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NEWSLETTER BUSINESS

Recently, the Civic News has seen several transitions. Annie Riecken, our editor for the past ten years, has stepped down, as has long-time calendar coordinator Chris Clyne. It is easy to assume that people will continue what they have done for so long and so well. And then lives change.

In 2004, Annie agreed to join the Civic News' production team. Her talents as a writer and editor, her keen sense for a good story, and her ability to ask just the right questions maintained a high standard. She has "retired," but will continue to edit her favorite TCN feature: the Selectmen's Minutes.

Chris has worked behind the scenes for years, gathering information to compile the bi-monthly calendar, writing articles, and taking over layout and production from 2002-04. She has been a fantastic sounding board for Civic News-related questions during our two decades in print.

With this issue, we welcome a new talent. Mark Smith is a writer, a professional graphic designer, and an artist. When asked to take over layout of the newsletter, he did so in his trademark understated but very capable way. Mark grew up in Tamworth, moved away for a time, and then returned to the farm where his family has lived along the Bearcamp River for eleven generations.

The Civic News is fortunate to have a continuum of dedicated staff, contributing writers, and appreciative readers. Thanks to all!

LOCAL FIFTH-GRADE FISHERMAN WINS DERBY

On the weekend of February 8th and 9th, young Tamworth fisherman Brady King won the grand prize in the Meredith Rotary Fishing Derby. What a story! Here it is, in Brady's own words.



My dad and I were fishing this past Saturday with a few friends. We had set up three traps and then I had my first flag of the day. We went over and I started to bring it in. I thought it was pretty big. When I pulled it out we weighed it on my dad's scale and it weighed 4.3 lbs. I knew it was a good fish and we saved it. I thought it might place in the derby, but I never thought it would make first. We fished all day and I caught one more fish that I entered and my friend, Derek Dascoulias, did too. We caught others, but they weren't big enough for the board. Around 2 or 2:30PM we

headed over to Meredith to enter our fish. When we got there and finished weighing them, only one made the board and that was my first fish. Its official weigh-in was 4.25 lbs. It ended up being the biggest pickerel caught on Saturday.

So how the derby works is they have seven categories of fish and two days of fishing. The biggest fish caught for Saturday and the biggest fish caught for Sunday in each category go into a raffle for three top prizes: \$3,000, \$5,000, and \$15,000. So fourteen names were in the raffle and mine was one. First they said the third place winner, then they said the second place winner. We had been waiting in the cold for over an hour, so by then I was feeling like I might have come over and stood in the cold for nothing. Then they called out the first place winner for \$15,000 and said my name! I was in SHOCK!! After that I got interviewed by several newspapers, WMUR, and even an ice fishing show on National Geographic.

They gave me my checks and I went home as happy as can be. I am going to put my money in the bank and save it for college or a house or something.

Sincerely, Brady King

Brady King is in the fifth grade at the Kenneth A. Brett School.

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December 19th

The select board questioned Police Chief Dan Poirier on procedures for obtaining a pistol permit. Poirier said that state law does not require a background check. Doing background checks would be a burden on his department. Board members expressed shock that a background check is not run on every applicant and would like to require this be part of the procedure. Poirier feels they cannot change the RSA. The board said they are not changing the RSA, they are creating a town policy, which is within their authority to do. They asked Poirier if he would like to draft a proposed procedure for the next meeting. He said he would look into it. ♦ Board approved and signed two intent-to-cut applications; a proclamation that the Boston Post Cane be issued to Julia A. Velardo; and the 2013 encumbrance list, reserving \$35,000 of this year's funds for projects to be completed next year. ♦ Board approved a clean copy of the personnel policy, with the changes they requested highlighted. ♦ Discussed budget items, including the library budget, the economic development budget, and the tax collector. Town Clerk/Tax Collector Kim Trammell returned to hear the board's decision on her request for an increase in her salary for 2014. Board stated they have decided to stay with their recommendation of the 2% increase across the board and that is all they would support for an increase for her as well.

January 2nd

Poirier said that he had contacted police departments in other towns and discovered that small departments without a secretary/administrative assistant do not do background checks; only the larger ones with staff that do it for them run regular checks. Poirier must go to the sheriff's office to pick up the completed background checks. Board feels this is still the only way to protect the town and the chief. Poirier agreed. Board created a policy to have the Tamworth Police Department run background checks on all applicants for new or renewal pistol permits. ♦ Board discussed the Economic Development Committee (EDC) budget with Pat Farley. They were concerned with the request for \$1,000 for the teen leadership program. There was a discussion of the program, the budget, development verses operation, grades involved, volunteers, kickoff, and other related issues.

