowling alleys, and arcades
- Concerts, sporting events, and festivals
- All State beaches along the Seacoast

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## Conservation Commission Tackles Knotweed

*Join us to help eliminate this invasive plant.*

BY SUSAN BIRD

Japanese Knotweed (botanical name is *Fallopia japonica*) is native to Japan, China, and parts of Korea and Taiwan. Similar in appearance to bamboo, it is a rapid grower, reaching heights of 6 to 10 ft., with reddish stems and heart-shaped leaves. In Dublin, it is endangering our native ecosystem and taking over our native plants — especially along roadsides and waterways, where it spreads quickly.

In the early 1800s, a physician/botanist transported it from Japan to Europe, where it was favored by English gardeners. It was then brought to North America in the late 1800s. While it may be appealing as an ornamental hedge, it is one of the world's most invasive plants.

In the U.K., mortgage loans are being refused if Japanese Knotweed is found on the property; its disposal entails strict rules similar to toxic waste. It is very difficult to kill, and even after it is eradicated from an area, a tiny fragment can start regrowth.

Given its tenacious rate of proliferation, extreme measures must be taken: cutting the stems in early summer to weaken the plant, then applying a glyphosate herbicide



to the stem before the first frost (when the plant begins to store its energy into the roots and rhizomes). It may take several years, but eventually the knotweed will die and native plants will begin to grow again.

In hopes of avoiding herbicides, the Dublin Conservation Commission (DCC) experimented with various ways of eradicating Knotweed, beginning in 2009: (1) pulling, (2) cutting, then removing and burning, (3) cutting and leaving the stems to wither and (4)

cutting and covering with heavy plastic. None of these methods proved effective, so in September 2011 the DCC employed a firm to apply a State-approved herbicide. The subsequent regrowth was minimal! Thereafter, the remaining plants were sprayed annually, as well as newly identified patches, including those of various property owners who joined the effort.

Over the last several years, in those areas where we have reduced our Japanese Knotweed population by ~80%, we have observed new growth of native plants.

If you have a stand of Japanese Knotweed and would like to join the campaign to help eliminate this invasive plant, please contact the ConComm via the town website (<http://townofdublin.org>). A useful reference is [www.agriculture.nh.gov/publications-forms/documents/japanese-knotweed-bmps.pdf](http://www.agriculture.nh.gov/publications-forms/documents/japanese-knotweed-bmps.pdf).

SUSAN BIRD is on the Dublin Conservation Commission (DCC). Other members are John Morris, Jay Schechter, Rusty Bastedo, Katie Featherston, Thom Hulslander, and Wendy White. Miriam Carter and Jack Lewis are former members who were strategic in determining the best course of action.

## A Bee Explores Dublin

*And finds flowers to pollinate.*

With permission graciously given, here is one page drawn from Abigail Levene's "Buzz's Bee-tiful Adventure, A Pollinator's View of Dublin, NH," a homemade coloring book that takes readers young and old through various historic Dublin landmarks — from a bee's perspective (April 2018).

A bee's eye view takes on a new dimension as its travels around our town inspire us all to plant more flowers this springtime.

How is it possible that we missed this "coloring book" when it came out two springs ago? Laid out so beautifully that children will want to color in the lines, it is for free distribution at the Dublin General Store, where serving the public safely remains in the forefront.



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## Auditorium at Park Theatre Named for Mike King

*His family gifted \$150,000 to Jaffrey theatre.*

The Park Theatre announced that a generous contribution from Stephen and Ashley King has made it possible to name the upper auditorium of The Park Theatre in Jaffrey in honor of Michael B. King. The Michael B. King Auditorium will have

For many years, Mike also presented films for Dubliners.

Mike King was 82 when he died in 2016. He was a resident of Dublin, a graduate of Dartmouth College and member of its Film Society; a counselor at Camp Monadnock;

Film Officer, Chair and Photographer of the Art Department at Brooks School, North Andover, MA; Trustee, Sharon Arts Center; and Lecturer for New Hampshire Humanities Council.

