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## Playgrounders Enjoy the New Playground Too

BY ELIOT PELLETIER

This summer has been a memorable one at the Dublin Summer Playground.

Located at the Dublin Consolidated School, the Playground is a day camp intended for local children ages 5-12. Open weekdays from 9 to 3, we aspire to give kids a safe, fun place to play, create, and grow socially and emotionally. With an over 40-year history, the Dublin Playground is an enduring institution for the children of Dublin.

The summer season saw some notable changes at the Playground. Passersby may have noticed the construction being done on the school driveway. The installation of a new sidewalk has made our weekly walking trips up to the Dublin Public Library's summer reading program a safer endeavor. The number of campers continued to grow, with more than 40 campers attending each day. However, the most meaningful change has been brought about by the fantastic new playground installed at DCS last summer.

The old playground structures were relics from decades ago, and though they served their purpose and provided years of fun, they were in desperate need of an upgrade. The new playground utilizes the space much better, providing for an engaging mix of climbing, hanging, swinging, spinning, and lounging (a favorite spot is a shady suspended bridge the kids refer to as

"the hammock"). It's not uncommon to see about half of our 40-odd campers on, in, or under the different structures at one time!

When asked about the new playground, campers responded very enthusiastically. "I like it because it's multipurpose," said 10-year-old Grace O'Brien. "There's lots of things to do on it."

"I like that they have three slides, one

and Canobie Lake Park, tie-dyeing, four square, capture the flag, and forest games. All campers who desired them were provided with free breakfast and lunch by the ConVal Food Service, a feature much appreciated by parents.

Scholarships for families in need were provided via generous donations from the Dublin Community Foundation and the



small and two big. I love the monkey bars – they are so much fun," explained 7-year-old John Reed.

Of course, the playground was made possible through the hard work of many community members who raised money for the project and then helped construct it. Gabe Michaud, 7 years old, said it best when he told me, "My dad helped build it so I think it looks good."

Other highlights of our summer included bus trips to the NH Fisher Cats

Dublin Riding and Walking Club. A special thanks to the Dublin Public Library for hosting us each week, and the staff of the Dublin Consolidated School for allowing us to use their building and playground.

Thanks to so much support from the community, the Dublin Summer Playground remains a wonderful Dublin tradition.

ELIOT PELLETIER (far left) has been directing Dublin's Summer Playground for the last 13 years. He teaches 3rd grade in Jaffrey during the school year.

## Dublin Public Library

There's still lots of summer left to get that reading in. Check out all the books on display and try a new author. And there are lots of new books coming out from your favorite authors. Have you looked on the new book rack?

### BOOKS

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*The Physics of Everyday Things* by J. Kakalios  
*Justice Approximated* by L.P. Runyon III  
*The Right Side* by S. Quinn

Dublin Public Library's Summer Reading Program has offered children an opportunity to listen to books, work on crafts, and meet new friends. The children of varied ages work and play together whether figuring out a mosaic art project with tiles or building a bridge with blocks.

Our summer theme "Building Friendships," has proven that we can build a better community when we start with our young people.

Join us August 9 for a special art

show of the children's work and a special treat of ice cream sundaes. We want to thank Cles and Diddie Staples who have made this day possible for the children for many years. The program begins at 10 am. We will be reading John and Jennifer Churchman's *Brave Little Finn* and *The SheepOver*. The library will offer Story Time at 10 am for the remainder of the summer on Wednesday mornings.

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## FDPL Presents Popular Puppeteer

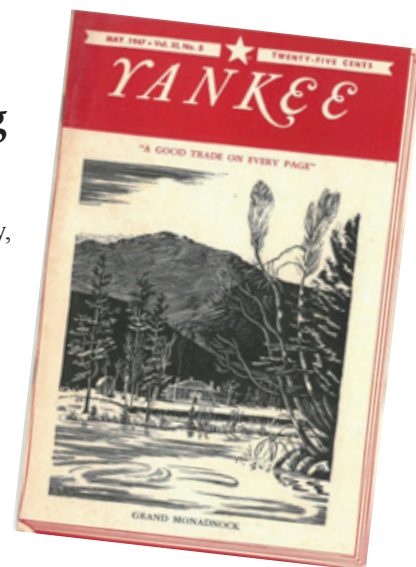
The Friends of the Dublin Public Library welcome back Lindsay and Her Puppet Pals for Children's Day on Saturday, August 5, from 10 am to noon. Lindsay's highly interactive, comedic performances delight the young and the young at heart! These larger-than-life, handcrafted puppets charm even the most timid and provide memorable characters for short stories and skits.

## Trowbridge to Speak at DHS Annual Meeting

At the Annual Meeting of the Dublin Historical Society to be held Friday, August 25, at 7:30 pm at Dublin School's Fountain Arts Building, Jamie Trowbridge will present "The History of *Yankee* – and Dublin in its Pages."

