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READING THERAPY DOGS AT BRETT SCHOOL

“Can I read to Clara?” One might overhear these words in the hallways of Tamworth’s Kenneth A. Brett School on any given day. But Clara isn’t a teacher, a staff member, or another student. Clara is a dog — an enormous, fluffy Bernese Mountain dog — who comes to school twice a week to listen to kids read.

It all began in the fall of 2013, when Sue Colten (volunteer coordinator for the Oasis Intergenerational Tutoring Program) approached principal Ken Hawkins and reading specialist Carolyn Hemingway with an idea: Why not have reading therapy dogs come to school?

Reading therapy dogs provide a strong positive support for children as they are developing their reading skills. Having a dog to touch, pat, and hug is comforting and reassuring for a child who may be struggling to read. A dog is a companion, a friend to read to, who listens and does not correct or criticize. This helps build confidence and raise self-esteem in the child. With the dog nestled close by, reading becomes a pleasurable experience.

Once the program at Brett was approved and a schedule was established for the dogs to visit, a quiet place was set aside for students and dogs to be together. A local business donated a mattress where a child and canine companion could sit during reading time.

Clara, accompanied by owner Leslie Johnson, and Molly, a gentle old golden retriever, and her owner, Joan Taylor, were the first reading therapy dog teams at Brett.

Clara and Molly were instant hits with the students. Each week the dogs would trot down the halls for their reading assignments.

“Students feel safe when they read to Clara,” commented Leslie, a great teacher herself, who creates a kind and accepting atmosphere when the kids arrive. Clara greets them with her paw and a loving look, and the reading begins. When asked about Clara, one third grader stated, “I love reading to Clara. She never corrects me when I make a mistake.”

Over the past few years, children at Brett have been thrilled by the novelty of having the dogs in the classroom and are eager to read. As they come to know the dogs, the children excitedly anticipate their visits. They practice reading aloud throughout the week, and — in exchange for their hard work — are rewarded with reading time with the dogs.

The reading specialist involves the dogs in classroom language activities by having the children learn the letters of the dogs’ names, write poems together about the dogs, and write thank-you letters to the dogs, their owners, and businesses that support the program.

The program has been so successful that several teachers have welcomed the dogs into their classrooms as part of their own language arts program.

This year another therapy dog has joined in the fun and learning at school. “Checker,” an Australian Shepherd, along with owner Susan Blake of Sandwich, writes letters to first graders, and the first graders write back. Under the direction of new Brett School reading teacher Jennifer Elliott, students hear about Checker’s adventures and write responses to questions that Checker writes to them, and ultimately read

their letters to Checker. Kids will ask “What’s that word?” and Susan will answer “Checker just wants you to give it a try.” And they do!

Susan has her own story to tell about therapy dogs, having worked for nine years at Sollars Air Force Base in Misawa, Japan on the coast, near where the tsunami hit. Therapy dogs were used successfully there to help children overcome anxiety.

Reading therapy dogs at Brett continue to work their magic with students in grades Kindergarten through third. Some children have even begun reading to their pets at home. Clara continues to be a favorite with all of the children, and Checker writes and reads up a storm with the first graders. Molly has moved on to her heavenly home, but Joan Taylor has a new puppy . . . the kids will be waiting!

— Carolyn Hemingway & Leslie Johnson



February 26th

Road Agent Richard Roberts reported the crew has been working on the roads and feels they are in good shape. Everything has been pushed back with the exception of Chocorua Lake area, which they are leaving for the dog sled races this weekend. They have done some small equipment repairs. Roberts reports that the new one-ton is great! ♦ There was discussion of how much land to log when clearing the new ball fields and who was responsible for maintaining the access road to the work site. ♦ Select board and Tax Collector/Town Clerk Kim Trammell agreed that she should apply to the Tamworth Foundation for grant funding to pay for the first stages of an archival project for the town's historical records using conservation, preservation, and records retention principles. David Little would also like to see the town look into upgrading the town house vault to preserve it. Board has discussed this in the past and is interested in finding out if there is a grant for this type of preservation as well. (See related article, page 6.) ♦ Bob Seston and John Watkins were present to discuss the merger of the Chocorua Lake Association and the Chocorua Lake Conservancy. They would like to apply to the town to become exempt from property taxes and make an arrangement for a PILOT (payment in lieu of taxes). ♦ The request from the Lakes Region Planning Commission for the ten-year plan was discussed and the board has no response for them at this time.