January 16th

Nelson O'Bryan was present to discuss with the board a request from the Tamworth Fire Department to cut trees at the Great Hill Fire Tower. O'Bryan explained that per requirements, the district forester has already been out and marked the trees and the conservation commission has discussed the work at their meeting and obtained a price from a logger. Board asked who was going to be paying for the work. O'Bryan did not know at this time. The fire department was going to be asked if they are paying for some or all of this work. The selectmen would like to do a site walk prior to making their decision. Walk scheduled for February 13th.

January 30th

Pat Farley said that small towns are able to take advantage of state contracts for supplies, oil, and other items that can be purchased in bulk. ♦ Farley invited the select board to the school board meeting of February 6th for a discussion of the teen leadership program. ♦ Selectman Jim Hidden attended the Planning Board meeting where the PB scheduled a public hearing for February 26th about PSNH cutting on Hollow Hill Road. ♦

Selectman Steve Gray mentioned people getting older and John and Jim were both wished a happy birthday from all. ♦ Selectman John Roberts asked about the street light out front of the Town Offices, as PSNH had asked him if the board wanted to update it at an increased cost, or they could leave it off entirely. Board will check it out over the next few weeks and see if there is a big difference with it being out. ♦ Josh McAllister from HEB Engineering was present to address the bids for Phase II of the Chocorua Community Project. After the submitted bids were opened and reviewed, it was determined that the lowest bidder, GW Brooks, did not have a complete bid package. HEB, after discussion with the state department of transportation, disqualified GW Brooks. At HEB's suggestion, the board voted to award Phase II of the Chocorua Village Project to LA Drew of North Conway. ♦ There was discussion of how to plan the celebration of the 250th anniversary of the incorporation of Tamworth, especially the costs. Kate Thompson said the historical society board members are excited about being involved, but the society does not want to be on the spot for the entire project and feels the board should put a committee together to oversee the celebration. Bruno Siniscalchi expressed his concern that \$200 dollars is not enough, and that he had previously offered to get a petition together to raise \$1,000 for this event. Roberts told Siniscalchi that if he got a petition with the minimum twenty-five signatures needed to put it on the warrant for \$500, that John E. Roberts Excavation Company would match the amount. The selectmen will appoint a committee with the help of the historical society. Volunteers can contact the selectmen's office. ♦ Dana Littlefield announced that the grant for the generator at the police station has been approved. There has still been no response to the application for a grant to get a generator for the Town Office. ♦ Board discussed the budget item for the Town Office renovations for \$75,000 and whether or not it should be a capital reserve item. There was discussion about the office space and the immediate need, capital improvement plan, and the use of the Town House. At this time the board has decided to pull the request of \$75,000 from the budget and meet with Parker Roberts about the Town House and what/who is using it and at what times there is and isn't use. They will also discuss moving some of the boards and committees meetings to the Town House for a trial period to see if the current Town Office conference room could be used for office space rather than meeting space.

February 6th

The board was asked about a petitioned warrant article that was received. One page had wording with some signatures, two pages were received with no warrant article at the top, and the fourth page had minor wording changes to the article. The two pages with wording didn't have enough signatures between the two to equal the twenty-five voter signatures required to qualify for the item to be placed on the warrant. Board did not feel they could accept the two pages that did not have the wording on the top. The proposed article will not be placed on the town warrant. ♦ Board was informed that the Carroll County Transit did not submit a petition, but they called and plan on attending the selectmen's meeting on February 13th. ♦ Board was informed that the request submitted by the Tamworth Community Nurses (TCNA) for \$40,000 was in error. TCNA submitted a petition and is requesting \$80,000 this year. They have been asked to attend the public hearing on February 13th.

Here is an excerpt from the forthcoming novel *Children of the Air*. Lissy is one of eight main characters (four humans, two eagles, an owl, and a dog) whose stories intertwine to form a sort of braided rug of simple pleasures, piercing sorrows, and dogged perseverance.

The sensation in the pit of Lissy’s stomach was more guilt than fear. As she watched the toboggan slide downhill without her, she could hear her mother’s voice: “I told you,” while she, still in a sitting position, floated toward the bracken on the left-hand side of the trail, the last big snowflakes of March pirouetting around her, the dark trees awaiting her arrival.

She shouldn’t have gone sledding alone at dusk. It would be hours before anyone found her, broken and bleeding, barely conscious. If they didn’t find her before morning, she’d die from exposure.