*Yankee's* coverage of Dublin and the Monadnock Region was extensive in its first issues. But the primary way Dublin was represented in *Yankee* over the years was through the paintings and illustrations of Trix Sagendorph, one of the magazine's founders. Jamie, who is President of Yankee Publishing Inc., will also speak about the history of *Yankee's* offices in the village.

All are welcome to attend.



## The Dublins Gather

The Selectmen's Office will be closed on Wednesday, August 2, and Thursday, August 3, as Sherry Miller and Janice Peck, Town Administrator and assistant, visit Dublin, Ohio, to represent the Town of Dublin at the Gathering of Dublins. They will make a presentation there and we will hear about it in the next issue.

On Wednesday, August 9, the Selectman's Office will also be closed for training.



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## Dublin Women's Club News

Annual Fun Day at the beach is August 18.



BY NANCY CAMPBELL

More than 100 members, their families, and guests have been enjoying the summer at the Women's Club Beach.

We have been fortunate to have long-term employees, Polly Seymour and Megan Briggs, back to provide swimming lessons to many young Dubliners. Natasha Kipka and Mya Kerwin have been our weekend lifeguards. Mya has also been our sailing instructor this year.

The Open House held on June 24 – in

spite of the windy, cool weather – was a success with many people enjoying light refreshments and viewing the improvements to the beach, including new sand for the first time in seven years. As an added attraction that afternoon a bald eagle put on quite a show.

The Beach Annual Fun Day, with the Lake swim, a cookout, games, and sandcastle building will be held on Friday, August 18.

The Board of Directors and Beach Committee thank our employees, our members

who volunteered to put the rafts and docks in the water in mid-June when the water was only 62 degrees, and the Pinney family who donated lunch to the volunteers.

We also thank all those people and organizations who so generously contributed to our annual appeal.

NANCY CAMPBELL is Treasurer of the Dublin Women's Club.

### Out on the Water & Up in the Sky

The Rec Committee is sponsoring two events in August.

- **Howe Reservoir Paddling Excursion**, Friday evening, August 11, from 7 to 9 pm. Meet at the pullout along 101 and bring a canoe or kayak.

- **Solar Eclipse Viewing**, Monday, August 21. The eclipse will be happening from 1-3 in the afternoon, but it is unsafe to view it directly. Come at 12:30 to make a viewer. Look for the white cottage in the middle of a large field at 91 Charcoal Rd.

For more information on either event, please call Tom Warren, 563-7194.



## Summer Safety Series Community Cookout

The Dublin Police Department will host its last event in the summer safety series on Saturday, August 5, from 11 am to 2 pm in the Dublin Town Hall parking lot (located behind Town Hall). The family-oriented event will include free food, games, and a bicycle safety class for the

kids, who can also 'Touch-A-Truck' with members of the Police, Fire, and Highway Departments. Bring your bikes, include your appetites, and join us for some fun. Parking will be available in the Yankee lot.

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# News from DCS

BY NICOLE PEASE

Happy Summer! I hope everyone has been able to enjoy the lovely weather this season brings to our town. Summer surely means a break in the day-to-day hustle and bustle in our community school, yet it also brings a great deal of behind-the-scenes work.

The custodial staff is working diligently to clean the building from floor to ceiling in preparation for the new school year – no small feat as they are working around the Dublin Summer Playground!

DCS staff and I have been working on plans for the upcoming school year as well. I have been planning to strengthen our school motto of “DCS Cares...for ourselves, each other, our school, and our community,” among other things.

Staff have been working on classroom planning including preparation around new multi-grade and single-grade classrooms. As our 5th graders’ families requested their children all attend SMS in the fall, our staffing and classroom configurations have changed. Susan Ellingwood will teach Kindergarten and First Grade; Deb Lang



Photo by Sarah Chatfield-Seaver

will teach Second Grade; and Deb Quinn will teach Third and Fourth Grade.

Our school year begins for new staff on August 24, for returning staff on August 25, and for students on August 31. Right now it seems like a stretch, but I know, by then, we will be ready and waiting.

DCS needs our community members’ support in a very different way. We are so very fortunate to have such backing from our small town and I am hoping you might consider the following opportunity to get involved. Through analysis of the responses by parents to a spring survey, it is clear there is a strong need for after-school options for our students.

Please consider coordinating an after-school opportunity at DCS with school staff in the building. I will happily meet with you to plan and prepare. Some suggestions that came from the survey were chess, bird walks/talks, reading, readers’ theater, building with Legos, and tea parties. Think about something you are interested in that might be of interest to our students. Please get in touch if you have any ideas or are willing to support our school in this much-needed way!

Enjoy the rest of the summer. Do come to visit in the fall – just please call first!

NICOLE PEASE, principal of Dublin Consolidated School, is also the SAU1 District Math Coach.

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## The Friendliest Farm

BY TRACEYMAY KALVAITIS

When was the last time you visited the Friendly Farm? Can you remember the feeling of baby goats eating out of your hand? How about the heart-melting vision of a pile of baby bunnies all nestled together sleeping in the straw?