March 12th

Selectman Steve Gray named chairman of the board; selectmen decided on their *ex officio* appointments to other town committees and commissions. ♦ Pat Farley says the Tamworth Economic Development Council (EDC) is planning a forum for unemployed or unhappily employed regarding job search. ♦ Discussion of cell phone needs with department heads. ♦ Peter Smart came with information on the street lighting in Chocorua Village. Discussed the wattage and the reduction the town could see if a dimmer was installed. He would prefer to see the town dim them rather than shutting them off or turning off alternate fixtures. ♦ Gail Marrone distributed letters regarding the plans for new fields, logging on the town property located off Durrell Road, and the use of Hall Road. She wanted to know if the town could legally use Hall Road. She was informed that it is being looked into at this time but it is believed that the town has a legal right of way over this road. The burden for any damage done to the road during the logging is that of the logger and he has stated he understands and is planning on waiting to see if it is too muddy. A lengthy discussion was held on the number of fields, the needs of the town, the parking lots, access to and from, the maintenance of the roads and fields, and river banking. The Grace Field committee is going to have a meeting on March 23rd at 6PM at Union Hall to discuss the matter further with the Marrones and others concerned. ♦ The Whittier Road Bridge request for proposal has been received and sent to the firms on the short list of bidders. ♦ Board agreed that the town website

is ready for updating, and gave departments and committees until mid-month to pass along any corrections to their part of the town website. ♦ The board was asked where the meetings were going to be held in light of the motion made by David Little at town meeting to have all meetings moved back to the town office. Selectmen Gray and Jim Hidden felt that the other groups can move back, but the selectmen can stay at the town house. Selectman John Roberts did not agree. He reminded Gray and Hidden that the deal was to move down to the town house and put offices in the conference room. The construction was put on hold, the warrant article for renovations failed, and a motion was passed to return the meetings to the town office. He feels that for the selectmen to stay at the town house would be against the wishes of the people. Motion made by Roberts to return all town board and committee meetings back down to the town office. Motion seconded by Hidden and passed unanimously. ♦ Decided that the power bill for the light at the Veterans' Memorial should be charged to the cemetery budget.

March 26th

R. Roberts reported the road crew has been working on filling potholes and cleaning culverts. Logger Brent Day surveyed the property at the highway garage to cut and stump. Paul King walked the property to confirm the buffer around the property. ♦ The 250th committee has applied to the NH Department of Safety to allow the 250th logo to be used on license plates. ♦ Hidden attended the presentation for the recreation field improvements. He reported that it was a good presentation with over fifty people in attendance. He felt that about 85% of attendees were on board with the proposed project. ♦ The board of selectmen in Sandwich rescheduled the meeting regarding perambulation to the end of April. ♦ Board will meet on March 30th in Ossipee with other towns involved in the ambulance agreement contract negotiations. ♦ The board agreed with the draft Chocorua Conservancy PILOT. The draft will be forwarded to the conservancy for their review and discussed at a later date. ♦ Interim Town Administrator Martha Eldridge has been filling in two days per week. ♦ Board discussed the need for the zoning and planning boards clean up the files in the conference room. They voted to change the combinations on the doors and discontinue the internet service at the town house.

April 9th

Police Sergeant Penny Colby reported on phone scams aimed at the elderly that are plaguing the area. ♦ R. Roberts reported that all was good despite snowfall the night before. ♦ Bruno Siniscalchi updated the board on the activities of the 250th committee. The Tamworth Community Nurse and the Blue Loon want to be involved in the event. ♦ Amy Berrier invited the selectmen to post any announcements in the *Civic News* that they think would be helpful to the town. She also asked for clarification about the town's contract with the

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It was on St. Patrick's Day 2005 when the Tamworth Exchange first appeared on Yahoo Groups. The original inspiration came from the neighboring Sandwich Board that had been around since 1998. For a brief time there was Tamworth Wiredup that was active from 2001 to 2005.

There were only twenty-four messages that first March. The subject matter appears lost to time, as this writer can only pull up messages from as far back as 2006. These were the days before Tamworth Wireless and a lot of us were still depending on dialup service to access the internet. As we have become more computer savvy, we now have over 1,000 members as of mid April 2015.

Exchange members know that they can rely on the Exchange for a host of fascinating facts about Tamworth going on. We get weather, health tips, library information, farmers market updates, lost and found, suppers, rides, auctions, fundraisers, arts updates, and on and on.

