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More of Beech Hill Protected

Trails are opened and our watershed protected.

BY KATRINA FARMER

A mountain brook tumbles down the hill, bordered by lush ferns and stately birch trees. It's a little oasis in these New Hampshire woods. The 52-acre property, on the western slope of Beech Hill in Dublin, is now owned by the Beech Hill-Dublin Lake Watershed Association (BHDLWA) and protected by a conservation easement held by the Monadnock Conservancy. It offers woodlands, water, and recreation as key benefits for wildlife and people alike.

The land is almost entirely forested, with a small wetland along Old Harrisville Road and a half mile of stream. Protecting this land, part of the Dublin Lake watershed, expands upon adjacent conservation land and ensures clean water downstream.

The BHDLWA was formed in

2006 to keep the water coming in and out of Dublin Lake clean and clear. Its first 60-acre conservation purchase, the former site of a substance abuse treatment center,



Lorna's Trail, which runs through the recently conserved additional property, is named after Lorna Trowbridge (see *Village on a Hill*, by Tom Hyman, 2002, p. 509).

features the Beech Hill ridgeline, which forms a divide between the watersheds of the Connecticut and Merrimack rivers. Many know this original property for its early-20th-century carriage road at the top of the hill that anchors a network of trails open to the public.

This new addition expands trails and wildlife habitat as well as forest available for sequestering carbon, a key strategy for fighting climate change.

Generations of people have come to recognize Beech Hill from afar, appreciating its natural, scenic, and recreational resources. The BHDLWA's stewardship ensures that Beech Hill will remain recognizable and appreciated far into the future.

KATRINA FARMER is communications manager at Monadnock Conservancy, and a former Dublin resident. She gave the *Advocate* permission to reprint this article from the recent Monadnock Conservancy newsletter.

Photo credit to Anne McBride of the Monadnock Conservancy

New Election Laws for the Upcoming State Primary & General Election

BY JEANNINE R. DUNNE

Are you registered to vote? Granite Staters do not have to choose between protecting their health and their right to vote. If you are concerned about COVID-19, you are able to register to vote absentee, and can vote by absentee ballot. Act early and stay safe!

You can check your voter registration status at <https://bit.ly/2ZiZNwt> and contact Town Clerk Jeannine Dunne or Deputy Town Clerk Neil Sandford if you need to register. Please see contact information below.

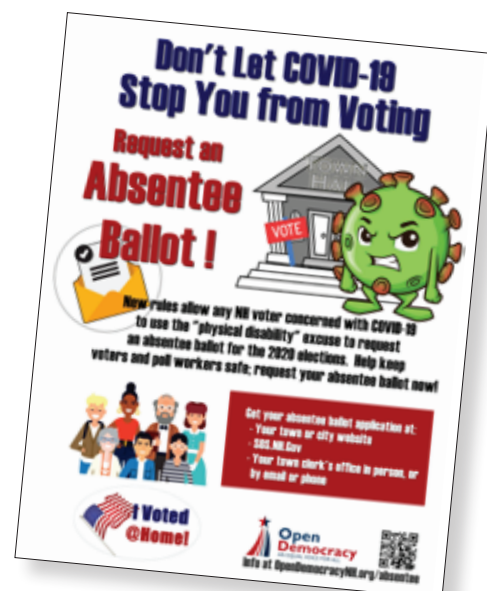
To print an Application for an Absentee Ballot for the State Primary (9/8/20) or for the General Election (11/3/20), go

to the Town of Dublin website, (www.townofdublin.org) under Departments > Town Clerk/Tax Collector > Elections > Absentee Ballot Application. You can also call or email to have one sent to you.

State and local elections officials are your trusted sources for accurate information about NH elections. We are here to provide the answers you need. The Secretary of State's website (sos.nh.gov) has guidance and forms.

To contact Dublin's Town Clerk's office, call 563-8859 x 3, or email us at town-clerk@townofdublin.org.

JEANNINE R. DUNNE is Dublin's Certified Tax Collector and Town Clerk. She can be reached at PO Box 62, Dublin, NH 03444; 563-8859 or email town-clerk@townofdublin.org.



Broadband for Dublin

Now would be a good time for you to consider your conduit.

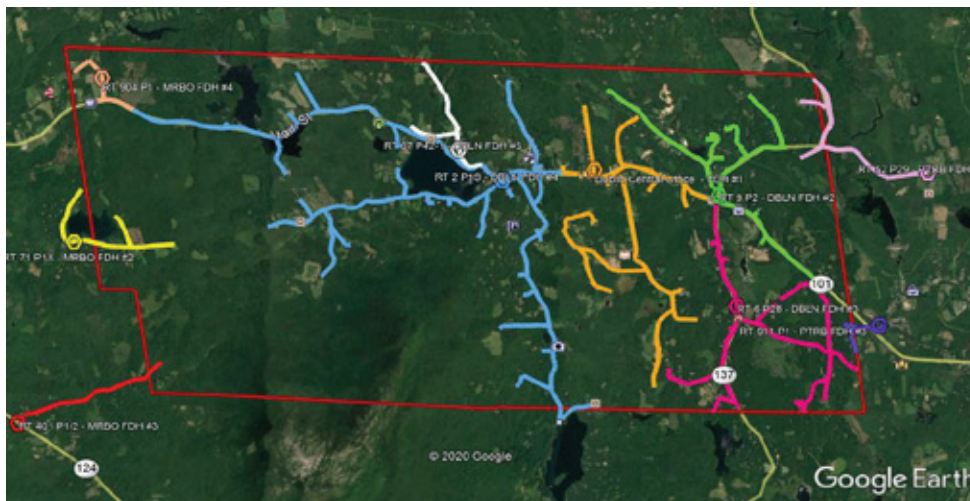
BY CAROLE MONROE

The Town of Dublin broadband bond was incorporated into the New Hampshire Municipal Bond Bank offering sold on July 14, 2020, at an interest rate of 2.07 percent. Proceeds will be distributed on August 12. The fiber network construction can then begin in earnest.

Consolidated Communications has provided the Town with a map of the preliminary design, which indicates the various zones for each area of town. The map clearly indicates that all premises will be served whether your telephone service comes from Dublin, Marlborough, or Peterborough. This map can also be found at TownofDublin.org on the Broadband Committee page.

If your house has direct buried underground utilities (not currently in a conduit), you will need to have conduit installed if you wish to have a fiber network connection. As with all outdoor construction, the best time to do that work is before the first hard frost. Now would be a good time. Consolidated Communications has provided us with the conduit specifications. These specifications are also on the Broadband Committee page of the town website. There are several contractors in town who are able to do this. Please let me know if you need help finding a contractor.

Prior to actually stringing the fiber on the poles, 38 poles in town need to be replaced. This work is expected to begin shortly and once complete, we can expect to see Consolidated Communications trucks installing the fiber. If all proceeds



on time, we should expect fiber connections to homes in December or January.

Please feel free to email me at carole.monroe@valley.net if you have any questions or concerns.

CAROLE MONROE is one of three Select persons in town. She was elected in March 2020.

