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Have Tiny House, Will Travel



BY POLLY BANNISTER

Sara Voorhis is in the final phase of constructing a tiny house on wheels at her family's home on Snow Hill Road. She began the project in late 2014, one year after graduating from Keene State College. "So many recent grads could see the housing market is not economically favorable," explains Sara, "despite our degrees, we just can't afford the kind of homes we grew up in." So, she designed a 175-square-foot mobile house, which she describes as "part train car and part Romani vardo." Indeed with curved roof and overhangs, it evokes the romance and charm of a gypsy caravan.

Using money from graduation gifts and crowd sourcing, Sara raised \$4000 to buy a 20-foot trailer, custom built by Tiny Home Builders. She selected this trailer for its strength and weight capacity of 10,000 pounds. Currently about 60% completed, the tiny house weighs just over 5,000 pounds. Sara and her father David Voorhis, mentor and engineer, checked the weight on Monadnock Disposal's scales. Says Sara, "We were getting nervous after the framing, standing seam metal roof, and windows, so I wanted to know the weight as I chose the remaining materials, and be assured I can get this on the road safely!"

Mobility is key for Sara who is a contract archaeologist. She digs throughout New England and New York as part of a Federal program that requires archaeological evaluation prior to large construction jobs in order to prevent the desecration of prehistoric and cultural sites.

When she is not in the field doing archaeology, she is working on the tiny house. What remains to do: applying cedar siding, plumbing (grey water tank and propane hook-ups for cook-top and hot water); composting toilet; foam insulation — chosen for its high R value and rigidity (remember this thing will be rolling down the highway); mobile solar panels, with an inverter and storage batteries; interior walls (likely paneling as sheetrock is heavy and cracks with movement); vinyl flooring, and cabinetry.

A creative challenge for Sara has been finding small space solutions. For example, the stairs to her sleeping loft will have built-in drawers and shelving for storage, and her bathtub is a 3-foot water trough. "Dad helped engineer my visions, problem solve, taught me framing, wiring; and his company, Window Master, made the beautiful Prairie-style wood windows."

Apart from the economic motivation and the positive aspect of building a home with a small carbon footprint, Sara reveals her true inspiration for this tiny house. "My happiest childhood stories," she says, "were those Dad told me of his cross-country trips in his 1947 Ford truck, which he outfitted with a camper. My imagination captured his adventures and now I am ready for my own."

POLLY BANNISTER was a longtime editor at *Yankee Magazine* who now works part time at her husband's business, Window Master.

Annual Hawkwatch Atop Pack

BY FRANCIE VON MERTENS

For over a decade now, locals and not-solocals have met atop Pack Monadnock at NH Audubon's fall hawkwatch — just down the road (and up a bit) from Dublin.

The annual big day, with release of rehabilitated hawks back to the wild at 1 pm on September 16, is timed to coincide with the mass flights of broad-winged hawks swirling by on high.

Audubon staff and volunteers will be doing the official count from September 1 through November 15 as they welcome visitors to the watch (Miller State Park entrance fee \$4).

Then on Tuesday, September 19, 9 am 'til noon,

join me for an easy hike up the south side of Crotched Mountain with blackberries and broad-winged hawks the goal, as well as a leisurely walk up Crotched Mountain Rehab Center's accessible trail. Trailhead is just beyond the Rehab Center's entrance on Crotched Mountain Road.

For more information on the hawkwatch or hike, contact Francie at vonmertens@myfairpoint.net.

FRANCIE VON MERTENS writes about all topics relating to nature and the environment in her *Backyard Birder* column in the *Monadnock Ledger-Transcript*. She's a longtime volunteer with NH Audubon, the Harris Center, and the Peterborough Conservation Commission.

Dublin Public Library

Do you love the woods? Curious how they began? The library has added a treasure to its collection: *How the Forest Grew* by William Jaspersohn is the story of cleared land in Massachusetts and what occurred over 150 years. It details the mystery and magic of a forest.

Books on display during September will encourage more

AUDIOS

Third Degree by G. Iles
The Brave by N. Evans
Crown Jewel by F. Michaels
The Survivor by V. Flynn

BOOKS

His World and His Art
Stuart Williams
by C. Williams
Grocery by M. Ruhlman
If the Creek Don't Rise
by L. Weiss
I'll Drink to That
by B. Halbreich
Outer Beach by R. Finch

awareness of the forest with stories on hiking and casual walks. Some of the books include *Not Without Peril, The Man Who Walked Through Time, Following Atticus, The Complete Walker,* and *It's Not About the Hike.*

During the last few weeks of August, children who visited the library were read stories and continued to enjoy summer activities during Story Time. This included learning about the sun and the moon, creating sparkly sea creatures, and making colored sand art pictures.