An unsophisticated search of the archive shows "zoning" mentioned in 363 messages. We've had a consistent and helpful 280 posts about Tamworth weather. "CMI", developer of the driving course on Route 25, appears 230 times. The Tamworth Farmers Market has gotten 189 mentions. And lest we forget, Rufus The Dog, late of upper Cleveland Hill, was discussed 117 times.

The busiest month for messages thus far was January 2011, with 592 postings when conversation got a bit heated over abolishing the Tamworth Planning Board. Not surprisingly, March is a pretty busy month; 585 posts in 2010.

For those of you not on the Exchange, it's fairly simple to sign up. You can go to the site directly at <https://groups.yahoo.com/neo/groups/TamworthExchange/info> and try and follow the directions. If this gets too daunting, you can email the moderator directly at clevelandgeorgem@gmail.com and I will send you an easy click invitation. You can opt to receive every message as it's written or get a daily digest.

Your moderator is *always* open to constructive suggestions that will work with what Yahoo provides.

Remember, the Tamworth Exchange is on the internet, so what you read must be true. . . .

— George Cleveland

MINUTES, continued from page 2

ambulance company. ♦ Board appointed Beverly Sullivan and Mariette Ross as deputy treasurers. ♦ Gail Marrone presented checks from the Tamworth Foundation for the swim program and town records archival project. Marrone also thanked the selectmen for their part in the presentation regarding the ball fields. ♦ Ned Beecher shared that a conservation celebration was held on January 17th to recognize the many successes of the Tamworth Conservation Commission over the last several years. He presented a framed photographic collage of the various sites acquired by the TCC to the selectmen as a token of gratitude for their support. (*Note: This collage will be on display for public viewing at the town office and at Cook Memorial Library.*)

Get ready for The Barnstormers 85th season of musicals, comedies, whodunits, and dramas. "This may be our best lineup ever," mused Artistic Director Robert Shea. "These award-winning shows are incredibly entertaining and promise something for everyone."

This year, The Barnstormers' schedule departs from the tradition of "eight plays in eight weeks" to six plays over ten weeks. Four plays will run for two weeks and two will run for one week starting in late June and up to Labor Day.

Barnstormers Board President Margaret Cleveland explains why there's a new schedule: "Quite simply, we want to ensure the absolute highest quality theater experience for our audience while maintaining the integrity and heritage that are the hallmarks of The Barnstormers. Adding two weeks to the schedule and reducing the number of plays means we can invest more time in building our productions, expose our plays to more people, and offer more options for attendance dates. This year is an experiment, and we count on folks to give us feedback on how well it works. Our hope is that everyone will be delighted with the season and that they'll tell their friends to come too."

"Once again, our local core group of actors are joined by others from across the region and the country to create unforgettable theatre in the village. We hope you'll join the fun," added Shea.

Tickets go on sale May 2nd and the early bird gets the best seats! For more information, visit www.barnstormerstheatre.org.

— Victoria West

TAMWORTH 250TH UPDATE

The selectmen-appointed Tamworth 250th Celebration Steering Committee is actively engaging businesses, organizations, and individuals in the upcoming twelve-month community celebration. The focus will be on the five villages of Tamworth, their uniqueness, their contribution to the town, and how Tamworth has changed in the last fifty years. The commemorative festivities begin in October 2015 at the Remick Farm, followed by a variety of events throughout the subsequent twelve months. On October 14th, 2016, the 250th anniversary of the signing of the town charter, the year-long party concludes.

The Tamworth 250th Committee has plans for memorabilia, a calendar, a cookbook needing your recipes, a community quilt, as well as a collection of stories from Tamworth residents. The committee is also coordinating fundraising to make the year-long celebration self-supporting, while allowing all citizens to participate in events at little to no cost. To that end, there will be opportunities for businesses and citizens to contribute.

Fundraising kicks off with a yard sale on May 23rd at Runnells Hall. Items are needed (no electronics please). Please contact Pat Perkins at 367-1117 about the yard sale, story compilation, cookbook, and the quilt.

For details about ongoing plans and events, check in at www.tamworth250.org or www.facebook.com/Tamworth250.

— John Wacker, Chair

TAMWORTH DISTILLING & MERCANTILE TO OPEN IN MAY

After successfully creating the brand worlds behind the internationally acclaimed Sailor Jerry Rum and Hendrick's Gin, Steven Grasse invented his own line of spirits, with eclectic recipes drawn from local folklore, both from the city where he lived and his own family history. He called it Art in the Age of Mechanical Reproduction, and it included the popular



Root, a pre-prohibition alcoholic version of what became root beer, and Rhubarb Tea, based on an old family recipe.