KEY: Burgundy, Dublin Town Boundary. Fiber Paths: Orange, Dublin Exchange FDH #1; Green, Dublin Exchange FDH #2; Dark Pink, Dublin Exchange FDH #3; Light Blue, Dublin Exchange FDH #4; White, Dublin Exchange FDH #5; Yellow, Marlborough Exchange FDH #2; Red, Marlborough Exchange FDH #3; Peach, Marlborough Exchange FDH #4; Light Pink, Peterborough Exchange FDH #2; Purple, Peterborough Exchange FDH #3

Dublin Public Library

BY RACHAEL LOVETT

We are continuing to offer curbside pickup for materials each Monday and Wednesday from 10 am to 1 pm. Check out the website and online catalog at www.dublinnhpubliclibrary.org. Sign up for a new library card and see what's new on the shelf! All material can be reserved online, and a pickup arranged. Or give us a call at 563-8658, and we can get you set up.

The New Hampshire State Parks Pass is now available to all patrons. The pass allows you free entrance and/or parking to many of our State Parks. NH Parks are asking all visitors to make a reservation due to capacity limits, so give us a call or

email (librarypublicdublin@myfairpoint.net) to obtain the Library Parks Pass.

DPL Summer Reading continues through August. There's still time to sign up and earn prizes! We have Book Bundles – DPL bags filled with children's material pre-selected by theme or reading level – and each week we have a new Take & Make Craft kit. All for curbside pickup!

We do not have a set date to reopen the Library at this time, but please feel free to contact us and visit the website for updates on our hours and reopening. We appreciate your support and patience as we continue to establish safe guidelines and protocols for our staff and patrons. Thank you!

RACHAEL LOVETT is the DPL Director. She was appointed in March 2020.

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A Message from the FDPL

The Friends of the Dublin Public Library (FDPL) wish to share that its Annual Meeting is scheduled for September 17 at 7 pm and it will be an online event, to conform with public safety guidelines. Our speaker will be Fred Rogers, Professor of Geology and Environmental Science at Franklin Pierce University.

Please look for more details in the September issue of the *Advocate*, which will include a link to the meeting. You may also contact the Friends at Dublin.Library.NH@gmail.com or call 831-0851.

To learn about how the FDPL supports our Library, please visit dublinnhpubliclibrary.org/friends.html. Here you can get more information about our programs and also how to donate to the Friends by mail or PayPal.

TOWN OF DUBLIN

Administrative Assistant Wanted

The Town of Dublin is looking for a flexible part-time worker for 5-10 hours per week, occasional evening meeting and vacation coverage. Responsibilities include a variety of clerical tasks in support of the Town Administrator. Mother's hours, flexible schedule, and training are available for this position. For a full job description, or if you are interested in the position, please email a query or your resume and cover letter to Kate Fuller at townadministrator@townofdublin.org by August 15, 2020.



From Our Town Moderator

The safest way to vote is by absentee ballot.

BY TIM CLARK

Your Dublin election officials are planning to make voting in the September 8th primary and the November 3rd general election as safe as possible using protective equipment and social distancing. But the safest way to vote is to cast an absentee ballot. The Secretary of State and the Attorney General have agreed to allow any registered voter concerned about the COVID-19 pandemic to exercise this option by checking the box that says "disability" on the application form. That will mean no exposure for you to potential virus carriers at Town Hall. It will also offer our election workers, who are at the greatest risk, a higher degree of protection by reducing the number of in-person voters.

In order to cast an absentee ballot, you will need to fill out an application form. You can apply for an absentee ballot for both the primary and the general election at the same time. These are available from our Town Clerk, Jeannine Dunne, by mail (1122 Main St., Dublin, NH 03444), e-mail townclerk@townofdublin.org, or call 563-8859 x 3, or in person at Town Hall during her office hours (9-4 & 6-8 Mon., 9-4 Tue. & Thur., 9-5 Weds.). Or you may download them from the Secretary of State's website (www.sos.nh.gov). Look for the section titled "COVID/Fall of 2020 Elections."

If you are not currently a registered voter, you can still register to vote with the Town Clerk. You can also register at the polls on the day of the primary or election, though that may increase risk for you and election workers by requiring you to wait in line and interact with an official. If you register to vote on election day, you can't cast an absentee ballot. You must fill out your ballot and put it in the ballot box. Once you have registered to vote, it will be safer for you and election workers to apply for an absentee ballot.

When you receive your absentee ballot, be sure to follow the instructions. Be especially sure to sign the affidavit envelope in which you put your completed ballot. If necessary, someone else can sign your name for you, but if there is no signature, your ballot will not be counted. Any absentee ballots received after 5 pm on the day of the primary or election will not be counted.

Remember: the safest way to vote, for you and election workers, is by absentee ballot.

TIM CLARK has served as the Dublin Town Moderator since 2004.

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To paraphrase the famous World War II poster.

BY JUDY KNAPP

In an article in last month's *Advocate*, I asked anyone who would like to help us in the September 8 State Primary and/or the November 3 General Election to contact me. I want to thank those of you who stepped forward to assist in our effort to both fully and safely staff the polls for these elections.

Having these elections in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic presents unusual problems, but both our town election officials and the election officials at the Secretary of State's office are working to make this election as safe as possible:

- Every voter will be provided with a mask, hand sanitizer, and disposable pencils or pens.
- Each poll worker will be provided with a mask, gloves, and hand sanitizer.
- Sneeze guards will be placed in front of each workstation, and for those who will be moving around, face shields.
- Gowns will be available as needed.
- All voting surfaces will be disinfected regularly; each booth will be disinfected between voters.

To further protect our workers, we would like to have more but shorter shifts, thus lessening the time that our ballot clerks and others are in the confined voting area. We also hope to have more teams counting the ballots at the end of the day. This means we need more people volunteering to work at these elections.

This is your opportunity to be one of the people who checks people in before they receive their ballot or to check them out when they have completed voting and their ballot goes into the ballot box. This is also your chance to help count the ballots at the end of the day.

We need people to disinfect the booths after each voter, make sure that the tables are disinfected, and to welcome the voters as they enter the polls and direct them to the proper areas. These positions can be filled by any Dublin resident over the age of 17.

If you would like to work at the polls or if you are registered to vote in Dublin and would like to work as either a ballot clerk or on a team counting the votes, please contact me at 563-8176 or judyknapp@myfairpoint.net. I look forward to hearing from you and to working with you on election day.

JUDY KNAPP is Supervisor of the Checklist.

For Lack of a Calendar, Try This

The Town of Dublin sends out emails regularly to Dubliners when committee meetings are coming up. Do you wish to know when online meetings or in-person meetings are being held? Ask Kate Fuller to add you to the email list or sign yourself up at TownofDublin.org.

In July, for example, the Dublin Conservation Commission held a scheduled Zoom meeting; the email reminder included the date, time, meeting URL, and meeting id, and password. Other such announcements went out for meetings of the Recycling Committee, the Trustees of Trust Funds, the Budget Committee, and the Select Board.

If you would like to receive these notices, you can reach Kate Fuller at townadministrator@townofdublin.org.