Beginning September 6, Wednesday morning Story Time

Dublin Public Library Trustees: Gail Bartlett, Nancy Cayford, Connie Cerroni, Willard Goodwin (chair), Bill Gurney, Jane Holmes, Celeste Snitko, Bethe Walker. Alternates, Rusty Bastedo, Marty Smith.

will begin at 9:30. Starting with a song to get us moving and stretching we will welcome our small group back as older siblings go off to school. The month of September always brings the opportunity to read about apples.

We will also talk about the importance of trying something new. *Old MacDonald's Things That Go* by Jane Clarke will have everyone singing an old tune with new words. And *Too Many Carrots* by Katy Hudson will address the problems that arise when we don't want to share. Snack is provided as well as a different craft each week.

Dublin Community BBQ

The Dublin Police Department hosted a community BBQ on August 6 at Yankee. It was a perfect summer sendoff filled with fun, food, and fellowship.

Thanks to all who came out to enjoy the afternoon with us. Special thanks to the Dublin Fire Department, Dublin Highway Department, and all the volunteers who helped make the event a success. We hope to see you next year!





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Gathering of the Dublins

BY JANICE PACK

In August, Town Administrator Sherry Miller and I were invited to join the Gathering of the Dublins in Dublin, Ohio. We were joined by the Lord High Mayor Micheal MacDonncha and Greg Swift, Head of Enterprise and Economic Development from Dublin, Ireland, and many others.

The Gathering participated in a panel discussion with reps from Ohio businesses, and toured Cardinal Health, Fuse, Wendy's Innovation Center, the Idea Foundry, the Transportation Research Center, and the Honda Heritage Center.

Our favorite stop was Bridge Park – the newest and only walkable, mixed-use community in downtown Dublin, Ohio, which features luxury condos and apartments,

As for the Phase II project

The construction project above the village is progressing nicely; we had a slight delay in the beginning of July, which added 10 days to the completion of the project. The CSSI crew is anticipating a completion date of September 19.



a grocery store, restaurants, shops, office space, entertainment ventures, a hotel and conference center, and multiple green spaces. While only partially constructed, Dublin's commitment to the future was evident.

The city celebrated the 30th anniversary of the Dublin Irish Festival, the largest three-day Irish festival in the country. This was a mixture of music, dancing, cultural

events and exhibits, and crafts. Our gathering marched in the parade to kick off the event.

Sherry and I enjoyed a fast-paced, educational trip that provided the opportunity for networking, and reinforced the idea that every town/city faces many of the same challenges and can achieve the greatest progress by working together toward common goals.

JANICE PACK is assistant to the Town Administrator.









News from DCS

BY NICOLE PEASE

A mong the many unique aspects of the educational profession, the one we feel most at this time of year is the ability to begin anew each school year. In preparation for this new beginning, the DCS staff has been busily preparing the school, our classrooms, and lessons to welcome our students back.

August 31 brought the first day of school and excitement abounded!

We have one new staff member to introduce, Alex Kendall, who will be our Library Media Specialist. This position will be shared by three elementary schools, allowing us to move closer to the Library



Media Commons model, a focus of the ConVal District's Strategic Plan.

We welcome some new families to DCS and know they will come to love our school. The first few weeks of school focus on establishing routines and rules in the classrooms and building. It is important that we take the time to review these rules together to create a strong community of learners. This time also brings an analysis of old assessments and the administration of some new assessments to identify each student's needs as well as completing some math and literacy screenings, which will help this process along. It is a busy time.

Cornucopia returns after the summer break. Thanks so much to the Dublin Summer Playground as well as our parent stewards for watering the gardens; the bounty this fall is sure to be tremendous — in great part due to your support! As always, we welcome visitors; we ask that you call first.

NICOLE PEASE, M.Ed., is Dublin Consolidated School Principal and the Math Coach for SAU1.

From the School Board Rep

BY BERND FOECKING

I hope your summer was relaxing and filled with opportunities for quality time. Our local DCS committee has received its results from the survey. Unfortunately, I was not able to make the last meeting, but the committee leaders were able to share the information they have gathered with

This year, for the second time in a row, the students and parents of DCS 4th graders all petitioned to the superintendent to attend 5th grade at SMS.

me. [See related article on page 14.]

Currently, the superintendent makes an objective case-by-case decision regarding each student's attendance at SMS. Each person that requested a change had specific reasons for doing so. They related directly to their children; some were related to availability of activities, some based on

academics, and some were of social nature.