The Michael B. King Auditorium will be additional space for films,



seating for up to 112 people in a variety of configurations, making it a versatile and attractive space that overlooks the Jaffrey Town Common.

Many knew that Mike, a Dubliner, had a passion for movies. He had been a projectionist in his youth, was an avid student of film, and had amassed a large collection of classic films on 16mm.

Mike was a trustee of The Park Theatre for more than 14 years and founding member of the Team Jaffrey Park Theatre Restoration Committee. He curated and ran The Park Theatre's free Summer Movie Nights and gave tens of thousands of hours to the free film festivals, and to the Theatre's young people's Usher Club.

live performances, speakers, lecturers, "open mic" nights, poetry and play readings, debates, and educational classrooms for students and adults.

The Michael B. King Auditorium joins the already-named main auditorium, honoring William David Eppes, and together they together they will seat 450 patrons.

The Park Theatre first opened in Jaffrey in 1922 and was the center of community life as a movie and vaudeville house for 54 years until it closed in 1976. The Park Theatre was purchased in 2006, and has been on the rebuild ever since. The Park Theatre ([www.theparktheatre.org](http://www.theparktheatre.org)), a 501(c)(3), has offices at 6 River St., PO Box 278, Jaffrey, NH 03452; or call 532-9300.

## Rotary Clubs Double Up on Roadside Duty

On April 25, after weekly Zoom meetings, the Monadnock and Peterborough Clubs met individually to pick up roadside trash in the State-supplied blue

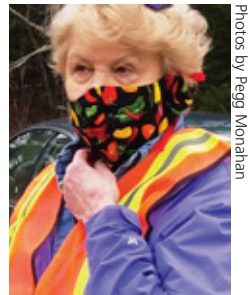
bags. Small teams maintained social distancing, six feet apart, and geared up in masks and gloves.

The Rotary Clubs selected April 25 to honor Earth Day week.

Some members picked up along Rte. 101 in Dublin and the others along Rte. 202 in Peterborough. Roadside clean-up days are a long-standing tradition with both clubs and part of their community service programs.

The Monadnock Rotary Club volunteers that day included Dale Gabel, Rick MacMillan, Vance and Paul Finch, Harry Wolhandler, Pegg Monahan, Bill Gurney, Chuck Simpson, and Tom Warren.

If you have an interest in community service and friendship locally and internationally, check out Rotary. The Monadnock Rotary Club ([MonadnockRotary.org](http://MonadnockRotary.org)) meets on Tuesday mornings 7:30 at Dublin Community Church.



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## DubHub Closed — Zooming Open

The Dublin Community Center remains closed due to the COVID-19 virus, but has successfully transitioned many virtual events.

“Coffee and Conversation via Zoom” meets every Monday and Wednesday from 10 to 11am. For a link, email [info@dublin-communitycenter.org](mailto:info@dublin-communitycenter.org).



And “Knit with Nancy” meets on Fridays at 10 am. Email [npcayford@myfairpoint.net](mailto:npcayford@myfairpoint.net) for a Zoom link.

DubHub Open Stage via Zoom will meet on Friday, June 5. And DubHub Song Circle via Zoom will meet on Friday, June 26.

Both events start at 7 pm.

Links to the above events are in the weekly Hubbub newsletter, and can be found on DubHub Facebook pages. For more information, email [info@dublincommunitycenter.org](mailto:info@dublincommunitycenter.org). Please don't call, as we're not there yet. Sign up for the Hubbub newsletter at <http://eepurl.com/bLCNTz>.

### Proposed June Zooms

The DubHub is exploring additional Zoom events in June including a Dublin Story Hour — if you are interested in participating, email [info@dublincommunitycenter.org](mailto:info@dublincommunitycenter.org). Other possible events include meeting new Dublin neighbors, profiles of longtime Dublin residents, and a poetry reading. Check the Hubbub newsletter or DubHub Facebook page for updates.