Just last week our family visited the farm, in honor of a request made by my youngest daughter to spend her birthday there. We were entranced by the experience there and, as you can likely discern, the sense of wonder is still lingering.

Bruce Fox says that 90 percent of his visitors are return customers, people who found such joy and wisdom in the bucolic nature of the place that each year they renew that relationship. That generations of children across southern New Hampshire have been introduced to this vanishing part of rural life is not to be taken for granted, but to be cherished for its inherent beauty.

The Fox family has had the farm for 52 years; Bruce bought it from his father and all four of his sons, and many non-relatives as well, earned their summer livings there. Currently, Isaac Bacon, a recent ConVal graduate from Peterborough is in his second year



Shelby Bourgoine and Isaac Bacon at the Friendly Farm.

assisting Shelby Bourgoine, senior manager, in her seventh year. Since Bruce has recently thrown his hat into the ring for State Senate, he will have plenty of experienced help at home on the farm.

Yesterday, as I drove by the farm on the way to Keene, I was able to slow down enough to safely take in the view of the chocolate-colored sheep and her chocolate twin lambs, the brown and white calf named JB, the cow Annabelle, and there was Bruce over by the pig pen with at least a dozen children and adults gathered around. It made me wonder what was going on over there. I'm not exactly sure, but this I do know: that on any given day of the week, there are giggling children feeding baby creatures of all shapes and sizes; they

are engaged in a way that is rare in this day and age . . . taking care of something vital and alive and experiencing a connection as old as time itself. The adults accompanying those children are reconnecting with the same powerful forces, and I think that's the heart of why a visit to Friendly Farm is always so much more meaningful than one might expect.

TRACEYMAY KALVAITIS teaches at Mountain Shadows School, and serves on the Conservation Commission and the Board of the Dublin Community Center.

## Cornucopia Visits DCS Garden Regularly



BY HANNAH BISSEX

Look out this summer for Cornucopia's two Farm to Fork Fellows, Daisy Young and Kelley Akerley, as they tend to the Dublin Consolidated School's educational gardens. Beyond our volunteer stewards' efforts, Daisy and Kelley ensure that the gardens stay in good shape for the elementary kids when they return to school in the fall for the seven-week Cornucopia curriculum. This is an extension of the work that the fellows do at the hoop house across the street from ConVal off Route 202.

Daisy and Kelley are in the second year of the program as rising juniors, and they are already taking a leadership role as they train a new class of incoming sophomores. Kelley is among three other first-year fellows as "legacy" students from the very first year of the Cornucopia Project programming in Hancock started by Kin Schilling. Their commitment to growing food and com-

munity are a testament to the power of having young people in the garden.

Food from the DCS garden will go towards a community harvest dinner in the fall.

HANNAH BISSEX is the Farm to Fork coordinator at the Cornucopia Project (which has just relocated to Vose Farm Rd., conveniently close to the hoop garden house on Route 202). For details, visit [www.cornucopiaproject.org](http://www.cornucopiaproject.org).

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## August Events at the Hub

### Craft for a Cause

On Tuesday, August 1, the Mountain View Bible Church will host 'Ryan's Case for Smiles,' a Charity Sew Night at the Dublin Community Center from 7 to 9 pm. This is open to everyone in the community. We will be making pillowcases for kids with cancer who are in the hospital. These pillowcases provide children with an emotional boost to remind them that they are not defined by their illness. This simple gift enhances the emotional well-being of the children and their families. You can help by donating happy, whimsical fabric in pre-washed 3/4 and 1/3 yard pieces (no metallic fabric please) and/or sewing with us on August 1 (bring your sewing machine and tools). If you would like a copy of the free pillowcase pattern or if you have any questions, please email Liz Ogden at [secretary@mtnviewbible.org](mailto:secretary@mtnviewbible.org). Snacks and drinks will be provided that night.

The Dublin Community Center is located at 1123 Main Street, Dublin. Drop in Monday or Wednesday mornings, call 563-8080, or visit [www.dublincommunitycenter.org](http://www.dublincommunitycenter.org).

### Ask A Muslim Anything

BY JUNE BRENING

Robert Azzi's talk on August 5 at 7 pm is entitled "Ask A Muslim Anything." Refreshments will be served at 6:30 pm. A photojournalist, columnist, and public speaker who lives in Exeter, NH, Robert Azzi is an Arab American Muslim. He writes on issues of identity, conflict, and Islam, particularly as they apply in the Middle East and the Global South. Born in New Hampshire, he's lived in Beirut, Cairo, Athens, Jeddah, and New York. He returned to the Granite State in the late 1980s.



Azzi has been a Nieman Fellow in Journalism at Harvard University, a member of the Leadership Council of the Harvard Divinity School, and an advisor to Tufts

University's Fletcher School committee on Islam and South-West Asia. As a photojournalist his work appeared frequently in such publications as *Life*, *Time*, *Newsweek*, *National Geographic*, *Fortune*, and other domestic and international publications. Donations greatly appreciated.