Summer is a quieter time at the SAU, and it is also time to reflect on the educational accomplishments of last year. Here a few highlights from the Strategic Plan 2021:

- Expansion of summer school programming opportunities. For the first time, summer school was held at both middle schools, increasing GBS middle school student participation from under 10 students last summer to nearly 70. Next step will involve expanding learning opportunities during the summer.
- Implementation of OGAP (On-going Assessment Project), a formative math assessment system that helps teachers recognize and help students every day to identify their strengths and weaknesses and target areas that need work.
- Discussion of the Career and Technical Education (CTE) programming offered by the Alternative Technology Center (ATC).

Potential new programs include health science, plumbing and electrical programs, as well as other ideas proposed by community members on the Regional and Program Advisory Committees established for ATC programming.

- Continuing discussion about renovations, including the high priority for new high school science labs to replace those that are well over 40 years old. We expect these plans to be distilled this coming fall.
- Continued review of the organizational and operational options to produce new "models" that look at how to best allocate resources to maximize educational benefits. Models range from keeping things the way they are now (status quo) to closing schools.

Stay tuned, the Board will be discussing this in late summer/early fall.

BERND FOECKING (bfoecking@conval.edu) is Dublin's School Board Representative to SAU 1.



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Dublin's Gas Engine Meet: September 8-10

The 46th Annual Gas Engine Meet will be held on September 8, 9, and 10 at the Cricket Hill Farm field (Route 101 between Peterborough and Dublin). This show features antique gas engines, antique tractors and cars, and working machinery.

There will be a shingle mill, wood lathe, and Mary Ann (a 1927 Brown Hoist gas shovel) on display and working various times during the show.

On both Saturday and Sunday, the tractor parades will be at 1 pm. There is a sand box for the children as well as barrel-car rides. Caleb Niemela will entertain the children by demonstrating how wooden bats are made.

This year's show is held in memory of Paul Burnham. Daily admission is \$5 per person.

Children 16 and under are admitted free.

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Garden Club Awards Sturdy Thomas

BY SARA TIMMONS

In August, the Garden Club of Dublin was pleased to award to Sturdy Thomas the Garden Club of America's Conservation Commendation. Karen Bunch delivered the citation which reads, "for incorporating sound environmental practices in his business and community."

Sturdy owns Good Digs LLC, which offers land restoration, excavation, and related services for residential and commercial customers. Considering the impact the work will have on the environment is a major concern. In the case of the work he did for the garden club's pollinator garden, the soil was improved to help assure that traditional field plants

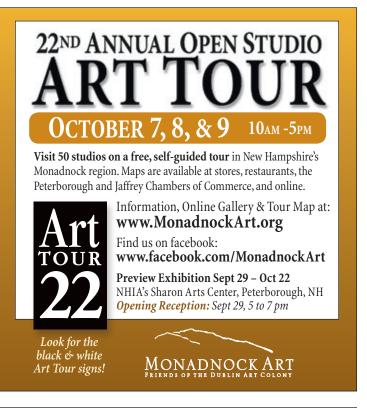


Karen Bunch, Awards Chairman for the Garden Club of Dublin, awards Sturdy Thomas the Garden Club of America Conservation Commendation.

would survive. This preparation allowed the club members to plant the pollinators, many of which had been grown by members.

Sturdy is a selectman for the Town of Dublin and has served as Selectman Representative on the Dublin Conservation Commission.

SARA TIMMONS is Communications Chair of the Garden Club of Dublin.



Friends of the Oglala Lakota

BY NANCY CAYFORD

Friends of the Oglala Lakota, a Dublinbased nonprofit, is happy to announce that the organization received a \$1000 grant to help support bringing two teenagers from the Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota to New Hampshire and South Carolina this summer.

This project was funded in part by a grant from the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation's (www.nhcf.org) Mary and Charles Howe Family Fund.



Janessa Quick Bear

The teens were 16-year-old high-school students. Their firsttime experiences included seeing the ocean, drinking a milkshake,

Photo by Nancy Cayford

Jeremiah Quick Bear

eating a Wendy's burger, meeting new people, kayaking, and swimming in a pool.

The purpose of the visits was to build cultural bridges between American Indians and non-Indians. It is cross-learning on both sides, and promotes mutual understanding. The host families learned about new foods, pow wow songs and music, the effects of suicide, and living in extreme poverty. It was an enriching experience for all involved.

NANCY CAYFORD is president of the Friends of the Oglala Lakota.