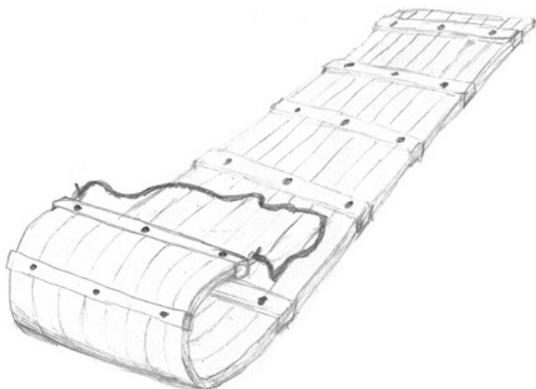
At least it had been fun while it lasted—the wind sharp against her cheeks, her butt massaged by every bump, the shushing of millions of snowflakes beneath the sled, the melancholy twilight hush, this feeling of weightless timelessness.

She landed with a crunch.

Amid a tangle of dead branches, she waited for the pain to erupt from whatever she’d broken or sprained or punctured. When it failed to arrive, she knew she was paralyzed, her spine shattered—she’d spend the rest of her life in a wheelchair—but she could feel her toes snug in her boots, her fingers in her mittens, her heart in her throat. She was sitting in the snow as if she’d meant to.

Euphoria bubbled up from her belly like sulphur dioxide from a mud pool, and she started to giggle. “Oh my God!” she screamed with relief, letting herself fall backwards, arms spread wide, chest heaving with laughter. When at last she struggled to her feet, she had to wrestle the snow for the right to keep her boots. She ran to retrieve the toboggan and continued downhill, on her stomach this time, the remaining slope almost sufficient to satisfy her desire for *more*.

Mark Eddy Smith is the fiction editor for *WordFarm*, a four-person literary press celebrating its tenth anniversary, and the author of Tolkien’s *Ordinary Virtues* and *Aslan’s Call*. He expects to self-publish *Children of the Air* this spring.



Saturday, March 1st: Supervisors of the checklist meet at the Town Office, 11–11:30AM. Voter registration opportunity for Tamworth residents who would like to vote on town election day, March 11th, and at town meeting, March 12th.

Monday, March 3rd: Candidates’ Night public forum, 7PM in the K.A. Brett School cafeteria.

Wednesday, March 5th: School district meeting, 7PM, K.A. Brett School gymnasium.

Monday, March 10th: Town clerk is available to accept absentee ballots delivered in person, 3–5PM.

Tuesday, March 11th: Town election day. Polls are open at the Tamworth Town House from 8AM–7PM. You may register to vote at the polls. Please bring a photo ID and proof of Tamworth residency.

Wednesday, March 12th: Town meeting, 7PM, K.A. Brett School. No new voter registration will be done at town meeting.

The following candidates will appear on the ballot:

Town Election:	
Selectman (vote for one; three-year term)	John E. Roberts
Road Agent (vote for one; three-year term)	Richard Roberts
Moderator (vote for one; two-year term)	Chris Canfield
Treasurer (vote for one; one-year term)	Mariette Ross
Supervisor of the Checklist (vote for one; six-year term)	Amy Berrier
Trustee of the Trust Fund (vote for one; three-year term)	John B. Wheeler
Cemetery Trustee (vote for one; three-year term)	John B. Wheeler
Library Trustee (vote for two; three-year term)	Anne Chant Ann McGarity
Library Trustee (vote for one; two-year term)	Mary Beth Link
Planning Board Member (vote for two; three-year term)	Dominic N. Bergen Patricia W. Farley
Planning Board Member (vote for one; one-year term)	Thomas R. Peters
Fireward – Tamworth (vote for one; three-year term)	Harry E. Remick

School Election:

School Board Member (vote for two; three-year term)	Daniel Micciulla Jack Waldron
School Board Member (vote for one; one-year term)	**OPEN**
Clerk (vote for one; one-year term)	Jennifer Mashiak
Treasurer (vote for one; one-year term)	Jill E. Lavoie
Moderator (vote for one; one-year term)	Kent Hemingway Jr.

Special Election:

Executive Council, District One (vote for one; completing Ray Burton’s two-year term):	Michael J. Cryans (D) Joseph D. Kenney (R)
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The Tamworth Sled Dog Races on Chocorua Lake will be held on Saturday and Sunday, March 1st and 2nd, from 9–3 each day. Sponsored by the Tamworth Outing Club, this traditional event is enjoyed by spectators of all ages. Refreshments are available. Park along the northbound side of Route 16. Call 323-7001 for more information.

