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Dublin Student Is All about Agriculture

"I will always remember the power of youth and community."

Tn addition to growing fresh food and providing education programs for our schools and locality, the Cornucopia Project also welcomed five students into its Farm to Fork summer internship program. Read on to learn about intern Catherine Crosier, of Dublin, NH (at right), who is studying sustainable agriculture at Cornell University. (This interview with Cornucopia Summer College Intern reprinted with permission.)

Why did you join the Cornucopia Proiect?

I initially joined the Cornucopia Project to get more hands-on experience with farming. I have spent most of my agricultural education in the classroom learning about how to farm but not much time actually working with crops. I thought it would be a good fit. And it has been a great experience so far!

What about working here is important to you?

Involving more young people in Ag is something I think and worry about often. As someone whose been fortunate enough to learn about food systems and the simultaneous increasing demand for agricultural products and decrease in the number of new farmers. I know the immediate need to involve more

people, particularly young people, in producing food.

I appreciate the dedication of the Cornucopia Project. I also value producing healthy food that goes into the Peterborough community. I always get excited when prepping the bounty-bags, or waving at people who drive by the farm and say "hi." It's been a unique experience to be part of an organization that is not only embedded within, but also cherished by, a community.



What are your learning goals during your Cornucopia Internship?

Primarily, I want to learn specifics about different types of vegetable crops and the challenges and solutions that are involved in vegetable farming. The Farm Manager, Leigh Mae, is incredibly knowledge-



able, and also very patient in answering my many questions! I have learned about everything from irrigation, plant reproduction, and insect pest detection to the best way to protect clothes from the smells of garlic harvest, and the importance of letting misshapen vegetables go. I am trying to be a sponge and soak in as much information as possible this summer!

What are your hopes for how this experience will affect your future?

I hope this experience will affect my future in a few different ways. In one sense, I hope to build on the technical skills I learned this summer to inform my future work in agriculture, specifically in sustainable agricultural practices on small-scale farms in the northeastern U.S. My current career aspiration is to work with commercial beekeepers across New England, and collaboration with local farmers is critical for any beekeeper's success.

In another way, I hope that I will always remember the power of youth and community in my future career and life. There's nothing quite as powerful as looking across a just-harvested bed of vegetables that has been planted by 50 sixth graders, harvested by high school students, and then eaten by families within the same community. This experience has been humbling, rewarding, and inspiring and I

> am so grateful to Lauren, Leigh-Mae, Ella, and the other members of Cornucopia Project for giving me this opportunity.

See the Cornucopia Project online (http://cornucopiaproject. org) to view videos and its myriad hands-on programs in all the schools, see the hoop houses (at left) across from ConVal, or visit Cornucopia, which is all about the evolution of the farm-to-school movement and the needs of the community, at 49 Vose Farm Road, Suite 110, Peterborough, NH 03458; call 784-5069 first.

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Broadband Update 1: Aerial vs. Conduit

Underground fiber requires a conduit.

BY STURDY THOMAS

If you currently have a landline telephone or DSL internet through Consolidated Communications and the line coming to your home is aerial, meaning it comes to your home via telephone poles, Consolidated will replace your current copper wire lines with fiber optic at no cost and there is nothing else you need to do to prepare.

If, however, you currently have buried underground wire for your landline and/

Two examples of typical aerial service at the home.

or DSL internet and it is in conduit (usually gray or white piping coming up at the house and at the pole), Consolidated will replace your current wire with fiber optic at little or no cost. Almost all newer construction with underground utilities (phone and electric) are in conduit. You most likely do not need to do anything. The only issue could be if the conduit has broken, which is rare. It would have resulted in some sort of disruption of your phone/ internet service and had to be repaired.

If you have an older home, there is a



Broadband Update 2: Update & Signup

BY CAROLE MONROE

Proceeds from the Town of Dublin broadband bond have been deposited into the Town's account. The Select Board approved the first Consolidated Communications invoice at its meeting on August 18 and construction was due to begin shortly thereafter.

Consolidated Communications is working on a Dublin-specific webpage. When this is completed the residents of Dublin can sign up for fiber broadband. The page will include internet rates, as well as telephone, internet, and streaming television packages. Although you can sign up on this page at any time, it's important to do so before Consolidated begins home installations. In this way, they can plan installations for entire neighborhoods as efficiently as possible. When this page is ready, a notice will be posted to Next Door, on the Town's website, and in the October *Advocate*.

Many of you may have heard about the State broadband funding available from the CARES Act funds. To qualify, a project must be completed by December 30. Since Dublin has more than 50 miles of network to be built, Consolidated could not make that commitment. In addition, those with broadband construction agreements in place did not qualify. It appears most of these grants will go to smaller projects.

CAROLE MONROE, a Dublin selectperson, can be emailed at carole.monroe@valley.net if you have any questions or concerns.



Two examples of buried conduit at pole and home.

possibility you have what is known as direct-bury line. This cannot be replaced with fiber optics. Underground fiber requires a conduit. You will need to have a trench dug and conduit installed to allow for the fiber broadband installation. Any premises more than 25 years old should be checked to determine if the utilities are underground and in conduit or direct buried.

To check if you have conduit from your home to the pole, call a contractor. For a fee, they will inspect and possibly dig to determine if you have buried conduit or not.

Note that the conduit used for your electricity cannot be used for fiber optics. Fiber optics or copper phone/internet line must be in a separate conduit. For a list of Dublin contractors who can check for and install conduit, see the Broadband Committee page on the Town of Dublin website: townofdublin.org/boards-committees/ broadband-committee/, or see below.

STURDY THOMAS, a member of the Broadband Committee, and former selectman, can be reached at sturdyt@myfairpoint.net.

Dublin Contractors to Call for Underground Conduit Installation or Consult

- Good Digs, Sturdy Thomas: 603-313-4996
- Eastern Slope Construction, Chris Raymond: 603-398-8029
- Dave Whitney: 603-563-8087
- Oakridge Excavation, JJ Bernier: 603-831-2148

As for when to get the work done, the sooner the more practical. Once the ground freezes it complicates any digging.

Voting Update for September 8

BY TIM CLARK

Voting in the primary election (September 8) and the federal election (November 3) will take place at Town Hall as in the past, but with a few new wrinkles for safety's sake.