So it's only natural that he was drawn to the village of Tamworth, New Hampshire. Inspired by the 19th century American Transcendentalists and taking a page from Henry David Thoreau (who mentioned Tamworth in his journals), he once again set out to take an old-fashioned idea and fashion it into something completely new.

Tamworth Distilling, set to open at the end of May, is the culmination of Grasse's vision and the conclusion of his search for an ambitious project where he can have a hand in everything from the quality of ingredients — many sourced from local New Hampshire farms — to the ethical disposal of waste. For example, spent grains from the distillery go directly to nearby White Gates Farm for agricultural use.

"Farm to bottle, bottle to farm, farm to table" is how he refers to the unbroken circle of old school, pre-industrial distilling he's set out to achieve.

Why New Hampshire and not his native Pennsylvania?

"One word: fracking," Grasse says. "New Hampshire is the Granite State. And you can't frack granite."

100% of the Tamworth Distilling's water comes from the nearby Ossipee Aquifer, a source of some of the purest water in the country.

The grand experiment began with the opening of the Tamworth Lyceum, inspired by the American Lyceum Movement (started here in New England in 1826), as an

old-fashioned mercantile and a performance space for music.

Many around town may have seen the exterior restoration of the historic (and oldest) section of the Tamworth Inn, which is awaiting future interior restoration to bring a farm-to-table restaurant to Tamworth Village. The Tamworth Garden building saw a rejuvenation and some state-of-the-



art energy upgrades to house the maturing barreled spirits. The entire grounds have been reworked to accommodate the gardens and raised beds to grow edible ingredients for future creations.

Upon opening this summer, guests will be able to sample

Tamworth Distilling's products in the tasting room, which affords a view of the distillery itself. There will also be a gift shop that includes bottles of the spirits, as well as a collection of barware, mixers, books, and other artisanal goods for the home and garden. For those who want to continue experimenting at home, the shop will stock whiskey-barrel-aging kits, as well as an apothecary-style bar of herbs, spices, and fruit for infusions.

Using local grains to create their spirits, giving those spent grains to farms, and eventually creating meals from locally grown produce and livestock to pair with their house-made spirits at the future Tamworth Inn restaurant is how Tamworth Distilling's dream of a truly self-sustainable endeavor will become a reality.

Preserving historic buildings and producing newly created spirits; reviving old traditions and making them new; it's all part of an elegant solution to today's contemporary problems.

Sound complicated? Their sustainably-sourced applejacks, whiskeys, and gins won't be. "It's simple: pure ingredients create pure flavors" says head distiller Jamie Oakes. We'll drink to that.

Visit tamworthdistilling.com to learn more.