TOWN OF DUBLIN

Transfer Station Attendant

The Town of Dublin is now accepting applications for an immediate opening as a part-time Transfer Station Attendant. The successful applicant will be required to assist the public, operate machinery and equipment associated with the processing of recyclables, lift 50 pounds, pass a background check, and be willing to work towards attaining Principal Operator, Step 3 State Certification.

The starting hourly rate for this entry level position will depend on experience and qualifications. An application and job description may be picked up at the Dublin Transfer Station, 176 Cobb Meadow Road, any Wednesday, Saturday, or Sunday from 9 am to 4 pm. For further information, contact Tom Kennedy, Superintendent, at 563-8557.

The Town of Dublin is an Equal Opportunity Employer. Applications will be accepted until the position is filled.



- Thank You! -

Our community is grateful for all the healthcare workers who continue to selflessly care for us during the pandemic. We honor them for their compassion, courage, and commitment. Thank you all.



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Dublin Women's Club

These times call for safety measures to be met: keep the beach safe for all.

BY NANCY CAMPBELL

The Board of the Dublin Women's Community Club met on July 6 to re-evaluate the situation at the beach so far this summer. The Board decided to continue with the "swim at your own risk" policy – this means members only (no guests), no lifeguards, etc. Please remember that no boats, kayaks, snorkels, masks, fins, balls, free-floating devices, or life jackets/vests are permitted.

The Board discussed several issues/problems that have occurred this summer, specifically the following:

1. There has been trash left behind. We urge people not to bring food to the beach and to carry out any trash when they leave.
2. Some members are coming with guests. The property continues to be open for members and their families (no guests) for swimming at their own risk. Bringing guests opens us up to liability under our insurance policy. We know it is hard not to bring a friend or to have your

children bring a friend, but this is an unusual time. Hopefully, next summer we will all be back to a normal summer.

3. There are no dogs allowed at any time! Some individuals, probably not members, have come to the beach with their dogs. Finally, we still strongly urge everyone to continue to follow the COVID-19 health and safety measures, such as social distancing and limiting group size. Please don't come to the beach if you have symptoms of the

virus, or have been exposed to COVID-19.

The Board felt that overall, most members were observing good practices, even in these difficult circumstances. We thank you all for keeping the beach safe for all.

The Board also made the decision to postpone the dance we were planning in September to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the founding of the Club in 1920.

NANCY CAMPBELL is treasurer of the Dublin Women's Club & Beach.

Three Scholarships Awarded by the TTF

BY BALMEET LASKY, MARY LOFTIS, and ERIN MOORE

Three Dublin students have been awarded scholarships by the Scholarship Committee of the Trustees of the Trust Funds (TTF). The scholarships are awarded annually on the basis of academic merit, civic engagement, and financial need.

Andrew Fletcher recently graduated from Dublin Christian Academy, where he excelled in the classroom as well as in sports, fine arts, and student leadership. Andrew will be a freshman at Bob Jones University in South Carolina in the fall.

Sarah Newell will be a sophomore in the Architecture Department at Keene

State College. Her career goal is to design affordable housing. She is a member of the Global Culture Club on campus, which welcomes and celebrates diverse cultures through cuisine, music, and celebrations.

Grace Wirein will be a senior in the Psychology Department at Saint Anselm College. She represents the department as a student Psychology Ambassador by planning events and hosting visiting speakers and potential students. Grace also serves as a statistics peer tutor. Her future plans involve graduate school and working with diverse and underserved populations.

BALMEET LASKY, MARY LOFTIS, and ERIN MOORE comprise the Scholarship Committee of the TTF.

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Gregg Fletcher Named Interim Administrator at DCA

BY BETHANY PAQUIN

Dublin Christian Academy (DCA) has named Dublin resident Gregg Fletcher interim administrator. Mr. Fletcher, an alum of DCA's Class of 1990, began teaching science at the academy 24 years ago. While teaching, he earned his master's degree in education administration.

Mr. Fletcher's skill as an instructor and his personal integrity have earned him the respect of faculty and students. Over the last two decades, he has inspired many of the academy's graduates to pursue careers in the sciences. Outside the classroom, he has developed relationships with students through coaching sports, mentoring small groups of students, and leading STEM (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics) clubs including a robotics club and a rocketry club.

Mr. Fletcher will lead the school's academic team for the 2020-21 school year. He lives in Dublin with his wife Heather, a teacher at Antrim Elementary School, and his children Andrew (a 2020 DCA graduate), Emily, and Samantha.

BETHANY PAQUIN is Director of Development at Dublin Christian Academy, 106 Page Rd., Dublin. She can be reached at 563-8505 x 16 or email bpaquin@dublinchristian.org.



Shaping the Future Is in Our Hands

Census data affects our community.

The results of the 2020 Census will help determine how hundreds of billions of dollars in federal funding flow into communities across America every year for the next decade. That funding shapes many different aspects of every community, no matter the size or the location. Did you know that census data helps communities respond to natural disasters?

Census results influence highway planning and construction, and they help determine how money is allocated for local schools. The list goes on, including programs to support rural areas, to restore wildlife, to prevent child abuse, to prepare for wildfires, and to provide housing assistance for older adults.

If you are curious about what other programs are impacted by census data, visit the 2020 Census website <https://2020census.gov/en/community-impact.html>.

According to results from the census takers, in New Hampshire, the self-response rate is 61.8%, not far off from the national average self-response rate of 61.9%. Dublin is at 52%. In the listing of 221 townships, we are in 138th place (<https://2020census.gov/en/response-rates.html>).

Another link to view: <https://public.tableau.com/profile/us.census.bureau#!/vizhome/2020CensusSelf-ResponseRankings/RankingsDashboard>.

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ConVal School Reopening

BY ALAN EDELKIND

I hope this article finds all happy, healthy, and safe. Yes, it has been a different type of summer than we are all used to but we learn, live, and go on together.

The most important item on the School Board and ConVal administration agenda is the reopening of our schools in the fall and what will it look like – definitely not like a regular school reopening. Please understand that this article is being written on July 15 for publication on August 1 – so lots can and will change.

Know that it is our intent to open for in-school learning and to offer remote learning to those who desire it.

As noted in my last monthly article, the ConVal Administration and the School Board have been working hand in hand to formulate plans for the fall re-opening of our schools. Committees have been actively working on guidance documents that outline conditions to successfully reopen our schools.

We have also been following the changing CDC guidance and have just received the reopening guidance documents from the State. Remember, our education commissioner has said “school reopening guidelines are intended to be flexible.” It is up to each local school district to look at these guidance documents and incorporate them into their individual reopening plans. These guidance documents are *not* reopening plans.

Know that it is our intent to open for in-school learning and it is our intent to offer remote learning to those who desire it.

We have identified three reopening scenarios: 1) fully remote with significant restrictions; 2) combination of remote and onsite with restrictions – hybrid approach; 3) fully onsite with safety precautions in place.

Using the guidance documents, we are laying out each scenario and what it entails. There are so many factors to consider. As of this writing, the steering committee has reviewed the committees’

work and agreed to most of the guidance they have developed. They will complete this work by the time you read this article.