First of all, please wear a mask. This is

not only for your protection, but for the protection of your friends and neighbors, especially the elderly and those with preexisting health problems. A few minutes of discomfort or inconvenience could save lives!

We will be observing strict social distancing. All voters must enter Town Hall from the ground floor parking lot shared with the library. You'll be met there by a guide, who will tell you where to go next. There's an elevator in back for persons with difficulty walking. Those persons, once they have voted, can return to the parking lot via the elevator. *Everyone else* will go down the stairs in the front of the

The Post Office in Dublin has a plan to devote one of the mail slots to **Dublin Only Absentee ballots**. The envelopes must be stamped. The Dublin postal staff will hand cancel them and immediately put them in the Town Clerk's mail box. This will continue throughout the period until closing on Election Day. The last of these primary ballots will be picked up at the Post Office at closing on September 8.





building (the Main Street side) all the way to the

basement, then use the *west side door* (facing the library) to return to the parking lot.

The polls will open at 8 am and close at 7 pm. As we expect (and hope for!) more absentee votes than usual, election officials will hold a special session starting at noon on the Saturday before each election to open the outer envelopes and check for signatures. This is to save time and prevent distractions during the election days. This procedure will be open to the public, but votes will not be counted at this time.

Remember, the safest way to vote, for you and your neighbors, is by absentee ballot.

TIM CLARK is Dublin Town Moderator.

TOWN OF DUBLIN Public Notice

The Supervisors of the Checklist will be in session in the Dublin Town Hall on Tuesday, September 1, 2020 from 7 pm until 7:30 pm to make additions or corrections to the Voter Checklist. Voter registrations will be accepted at this time if accompanied by proof of identity, age, domicile, and citizenship.

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 toward attaining Principal Operator, Step 3 State Certification.

The starting hourly rate for this entrylevel 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.

Administrative Assistant

The Town of Dublin is looking for a part-time worker for 5-10 hours per week, occasional evening meetings, 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.

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



Dublin Public Library Opens

Choose from passes, a scavenger hunt, and online options. BY RACHAEL LOVETT

We are opening – by appointment – on Wednesday, September 9. Hours and services will continue to be reduced and capacity limits will be established to promote safe social distancing. Masks will be required. Appointment hours will be Mondays and Wednesdays, from 10 am to 1 pm; and Tuesdays from 3 pm to 6 pm. Returned items will continue to be quarantined for 72 hours as a precaution. Meeting spaces and the multi-purpose room remain closed until further notice.

Curbside pickup services will continue to be offered alongside our appointment hours. Please visit dublinnhpubliclibrary.org to obtain a library card and to find out more about options.

Of course, our online services remain! Be sure to check out OverDrive/NH Downloadable Books (eBook and audiobook offerings) by visiting our website. Book Bundles and STEAM kits are always available for checkout, plus keep in mind our Museum pass offerings as things start to open up again! We currently offer the NH State Parks Pass and the Currier Museum pass. In-person Library programs and more virtual programming are coming soon.

On Saturday, September 19, the Library will host an outdoor scavenger hunt from 10 am to 1 pm. All families and individuals are welcome! Please follow social-distancing guidelines and wear a mask. The "hunt" will use the outdoor lawn and spaces surrounding the building. The Library building will not be open for browsing on this day – we will bring the check-out table and a few carts of books and material right outside for outdoor browsing! We will reschedule at a later date if the weather is not permitting.

Please join us in welcoming two new staff members to your DPL: Melanie Kalliosaari and Ella Cademartori. Melanie is our new Children's Services Assistant, and Ella a new Circulation Assistant. Melanie comes to us from the Jaffrey-Rindge Middle School Library and is looking forward to starting up our popular Story Time and Book Buddies groups in the near future. Ella comes to us with much experience from neighboring libraries, has jumped right into our own collection, and is excited to meet and serve Dublin patrons.

Our whole staff thanks you for your patience during these unprecedented times, and we cannot wait to open our doors again! RACHAEL LOVETT is the Director of the DPL.

FDPL Announces Annual Meeting

BY RUTHIE GAMMONS

The Friends of the Dublin Public Library (FDPL) will hold its annual meeting on Zoom on September 17 at 7 pm. Our speaker is Fred Rogers, Professor of Geology and Environmental Science at Franklin Pierce University. The annual meeting is open to all. You can find the Zoom link to the meeting on the Post Office bulletin board, or contact the Friends at Dublin.Library.NH@ gmail.com, or call 831-0851 for the information.

The Friends are making every effort to move to electronic mailings. However, if you wish to continue receiving mailings via postal mail you may contact us at Dublin.Library.NH@gmail.com.

Feel free to visit the Friends' page at www.dublinnhpubliclibrary.org/friends for additional information and thank you for your help as we support the wonderful work of our Dublin Public Library.

RUTHIE GAMMONS is on the FDPL along with Jay Schechter (president), Phil Gammons, Becky Watts, Wendy White, Meg Page, and Donna Garner.

Howe Reservoir Drawdown Begins Earlier This Year

BY NANCY MARKUSON

For folks who enjoy recreation activities on Howe Reservoir, the end of the 2020 season may come a little early this year. Due to necessary reconstruction activities at the dam (located in Harrisville), the NH Dam Bureau will lower the level of the lake beginning September 8 (the Tuesday after Labor Day), vs. the typical date of the Tuesday after Columbus Day.

While there will still be plenty of water in the lake, it may be a bit more difficult to launch a kayak or canoe at the Howe Reservoir "put-in" on Rte. 101, or at Rotary Park, due to the shallow nature of the lake in that area. It typically takes a few weeks for the water level to go down the full six feet.

The NH Dam Bureau plans to return to the standard "Tuesday after Columbus Day" drawdown date next year. For more information about dams around the state, visit the NH Dam Bureau at www.des.nh.gov/organization/divisions/water/dam/.

NANCY MARKUSON, a nature enthusiast and Dublin resident since 2001, also wrote a full Howe Reservoir historical article that was on the July 2019 cover of *The Dublin Advocate*.



Our Municipal Solid Waste Dilemma

Please honor the reinstated Mandatory Recycling Policy.