— Erik Bader



TAMWORTH COMMUNITY CALENDAR

- Sundays**
Featured musician at 1PM; song circle & jam session at 2. Tamworth Lyceum in Tamworth Village.
- Sundays**
Dinner Bell. 5PM, at St. Andrew's Church on Whittier Road.
- Tuesdays & Fridays**
Community Food Center at St. Andrew's Church, open 10–12. Call 960-4067.
- Tuesdays**
Storytime for young children. First three Tuesdays of the month. Cook Library, 10:30–11:30.
- Tuesdays, every other week**
Fiber Arts group meets. 9:30AM at Remick Museum. Free. Call 323-7591 for dates & details.
- Thursdays, through June 11th**
The Farmers' Table lunch at The Community School. By donation; reservations appreciated. Starts at noon. 323-7000.
- Saturdays, beginning May 16th**
Tamworth Farmer's Market. Unitarian Church parking lot, Tamworth Village, 9–1.
- Friday, May 1st**
May Day at the Stone Cottage Pub, a murder mystery dinner at Saint Andrew's-in-the-Valley. 6PM prompt. \$25/person. Reservations strongly recommended.
- Saturday, May 2nd**
Valley Pride Day trash pick-up. Registration at Brett School parking lot from 8:30–10.
- Saturdays, May 2nd & June 6th**
Bean Supper at South Tamworth Union Hall. Two setting: 5:00 & 5:45. \$8/adult \$4/child.
- Wednesdays, May 6th, 13th, & 20th**
Bird walks with Ned Beecher. Meet at 7AM at Town House parking lot. 387-7869.
- Wednesday, May 6th**
Past & present climate change in the White Mountains with Brian Fowler. Cook Library, 7PM.
- Saturday, May 9th**
Mt. Chocorua trail clean up. Starts at 8:30AM. Meet at 498 Chocorua Lake Road. No experience necessary.
- Sunday, May 10th**
Firemen's Club Mother's Day breakfast. Runnells Hall, 7–10AM. \$6 adults, \$3 kids.
- Fridays, May 15th & 29th**
Remick Farm plant & field walks with herbalist. 10AM. Call 323-7591 for details.
- Saturday, May 16th**
Community School spring fair, 9–2. Seedlings, plants, lunch, games, & multi-family yard sale.
- Saturday, May 16th**
Get Healthy Tamworth! Learn about healthy foods. Sponsored by the Tamworth Community Nurse. Tamworth Lyceum, 10–11AM.
- Saturday, May 16th**
K.A. Brett School PTA golf tournament. Call 323-7271, ext.304 for more information.
- Saturday/Sunday, May 16th & 17th**
Intertribal powwow at Tamworth Camping Area on Depot Road. 10–5 both days. Call 617-5852.
- Monday, May 18th**
Remick Farm homeschool class: *wild edibles*. 10AM. Call 323-7591 for details.
- Wednesday, May 20th**
Celebrate international year of soils — recycle organics! with Ned Beecher. Cook Library, 7 PM.
- Wednesday, May 27th**
Take me out to the ball game. Major League baseball greats speak at Cook Library, 7PM.
- Friday, May 29th**
Children's small farmers club at Remick Farm. The topic is "Pigs." 10AM. Call 323-7591 for details.
- Saturday, May 30th**
Cook Library plant sale & raffle, 9–1.
- Sunday, June 7th**
Barnstormers' annual Marion Cleveland Cohen memorial golf tournament. Details at barnstormerstheatre.org, or call 323-2933.
- Wednesday, June 10th**
The construction, history, & service of the U.S.S. Constitution with Brad Wolff. Cook Library, 7PM.
- Wednesday, June 17th**
Serious illness communication: how to help your doctors help you and your family with B. Joseph Semmes MD. Cook Library, 7PM.
- Thursday, June 25th**
Barnstormers Theatre opens its 85th season. Visit barnstormerstheatre.org or call 323-8500 for details.
- Saturday, June 27th**
Contradance with caller David Harvey. Tamworth Town House, 7:30–10:30. Sponsored by the Tamworth Outing Club. Summer dance series runs every Saturday night through September 5th. See tamworthoutingclub.org for details.

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION AT THE K. A. BRETT SCHOOL

If your child will be five years old on or before September 30th, 2015 and is a resident of Tamworth, you need to call Kathi Brown at 323-7271 to make an appointment for Kindergarten registration, which will take place on Monday, May 4th and Tuesday May 5th.

Send calendar items to TCNcalendar@gmail.com. Submissions for the July 1st TCN are due by June 12th.

TOWN CLERK OFFERS E-SERVICES

2015 marks the sixth year of online services offered by the Tamworth Town Clerk/Tax Collector's office to the people of Tamworth. And, with each year, the popularity of these services increases.

Beginning with the "E-Reg" for motor vehicle renewals in January 2010, three other routine transactions — dog licensing, property tax payments, and vital records requests — were added to the online menu by September 2012.

The clerk accepts ACH transactions (sometimes known as an electronic check) as well as credit/debit cards from American Express, Visa, Mastercard, and Discover.

There is a \$2.50 fee for each online transaction, plus \$1.00 to cover mailing costs. In addition, when using a credit/debit card (either online or in person), there is processing fee of 2.95% of the total amount charged (\$1.50 minimum). This fee is not charged for ACH payments.

Open Tuesday through Friday, the clerk's office makes every effort to complete all transactions received via the internet in a timely manner, but does suggest that for a motor vehicle renewal one does not wait until the end of the renewal month. A customer may request a motor vehicle renewal as early as a month in advance. Once you receive confirmation of your payment from the clerk, your requested dog license, vehicle registration, vital record, or property tax statement should be in the mail within three to five business days.

The Tamworth Town Clerk/Tax Collector is pleased to offer these online services to assist all Tamworth residents, from the snowbirds, overseas citizens, and military, to those who just can't make it to the clerk's office during open hours. Online services can be accessed through the Tamworth town website: www.tamworthnh.org. Look for the "Online Payments & Services" icon on the home page.