Honoring the Legacy of Granny D

ore than 60 walkers met August 12 at the intersection of Cobb Meadow and East Harrisville Roads to participate in the Fourth Annual Granny D Memorial Walk, designed to commemorate Doris "Granny D" Haddock's epic 3,200-mile walk at the age of 90 to promote campaign finance reform.

The 6.2-mile annual walk from Dublin to Depot Square, Peterborough, concluded with a keynote address followed by music by Granny D's "personal band." For more information, visit www. nhrebellion.org/granny_d_memorial_walk_2017





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Our Year at Sea

Ocean currents, tides, wind, and waves guided our daily sails.

BY EMILY BENNETT

ur family of five spent the last ten months traveling by sailboat through the southeast U.S., Bahama Islands, Turks and Caicos, and the Dominican Republic.

We wanted to experience new ways to look at the world that we might not find in our regular lives. Specifically, this involved minimizing material things and relying more on our own skills and those around us for survival.

We wanted to get more connected with nature and each other. Part of achieving this was to focus less on schedules and time constraints. For this period of time, we were looking for a simplified existence that wasn't necessarily easier, but would force us all to work through hardships to find the beauty that can be discovered in emerging from a challenge. And, doing all of this while sailing seemed like a great idea!

When you are living on the ocean, exposed to the elements, with limited resources, solving problems is not easy. We formed close bonds with fellow sailors as we depended on those around us, just as they needed us. The floating community became very tight, and very important. People discuss weather daily, and exchange



advice about passages or places to provision. It is common to give or receive spare charts, tools, equipment, or anything that helps someone. We loved the sailing community and its generous culture of caring for one another.

We lived and breathed weather. Ocean currents, tides, wind, and waves guided our daily sails. Views were of turquoise water, white sand beaches, and expanses of sky. We had time to watch the beautiful changes in the clouds, and sleep with the stars looking down at us.

It was a year filled with ocean creatures: sea turtles, dolphins, sharks, sea stars, fish, and more. We lived with the satisfaction found in small things like the comfort of a warm shower. Seeing another boat anchored with kids aboard meant instant friendships. The kids collected shells, explored caves, and loved looking for treasures washed up on the beach. The trip awarded us with a lack of attachment to screens, consumerism, absence of work stress, removal of time schedules — and each day was totally open to anything that might happen. It was a time in which we were open and available for life to unfold on its own terms.

We had a great time, but with thousands of miles under our keel, we are happy to be

To see the blog we kept along the way with lots of photos, go to bennettsatsea. wordpress.com.

EMILY BENNETT has returned with her family to her home in Dublin, just in time for their children to begin the new school year.

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New Executive Director Leads N.H. Craftsmen

Miriam Carter, a self-employed fiber artist, has been appointed executive director of the League of New Hampshire Craftsmen. Last January, Miriam took over as interim executive director and now her position is permanent. She is only the second working craftsperson and juried member of the League to hold the position of executive director. She said that her experience as a crafter and business owner make her well-equipped for the position.

Miriam, who plans to expand the League's relationships with municipalities, prepared the League's annual fair, the old-

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est craft fair in the country, which ran from August 5 to the 13 at the Mount Sunapee Resort in Newbury, NH. In order to get into the League and appear at the fair, crafters must have their works evaluated by the league.

Miriam has served on the League's Fair Committee for the past three years, and more recently on the board of trustees as chair of the Juried Members Advisory Board, which represents the 750 juried members of the organization. Her dedication to the League will benefit all members.

Transfer Station Reminder

The days and hours for the Transfer Station are Wednesdays and Saturdays from 8 am to 5 pm and Sundays from 8 am to 4 pm.

—Tom Kennedy, Transfer Station Superintendent



Dublin Market & Bazaar, a Fall Festival at Cricket Hill Farm

Vintage Label Co. will host the second annual Dublin Market & Bazaar Fall Festival at Cricket Hill Farm on Saturday, September 23, from 8:30 am to 5 pm and Sunday, September 24, from 9 am to 4 pm.

Cricket Hill Farm is located at 1716 Main St. (also known as Dublin's gas engine field), a half-mile east of the junction of Routes 101 and 137. Admission is free. The entrance to the field is opposite Old Peterborough Road; look for signage. Parking at the event is \$10.

Because there will be live animal exhibits during the event, no dogs will be allowed onsite.

The event will feature more than 150 juried vendors from around the country offering antiques, vintage finds, repurposed goods, artisans, indie



crafts, and salvaged items.

Other attractions include farm-to-table and sweet-treat food trucks; vintage camper, truck, and classic car displays; a kid-friendly area with live animal exhibits and live music all weekend.