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JUNE BRENING is the Volunteer Coordinator for the Dublin Community Center.

### Art (and Music) at Opening

August's featured artist is April Claggett, a representational painter who works in oils, and recently received her MFA from the University of Massachusetts, Dartmouth. Many of April's paintings include the human figure within a domestic setting. In her artist's statement, she says her inspiration comes from capturing "simple conscious experience in which a figure is involved in a larger geometric space... the beauty of existence that is found simply in light, shape, and space."

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**August Events at the Hub** *continued*

artist, April is a musician. She and her husband, Rhine Singleton, comprise a duo called "Blame it on Sally." They will



"Chair Back," April Claggett, oil on panel, 11" x 21"

perform original music written by Rhine at the artist's reception on Thursday, August 10, from 5 to 7 pm with light refreshments; "Blame it on Sally" will play from 5:45 to 6:15 pm. All are welcome.

**HCS Nurse Is In during Lunch**

**H**ome Healthcare, Hospice and Community Services (HCS) is offering a Nurse Is In wellness clinic on Tuesday, August 15, from 12 to 1 pm.

Our HCS wellness nurse will check blood pressures and be available to answer questions about home care and any other health concerns. This screening is open to residents of all area towns and is offered free of charge. No appointment necessary.

The Nurse Is In clinics are sponsored by HCS, a Monadnock United Way agency. For details, visit [HCSservices.org](http://HCSservices.org) or call 352-2253.

This Nurse Is In clinic coincides with the Community Lunch, also on August 15, from 12 to 1 pm.

**August Forum on Schools**

**J**oin us on Saturday, August 26, from 4:30 to 5:30 pm to learn more about the Secondary Schools of Dublin from the people who run them.

Brad Bates, Head of School, will talk about Dublin School, an independent boarding and day school for grades 9-12.

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Eric Moody, Head of School, will talk about Dublin Christian Academy, which educates students from kindergarten to grade 12. It was founded in 1964 on the farm originally belonging to Nelson and Ruth Blount.

The forum postponed in July will be rescheduled. Stay tuned!

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## River Center Gears Up

The annual free back-to-school haircuts event is August 28.

BY MARGARET NELSON

It doesn't get much better than summer in Dublin. We are surrounded by beauty. The lake, the mountain, the hiking trails, and the marsh hawk that visited our yard today. I hope you are taking time to relax, recharge, and create some lasting memories with your family this summer.

August at The River Center means get-

ting ready for fall. For many families, the start of school means additional expenses: school supplies, clothes, shoes, and haircuts all add up.

The annual Tidy Trims free back-to-school haircuts event is planned for Monday, August 28. Please help spread the word! I love seeing the smiles on the children, hair stylists, and parents after a new haircut.

And as we get ready for the fall, remember that we have groups for grandparents who are parenting their grandchildren, parents of teens and tweens, parents of little ones, the Safe Sitter course, book groups,

Tunes for Tots, and more. Check out our website for specifics and join us.

The River Center is excited to host Lynn Lyons, author of *Anxious Kids, Anxious Parents*, on Tuesday evening, October 24. She will talk about ways to stop the worry cycle. Reserve your spot.

For more information, please contact me at [mnelson@rivercenter.us](mailto:mnelson@rivercenter.us), or call 924-6800.

MARGARET NELSON is Executive Director of The River Center Family and Community Resource Center, located at Vose Farm Rd., Suite 115, Peterborough, NH 03458; [www.rivercenter.us](http://www.rivercenter.us).

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## Baha'i Community Hosts Talk on Grenville Clark

BY PHIL AND RUTHIE GAMMONS

Once again this year the Baha'is of the Monadnock Region of New Hampshire will commemorate the visit of Abdu'l-Baha to Dublin in the summer of 1912. Abdu'l-Baha was the son of Baha'u'llah, Prophet Founder of the Baha'i Faith, and leader of the Baha'is from 1892 until His death in 1921.

To commemorate Abdu'l-Baha's visit, there will be a program at the Dublin Community Church on Sunday, August 13, at 3 pm, in which Mr. Augusto Lopez-Claros of Washington, DC, will speak about former Dublin resident and statesman Grenville Clark and his contributions to global peace.

There will also be readings and prayers for peace.

**Grenville Clark** (1882-1967), a peace advocate for both World Wars, was the focus of Ian Aldrich's exemplary profile prepared for the Dublin Historical Society's newsletter No. 81 in Spring of 2011. Clark's powerful and wise influence was felt both locally and internationally. His life work and papers have been gathered at Dartmouth College and a recounting of his achievements is the topic of the Baha'i talk on August 13 at the Dublin Community Church at 3 pm, the same church where Clark's funeral (standing-room-only) was held in 1967. Clark authored *A Plan for Peace* published by Harper & Brothers, New York, 1950. This photo, from the flyleaf of that book, is courtesy of Dublin Historical Society.