BY JANE HOLMES

There has been a significant increase in trash going into the Municipal Solid Waste container/compactor since recycling was suspended due to COVID-19. The container has needed to be changed every week, rather than every other week.

Based on a two-week hauling schedule, the tonnage for the container must not exceed a maximum of 6 1/2 tons per week or 13 tons for a two-week period. If the container fills to capacity prematurely during the second week, residents would be forced to take their trash back home until the container is emptied.

The Mandatory Recycling Policy has been reinstated, but the excess tonnage has continued. Tom Kennedy, Recycling Center Superintendent, has been checking bags and has found excessive amounts of recyclables, along with construction and demolition debris, and yard waste, all of which adds unnecessary weight.

If this improper recycling continues, we may need to require

clear trash bags, which would



be helpful in monitoring the trash going into the compactor, but would require someone to do the checking. Another alternative would be Pay-as-you-Throw, making each individual household responsible for the cost of the trash they generate and dispose of. Otherwise the town will have to consider increasing the Solid Waste budget to keep pace with the increasing tonnage.

JANE HOLMES is on the Recycling Committee with other members: Leslie Whone, Meredith Martin, Sheila Morse, Joe Carignan, Rick Macmillan, and Tom Kennedy.

Reduce & Reuse

Be aware of what goes where in the various bins.

As was printed in the March *Advocate*, recycling is changing and Dublin's Transfer Station is dealing with new demands.

The market for recyclables has diminished since China no longer takes much of our waste. At some point we will pay more to have our waste taken away than we will earn through recycling it. This gives more importance to Reduce and Reuse.

Currently, Tom Kennedy at our Transfer Station is re-sorting glass and paper to make it acceptable to recyclers. It is easy to inadvertently contaminate paper and glass, which just turns it into garbage. We can all help by being aware of what we toss in the various bins.



- Newspaper means just the newsprint no inserts or slick store flyers.
- Mixed paper is just paper nothing wet or dirty, no waxed paper, no frozen food containers, no milk or juice containers.
- Glass means bottles and jars no lids, ceramics, light bulbs, window glass, Pyrex.
- Corrugated cardboard is one of the products we can sell, but it needs to be clean. (Remove the pizza out of the box before you recycle it!)
- A good rule to follow: if you're not sure, just ask.

Until our Swap Shop can reopen, you may take household items to the Salvation Army in Keene (357-2207) or Goodwill in Amherst (413-835-0096). There are bins at our Transfer Station for clothing and books. (Reprinted by request.)



ConVal School Year 2020-2021

BY ALAN EDELKIND

 \mathbf{B} y the time you are reading this we will be approximately a week from the start of the 2020-2021 school year. Make no mistake, this will be the most intense school year from both an educational and adjustment standpoint.

The COVID-19 pandemic spread throughout our country has necessitated adjustments to our learning model and innovative solutions to our learning environment with the overarching theme of safety – safety for our students, educators, parents/guardians, and the community at large.

With committee teams composed of more than 120 individuals representing all required disciplines plus outside stakeholders, ConVal administration has developed a comprehensive plan that best reflects the requirements of our ConVal community. Using a combination of in-school, remote, and distance learning environments, the ConVal district will have the flexibility to adjust the learning model as COVID-19 situations develop.

The Reopening Implementation Team related four instructional modes to the CDC's four levels of community transmission and mitigation. These levels are designated Blue, Green, Yellow, and Red. The decision to move from one level to another level will be analyzed in real time by the district's COVID-19 monitoring team, which is made up of local health professionals and district staff. Data from on-site monitoring, local, and state information will all factor into the decision process. We are currently planning to open at the Green level. See the reopening plan on the ConVal website (www.convalsd. net) for a detailed description of these reopening levels.

Our reopening plan has been documented and discussed with parents/guardians using both in-person and online question and answer forums involving school principals and ConVal administration.

Graduate News

Genevieve "Genna" Weidner graduated with a Master's Degree in Non-Profit Management from Northeastern University. She plans to continue her education at Boston University to pursue a Ph.D. in American Studies in September.



I attended, remotely, the SMS, high school, and DCS meetings. These meetings were well attended and so very positive. The principals were well prepared with their opening remarks. The attending parents were also prepared as most had read the plan. The questions were well thought out and the answers from the principals, superintendent, assistant superintendent, and others were well presented. Even when the answer was "work in progress," it was accepted.

These could have become confrontational meetings, as other districts have experienced, but did not. There was a feeling that we are all in this together and that although no perfect answers exist, there was a trust that the plan puts the safety of the students and community first and foremost. The questions at times were probing, as they should be. There was also a sense of knowing each other. The recognition from the principals of who was asking the question and acknowledging them by first name made for a real sense of community. Although this is the first year for our new high school Principal, Heather McKillop, she projected a sense of community.

As our plan has been published, ConVal administration has been contacted by other in-state and out-of-state districts to seek permission to use areas of our plan in developing their own plans. This is a testament to the completeness and direction we have established.

As with any plan, it is only as good as the information available at the time it was written. With the overarching goal being safety, we expect the plan to be a living entity. The plan depends on the leadership to execute and adjust as the situation requires. The ConVal community is uniquely privileged to have both the plan and leadership to navigate us through these uncharted waters.

We are in a very changeable environment and the success of our school year depends on all being as flexible as possible in their needs and requirements. We are all in this together. We are Dublin and we are ConVal.

Please go to the ConVal website (www.convalsd.net) to see the entire detailed plan. For a high-level informational overview, please see the Executive Overview section of the plan.

ALAN EDELKIND is ConVal (SAU1) School Board Representative from and for the townspeople of Dublin. He can be emailed at aedelkind@conval.edu.

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News from DCS

We begin our school year on September 8. BY NICOLE PEASE

What an interesting summer! Much of the last two months has been dedicated to the development of the ConVal District Reopening Plan. I am honored to have had the opportunity to work with an incredible team of administrators and educators across our district. I believe the plan we created for the students' return to school is research-based, thorough, thoughtful, and flexible.

The physical and emotional safety of our students, staff, and families was at the forefront of our minds during our work. The implementation of a variety of safety protocols will help us achieve that goal. While there are some differences to our day, much of what we love and know about our special school will stay the same.