We will also have developed the approach for re-opening the school system, which may be different for the elementary, middle, and high school.

We have also started to develop a comprehensive communication plan to let all know what to expect and when to expect it. All communications will be posted to a separate section of the ConVal website

for easy access.

To access the ConVal website go to <https://convalsd.net> and click on the link for School Reopening.

We are also going to be using the town (TownofDublin.org) and newsletter (DublinAdvocate.com) websites to have copies of these communications available.

While we all want to have everything nailed down at this time, it is not possible. Know that there are more than 110 people working on our opening plans at the committee and management level. It is an intense and multi-faceted process to do the best for – and protect – our students, teachers and staff, and community.

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

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DubHub Events for August

DubHub Zooms

While the DubHub has been hosting a few outdoor socially distanced events recently, we continue to host Zoom-based meetings three days a week. Coffee & Conversation meets on Mondays and Wednesdays, and “Knit with Nancy” meets on Fridays. All events are from 10 to 11am. Check the weekly Hubbub newsletter for login information or email info@dublin-communitycenter.org.

DubHub Music

Song Circle will meet on Friday, August 7, and Open Stage will meet on Friday, August 28. We plan to meet in the Garden Sanctuary in back of the Dublin Community Church. Check the Hubbub or Facebook page for starting times, which will be earlier due to earlier sunsets.

Take-Out Community Lunch

The free take-out Community Lunch will be held on Thursday, August 20, from noon to 1 pm. Bag lunches will be

distributed from the back of the DubHub. Please wear a mask and maintain social distance as you pick up your lunch, which you may either take home or eat in the Garden Sanctuary behind the horse sheds. The menu will be announced in the DubHub newsletter. For more information, or if you'd like to help, please call Mary Loftis at 831-6641.

Tentative: Chicken BBQ Take-Out

The DubHub board plans to continue the annual Chicken BBQ tradition by offering a take-out meal tentatively planned for Saturday, August 29. Fewer tickets will be available this year to enable social distancing for those who wish to stay and enjoy their meal outdoors along with live music by local musicians. Guests are encouraged to bring lawn chairs or a blanket, and to wear face masks when not eating. Details will be announced in the Hubbub newsletter and on the DubHub Facebook page.



Mary Loftis provided curbside service at the free Take-Out Community Lunch at the DubHub in July.

Follow the DubHub with the Hubbub and FB!

Links to the above events are provided in the weekly newsletter called “Hubbub from the DubHub,” and can usually be found on DubHub Facebook pages. For more information, email info@dublincommunitycenter.org. Please don't call, as there is no one in the office until things return to normal. To sign up for the Hubbub newsletter, go to <http://eepurl.com/bLCNTz>. Once the DubHub resumes public events the online calendar will be updated at dublincommunitycenter.org.

DubHub Wi-Fi Access

The DubHub Wi-Fi is accessible from the parking lot. Look for the network NETGEAR28-5G_EXT. The password is ancientpond703 (all lower case).



Project Shakespeare Performs “Macbeth” August 3

Project Shakespeare, a troupe of young theater artists based in Jaffrey, will present an outdoor performance of Shakespeare's popular *Macbeth* in Dublin on Monday, August 3 (rain date is August 4). This performance, directed by Deborah Shakespeare Thurber, will be held in the Garden Sanctuary behind Dublin Community Church.



The performance begins at 6 pm. Admission is free, donations are welcome. Outdoor seating will be socially distanced and audience members will be asked to wear a mask. Reservations are encouraged and may be made by emailing projectshakespeare@gmail.com.

This performance is co-sponsored by Dublin Community Church in cooperation with the Dublin Community Center. Dublin is one of four towns in the Monadnock Region selected to feature a Project Shakespeare performance this summer. Their mission is to transform students' lives through theater education.



Bruce and Paul Simpson and Volkert Volkersz enjoyed a recent hike up Dublin's Beech Hill, with a stop to enjoy the view of Mount Monadnock and Dublin Lake from the top.

Daniel A. Knight
1960-2020

Continuing to Talk About Race

BY MARY LOFTIS

The murder of George Floyd, occurring in the midst of a global pandemic, has caused an awakening to the systemic racism that plagues our country. Perhaps people are paying closer attention because they aren't distracted by the busyness of their lives – or perhaps being confronted with a lethal virus has caused people to generally “take stock.” The violent murder on the streets of Minneapolis has galvanized the citizens of our little town and the Monadnock Region to confront the ugly reality of racism in 2020 and to declare, enough is enough!

Two years ago, in June 2018, the first “Talking About Race” program took place at the Peterborough Town Library, and it was hosted by Grace Aldrich, Jim Guy, and Mary Hubbard, assistant director of the library. There was no way of knowing how many might show up, but the downstairs meeting room was so jam-packed that more chairs needed to be brought in. The discussion focused on the experiences of Grace and Jim, two of the few Black residents of Dublin, as a starting point. Other speakers shared their experiences of humiliation and fear caused by racist community encounters, both subtle and overt.

The idea for “Talking About Race” started for Allen Davis the day after the 2016 election when he read an article by Eduardo Porter in the *New York Times*. Porter stated that racial resentment played a big role in the recent Presidential election and that systemic racism explains the difference between generous social welfare programs in most European countries compared to the meager benefits Black and Brown people receive in our country.

In 2017, Allen became interested in reparations for Black Americans when he learned about the huge wealth gap: \$17,000 compared to \$170,000 for the median Black and White households. He approached Mary Hubbard to ask for research assistance on the history of reparations payments in the U.S.

In the spring of 2018, Mary and Allen decided it would be important to begin a conversation about race in Peterborough – and they wanted Black people to be at the center of the program. Grace and Jim were interested in sharing their experiences of being Black in the Monadnock Region and that's when the four of them started to plan “Talking About Race: Staying Curious, Moving Forward, and Being Part of the Solution.”

Wanting to include an action component, there was a follow-up meeting a few weeks later for people who were inspired to join the struggle for racial justice.

This forum turned out to be just the first of many programs. At another “Talking About Race” program held at the Dublin Community Center (10/15/18), Allen, Grace, and Jim were joined by Doug Sutherland, a resident of Hancock, who ultimately joined them for six more programs in New Hampshire and Western Massachusetts before the COVID-19 pandemic temporarily shut them down. In addition, Doug started a discussion group, which meets twice monthly in the Hancock Library. Currently they're meeting via Zoom. The group consists of 16 to 20 people, of whom four are people of color.

Recently Grace, Allen, Jim and Doug got together to talk about their group in



Doug Sutherland, Allen Davis, Grace Aldrich, and Jim Guy

the light of current anti-racist protests and vigils in the area. Doug said that although he is heartened that the Black Lives Matter actions have energy and momentum, his experience tells him that white America tends “to stand up for a limited amount of time and then go back to sleep.” The group also discussed how COVID-19 has disproportionately affected people of color, underlining health disparities between Black and White America. Grace said that at this point in our country, neutrality is not an option: either you're a racist or you're an anti-racist, a choice of action, not just attitude, that transcends politics and partisanship.