## The History of Abdu'l-Baha in Dublin

At the invitation of Mrs. Agnes Parsons, Abdu'l-Baha stayed in Dublin for three weeks during the summer of 1912. After being released from imprisonment in Palestine in 1908, He was able to travel extensively, initially to Europe in 1911 and later to North America from April to December 1912. The accounts of His journeys and talks in France, England, and America were published in many newspapers at the time, and are now available in several publications.

While He was here Abdu'l-Baha spoke at the homes of local residents and at the Dublin Church and the Dublin Inn. These talks centered on the Baha'i Faith and its teachings on universal peace, the elimination of all forms of prejudice, the equality of women and men, the need for universal

education, and other topics. One of the most remarkable meetings took place at the boathouse on Dublin Lake owned by Mrs. Parsons, and now the property of the Dublin School. At this time Abdu'l-Baha spoke to approximately 25-30 of the African-American servants who worked at various homes in Dublin. We know little of the talk except that it centered on the unity of the races. We do know that He used that occasion to inform those gathered at the boathouse of the upcoming marriage between two of the early Baha'is – Mr. Louis Gregory, an African American lawyer from Washington, DC, and Miss Louisa Mathews from England.

Today the Baha'is understand this to be one of the most significant acts of Abdu'l-Baha during His entire journey to this

A reception will follow at the historic Dublin Inn (1265 Main Street) at 4 pm. These events are free and open to the public.

Also on August 13, Augusto will be speaking at the regular Sunday morning service at the Dublin Community Church, which begins at 9 am. All are welcome to attend both events.

**Augusto Lopez-Claros**, who will be speaking on Sunday, August 13, at the Dublin Community Church about the career of Grenville Clark, is a Senior Advisor in the Development Economics Vice Presidency of the World Bank Group. Between 2011 and 2017 he was the Director of the Global Indicators Group, and previously he was Chief Economist and Director of the Global Competitiveness Program at the World Economic Forum in Geneva, where he was also the Editor of the *Global Competitiveness Report*, the Forum's flagship publication, as well as a number of regional economic reports.

He was educated in England and the United States, receiving a diploma in Mathematical Statistics from Cambridge University and a PhD in Economics from Duke University. He is a much-sought-after international speaker, having lectured in the last several years at some of the world's leading universities and think tanks.



continent in 1912. He spoke of interracial marriage during a number of talks in this country, a startling idea for many at the time, but nevertheless an essential element in the promotion of human understanding and international peace. (For more on the marriage of Louis Gregory and Louisa Mathews please visit [www.thejourneywest.org/2012/08/02/](http://www.thejourneywest.org/2012/08/02/).)

For more information, please contact Phil or Ruthie Gammons at 563-8809 or visit [dublininn.bahai.us](http://dublininn.bahai.us).

## Arts Around the Region in August

As so often happens in these summer months, in addition to enjoying our hills and woods, lakes and streams, flowers and vegetables, there is the bounty that our region offers for our cultural pleasure: music and the arts, theater and dance, camps and classes, lectures and forums. This year is no exception.

### Music in Nearby Nelson

BY LARRY AMES

The Monadnock Folklore Society presents Night Tree on Thursday, August 3, at 7:30 pm at the Nelson Town Hall. Admission is \$18/\$15 (seniors, students, or in advance).



Night Tree will perform in Nelson on August 3.

Rooted in original works spanning from the Celtic world, sextet Night Tree creates original music that borrows from the Swedish, Jewish, and American folk traditions. Night Tree includes the dark resonance of the cello, baritone saxophone, and cajón meeting with the drones of accordion and intertwining with the melodies of dueling fiddles. Night Tree has discovered a sound both colorfully and resonantly different while delving into the realm of harmonies and rhythm that range from edgy to inviting.

Night Tree, named the 2016-2017 Wild-card Honors Ensemble at the New England Conservatory (NEC), first began in a practice room with just fiddle, cajón, and accordion. It quickly expanded to include an additional fiddle player, cellist, and baritone saxophone.

LARRY AMES handles PR for the Monadnock Folklore Society (concertinfo@monadnockfolk.org; www.monadnockfolk.org); he can be reached at (603) 547-8809.

### Amos Fortune Forum

The Amos Fortune Forum invites residents and friends of the Monadnock Region to hear notable speakers who welcome the opportunity to present their ideas on issues of public interest and importance on Friday evenings in August, at 8 pm, at the historic Meeting House built in Jaffrey in 1775.

On August 4, Mary Drew and Lt. Terry Choate will speak about “New Hampshire’s Silent Killer,” focusing on NH’s ranking of second in the country for fatal overdoses per 1000 people, and second to last in the country for providing affordable, accessible treatment to people who have struggles with alcoholism and addiction.

They will discuss how individuals and entire communities can invest in carrying out a comprehensive agenda that includes drug and alcohol abuse prevention, intervention, treatment, and recovery support services to make a collective impact.