We are excited to welcome new families to DCS and know they will come to love our school!

There have been some staffing changes at DCS: our Health/ Wellness Teacher will be Kelly Parker, and Paraprofessional Vicki Brown returns to DCS. The Teaching Principal position remains at DCS and I look forward to working with Grades 3, 4, and 5 in Math and Science, and Deb Quinn will deliver the Literacy and Social Studies Instruction.

I am very fortunate to have the help and support of the wonderful DCS staff, who have been excitedly planning to see our return-



A Cornucopia volunteer has been watering this garden all summer to be sure it is ready for the students and their families this fall.

ing students as well as to meet our new students! Staff members have worked diligently to integrate the new safety protocols into their planning, while creating a variety of activities to develop a sense of community, both within the classrooms, in our outdoor learning spaces, and in the school building.

All of this preparation is in anticipation of beginning our school year on September 8. It will be a day filled with excitement, and nervousness as we reconnect with each other and establish connections with our new students. We cannot wait to see everyone!

NICOLE PEASE begins her sixth year at Dublin Consolidated School (DCS), and her third year as the Teaching Principal.



Report from Dublin School's Head of School

Our students will not be as free to travel around Dublin as in the past until the pandemic is over.

BY BRAD BATES

This has been quite a year at Dublin School, and we are gearing up for the staggered arrival of our students over the next two weeks as we work carefully to reopen our school. We feel very fortunate to live and work in the greater Monadnock Region and never have felt the support of this community as we have over the last eight months. There are too many people and organizations to list here to thank, but please know that we appreciate the spirit, concern, and collegiality of our neighbors.

We have spent the last five months preparing to open our campus as safely as possible, taking into account the safety of the people of this region, and especially the people working to keep us safe and healthy. I have had the pleasure of collaborating with twelve other boarding schools in northern New England and Canada to develop protocols and measures to reopen our campuses. You can find both this group's work and our own specific plans at www.dublinschool.org/ moving-forward-2020-fall-opening-plans.

All of our students are required to go through a strict quarantine and testing process either on-campus or prior to their arrival (depending on their travel plans) before moving more freely around our campus. They will not be as free to travel around Dublin as in the past until the pandemic is over.

We are making a number of adaptations to our campus in preparation for the year ahead. We are building many outdoor spaces for outdoor classes, club meetings, and physically distanced socializing. One of the foundations of our educational model is the belief that students need to be together and build relationships with people from very different backgrounds as part of their personal growth. We believe that both personal connections and time spent in the outdoors are critical for the mental health of young people. We are using large tents, fire pits, sailboat sails for coverings, and Adirondack chairs to create

unique spaces for connecting around our 500-acre campus. We are partway through a major construction project as we moved up our

dining hall expansion and new classroom building to accommodate more people with appropriate physical distancing. This beautiful new space was designed by architect Susan Phillips-Hungerford and is being built by Ike Traffie of A61 Construction. We expect to complete this project in November and will use a temporary industrial kitchen until the new space is open.

We will be offering a hybrid educational model (both in-person and remote instruction). We are doing this to accommodate our international students, many of whom are struggling to obtain Visas and flights to the United States, and to support any families who would rather learn remotely for health reasons during the fall semester.

Our faculty and staff have never worked harder over a summer vacation to prepare for the complexities they will face this fall. We have scaled back slightly on classroom



time to accommodate much-needed club meetings and affinity group time. We have decided not to compete with other schools in athletics this fall, and instead will run all three of our traditional seasons during the fall semester to create variety and introduce our students to new activities. Fall sports will run through September, spring sports will run in October, and winter sports will begin in November.

While our campus will be closed to the public for safety reasons, we do welcome the public to use our many miles of trails at the Nordic Center. Dogs are welcome on our trails until the ski season starts, and we do ask that you leash them if you are going to cross paths with other people. We also ask that you practice physical distancing from people when using the trails. Again, we thank everyone for their support and hope that everyone stays safe in the weeks and months ahead.

BRAD BATES has been Head of School since 2008 at Dublin School, a college preparatory day and boarding school known for its academic excellence, beautiful campus, and commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion.



Maureen Ahern Wins Art Award

BY RAMONA BRANCH

Maureen Ahern, a long-time Dublin resident, is the first recipient of the new Ruth and James Ewing Arts Advocate Award. The award ceremony was held online due to the coronavirus.



The James Ewing Arts Awards are presented every year to individuals who have made exceptional contributions to the Monadnock arts community.

Ahern was the executive director of Keene State College's

Thorne-Sagendorph Art Gallery for 34 years. Her focus as director of the Thorne was to promote NH artists and bring quality exhibits to the people of the Monadnock Region through examples of diversity and multiculturalism. African American Art, Native American Art, and Oriental art were exhibited frequently.

Ahern co-founded and was president of a statewide organization of all the NH visual arts museums and nonprofit galleries called the New Hampshire Visual Arts Coalition. This organization promoted NH artists through a series of traveling exhibits called "New Art New Hampshire."

She has received many awards, among them an award from the American Association of Museums to be their representative to the National Museum of Art in Tiblisi, Georgia, to help them apply current museum standards in their country.

RAMONA BRANCH is on the Advocate staff.

How MDS is Affected by Crotched Mountain's Closing

At Monadnock Developmental Services, our mission is to work toward inclusion, participation, and mutual relationships for all people who are at risk of isolation from community.

BY ALAN GREENE

In late June, the Crotched Mountain Foundation announced it was planning to close its CMRC (Rehabilitation Center) campus in Greenfield by November. Officials said the school and adult-residential programs were not sustainable financially, in spite of their recent efforts to reduce expenses. We were very sorry to hear this news. CMRC has served the needs of so many in our community for more than 60 years.

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How does this closing affect Monadnock Developmental Services (MDS)? Right away, our first concern has been to be sure that the individuals affected by this are safely moved to other service providers. As the Area Agency for Region V, MDS provides some direct services, but most often we work with about two dozen provider agencies, with whom we have longstanding working relationships. Together we are working to figure out next steps for the seven individuals from our region who are supported at CMRC's residential program.

Our priority is to make their transitions as seamless as possible. We are working diligently to identify new appropriate placement for all affected individuals, so that they can continue to receive quality supports and services.