Susan Lirakis is the artist at the Cook Memorial Library for the months of March and April. She will hang a collection of photos of gardens.

The Community School (TCS) Farm is now accepting 2014 CSA members. Spring, summer, or full season shares of organic produce are available. New this spring, TCS will offer a pre-ordering program for certified organic vegetable, herb, and flower seedlings. Stop by the TCS table at the next Tamworth Farmers Market to pick up an order form, or contact John Welton at 323-7000 or farm@communityschoolnh.org for more information.

Interested in homeschooling? Check out the Chocorua Area Homeschoolers Facebook page, open to anyone who homeschools, is curious about it, or is involved with an organization looking to outreach to area homeschoolers. Contact Suzy Kjellberg at 986-3830 to learn more.

The Tamworth Scholarship Committee is now accepting applications for the 2014–15 academic year. The applications are available at the Cook Library, Chocorua Library, Kennett High School guidance department, and online at the Town of Tamworth’s website. (www.tamworthnh.org, under *Regulations & Applications*). The application deadline is April 12th. For more information call Debra Davis, 323-8166.

As spring arrives in Tamworth, there are many opportunities to appreciate our local feathered friends. On Wednesday, April 2nd at 7PM, Cook Library and the Tamworth Conservation Commission (TCC) are co-sponsoring a talk with Eric Masterson author of *Bird Watching in New Hampshire*. Then, starting on April 23rd, join Ned Beecher on Wednesday mornings for TCC bird walks. Meet at the Tamworth Town House at 7AM. Rain or shine, but not in a downpour. Call Ned at 387-7869 for info.

Reading groups for all ages at Cook Library. Too numerous to list! Call 323-8510 or go to tamworthlibrary.org.



It certainly feels like this has been a cold winter. Compared to the past two winters, the cold did start earlier. But what do the data show, looking back?

Let’s look at the average of the minimum temperatures measured daily over the course of a month:

AVERAGE MINIMUM TEMPERATURES—WINTER MONTHS

	Dec	Jan	Feb	March
Normal minimum (as of 1999)	10.9	3.0	5.3	17.4
2011–2012	19.6	11.6	13.8	25.0
2012–2013	19.4	8.6	13.9	20.3
2013–2014	11.9	4.5	? TBD	? TBD

This December and January average minimum monthly temperatures have been considerably lower than the past two winters. But they were still considerably above the end-of-the-20th century averages (normal).

In 2003, we reported on the very cold winter of 2002–03. “There was snow on the ground in Tamworth village from November 16th through April 12th, without a break. There was no January thaw—no thaw at all. On the contrary, the cold deepened a few times to well below zero for the first time in several years.” We noted that that winter “was not the coldest in twenty years, but it was close.”

Here are data we provided then, with updates for the years since, for comparison to this winter:

COLD SNAPS

As the data show, cold snaps in the years ending the 20th century were longer and reached colder minimums than in this century. This January was pretty cold: we had three shorter cold snaps, but reached –20° F.

COLD MONTHS

This winter, we had an average number of days below zero in December, and many more than average in January. So, yes, January was colder, by that measure.

	Average number of days <0° F. (20 year average ending in 2003)	Unusual month in year / why unusual	2013–14
Dec	4 to 5	1989 / month with most days <0 in past 30 years: 25 days <0° F.	5
Jan	10	1982 / 23 days <0° F.	15
Feb	7		? TBD
Mar	2 to 3		? TBD

The past two winters accustomed us to warmer climes, with just 7 and 6 days below zero in 2011–12 and 2012–13. The 23 days below zero so far this year feels very different.

—Ned Beecher

MID MARCH

Warmish day, a pool of snowmelt in the swale,
summer's grassy, leafy remains clear at the bottom,
snow banks pox-marked with leftover sand—
the plow's wake has settled in again.

I want the days of March to hurry up, but
I saw striking black clouds above Lake Chocorua,
and all across, the scrim of old snow like tarnished silver
shimmered blue-gray.

I think I will stay with March, climb
the Tower to Town Trail where tawny beech leaves
rustle on a hill people used to ski,
the rope tow wheels rust and rust.

Up and up, across and down, deer prints
mark their ways,
once here, now gone.
Just the thought of them . . . is enough.

—*Louise Taylor, Tamworth*

TAMWORTH COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Sundays

Live From The Lyceum. Featured musician at 1:30, followed by song circle & jam session at 2:30. Tamworth Lyceum. (www.tamworthlumber.com).