As for the future of “Talking About Race,” the group had pre-pandemic plans in Rindge and Bennington, which they hope to fulfill when it's safe again. All four expressed the desire to hear what others have to say. It's a conversation that must go on – in homes, churches, schools, community centers – and it's a conversation that can't wait, as Grace commented, “for a black person to be in the room.”

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

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Reiki Works on Animals Too

BY STEPHANIE KEANE

You may have heard of Reiki for humans – now there's Reiki for animals.

Reiki ("ray-key") means universal life energy. This energy is contained in all things. Various ways to work with this energy have been developed, such as the practices of Reiki, Tai Chi, and Qigong (for more information on Tai Chi and Qigong, see www.americantaichi.org/index.asp or www.nqa.org).

Reiki is a complementary health approach in which practitioners place their hands lightly on or just above a person, with the goal of directing energy to help ease stress in the body. When stress levels go down, the body is better able to deal with physical, mental, and emotional issues. As with humans, Reiki can be used to provide animals with support for stress, anxiety, injuries, pre-surgical preparation,

post-surgical recovery, pain relief, and general health and well-being.

A Reiki session can be conducted either in person or as a distance session. In-person sessions take place at



an animal's home. This ensures they are in familiar surroundings – whether it's a room, barn, or pasture. For distance sessions, all that is needed is the name and either a photograph or the address of your animal to make a connection with them. A distance session is a great way to bring Reiki to your animal during this time of uncertainty and social distancing.

Although Reiki should never be used as a substitute for veterinary care, it is an excellent addition and complement to veterinary care, as it is never harmful and works with whatever treatment your veterinarian suggests for the best possible outcome.

Reiki can be a wonderful way to support the health and welfare of an animal – whether they have fur, feathers, fins, or scales! If you would like more information, visit FourLegsReiki.com.

STEPHANIE KEANE is a Level 2 Advanced Reiki practitioner living in Dublin. She can be reached at 547-5962, or email info@fourlegsreiki.com.

Fun and Adventure at Our Very Own Dublin Rotary Park

When our Governor issued stay-at-home orders shutting us down from attending large gatherings, Dubliners took to walking and doing more things outdoors.

One resource that is not to be overlooked for a wonderful outdoor adventure is the Dublin Rotary Park.

Literally minutes from town center, the 40-acre park borders Howe Reservoir, one of the largest lakes in the Monadnock Region. Parking is across Rte. 101 near Charcoal Road.

You can enjoy extraordinary beauty and solitude by hiking several well-identified trails, stop at picnic tables along the trails, and paddle your canoe or kayak. Jerry Branch, an avid canoeist, is pictured with his canoe in front of the recently refurbished park sign, which he crafted, as well as being at the forefront of this project right along. He and a team of friends maintain the trails.



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The Murrays Celebrate Their 60th Anniversary

BY MARGARET GURNEY

Theirs is a garden you should see. It goes on forever, winding in and around trees and stone walls, full circle, all around their house. Smoke bush and Japanese Maple mingle with lilacs and hydrangeas, the bold colors complimenting one another, and huge hostas bloom in profusion. All so beautifully tended.

This is the work of Roger and Yvonne Murray, who have lived in Dublin since 1969 and just celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary.

Roger worked at Monadnock Paper Mill over in Bennington for decades, often swing shifts as he was Tour Boss (3 pm to 11 pm), before he retired 15 years ago. In his spare time, he took on landscaping jobs, and that's why their gardens look the way they do. He and Yvonne raised four children here, and before Yvonne retired 12 years ago, she did data processing at

Franklin Pierce University; bookkeeping at Tenney, Fritz, and Combs; and most recently she was a travel agent for Travel New Horizons, which many will remember.

Their passion, they say, was boating. Once the weekly responsibilities were met, off they would go, hauling their ever-larger boats up to Lake Champlain, along with two other couples in town: Dave and Candy Walker, and Adele and Gordon Knight.

Many will know Yvonne as one of a few steadfast walkers in the northwest section of town. Just about every day, she parks at Carr's Store, and walks the three miles west to the 4 corners and back. Rain, shine, snow – not ice. She might carry an umbrella, or a fly swatter, but mostly she carries a bag in which she places litter tossed roadside as she strolls, and waves at all who pass her by, big smile, colorful shirt.

Roger and Yvonne were married in 1960 at St. Patrick's Church in Jaffrey, where she grew up. Roger grew up on a farm in Peterborough. The couple has four children, who are all married with families. Both daughters live in California; one son lives in Antrim, the other in West Peterborough.

Yvonne is passing some of her stay-at-home time in a



Zoom book club organized by members of her parish. They focus on books that will lead to a deeper spirituality. Yvonne is known to take a swim now and then, and we already know how Roger keeps busy – tending to all those trees, shrubs, annuals and perennials, and vegetables on their property.

Their front porch is strung with little lights and windchimes, outside the hummingbirds are being courted by flowers of every color, and the sound of water falling comes from an old kitchen handpump Roger reconditioned into a half-barrel waterfall. It's painted bright red.

Roger and Yvonne look forward to the time when they can once again have their weekly family dinners, with all there is to see in their gardens. The front garden is in full bloom with echinacea, zinnias, and coreopsis – the colors blending much as their lives do.

MARGARET GURNEY is editor of the *Advocate*.



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Rotary Honors Three Paul Harris Fellows

In the Grand Monadnock Rotary Club's first official meeting, speakers from the two recently merged clubs (Peterborough Rotary and Dublin-based Monadnock Rotary) honored area citizens with Paul Harris Awards for exemplary service to our communities and beyond. Each club had Paul Harris Awards to give away. All three recipients live in Dublin.

The first two people, Dee and Wayne Thomas, were lauded by John Kaufhold, who described their tireless efforts on behalf of veterans in this region for many years; from putting out flags at gravesites, to visiting and calling on vets at home, to years volunteering in youth athletics and recreation.

These two form a team that has been in action for many years, and still going strong. They each received a lanyard with medal, a pin, and a certificate suitable for framing.

The third recipient, awarded by retiring president of Monadnock Rotary Pegg Monahan, was Bill Gurney for exemplary service



over many years with prior membership in Keene's Elm City Rotary, and here in town; for a long career in service to the youth in schools, Brantwood Camp leadership, and other community-centered activities.

Awards were presented at a dinner meeting held at Aldworth Manor, a hilltop villa in Harrisville recently restored and open to the public. The new president of the Grand Monadnock Rotary Club (GMRC) is Harry Wolhandler (Harrisville); Treasurer Dale Gabel (Dublin), and Secretary Norm Makechnie (Peterborough).

GMRC is part of Rotary International, a service organization whose mission it is to improve the lives of all.

The Sunflower Space: Homage to Black Women Leaders

Melissa Spencer-Hood of Ripplecut Flower Farm, and her daughter, Autumn, have embarked on an innovative project to expand local awareness around the fraught history of the Women's Suffrage Movement.

This year marks the 100th anniversary of the passing of the 19th Amendment, giv-

ing women the right to vote. In an effort to learn more about this historical event, they – along with a team of three other pairs of mothers and daughters – are reclaiming the sunflower, a symbol often associated with Elizabeth Cady Stanton who actively denied the presence and legitimacy of Black suffragists in the fight for the right to vote.