It has been heartening to see how quickly folks have stepped up to help untangle the effects of CMRC closing, in fact during the entire COVID-19 pandemic. Together we will meet these challenges. We've been doing this very thing for nearly 40 years — and together we'll continue to develop creative solutions to problems as they arise.

ALAN GREENE lives in Dublin, and has been Executive Director of MDS since 1995. He gave the *Advocate* permission to reprint this article from the recent MDS newsletter.

Monadnock Developmental Services, based in Keene, provides supports and services to people with developmental and related disabilities so that they can live and work in their community.

MDS serves those with intellectual disabilities, cerebral palsy, autism, epilepsy, severe learning disabilities, acquired brain disorders, and children with chronic health conditions.

MDS can help with family support, housing and transportation, respite, employment support, planning for life transitions, information about benefits, early supports and services (0-3), information, and referral service.

How you can help: explore employment opportunities for people with disabilities; volunteer as a tutor, friend, or mentor; teach a craft, cooking, or computer class; join us in Spring 2021 for Run~Walk~Smile 5K/10K/1-Mi fundraiser; or contribute to MDS for critical unmet needs.

Visit www.mds-nh.org, on FB, call 352-1304, or email development@mds-nh.org.



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The Finnegans Are Here Now

BY THE COUPLE AND THE EDITOR

There are two new arrivals on Boulder Drive, with a third on the way! Maria and James Finnegan moved to Dublin in July. Maria grew up in Milford, NH, and Arlington, VA, and James grew up in West Hartford, CT. They met four years ago while living in Cambridge and Waltham, MA, respectively.

Maria has long been a fan of Dublin, having made several trips to the Friendly Farm as a kid. She introduced James to the Friendly Farm and the beauty of the Monadnock Region soon after they met.

In July 2018, James and Maria were married at The Aldworth Manor in Harrisville. While both Finnegans spent their 20s and early 30s moving from job to job, city to city, and apartment to apartment, they always knew they wanted to settle down in a town with access to the woods and a strong sense of community, which is why they are very excited to be in Dublin (that, and the Dublin General Store's cookies).

Maria says, "We really are excited about being an active part of the community, a practice we both admired our grandparents for. My grandparents lived in Milford for • over 50 years and were active in both the Rotary and the church, and

my grandfather got to know many people as the town optometrist."

James's grandfather was a part of the Rotary in Pittsfield, MA, and his grandmother was active in the church there as well as in Little Compton, RI. He says, "We are looking forward to finding out how we can get involved once it's safe, and have a chance to breathe (I've been told that having a newborn is pretty exhausting!)." Maria and James are expecting their first child, a boy, in October.

Maria works for The Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests in Concord and James works for a company in Framingham called Workhuman. They are both working remotely during the pandemic and are looking forward to the completion of our town's broadband upgrade project.

"We are big basketball fans," adds Maria. "I played competitively growing up and now we enjoy watching pro and college basketball. I also had a previous career in sports broadcasting so I follow the other leagues as well. We really enjoy participating in snow sports, specifically snowshoeing and cross-

country skiing. We are looking forward to exploring the trails at the Dublin School, which we knew are top notch!"

The Finnegans' other interests and hobbies include walking and hiking, "toodling around" in their car to visit local villages and towns, small shops, and antique stores; history, politics, art, music, amateur astronomy, reading, visiting breweries,

and their cats, Oscar and Penelope. They consider themselves "old souls at heart."

They say they are curious to learn more about some of the organizations they have seen mentioned in the *Advocate* and around town. In sum, Maria and James both hope to be good neighbors and involved, active citizens.

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The Hiroshi Hayashi Land

128 acres of protected woodlands conserved by the Harris Center.

BY DENISE FRANKOFF

Look no further than the Hiroshi Loop Trail. The trail is 1.9 miles long over relatively flat terrain.

This loop trail is part of Hiroshi Hayashi's land – 128 acres of protected woodlands, which includes a beautiful old field, nine acres of open wetland, and 0.6 mile of shore line along the Nubanusit Brook. Depending on the time of year, one can see beavers, otters, peepers, osprey, kingfishers, and wood ducks. Part of the trail meanders around the scenic Nubanusit Brook. As you follow the trail approximately 0.8 miles in, you arrive at Dinsmore Pond, where you have beautiful views north to Skatutakee and Thumb Mountains.

The Monadnock Region is filled with stories from the past and the Hiroshi Trail is no exception. According to Harris Center and the Town of Peterborough, the property dates back to 1874 when Nathan Holt farmed the land. In 1887 Holt sold the land to Mary McClenning Turner of Boston.

After reaching out to Lisa Foote at the Dublin Historical Society, I learned that Mary McClenning Turner was the granddaughter of Abijah and Elizabeth Richardson, who lived in Dublin in the early to mid-1800s. Thank you, Lisa!

Fast forward to the turn of the 20th century. The farmhouse became a boarding house for tourists. Known as Rock Farm, room and board was \$1 per night! In 1943 Raymond and Anna David acquired the farm. In 1968 they sold it to Richard and Betty Lindhe. Betty was the longtime librarian

at Peterborough Elementary. In 1986 the Lindhe's sold the land to Hiroshi Hayashi, a renowned chef and restaurateur, with the understanding that the land would not be developed. When Hayashi died in 2012, his family respected his wishes for the land to be left undeveloped. In 2014 the Harris Center purchased the land for conservation, assisted by a grant from Peterborough's land conservation capital reserve fund.

Hiroshi Hayashi had strong ties to the Monadnock Region. In 1987 Hayashi moved his restaurant – Latacarta – from Harvard Square in Cambridge, MA, to downtown Peterborough. Latacarta was known for its artisanal, seasonal menu, which focused on fresh, natural ingredients. After the restaurant closed, Hayashi established the Monadnock School for Natural Cooking and Philosophy (1999), where he trained chefs from all over the world.

Interesting sidebar: Over the years the original Holt farmhouse and barn fell in disrepair. In 2014 the buildings were



dismantled but the barn timbers were saved, restored, and reassembled in nearby Marlborough, NH.