On August 11, Christine Destrepes, founder and director of Art for Water and now the Executive Director of Art & Dialogue (www.artanddialogue.org), is joined by two other artists, Blyth Hazen & Sam Kelly, to present their unique method to engage entire communities in public-participation art. “Taking Art off

the Wall: Creating Meaningfully” breaks down the barrier between the elite world of art and the general public. Sam Kelly is a recent graduate from the New Hampshire Institute of Art’s BFA program and Blyth Hazen is a professor at Montserrat College of Art, in Beverly, MA.

On August 18, Larissa MacFarquhar will tell stories of people who live lives of extraordinary moral commitment in “Impossible Idealism and the Urge to Help.” Larissa MacFarquhar, author of *Strangers Drowning: Impossible Idealism, Drastic Choices, and the Urge to Help*, has been a staff writer at *The New Yorker* magazine since 1998, where her profile subjects have included Barack Obama, Noam Chomsky, and Hillary Mantel.

### August at the Players

BY FRED LEVENTHAL

For the first time in its history, the Peterborough Players will present a full-scale Broadway musical on its intimate stage – the hugely successful Mel Brooks comedy, *The Producers*, which ran for six years on Broadway and garnered a record 12 Tony Awards.

This hysterically funny play, based on an Academy Award-winning movie, centers on two producers who conspire to get rich by overselling shares in a planned Broadway flop. Complications – financial and legal – arise when the show unexpectedly turns out to be a hit. Heading a large cast of actors, dancers, and musicians are



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### Final Summer Event by The Walden School

On Friday, August 4, the final summer performance of The Walden School Choral Concert will take place at All Saints’ Church in Peterborough at 7:30 pm. It is free and open to the public.

The Walden School was twice awarded Chamber Music America/ASCAP Adventurous Programming Awards, received the New Music Educator Award from the American Music Center (now New Music USA), and has been a finalist for a National Arts and Humanities Youth Program Award.

For more information about The Walden School, visit [www.waldenschool.org](http://www.waldenschool.org).

## Arts Around the Region *continued*

Kraig Swartz and Tom Frey as the conniving protagonists. *The Producers* will be performed August 2 to 13 with matinees on August 6, 8, and 13.

*The Doctor's Dilemma*, the twelfth play by Bernard Shaw to be produced at the Players, opens on August 16 and runs until August 27.



This 1906 social comedy is both a critique of the medical profession and a

plea for a national health system. It poses the dilemma of a successful London physician who has developed a revolutionary cure for tuberculosis but can only treat a small number of worthy patients. He must decide whether to allocate scarce resources to save an altruistic medical colleague or an unscrupulous young artist.

The Second Company will offer a musical adaptation of the children's favorite, *James and the Giant Peach*, based on the story by Roald Dahl, about a boy who discovers a magic potion to grow an enormous peach that will take him across the ocean. *James* will be given five performances, on August 19, 21, 22, 25, and 26.



FRED LEVENTHAL is a Trustee of the Peterborough Players ([www.peterboroughplayers.org](http://www.peterboroughplayers.org)), 55 Hadley Rd, Peterborough, NH 03458; 924-7585.

## Lyceum Speakers

The Monadnock Summer Lyceum ([www.monadnocklyceum.org](http://www.monadnocklyceum.org)) presents world-class speakers on summer Sunday mornings in the historic Peterborough Unitarian Universalist Church. Enlightening presentations on social, political, educational, cultural, scientific, economic, environmental and artistic topics of our time enrich your summer. Speakers begin at 11 am every Sunday. Come at 10:30 to enjoy a live music performance before the

On August 13, MacDowell Medal Day takes the place of the Lyceum. Join author and MacDowell Chairman Michael Chabon to celebrate filmmaker David Lynch, the 2017 Edward MacDowell Medalist. Journalist and Lynch biographer Kristine McKenna will speak about Lynch and his contributions to cinema, providing context for the 58th annual Edward MacDowell Medal in the Arts. Ceremony 12:15 pm; picnic on the grounds 1:15 pm; Open Studios 2-5 pm. MacDowell Colony ([www.macdowellcolony.org](http://www.macdowellcolony.org)) is at 100 High Street, Peterborough, NH.

talk. The Lyceum is rebroadcast by NHPR on the following Sunday at 10 pm.

On August 6, Ingrid Thoft will present on "Writing Near the 'Third Rail': Weaving Social Issues into Mysteries."

On August 20, Ashton Applewhite presents "This Chair Rocks: How Ageism Warps Our View of Long Life."

And on August 27, David Hajdu and Jill Sobule speak about "Their Songs Were Their Weapon: The Role of Music in Political Resistance in America."

## Stage2Screen Series

The River Street Theater in Jaffrey offers *Falsettos* musical from Lincoln

Center in high definition August 3 through 5 at 7:30 pm and also August 5 at 2 pm.