The local team of mothers and daughters have planted hundreds of sunflowers, each one dedicated to a specific Black woman who has changed the course of our history. The Sunflower Space will be open for walking tours in Harrisville in late August, early September. More information will be at the Ripplecut Flower Farm (www.ripplecut-flowerfarm.com).

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Dan Burnham

In lieu of flowers, please vote.

FROM THE FAMILY

Daniel McFarlan Burnham of Dublin, NH, whose varied careers included journalism, farming, and political activism, died peacefully at home on July 18, 2020.

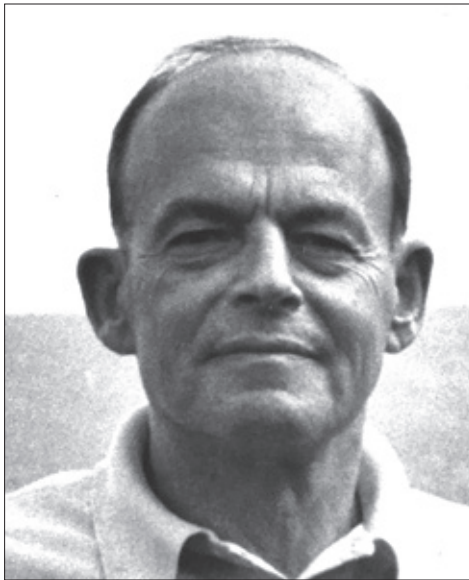
He was kind, principled, and deeply curious about both people and the world. He had a wonderful smile, loved his family, and fought for the underdog. He had a great appreciation for beauty, a love of the land, and a deep determination to try to do what he thought was right.

Born August 1, 1929, in Brooklyn, NY, the son of Addison and Dorothy Burnham, he grew up in New Canaan, CT, and graduated from Harvard College in 1952. He served in the US Army in 1948-49 and 1952-53 as a 2nd Lieutenant.

After his discharge from the Army in Germany, he wrote for the military newspaper, *The Stars and Stripes*. On his return to the United States, he was hired by the *Wall Street Journal* and reported on industry, the West, and parts of Mexico. From the Dallas bureau, he also reported on civil rights struggles in the South – an experience that he later described as having a big impact on his life. “I’m very conscious of civil rights as being one of the basic rights for everybody,” he told a reporter for *The Keene Sentinel* in 2004.

In 1962, he joined IBM and was director of press relations there. He married Moira MacVeagh in Dublin, NH, in 1963. In 1977, they moved here from New York to farm and raise Holstein heifers.

Over the years, Mr. Burnham worked with a number of local organizations, often as a board member or chair, includ-



ing the New Hampshire Sierra Club, NH Natural Resource Forum, the Cheshire County Farm Bureau, the Cheshire County Democratic Party, Home Healthcare and Community Services, and Hospice of the Monadnock Region. He was an incorporator of the Trust for New Hampshire Lands,

the New Hampshire Charitable Fund, and Historic Harrisville.

In addition to continuing to write and consult for a number of magazines and newspapers, Mr. Burnham was the owner and publisher of the *New Hampshire Times* from 1982-85.

In 1990 he took his activism to politics, winning the first of six terms in the New Hampshire State Legislature as a Democrat. He was particularly active in sponsoring bills having to do with environmental protection, disabilities and the deaf community, and was proud that 40 of these bills became law.

In addition to his wife, and his brother David, he is survived by his children and their spouses, Dan Burnham Jr. and Denise Gilpin, Moira Burnham and Nick Bienstock, and Diana Burnham and Mitch Reznick, as well as seven grandchildren whom he adored. His sister, Sue Edwards, died in 2010.

He believed that every individual could make a difference. In lieu of flowers, please vote.

Ending 68 Hours of Hunger Each Week, With Your Help

Hunger doesn't end when school ends, and End 68 Hours of Hunger continues to provide weekend food for children during the summer months (now through August 27). If you have children who need food on the weekends, End 68 Hours is happy to help! Email lasky.balmeet@gmail.com or text her at 203-6673 with your name, phone, the number of children, and any dietary restrictions. Someone will get back to you promptly about how you can pick up weekend food bags each week.




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New Ceramics Facility Slated for Dublin

CDFA tax credits are available for benefits and access.

BY ROY SCHLIEBEN

MAXT Makerspace's effort to provide a new home for the region's potters took a big leap forward in July, with the awarding of \$62,500 in tax credits from New Hampshire's Community Development Finance Authority (CDFA). It can now sell credits to local businesses to raise the money required for its proposed Sharing Arts Ceramics Center in the Dublin Village Park.

The new center – planned for opening in 2021 – will provide members with a space to work in a supportive community environment with access to kiln firings in both electric and gas kilns. It will provide the general public with the space to take classes with some of the region's most accomplished ceramicists.

The design of the center was created through a five-month process of in-depth community consultations, including town hall meetings, stakeholder meetings, and surveys. MAXT and its partners identified major areas where our vibrant arts community needs support: the partners have

worked with local potters to identify an appropriate studio space and develop a business and facility plan.

The space's location on Rte. 101 in Dublin allows us to serve residents of both the Keene and Peterborough areas. It provides accessibility, affordability, and a quality environment for artists to work.

MAXT and its partners held a virtual meetup on July 23 and presented how they will move forward, including outreach, publicity, facility plans, and fit-out of the space. When you become a founding member, you gain access to the facility and receive a discounted \$50/month membership fee for the first year, immediate discounts on all Sharing Arts classes, plus discounts on MAXT's Night Market vendor spots. Founding members will also have an opportunity to submit their work for Sharing Arts Gallery shows.

Those interested can contact roy@maxtmakerspace.org for more details and a registration form.

ROY SCHLIEBEN is the executive director of MAXT Makerspace (www.maxtmakerspace.org), based on Vose Farm Rd., Peterborough.



Roller Skiing, Prep for Snow

You've seen them scoot by you on the back tarred roads, these roller skiers from Dublin's XC team. In a flash, they've come and gone. Fit, young, and nimble, these young roller skiers are in training for the Nordic Ski system up at Dublin School. These skiers are coached by Cathy, who lives in Peterborough, and a ConVal student who has joined in for the fun and workout. This is yet another way to enjoy our great outdoors! Visit the Dublin School Nordic website at www.dublinxc.com/summer-camp/.

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Baha'is Plan Virtual Annual Event

Every year on the second Sunday of August the Baha'is of the Monadnock area host a commemoration of the 1912 visit of Abdu'l-Baha to Dublin. This year, in light of public health safety requirements, the program will be offered online.

On Sunday, August 9, the Dublin Community Church morning service will feature a talk by long-time Baha'i Joan Lincoln of Portsmouth, NH. Her talk is entitled "Developing constructive resilience – Abdu'l-Baha's example." The afternoon program at 3 pm will be available by invitation on Zoom. For more information call Phil or Ruthie Gammons at 563-8809 or email rpgammons@gmail.com.