To access the Hiroshi trailhead on Route 137 toward Hancock, drive two miles north from the intersection at Route 101 and the Citgo station. The parking area is located on the right across from a mailbox labeled 433. There is a trail map at the trailhead kiosk and details can also be found on the Harris Center website, harriscenter.org. The trail begins at the former site of Hiroshi's School for Natural Cooking and Philosophy. You can see some of its original stone foundation on the left as you enter the parking lot.

DENISE FRANKOFF is a member of both the *Advo-cate* staff and the Dublin Conservation Commission.





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Daniel Knight

Daniel Knight, who is remembered as being very spiritual, outgoing, and upbeat, passed away on July 9, 2020, after a battle with cancer. He is survived by his parents, Gordon and Adele, sisters Sharon and Deborah, brothers Tim and Tom, niece Brystal and nephews Adam, Jacob, Colby and Austin. Dan was predeceased by his brother David.

Daniel was born in 1960 in New London, CT, but lived in Dublin throughout his school years. In his teens, he worked at the Dublin Summer Playground, Andy Elder's auctions, and at the Suffolk House. He was a member of the Dublin Community Church Youth Group and was much appreciated by the other kids because he had such a positive attitude; he was chosen to represent the youth on a pastoral search committee. One of his proudest accomplishments was touring Europe with the ConVal chorus, especially singing with the Vienna Boys' Choir.

It was at the Suffolk House in Dublin where Dan began his culinary career and lifelong love of cooking. When his mentor, the owner, had taught him all that he could, he arranged for Dan to enhance his skills at the larger restaurants in the Omni Hotels in Hartford, CT, and Somerville, NJ. Dan's devotion to cooking continued and eventually led him to employment as Sous Chef at the prestigious Nassau Inn in Princeton, NJ. Dan also had his own catering business for a while and learned to carve ice sculptures, for which he won awards in various competitions.



About 15 years ago, Dan moved back to New Hampshire where he found employment in his trade in the Dover area. Meanwhile, he had been attending and volunteering at the Bethany Church in Greenland, NH. He loved the church so when an opportunity to assist the current chef became available, Dan jumped at it. Several years later, the chef left the church for another job and Dan was given the position. He had a terrific work ethic. In addition to full-time employment, moonlighting was a norm for Dan and included freelance catering, working as a greenskeeper, and an assortment of jobs through temp agencies.

Dan was very outgoing and could make

himself at home and feel at ease in almost any situation. He loved to talk and could make a trip to the gas station or the grocery store sound like an adventure. When the phone rang and it was Dan you knew you were in for a long conversation.

Probably his favorite hobby was fishing, whether it was deep sea or at a local stream. He had a substantial

collection of fishing gear, some of which was usually kept in his car in case the opportunity to fish came along. He always enjoyed eating his catch too. Dan loved movies and had a collection numbering in the hundreds — favorites that he could watch over and over. Ask him about any movie and he usually had the answer.

Dan had a lifelong love of Maine, especially the Pemaquid and Waldoboro areas. Drives to the famous Pemaquid Point Lighthouse, clamming, fishing at the wharf in the town of Friendship, and eating lobster were special things to do.

A Celebration of Life service will be held after ramifications of the pandemic keep us from gathering.



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September Events at the DubHub



Outdoor coffee and conversation in the garden hosted by Mary Loftis (right) with Mary Alice Fox.

Coffee & Conversation Outdoors

Weather-permitting, Coffee & Conversation weekly gatherings throughout September will meet in the Garden Sanctuary behind Dublin Community Church. Mondays are with June Brening, 10 to 11 am. Wednesdays are with Mary Loftis, 10 am to noon. To be comfortable, bring a lawn chair. In case of rain, we will meet via Zoom.

Music Events

Weather-permitting, DubHub Song Circle will meet on Friday, September 4, at 5 pm, and DubHub Open Stage will meet on Friday, September 25, at 4 pm. We will meet in the Garden Sanctuary. Early start times are due to earlier sunsets. In case of rain, we will move to Zoom and start at 7 pm.

Take-Out Community Lunch

The free take-out Community Lunch will be held on Thursday, September 17, from noon to 1 pm. Lunches are 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. For more information, or to help, please call Mary Loftis at 831-6641.

Veggie Exchange (and Flowers, too!)

The DubHub's Veggie Exchange is available daily at the DubHub entrance, and there are also free flowers (while they last). A cooler keeps the veggies refrigerated in warm weather.

Outdoor Song Circle on August 7, below, L-R: Nancy Nolan's daughter Elsbeth Hearn, Nancy Nolan, Ruth Thompson, and Laurie Donohue.



Knit with Nancy via Zoom

Kridays at 10 am, with 3 to 6 regular attendees. If you'd like to attend, email Nancy Cayford at npcayford@myfairpoint.net.



Free Face Masks

Free masks are available on the steps of Dublin Community Church (next door to the DubHub) through September. Donations of \$1 or so, each, are gratefully accepted.

Follow the DubHub with the Hubbub and FB!

Links to virtual events are provided in Links to virtual events are provided in newsletter, and can usually be found on DubHub Facebook pages. For 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 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).



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ConVal Class of 2020 Donates Again to Ending Local Hunger

Vouchers for Veterans at Three Farmers' Markets

ConVal End 68 Hours of Hunger was incredibly honored and humbled to receive a gift of \$6,800 from the ConVal Class of 2020 — on top of an earlier \$1,000 donation from that class! What an amazing group of young people! They've missed so many of the special joys of their senior year, and yet they're thinking of other students who are in need.

End 68 Hours is also very grateful for

L County veterans are invited to attend

every week to spend on food items at each

The TEAM Jaffrey Farmers' Market

is held Fridays from 3 to 6 pm; the Keene

Farmers' Market is held Saturdays from

9 am to 1 pm; and the Hinsdale Farmers'

trict has partnered with each market and

the Cheshire Medical Center's Center for

Market is held Sundays from 9 am to 1 pm.

The Cheshire County Conservation Dis-

farmers' markets in Jaffrey. Keene, and

Hinsdale and receive \$20 in vouchers

Throughout September, Cheshire

Customers are asked to wear a mask at each market.

the ongoing donations of food from the Dublin community. Your faithfulness in continually remembering these hungry kids truly makes a difference.