— Kim Trammell, Tamworth Town Clerk & Tax Collector

TAMWORTH RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Call Director Parker Roberts for program info, 323-7582

ONGOING ACTIVITIES

Tai Chi, Town House, Monday, 6-7:30PM; Tuesday, 9:30-11AM.

Call Parker to find out which class is appropriate for you, as one is introductory and one is for more experienced students.

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

Living Strong, Town House, Tuesdays & Thursdays, 8-9AM.

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PRESERVING TAMWORTH'S OFFICIAL RECORDS

At Tamworth Town Meeting in March, funding was approved for a town records retention and preservation project. An amendment to article #3 increased the 2015 budget for the Town Clerk/Tax Collector by \$3,500 to a total of \$42,974, thereby increasing the total of warrant article #3 to \$676,823. David Little, representing the Tamworth Foundation, explained that this amendment would not increase taxes, as the Tamworth Foundation had already approved a grant for \$3,500 to fully fund the amendment amount.

Little explained that this money will pay for the first three phases of a project to conserve the town's historical records.

Phase 1: To move town records currently stored in the vault at the Tamworth Town House to the climate-controlled environment at the town office. A number of those volumes are showing visible signs of mold.

Phase 2: To develop and implement a records retentions policy for Tamworth's town records, with the help of a professional archivist, in order to keep historical records required by New Hampshire state statutes and eliminate the rest.

Phase 3: To have a professional archivist inventory and prioritize those historical records most in need of professional preservation.

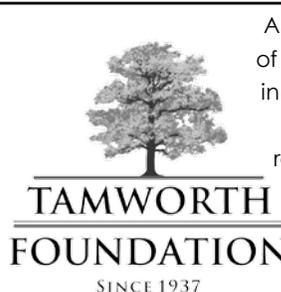
With the completion of these three phases, Tamworth will be eligible for Moose Plate grants through the state to fund the professional preservation of the town's historic records. An additional benefit of the project is that there will be space in the town office vault to properly store these important documents.

Until a full plan is developed beyond Phases 1-3, it is too early to say exactly what subsequent phases will include or cost. Other towns have digitalized their town records; some have developed an electronic finding aid to provide easier access to the records, thereby reducing handling of original documents.

In his presentation at town meeting, Little pointed out that there is also a need to upgrade the town house vault to create a climate-controlled environment that can safely store historical documents there as well.

The grant received by Tamworth's citizens at town meeting 2015 will begin the process of organizing and preserving town records for the benefit of all, now and in the years to come.

— Amy Berrier



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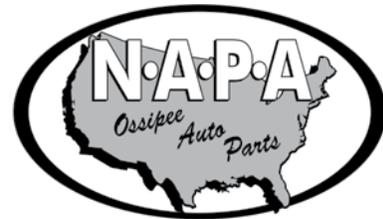


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THE VIEW FROM HERE

Fifteen years ago, in May 2000, the Tamworth Civic Association published *Tamworth Today: A Town Profile & Guidebook*. To quote from the introduction, the book is: “A celebration of the myriad layers of commerce, community, and creativity that weave the vibrant fabric of life here. . . . It is a book inspired by what Tamworth has to offer. . . . It is a community effort by local writers, artists, and poets — of all ages — who share a dedication to Tamworth. The end result is a useful reference for today and an historical document for the future.”

Every two months, the *Tamworth Civic News* puts the philosophy behind this book into your hands. We celebrate the amazing array of activities going on in town, print stories about new and ongoing endeavors, and strive to provide our readers with information about Tamworth now — today — with a little historical perspective thrown in.

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MEDICATION DISPOSAL

If you are holding medications to turn in at the national drug take-back days, please note that the program has been discontinued.

Medications can be dropped in permanent collection boxes at:

Moultonborough Police Department, Route 25
(just east of the town center)

Conway Police Department, 35 East Conway Road
(off Route 302 in North Conway)

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Each year, at a gentle bend in the road on the banks of the Bearcamp River, these Bloodroot blossoms emerge, a sure sign that winter is truly over. According to family lore, the original plants were established there by Lizzie Bryant. Born in the family home on Bryant Road in 1859, Great Aunt Lizzie — a character by all accounts, as she also was known as “The Bearcamp Belcher” — lived there until her death in 1940. The story goes that, over the years, she divided plants and shared them with neighbors as so many gardeners do. True or not, the tale is a sweet legacy each Tamworth spring when the sturdy white flowers bloom for passersby to admire.