Joan and her husband, Albert, have lived and worked in France and also sub-Saharan French-speaking Africa. She studied music at an undergraduate level, and completed a Master's Degree in African Musicology at the University of Abidjan, Ivory Coast.

She was appointed to the Baha'i International Teaching Center in 1993 in Haifa, Israel, and served there until 2013. Since then she has travelled to Africa, the Americas, Asia, Europe, and the Pacific to assist in developing local and national Baha'i communities.

There's Still Time to Help

Drop off what you can for the shelter.

In addition to helping those in need, the Dublin Community Church has been supporting local groups who are, in turn, aiding hundreds. One of two main areas has been End 68 Hours of Hunger, where hundreds of pounds of food contributions have been delivered to families across the Monadnock Region. In another, our volunteers deliver donations to Keene for the Hundred Nights Shelter. Here is the most current list of what the Shelter needs:

Tents, tarps & sleeping bags; hand sanitizer, disinfecting wipes, spray bottles,

paper towels or handi-wipes; women's underwear – panties, bras, camisoles; men's boxers – all sizes; creamer, sugar; drink mixes (lemonade, iced tea, Tang); hot chocolate, coffee; deodorant, razors (twin blade), shaving cream; shampoo and conditioner (full size); snacks (peanut butter crackers, single serving packets of nuts, and dried fruit); lunch foods – canned soups and stews – vegetarian also; backpacks, chap stick, medicated foot powder; and spray air freshener.

There is a bin just inside the west (Keene) side door at the Dublin Community Church to receive these donations. This door is open 24/7. Thank you!

Wellness Clinic Opens in Dublin

A wholistic approach to health conditions.

The Integrative Health & Wellness Clinic opened in June at 1283 Main Street by MaryLou Cassidy, APRN FNP-BC, who is Board Certified as a Family Nurse Practitioner (NP) as well as being certified in Integrative Nutrition.

Practicing as a family NP for more than ten years with more than 20 years as a Registered Nurse (RN), MaryLou spent the last five years as a family provider for Marathon Health in the Keene area.

The Integrative Health & Wellness Clinic will provide primary care and lifestyle medicine; services include acute and chronic condition management, wellness, sports, and annual physical exams.

The mission of the Integrative Health & Wellness Clinic is to provide comprehensive, evidence-based, client-focused medical care that allows for personalized time for each visit. It is accepting most commercial insurance plans and does have cash-based programs available.

To make an appointment, call MaryLou at 831-1191 or visit www.best-health.me.



CASA Now Offers Virtual Trainings

Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) remains committed to advocating for New Hampshire's abused or neglected children during these challenging times.

CASA of New Hampshire recruits, trains, and supervises volunteers to serve as advocates for abused and neglected children in the New Hampshire court system. Now its brand new virtual training brings its comprehensive classroom-style training to your home.

Through a mix of "face-to-face" Zoom sessions with breakout groups and assignments in Google classroom, this new training opportunity allows CASA to prepare

new volunteers to serve as advocates in court for more children when an expected surge of abuse and neglect cases arrives.

In addition to virtual training, CASA volunteers have been meeting with their children at least once a month via video chat, phone conversations, exchanging letters in the mail and, as weather permits, some socially distanced visits in outdoor spaces.

Interested volunteers may join an upcoming virtual information session to learn more. CASA is accepting applicants for future virtual training sessions August 3, September 16, October 19, and November 10. Please inquire at www.casanh.org.

Photo by Nancy Cayford



Roofers at work on the Town Hall. An improvement approved at last March's Town Meeting.



DHS Gets Help from Talented ConVal Senior

BY VAL MULVERHILL

The Dublin Historical Society (DHS) is pleased to have Gabrielle Oja join us this summer. Gabrielle, a senior at ConVal High School, is working with Assistant Archivist Nancy Campbell in organizing the contents of the Schoolhouse Museum. Piece by piece, Gabrielle is accessioning and photographing the artifacts. With the museum closed for the season, this is the perfect time to get a project like this done.

VAL MULVERHILL is administrator at DHS.

Walk to End Alzheimer's: September 26

Individuals, families, or teams walk in Keene on sidewalks, tracks, and trails.

In the wake of COVID-19, the Alzheimer's Association is inviting Western NH residents to join its Walk to End Alzheimer's on September 26 in Keene.

Instead of hosting a large gathering, "This year's Walk to End Alzheimer's will be everywhere," said Wendy Vizek of the Alzheimer's Association. "The pandemic is changing how we walk, but it doesn't change the need to walk."

To enhance the participant experience leading up to the event and on Walk Day, new features are in the Walk to End Alzheimer's mobile app – to create an opportunity for the community to connect. Participants can use the app and new "Walk Mainstage" to track their steps and

distance, follow a virtual Walk path, manage their Facebook fundraisers, and access information and resources from the Association and Walk sponsors to help individuals and families affected by the disease.

More than 5 million Americans are living with Alzheimer's disease – the sixth-leading cause of death in the United States. More than 16 million family members and friends provide care to people living with Alzheimer's and other dementias. In New Hampshire alone, there are more than 26,000 people living with the disease and 68,000 caregivers.

To register for this year's Walk to End Alzheimer's, please visit alz.org/walk or call 800-272-3900.

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Dublin Gas Engine Meet Canceled 'til Next Year

After much discussion, the members of the Dublin Gas Engine Meet have made the tough decision to cancel the 2020 meet scheduled for September. There is no way safety could be guaranteed for the participants and guests during this difficult time. Hopefully the Meet will be back in 2021, bigger and better!

The Dublin Gas Engine Meet has 20 members. The officers are Dave Whitney, president; Caleb Niemela, VP; Betsy Cushing (from Gilsun), Treasurer; and Katherine Staples, secretary.

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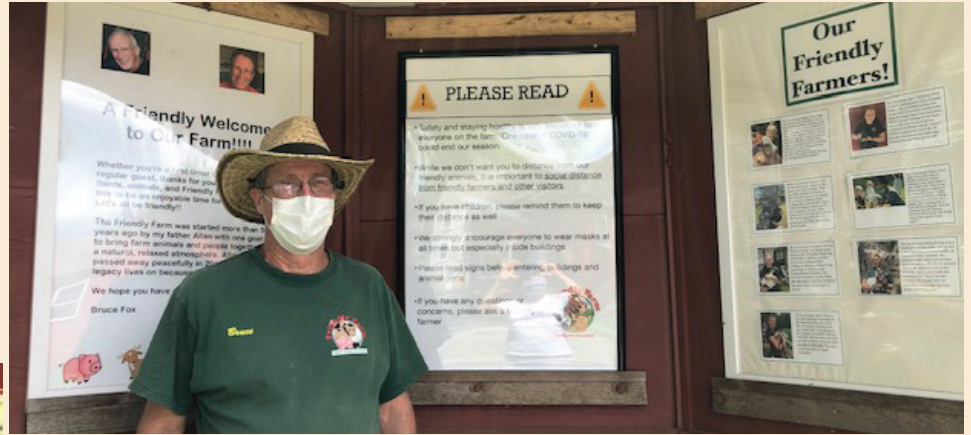
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The Friendly Farm Is Open

Bruce Fox at the Friendly Farm has had quite a lot of press lately: The *Monadnock Ledger-Transcript*, the *Keene Sentinel*, and here. Over the years, he has hired many local schoolchildren to work at the Friendly Farm, and his farm has brought a lot of joy to many generations. Speaking of generations, he and his wife Sylvia, who runs Friendly Folks, just welcomed their fifth grandchild on July 4. Congratulations, Foxes!