### Take-Out Community Lunch June 18

On Thursday, June 18, from 11:30 to 1, the DubHub will be hosting a free take-out community lunch. The menu will be kid-friendly, carefully prepared and packaged by members of the Community Center board. Lunches will be distributed from a table at the rear of the building. Please park next to the Hub, maintain physical distance, and wear a mask. For more information, please call Mary Loftis at 831-6641.

### A Personal Journey with COVID-19 on YouTube

On May 5, the DubHub hosted a Zoom-based community forum featuring Kirsten Colantino talking about her journey with COVID-19. The session was posted on the new DubHub YouTube and



Bruce Fox was the first “customer” at the free Take-Out Community Lunch on May 14.

has been viewed more than 800 times. It can be seen at [youtu.be/bQhCJPBciok](https://youtu.be/bQhCJPBciok) or [www.youtube.com/watch?v=bQhCJPBciok](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bQhCJPBciok)

### DubHub Wifi Access

The DubHub Wifi is accessible from the parking lot. Look for the network NETGEAR28-5G\_EXT. The password is ancientpond703 (all lower case).

### Free Face Masks

The Free Face Mask rack in front of the DubHub continues! Since we started this in April, we have given away 450 free masks! We have added a donation box. Going forward, we would appreciate any donation to go toward face mask supplies and the Community Center, which serves our greater population.

If anyone would like to help sew masks, we ask that they first call either Nancy Cayford at 563-8021 or Ruth Thompson at 563-8761. If anyone is in need of a mask and the rack is empty, please call either Nancy or Ruth and they will make what is needed.



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## Protect Yourself & Others: Wear a Mask

*Links to being informed and ways you can assist.*

It's up to all of us to slow the spread of COVID-19. Everyone, including young and healthy people, must avoid large gatherings during this time. Here are relevant links.

**Even as cases** rise in NH, we still see people walking in public or operating in open stores who are not wearing facemasks. "Face masks should be worn in public, NH health officials say." [https://www.sentinel-source.com/news/local/face-masks-should-be-worn-in-public-nh-health-officials-say/article\\_9c65fa82-3bb0-5960-9758-d14f3f41d063.html](https://www.sentinel-source.com/news/local/face-masks-should-be-worn-in-public-nh-health-officials-say/article_9c65fa82-3bb0-5960-9758-d14f3f41d063.html)

**Stay up to date** with public health guidelines from cdc.gov: [https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html?s\\_cid=+fb\\_covid\\_19&fbclid=IwAR0rvpk8Jyveqb0KkLwplgFuO\\_kPPKXAYhJUpWtcEv-PPkgYJoxJ8bEY\\_pc](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html?s_cid=+fb_covid_19&fbclid=IwAR0rvpk8Jyveqb0KkLwplgFuO_kPPKXAYhJUpWtcEv-PPkgYJoxJ8bEY_pc)

**Caring for** someone sick at home: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/if-you-are-sick/care-for-someone.html>

**World Health Organization** offers tips for home care of patients with COVID-19: [https://www.who.int/publications-detail/home-care-for-patients-with-suspected-novel-coronavirus-\(ncov\)-infection-presenting-with-mild-symptoms-and-management-of-contacts](https://www.who.int/publications-detail/home-care-for-patients-with-suspected-novel-coronavirus-(ncov)-infection-presenting-with-mild-symptoms-and-management-of-contacts)

**The new coronavirus**, like the flu virus, is surrounded by a fatty membrane that is vulnerable to soap: [https://www.nytimes.com/2020/04/17/well/live/coronavirus-contagion-spread-clothes-shoes-hair-newspaper-packages-mail-infectious.html?campaign\\_](https://www.nytimes.com/2020/04/17/well/live/coronavirus-contagion-spread-clothes-shoes-hair-newspaper-packages-mail-infectious.html?campaign_)