Sundays

Dinner Bell, 5PM at St. Andrew's Church.

Mondays

Congregate meals for sixty years & up. Tamworth Town House, 12–1PM. Call 539-6851.

Tuesdays & Fridays

Community Food Center at St. Andrew's Church, open 10–12. Call 960-4067. Donations welcome!

Wednesdays

TCNA weight loss support group, 5:30PM, Cook Library. Call 323-8511 for details.

Thursdays, except April 24th

Farmers' Table lunch at The Community School. By donation. Starts at noon. Call ahead: 323-7000.

Saturdays, March 1st & 15th; April 5th & 19th

Farmer's Market, 9–1, Tamworth Town House.

Saturday, March 8th

Soup, Story, & Song at The Community School, 6–9PM. Call 323-7000 to RSVP. By donation.

Mondays, March 10th & April 7th

Remick Farm pre-school story time, 10–11AM.

Monday, March 10th

Altrusa Club meets, 6PM at Runnells Hall.

Sunday, March 16th

Tom, Dick, and Peter's St. Patrick's Day Special 1:30PM, Tamworth Lyceum.

Wednesday, March 19th

Advice To The Players presents Shakespeare's Richard III. 1:30PM, Brett School gym. Free!

Wednesday, March 19th

Tamworth Historical Society: "History, Use, & Construction of Axes" Cook Library, 7PM.

Fridays, March 21st & April 18th

Chocorua Community Church potluck suppers, 6PM.

Saturday, March 22nd

Maple Sugaring at the Remick Museum, 11–3.

Wednesday, March 26th

NH Cooperative Extension talk on soil & composting. Cook Library, 7PM.

Saturdays, March 29th & April 26th

Backyard Basics workshops at Remick Museum. Raising sheep (3/29); Raising pigs (4/26). 323-7591.

Saturday, April 5th

Book sale at Cook Library, 10–noon.

Saturday, April 5th

South Tamworth Methodist Church Bean Supper at Union Hall. Settings at 5 and 5:45PM.

Saturday, April 12th

Celebrate Our Community Spring Auction, 6PM. Financial aid fundraiser at The Community School.

Wednesday, April 23rd

Attorney Edward Beasley & Gregory Gagne talk about estate planning. Cook Library, 6–8PM.

Wednesday, April 30th

Tamworth Historical Society: "Ways of Passing Family Histories Down the Generations." CML, 7PM.

TAMWORTH RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Call Director Parker Roberts for program info, 323-7582

ONGOING ACTIVITIES:

Tai Chi, Town House, Mondays, 6–7:30PM;

Tuesdays, 9:30–11AM; Wednesdays, 7–8:30PM.

Step Aerobics, Town House, Wednesdays & Fridays, 8–9AM.

Living Strong Program, Town House,

Tuesdays & Thursdays, 8–9AM.

Yoga with Cory Judge, Tuesdays, 6–7:15PM.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Boston Flower & Garden Show, Thursday, March 13th.

Bus departs from St. Andrew's Church at 7:30AM and returns at approximately 7PM. \$30 covers transportation and admission to the show. *Call the Rec Dept for details.*

Easter Egg Hunt, for grades 4 & younger. Saturday, April 19th. Starts promptly at noon at the K.A. Brett School. Rain or shine!

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TCNA EXPANDS "GET HEALTHY TAMWORTH!"

So, you think you know everything about Tamworth's unique healthcare organization, the Tamworth Community Nurse Association? Well, think again, because the TCNA is now offering a year-long series of free monthly programs aimed at keeping our community healthy in a wide variety of ways, all falling under the banner, "Get Healthy Tamworth!"

In the words of TCNA director JoAnne Rainville, "The Tamworth Community Nurse Association has always had the privilege of defining 'healthcare' in the broadest terms possible. We are not restricted by Medicare regulations to only care for those who have been diagnosed with a disease. We are able to practice preventive medicine as well. That's why we have launched our 'Get Healthy Tamworth' initiative. All of these programs and more are designed to help you not only stay healthy or get healthy, they are designed to give you the information you need to make your best possible healthcare decisions."

The new series started in February 2014, when the nurses offered free cholesterol screening blood tests at their office, followed by a program on cholesterol at the Tamworth Lyceum.

On Saturday, March 15th, an educational program called "Easy, Healthy Cooking" will cover label reading, the challenges of cooking for one, and a possible field trip to Hanaford with tips on the best aisles to shop and the best aisles to avoid. The program will be held at 9:30AM at the Tamworth Lyceum.