As school starts up again, it's anticipated that the number of students receiving weekend food from the program will increase once again, especially as the effects of the pandemic continue to be felt. The exact plan for distribution is still being

Population Health to increase community

that supports the Healthy Monadnock Ini-

tiative. This Veteran Appreciation Month program is offered to show gratitude to

local service members as well as to boost

the local farm economy by bringing more

Vouchers are distributed each week at the Veteran Appreciation Month booth at

each market on a first-come, first-served

To participate, veterans must pro-

vide proof of veteran status and proof of

basis while funding supplies last.

business to local markets.

members' access to healthy foods, an effort

worked out, but if you know a child who needs weekend food, please encourage the family to contact the student's school principal.

End 68 Hours is here to help!

Thank you to our health workers. Show you care about them by wearing facemasks everywhere you go.

Cheshire County residency. Valid forms of Veteran ID include: (1) copy of DD214, (2) healthcare enrollee card from Veteran Affairs, or (3) N.H. driver's license with a Veterans designation.

Veterans from eligible towns include Keene, Swanzey, Gilsum, Harrisville, Alstead, Hinsdale, Jaffrey, Marlborough, Walpole, Troy, Nelson, Roxbury, Rindge, Dublin, Fitzwilliam, Surry, Sullivan, Chesterfield, Stoddard, Marlow, Westmoreland, Richmond, and Winchester.

For information about Veteran Appreciation Month, contact Lola Bobrowski at the Cheshire County Conservation District by email lola@cheshireconservation.org or call 756-2988, x 3011.



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market.

Hub Expands: Building Under Way Soon Community Church Sund

BY MARY LOFTIS

The Dublin Community Center is expanding! The construction of an addition in back, part of the original design that transformed the former General Store into the "Hub," is due to begin in early September.

Dublin builder Greg Pease will soon begin work on the 700-square foot addition (26 x 30 feet) that will occupy the footprint of the former garage behind the building. This cathedral-ceilinged multi-purpose room will serve as a "home" to the Dublin School. On the days it is not being used by the Sunday School, the new handicapaccessible space will provide the DubHub with the flexibility to hold simultaneous meetings and activities.

The addition is being dedicated to longtime Sunday School teacher Yummy Cady who, although she currently lives in Harrisville, has a life-long connection to the church and the town, and has served as a beloved mentor to generations of children. MARY LOFTIS is on the staff of the *Advocate* and is a member of the Hub's board.

Reality Check Services Available to Dublin Residents

BY JIM BEELER

During a pandemic, it is easy to overlook various types of societal problems, but they do not go away. In fact, many get worse because so much time and attention has to be devoted to fighting the pandemic. That holds true for personal issues and family problems caused by substance misuse and alcohol overuse, and is many times made worse by the isolation and social distancing required during these hard times.

Reality Check, a nonprofit agency in Jaffrey, offers a full range of counseling, treatment, and substance-abuse recovery and support services to any individual in need, including anyone from Dublin. The agency can assist with online or in-person

> This year marks the 30th anniversary of the ADA, Americans with Disabilities Act. You can read up on it here: www.nadtc.org/news/blog/ thanks-to-the-ada/.

individual or group counseling, a variety of more than 20 support groups, and medication-assisted outpatient-treatment services.

Reality Check can provide an individual in need with a personal Recovery Coach, or assist them in getting engaged in selfhelp groups such as Recovery Yoga, Arts in Recovery, Kung Flow basics, or a more traditional AA group. The agency also does prevention and education for children and teachers in area schools (when schools are in session), or can work with area employers to assist them in developing a Recovery Friendly Workplace.

For a complete list of services, visit www.RealityCheckNow.org or call them at (603) 532-9888. All individuals who need and qualify for services are accepted without regard for ability to pay, and the agency is able to bill New Hampshire's Medicaid plans. Reality Check is located at 17 Turnpike Road in Jaffrey.

JIM BEELER is a retired health care administrator who lives in Dublin. He is also a board member and frequent volunteer at Reality Check.

Free Ice Cream!

Sunday, September 13: 3-4 pm Front lawn of Dublin Community Church Given by Dublin Mask Rack. Drive thru, or stop to pick up. Please wear your mask!



Mask makers for the Dublin Mask Rack. L-R: Ruth Thompson, Nancy Cayford. Not shown, Leslie Searles and Karen Vanderbilt.

Grants Helping Nonprofits

BY DENISE FRANKOFF

The Dublin Community Center is grateful to receive grants from the Community Grants Fund of the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation and the Thomas P. Wright Fund of the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation. These grants help support our community lunch program, including the purchase of a large grill.

Heartfelt thanks to 100+ Women Who Care Monadnock, who chose the Monadnock Area Transitional Shelter (MATS) to receive a generous donation. This donation will be used to help fund much-needed dental care for homeless adults currently living at the shelter.

DENISE FRANKOFF is a board member of both the Dublin Community Center and the Monadnock Area Transitional Shelter.

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Virtual Walk Honored Granny D's Cause

Many know her story, but some don't. Dubliner Granny D decided in her 90s to walk across the country – in her signature straw hat – to raise awareness for campaign finance reform. And she did, after training for months on Dublin's back roads with a backpack weighted down with books.

Every year since then, Open Democracy honors its founder Doris "Granny D" Haddock and her mission by walking in her memory. The walk in Keene was virtual this year because of the pandemic.

You can read more here: www. opendemocracynh.org/2020_granny_d_ memorial_walk?utm_campaign=2020_ granny_d_walk&utm_medium=email&utm_ source=nhrebellion

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Resources on NH COVID-19 Updates

If you are wondering where NH stands on COVID-19, there are several resources to visit online.