Stratford Festival's Shakespeare's *Love's Labour's Lost* in HD, is showing August 6 at 1:30 pm and 6:30 pm and on August 7 at 1:30 pm.

Stage Russia HD's Chekhov's *Anna Karenina* in HD (in Russian with subtitles) is playing on August 13 at 1:30 pm and 6:30 pm and also on August 4 at 1:30 pm.

On August 16, at 7 pm, "His Girl Friday" (1940) with Cary Grant & Rosalind Russell, is a fundraiser film to benefit the Jaffrey Woman's Club and the restoration of their home, the Cutler Memorial Building. Tickets are \$10.

Stratford Festival's Shakespeare's *King John* in HD, showing August 20 at 1:30 pm and 6:30 pm and August 21 at 1:30 pm.

Plus The River Street Theater offers a Free Film Festival: *The Intern* August 8; *Moonstruck* August 15; *Space Cowboys* August 22; *Second Hand Lions* August 28; *October Sky* August 29. All films are shown at 2 pm and 7 pm

The River Street Theatre (in downtown Jaffrey, 6 River Street) is sponsored by Grove Street Fiduciary, Coca-Cola, the Board of Trustees of the Park Theatre, Janet S. Grant, Betty Locke, Owen Houghton, and the James F. and Fernande Kelly Charitable Trust.

## Art in Jaffrey

The Jaffrey Civic Center is hosting a mixed media exhibit titled, "Avian Nature," by Karena Ness from August 4 to September 1 in the upstairs Cunningham Gallery.

Karena Ness grew up in a rural North Dakota surrounded by open sky and fields. She moved south to further explore her understanding of painting while earning her MFA in Painting at Savannah College of Art and Design.

In 2006, Karena moved to New Hampshire where she has made her home and continues to discover, experiment, and share her love of art forms through exhibiting and teaching. Free and open to the public. The Jaffrey



Civic Center is at 40 Main Street, Jaffrey, NH. Admission is free. Call 532-6527 or e-mail [info@jaffreyciviccenter.com](mailto:info@jaffreyciviccenter.com).



Members of Monadnock Rotary's committee for the Wellness Festival are wrapping up details for the club's 12th Annual Wellness Festival, which will be held September 16 at the Peterborough Community Center, indoors and out. Pictured are (front, l-r): Vance Finch, Wendy White, and Bob Vecchiotti. In back (l-r): Rob Harris, Jim Fearnside, Bill Gurney, Tom Warren, Dale Gabel, and Jerry Branch. The Rotary meets Tuesdays at 7:30 am at the Dublin Community Church. Visitors are welcome.



Benjamin (Jamie) Pierce graduated on May 24, 2017, from Johns Hopkins University with a Bachelor of Arts degree. He majored in creative writing and is now enjoying his summer in Ithaca, NY. He is shown here with his mother, Sherin Pierce, Publisher and Vice President of *The Old Farmer's Almanac*.

## Two Days for IH Tractor Event

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The 9th Annual New England Power of the Red (International Harvester) will be held August 12 and 13 at Cricket Hill Farm, the same location as the annual Dublin Antique Engine Show, at mile marker 16.4. Gates will open at 7 am; setup is Friday, August 11.

Vendors are welcome but items are restricted to IH products only; there is a \$25 vendors' fee. Any and all IH products will be welcome on the field, i.e., trucks, tractors, scouts, milking equip-



ment, and engines but they must all have the IH logo on it.

2017 sponsors are TM Tractor of Windham, Maine, and Ciardelli Fuel Co. of Milford, NH. The event is hosted by the IH Collectors, New England Chapter 18, to honor Farmall friends Matt Petz and Jerry Bunker.

For details, you can contact Jim Wheeler at 603-721-9328; or visit [www.ihcne18.com](http://www.ihcne18.com) for more information. To register contact Kim Spaulding at 978-433-5540; email [ihcnechapter18@yahoo.com](mailto:ihcnechapter18@yahoo.com).

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# The Great Blue Heron

BY TOM WARREN

The Great Blue Heron is a widespread, adaptable wading bird with seven recognized subspecies based on size and plumage color, represented by the heron we see in Dublin and Florida's Great White Heron, also seen here occasionally. It is the largest bird in Dublin and is often seen alone.

It is the largest heron in North America with long, rounded wings and an S-shape neck in flight. Upper parts are gray, neck streaked with white and brown, and beak is yellowish. They have been around for about 14 million years – long before humans were roaming the Earth.

Its habitat is freshwater marshes and ponds or tidal marshes along the seacoast. Preferred foods are fish, amphibians, snakes, small turtles, small mammals, and birds. They stand or slowly wade in water, sight and grab prey, and swallow it whole. They have strong night vision, which allows night hunting. Audubon observed this bird forcing an Osprey to drop a fish, which the heron then ate.



They have a loud squawk, which is why they are often called “Crank” in New England.