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**Right now**, widespread testing of everyone with symptoms is not available. People most likely to be tested are those who arrive at emergency rooms with serious symptoms, those at high risk, or those who have come in direct contact with a diagnosed case. This could change: [https://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2020/world/coronavirus-preparation-preparedness.html?campaign\\_id=18&emc=edit\\_hh\\_20200504&instance\\_id=18196&nl=well&reg\\_id=89598196&segment\\_id=26559&te=1&user\\_id=15b2d280d7c5bb5c1cac47652cd7b073](https://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2020/world/coronavirus-preparation-preparedness.html?campaign_id=18&emc=edit_hh_20200504&instance_id=18196&nl=well&reg_id=89598196&segment_id=26559&te=1&user_id=15b2d280d7c5bb5c1cac47652cd7b073)

**Testing for COVID-19:** <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/symptoms-testing/testing.html>

**Anyone who** wants a test can contact their medical provider, visit [nh.gov/covid19](https://nh.gov/covid19), or call 603-271-5980.

**Reopening** state guidelines state that retail store employees must wear face masks and follow sanitation guidelines. [https://www.nhpr.org/post/new-hampshires-extended-stay-home-order-what-has-changed?utm\\_source=New+Hampshire+Public+Radio&utm\\_campaign=4d1a304b2c-Corona+Update+5-14-20&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_term=0\\_0e92408183-4d1a304b2c-106326038#stream/0](https://www.nhpr.org/post/new-hampshires-extended-stay-home-order-what-has-changed?utm_source=New+Hampshire+Public+Radio&utm_campaign=4d1a304b2c-Corona+Update+5-14-20&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_0e92408183-4d1a304b2c-106326038#stream/0)

**Stay-at-Home 2.0:** <https://www.nhpr.org/sites/nhpr/files/202005/retail20200501-retail.pdf>

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## NH Audubon Can Now Track Monarch Migration

A major grant from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) will enable a New England research partnership to dramatically expand a revolutionary new migration tracking system across New England over three years.

The New Hampshire Fish and Game Department (NHF&G) is the lead agency

for this collaborative project; partner agencies exist in nearby states. The grant will enable project partners to establish 50 automated telemetry receiving stations in Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, and Vermont. These receivers can track movements of birds, bats, and even large insects tagged with radio transmitters called nanotags (they are tiny enough to be placed on migrating animals as small as monarch butterflies and dragonflies).

New Hampshire Audubon biologists will use the smallest nanotags to track fall movements of monarch butterflies, which have suffered large population declines. The tracking information will help to identify target areas for habitat improvement, such as planting fall-blooming nectar sources to support migrating monarchs.

A receiver array will be part of the rapidly expanding Motus Wildlife Tracking System ([motus.org](http://motus.org)), established in 2013 by Bird Studies Canada. The Motus network includes nearly 900 receiving stations around the world.

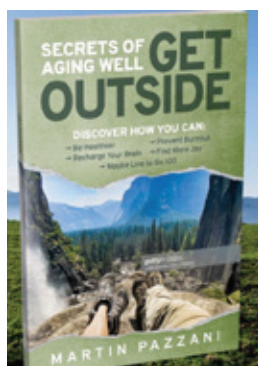


Monarch Butterfly with Motus nanotag transmitter.

Together, the combination of highly miniaturized transmitters (some weighing just 1/200th of an ounce) with a growing global receiver array lets scientists track migrants previously too small and delicate to tag. This technology is revolutionizing migration research by documenting the travels of individual birds, such as a gray-cheeked thrush that made a remarkable 46-hour, 2,200-mile non-stop flight from Colombia to Ontario.

## Fun, Adventure, & Good Health

Through a hiking group connection to Martin Pazzani (a marketing CEO and mountaineer who has hiked on all



seven continents), Andrea McGill-O'Rourke and Cathy Carabello became contributors to his upcoming book: *Secrets of Aging Well: Get Outside*.