A blood sugar/HgA1c screening will be held on Wednesday, April 9th, at the TCNA office (at the rear of the Tamworth Town Office building), followed by an educational program on the "Diabetic Diet" on Saturday, April 12th, at 9:30AM at the Lyceum.

The programs in February, March, and April will all be led by the newest member of the TCNA team,

Marie Veselsky, a registered dietician and board certified diabetes educator, who holds a master's degree in Nutrition/Adult Education. Veselsky is the director of Integrated Optimal Health's Choice Center for Diabetes and Weight Loss in Conway.

In May, with the summer sun on the horizon, you can learn about "Protecting Your Skin," and June will offer a talk on "Mindful Meditation." July's program, "What's Bugging You?" will take a look at insect borne pathogens and diseases. In August, TCNA will offer a free blood pressure screening at their office.

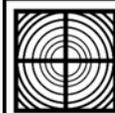
September will feature another cholesterol screening for our neighbors who were away in February. The nurses will also hold a workshop on "How to Preserve Food." A flu clinic will be offered in October and, in an effort to make the holidays as joyful as possible, November's program will be focused on stress management.

And that's not all! Every Wednesday, beginning in February, a weight-loss support group will meet weekly at 5:30PM in the Ulitz Room at Cook Memorial Library. There will be a weekly weigh-in, as well as recipe swaps. Our dietician, Marie Veselsky, will be available to guide and support our progress. There will be no fee for joining this group, but please email tamworthnurses@yahoo.com or call 323-8511 to let us know you are interested and what day and time would work best for you.

For further information on TCNA's upcoming programs and other services, call 323-8511 or email tamworthnurses@yahoo.com.

Business hours are Monday through Thursday, 9-2, and Fridays from 9-11. Office hours are Monday through Friday, 9-11, or call 323-8511 for an appointment. Program information will also be available on the Tamworth Exchange, at the TCNA website (www.tamworthnurses.org), and in the Tamworth Civic News Community Calendar.

—Nina Perry



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Winter	No. of days < 0°F
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1980–1981	40
1981–1982	45
1987–1988	33
1989–1990	41
1993–1994	41
Since 2003	
2002–2003	31
2003–2004	18
2004–2005	27
2005–2006	8 (none in January!)
2006–2007	18
2007–2008	19
2008–2009	30
2009–2010	8
2010–2011	18
2011–2012	7
2012–2013	6
2013–2014 (so far)	23

CLASSICAL MUSIC, POETRY, & YOUTH ART! SING, OH MUSE!

Arts Council of Tamworth (ACT) has a busy spring ahead. Listen to music, write poems, and enjoy great art by Tamworth's kids! Join us on **Friday, March 21st, at 7:30PM** at the Tamworth Congregational Church for a concert of classical and contemporary works for clarinet quartet by **Clarinets for Conservation (C4C)**. Quartet members will also share stories of their work with the students of Korongoni Secondary School in Moshi, Tanzania. Choose Your Own Ticket Price: \$5–\$30 for adults, \$0–\$5 for kids to 18; proceeds help fund ACT's artist residencies in school and community. Info/tickets: artstamworth.org. ♦ ACT is delighted to bring poet Verandah Porche for our spring Art Connects Us school and community-wide artist residency. Verandah's week will begin with a **Poetry Service** at UUFES on **Sunday, March 23rd at 10AM**. Join Verandah on **Tuesday, March 25th at 7PM** at the Cook Memorial Library for a **Poetry Reading and Pantoum Workshop**. Area teachers are invited to a **Teacher Workshop** with Verandah on **Wednesday, March 26th at 3:45PM** at the Brett School. And all are welcome to see what students have been working on at the **Community Poetry Sharing** at Brett on **Friday, March 28th, at 2PM**. ♦ Tamworth K–12 students are invited to submit work to the **ACT Youth Art Show**, to take place on **April 5th & 6th** at Runnells Hall in Chocorua. New this year, Tamworth artists of any age are invited to submit work *from when they were kids!* Download a registration form at: tinyurl.com/youth-art. ♦ And mark your calendars now for the great **Cuban/Latin band Los Sugar Kings** at The Barnstormers on **Friday, May 9th**. Tickets on sale at tinyurl.com/lossugarkings. ACT relies on community support and volunteer help to make these events possible. If you'd like to volunteer for ACT, please contact act@artstamworth.org or call 603-323-0104.