1. For current state-centered COVID-19 news, resources, and regulations, visit www.nh.gov/index.htm or for recent updates, go to www.nh.gov/covid19/

2. NH Coronavirus Update: www. nhpr.org/post/coronavirus-updatenew-hampshires-covid-19-cases-top-7000?utm_source=New+Hampshire+Pub lic+Radio&utm_campaign=e510710209-Corona+Update+8-18-20_COPY_01&utm_ medium=email&utm_term=0_0e92408183e510710209-106326038#stream/0

3. "Out-of-state Visitors: The health, safety, and well-being of all residents and visitors continues to be a top priority in New Hampshire. New Hampshire Travel and Tourism officials are closely monitoring the situation regarding COVID-19 and

"Smack Dab in the Middle"

NH state of emergency extended. BY DAN TUOHY, NHPR

"Gov. Chris Sununu (Update: Saturday, Aug. 8, 8:08 a.m.) has extended the state of emergency he first declared on March 13, in response to the coronavirus epidemic. This is the seventh extension of the emergency order. View all emergency orders here: www.governor.nh.gov/ news-and-media/emergency-orders-2020

The governor told reporters earlier this month that he anticipates keeping the

Hawk Watch News

Due to circumstances, Phil Brown, Hawk Watch Coordinator at the Harris Center for Conservation Education, with programs in all the local schools, says there are just "not enough details yet about what is going on at Pack Monadnock. I would simply sug-

gest to refer to the Harris Center website" (https://harriscenter.org/).

To keep up, one can subscribe to the Harris Center's monthly newsletter called eNews (links found at the bottom of each Harris Center webpage) for details on the upcoming season.



Phil adds, "Currently there are several virtual programs on the calendar that focus on raptors and the migration, but it is just too soon to say what

Photo courtesy of the Cornell Lab's All About

will occur on the mountain other than that advanced reservations will now be needed to visit Miller SP and the hawk watch due to COVID restrictions."

The Harris Center for Conservation Education is at 83 King's Highway, Hancock, NH 03449; 525-3394; harriscenter.org.

The two-week self-quarantine has been lifted for those traveling to New Hampshire from surrounding New England states. Those traveling to New Hampshire from non-New England states for an extended period of time are still asked to self-quarantine for a two-week period.

Anyone with travel plans should follow the latest guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) (www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/ travelers/index.html) and the US Travel Association. We realize this is a difficult, stressful, and challenging time, but we all can help stop the spread of COVID-19 by practicing social distancing and staying close to home.

Stay safe and be well" and visit www. covidguidance.nh.gov/out-state-visitors.

declaration in place for some time, as the state continues to deal with COVID-19 infections.

"We're not out of the woods yet," he said this week. "We're smack dab in the middle of it."

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Thrush Songs Vary with the Thrush

You can listen to the distinct songs of these thrushes at allaboutbirds.org.

BY TOM WARREN

s summer draws to a close we still A hear the flute-like songs of thrushes in the Monadnock Region particularly after wet showery periods. A comparison can be drawn between our three most common thrushes.



HERMIT THRUSH

Many a gifted writer or poet has been inspired by the song of the Hermit Thrush. It is often rated the highest among all songs in the bird world.

One observer collected 150 different songs, each completely variable and distinct in its musical composition. Schuyler Matthews has compared it to the reedy quality of the oboe and the flute's open tones.

John Burroughs compared the song "to the serene exaltation of sentiment of which music, literature and religion are but the faint types and symbols."

The Hermit Thrush usually performs before sunrise and a half hour after sunset.

"The Hermit Thrush's beautiful, haunt-

ing song begins with a sustained whistle and ends with softer, echo-like tones, described as *oh*, *holy holy*, *ah*, *purity* purity eeh, sweetly sweetly. It pauses between each phrase, and the song is about 1.5 seconds long. Hermit Thrushes also deliver an extremely faint "whisper song" in spring." — All About Birds, the Cornell Lab. To listen online, visit www.allaboutbirds.org/quide/Hermit Thrush.

WOOD THRUSH

The song of the Wood Thrush is regarded as second only in quality to that of the Hermit Thrush.

It seems to harmonize with the sounds of the forest, the whispering breeze and the falling of raindrops. A-olee he sings, and then rests, and then provides us with a series of strains in a powerful rich metallic musical form. It is difficult to imitate much less to describe.



The song rises and falls with a number of bass notes not heard by the song of the Hermit Thrush. As night falls the musical opera ends.

To hear the song online, go to www. allaboutbirds.org/guide/Wood_Thrush.

VEERY

The Veery sings a song sometimes called an upside-down flute. A single metallic ring that gradually falls in pitch and volume. It consists of several ringing phrases or triplets. Some feel that it sounds almost hauntingly beautiful.



The noted ornithologist, Elliot Coves, referred to its song "of clear bell-like notes, resonant, distinct, yet soft and of indescribable sadness."

Often as darkness falls the songs reply to one another like echoes in the moonlight according to another ornithologist, Robert Ridgeway.

While it usually sings at dusk, occasionally a noontime thunderstorm will blacken the sky and the Veery, thinking evening is approaching, will burst into song.

Listen to the Veery here: www.allaboutbirds.org/guide/Veery.

TOM WARREN is Dublin's resident ornithologist.

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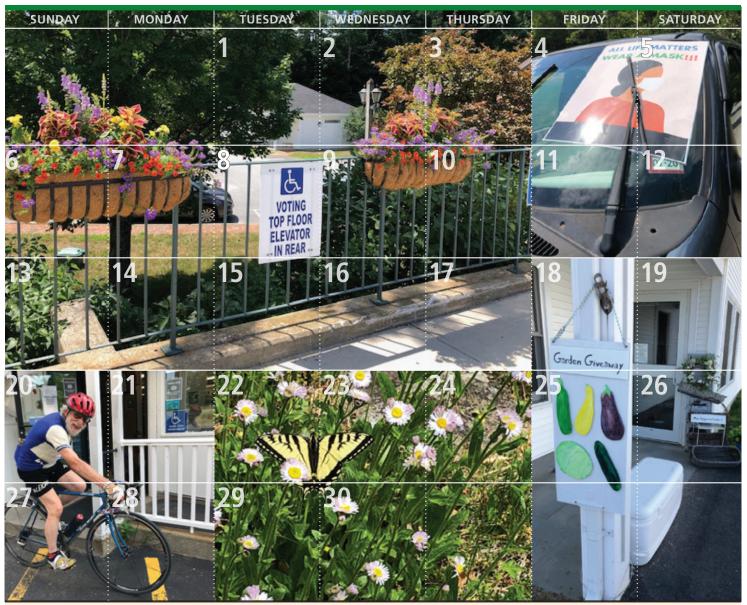
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