They shared photographs as well as our recipe

for healthy aging, validating the author's theory that hiking is the 'fountain of youth' and that fresh air, vigorous exercise, and going UP are all salves for the soul. Both the e-book and paperback will be available in mid-June 2020.

Cathy Carabello's previous article on her hiking expeditions were covered in *Advocate* issues: March 2020 and March 2017.

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## A Bear on Boulder

The Carter family on Boulder Drive did not need a game cam to know there was a bear in their chicken coop. Jenn says, "He was quite smart. The first night he hit I thought I had accidentally left the latch open to the dog kennel (coop is inside of that). Second night I made sure everything was shut properly, and he proved he had figured out the latch to open the door."




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More than 20% of workers in the state qualify for the Earned Income Tax Credit,

which they may get in their refunds, but many don't claim it or file a return because they don't think they have to, or they don't think they made enough (they just need to earn as little as \$1!), leaving millions of dollars on the table.

We have a list of our full lineup of programs and services that we have moved online to our website. Visit <https://river-center.us> for more program information or call 924-6800.

The River Center: A Family and Community Resource Center (9 Vose Farm Rd., Suite 115, Peterborough) provides com-

munity connections, parenting support, tax assistance, and money coaching to strengthen individuals and families in the Eastern Monadnock Region.

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Please do not mix products. Sponsored by the City of Keene.

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## Olympic Studies by Students at Mountain Shadows School

The Dublin students pursued a topic of his or her choice in depth by collaborating with a mentor from the community. Here they show their month-long independent projects.



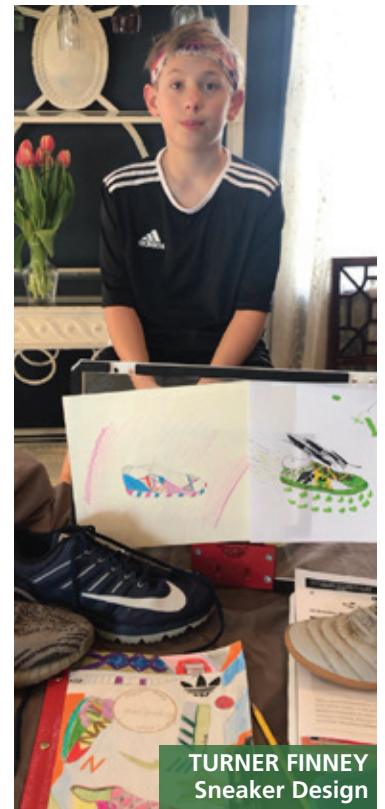
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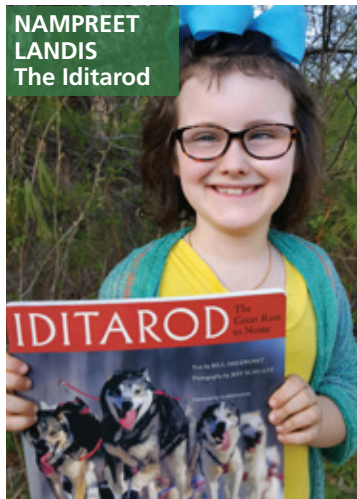
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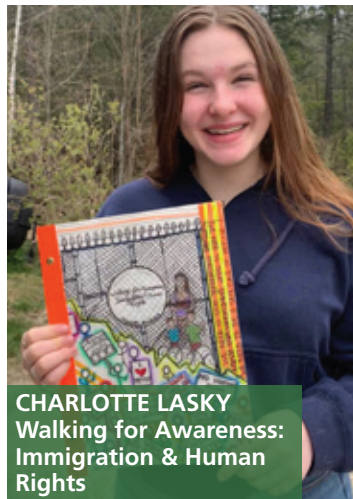
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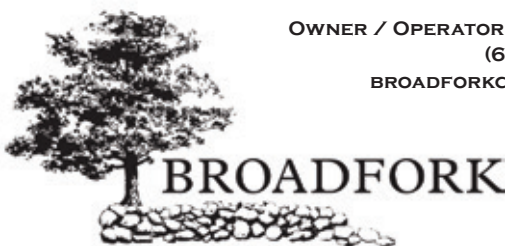