Fall Migration in the Air

BY TOM WARREN

While we are busy settling into our summer routines here in Dublin, many birds have completed their domestic responsibilities. They will soon head south starting in September.

Farther north, in the Canadian and Alaskan Arctic, a number of birds will soon be starting their southward journeys. The Bar-tailed Godwit and the Bristle-thighed Curlew, both shorebirds, along with the Arctic Tern.

The Godwit and the Curlew make nonstop flights of some 7,000 miles with no flight attendants, no drinks, and no pretzels – as a science writer in the *New York Times* pointed out.

Back in 1976, ornithologist Robert Gill was observing Godwits prior to migration. They were chunkier than an NFL lineman. He speculated that they made long migration flights over the Pacific from Alaska to their wintering grounds in Australia and New Zealand after loading up on clams and worms in Alaska.



Arctic Tern by Britannia.com

south from Alaska they are 55% fat and, by our standards, would be obese. They burn this fat – organs like liver and intestines lose 25% of their weight during this punishing flight. When they arrive in New Zealand, there are no predators, they sleep for several hours, and rest for days.

Scientists in Denmark placed geolocators on Arctic Terns nesting in Greenland. They followed them to Antarctica and then back to the Arctic. Some of these birds logged nearly 50,000 miles on their

Using satellite transmitters, ornithologists were able to test Mr. Gill's thesis. Satellite transmitters were surgically implanted to determine their flight patterns. Some of the Godwits flew 7,100 miles nonstop!

The Godwits increase their metabolism rate between 8-10 times, even more than a Tour de France bicyclist racer like John Allis of Dublin, who raise their metabolic rate five times the resting rates.

Today geolocators, weighing

only two-hundredths of an ounce, can be used to track small birds and even smaller geolocators can be used to track Monarch butterflies.

By the time Godwits head

geolocators, a record long migration for any bird. Over the 30-year life of the bird that becomes 1.5 million miles, or several round trips to the moon, which is why you never see an overweight Arctic Tern.

TOM WARREN is Dublin's resident ornithologist.



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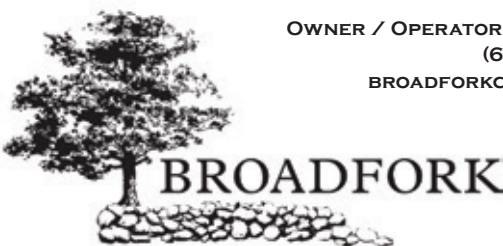
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Village Awash in Color

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Photos by M. Gurney



The Boat Launch on the southwest corner of Dublin Lake has been carefully tended for years by Lake Hosts. There are signs with regulations, even a trash receptacle. People fish there, sail there, swim there. Parking is limited, small fish are plentiful, sailing is good when the wind is up, and the view is pleasant. The water can be cold, though that does not deter those hardier souls who venture the swim across, often daily. It's just one of many places in Dublin to put in your canoe or kayak.



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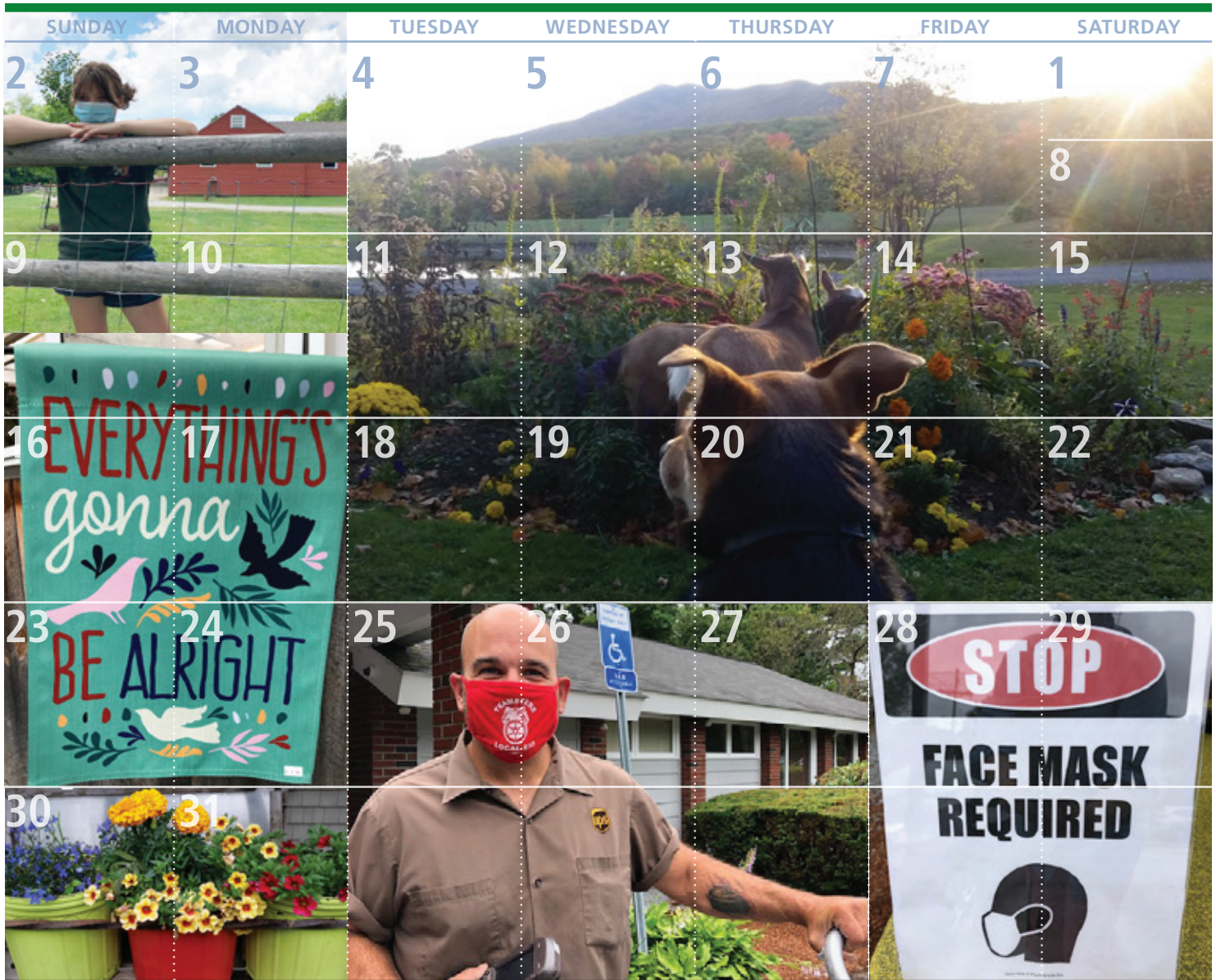


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