Great Blue Herons choose new mates each year and nest in colonies in dead trees and in colonies (called a rookery) in swamps. The nest is composed of sticks gathered by the male but the female places them in the nest. Nests are sometimes used by Great Horned owls and Bald Eagles, which lay their eggs earlier in the year.

Between two to six pale blue eggs hatch in 25-30 days and young chicks leave the nest at about 60 days. For the first 30 days, chicks eat regurgitated food from both parents. After a few weeks young are on their own and are wandering widely by September. There is a major southward migration in November before the lakes and marshes freeze over.

In Dublin we see them at Mud Pond, Howe Reservoir – on both sides of Route 101 – and occasionally at Dublin Lake.

TOM WARREN is a Trustee of NH Audubon, and leads many local bird walks and canoeing adventures.

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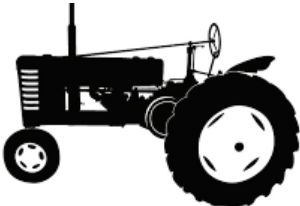
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## AUGUST 2017 Dublin Town Events

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>BOS</b> Board of Selectmen <b>DCC</b> Dublin Community Church <b>DPL</b> Dublin Public Library <b>HUB</b> Dublin Community Center (Open Mon & Weds 9–12) <b>MRC</b> Monadnock Rotary Club <b>TH</b> Town Hall		<b>1 DCC MRC</b> 7:30 am; <b>HUB MVBC</b> Benefit Craft Night 7-9 pm; <b>DPL</b> HillTop Group 6:45 pm	<b>2 TH</b> Selectmen's Office closed; <b>HUB</b> Coffee & Conversation 9:30-12 pm; <b>DPL</b> Summer Reading 10 am; <b>DCC</b> TwoHat Group 7 pm	<b>3 TH</b> Selectmen's Office closed	<b>4</b> Walden School, Peterborough, 7:30 pm	<b>5 DPL</b> Children's Day: Lindsay and her Puppets 10 am; <b>TH</b> DPD Safety Series & Cookout 11 am- 2 pm; <b>HUB</b> Robert Azzi "Ask a Muslim" 6:30 pm
6	<b>7 HUB</b> Coffee & Conversation 9:30-12 pm	<b>8 DCC MRC</b> 7:30 am; <b>DPL</b> HillTop Group 6:45 pm	<b>9 TH</b> Selectmen's Office closed; <b>HUB</b> Coffee & Con- versation 9:30-12 pm; <b>DPL</b> Summer Reading 10 am; <b>DCC</b> TwoHat Group 7 pm	<b>10 HUB</b> Art Opening 5-7 pm; Lyme Support Group 6:30-8:30 pm	<b>11</b> Rec Comm: Howe Reservoir Paddle 7-9 am; <b>HUB</b> Open Mic 7-9 pm	12
<b>13 DCC</b> Full Baha'i Program, 3 pm; Reception to follow at Dublin Inn	<b>14 HUB</b> Coffee & Conversation 9:30-12 pm; <b>TH BOS</b> 4 pm	<b>15 DCC MRC</b> 7:30 am; <b>HUB</b> Community Lunch & Nurse Is In 12-1 pm; <b>DPL</b> HillTop Group 6:45 pm	<b>16 HUB</b> Coffee & Conversation 9:30-12 pm; <b>DPL</b> StoryTime 10 am; <b>FDPL</b> Meeting 6 pm; <b>DCC</b> TwoHat Group 7 pm; <b>TH</b> Conservation Commission 7 pm	<b>17 DPL</b> Recycling 6 pm	<b>18 DWC</b> Beach Fun Day; <b>HUB</b> Ukelele 7-9 pm	19
20	<b>21 HUB</b> Coffee & Conversation 9:30-12 pm; Rec Comm: Solar Eclipse Viewing 12:30 Charcoal Rd.	<b>22 DCC MRC</b> 7:30 am; <b>DPL</b> HillTop Group 6:45 pm	<b>23 HUB</b> Coffee & Conversation 9:30-12 pm; <b>DPL</b> StoryTime 10 am; <b>DCC</b> TwoHat Group 7 pm	<b>24 TH ZBA</b> 7 pm	<b>25 DHS</b> Annual Meeting "The History of Yankee- and Dublin in its Pages" 7:30 pm	<b>26 HUB</b> Community Forum on Dublin Secondary Schools 4:30-5:30 pm
<b>27 HUB</b> Community Chicken BBQ, \$10/\$6, 5-7 pm	<b>28 HUB</b> Coffee & Conversation 9:30-12 pm; River Center: haircuts day; <b>TH BOS</b> 4 pm	<b>29 DCC MRC</b> 7:30 am; <b>DPL</b> HillTop Group 6:45 pm	<b>30 HUB</b> Coffee & Conversation 9:30-12 pm; <b>DPL</b> StoryTime 10 am; <b>DCC</b> TwoHat Group 7 pm	<b>31 First Day of                      School</b>		

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