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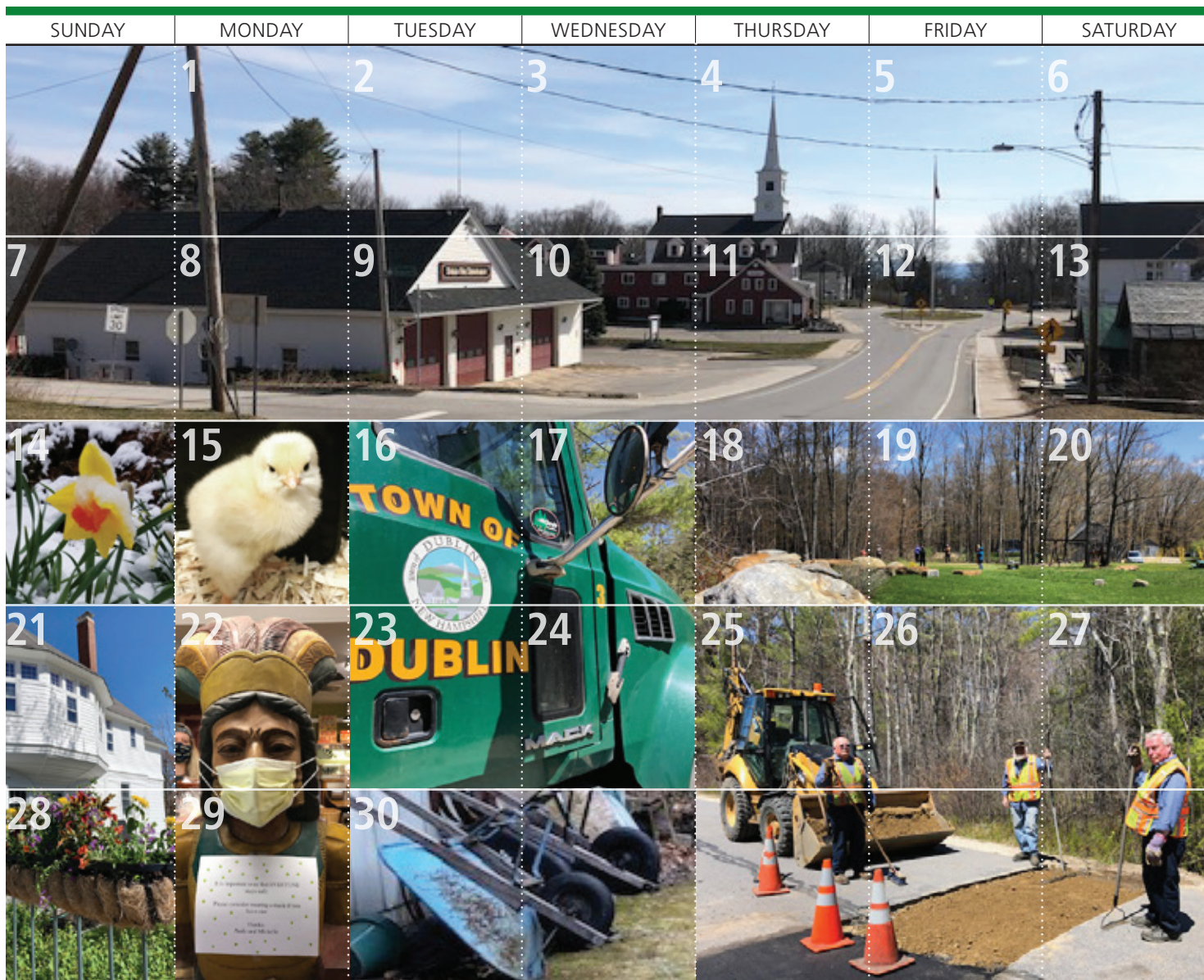
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