New to the event this fall there will be a Classic Car & Truck show on Sunday, September 24.

Maria Amarosa and Jonathan Driscoll, owners of the Dublin-based Vintage Label Co., are hosts and also own "Joey," the only traveling boutique in NH (featured on *NH Chronicle*).

Anyone seeking further information about this event may email Maria at dublinmarketbazaar@yahoo.com. For more information, visit Vintage Label Co. on Facebook or Instagram.





Wellness Festival on September 16

Join the Monadnock Rotary Club for its 12th annual Monadnock Wellness Festival to be held Saturday, September 16, from 9 am to 2 pm at the Peterborough Community Center. The annual health and fitness event serves the greater Monadnock community; there is no admission or parking charge and net proceeds generated are donated to local not-for-profit health-related organizations and food banks.

The Monadnock Wellness Festival offers health and wellness screenings, educational programming, fitness activity demonstrations, and healthy food for people of all ages. Attendees can be checked from head to toe with screenings for vision, heart health, skin cancer, foot health, diabetes, and blood pressure.

There will be demonstrations of healthy cooking and crafts including marquetry (inlay work), carving, and paper folding. The Cornucopia Project will be selling healthy lunch wraps. Many exhibitors will be available to talk about everything from health insurance and nutrition to fitness and massage. Children have a special craft tent of their very own and learn how they can lead healthy lives.

Last year's event attracted more than

50 sponsors and exhibitors and hundreds of attendees. Platinum sponsors of this year's festival are Monadnock Community Hospital and the Bond Wellness Center. Gold Sponsors include the *Monadnock Ledger-Transcript* and the Monadnock Radio Group. Silver sponsors include Lake Sunapee Bank.

The Monadnock Rotary Club, based in Dublin, is dedicated to community service. The Club's primary interests are health advocacy and youth development in the Monadnock Region and around

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the world. The Club is part of Rotary International, a worldwide service organization of more than 1.2 million members.

Community Suppers Resume

A fter a short summer hiatus, the Dublin Community Church will again host its free community suppers starting Tuesday, September 26, from 5:30 to 6:30 pm.

The program was created out of the realization that 12% of our residents live below the poverty line, as do many folks in surrounding towns. The hope is that the suppers might lift a little of the financial burden from local families, while also providing a welcoming place to connect with others. All the meals are homemade and served in a warm, family-style atmosphere.

The suppers will be held every 4th Tuesday of the month from 5:30 to 6:30 pm down-stairs in the church hall. All are welcome.



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Events at the Hub in September

September's Artist

Potter Mary Meyers from Hancock is the featured artist of the month. Mary works in stoneware and porcelain, which is reduction fired in a gas kiln.





all over the world, and she says that seeing both ancient and modern pottery from different cultures has been a "huge inspiration." There will be an opening reception on Friday, September 1, from 5 to 7 pm. Light refreshments will be served.

Zumba: Deb is Back

Zumba Fitness with Deb Giaimo will kick off its 8-week Fall Session on Monday, September 11, from 5:30 to 6:30 pm. With its focus on making dance fitness fun, Zumba has participants worldwide smiling, sweating, and moving to the beats of Latin and World music while they burn calories and help strengthen their cardio systems, muscles, and bones. No dance experience is needed, and anyone new to Deb's Zumba Fitness classes may try a class for free. For more information, call Deb at 563-8648.

Find Out about Lyme

Monadnock Lyme Support Group will meet on September 14 from 6:30 to 8:30 pm. This group is drop-in for support and sharing and is open to anyone living with Lyme Disease at any stage and for their family and friends. The group also welcomes anyone wanting more information on Lyme Disease and prevention. Contact Deb Golden 603-801-7359 for information.

Strumming Along

Ukulele Group starts meeting again beginning on Friday, September 15, at 7 pm. All are welcome, and please bring your own instrument.

Join In

Community Lunch is on September 19, from 12 to 1 pm. The menu includes a lentil/sausage soup and a potato/sausage/kale soup. All are welcome.

Share Your Songs

Open Mic will be held on September 22 from 7 to 9 pm.

The Great Outdoors

Join us at the Dublin Community Forum to hear from three local enthusiasts on the subject of Hunting, Fishing, and Conservation Law. On Saturday, September 23, from 4:30 to 5:30 pm, Milt Brown, Jeff

Clough, and Tomas Kierstead will share their passion for these sports and discuss their own history and stories.

Storytelling

On September 30, at 7 pm, join the DubHub for an evening of stories, told by members of the community. Tickets will be \$10/person; drinks and refreshments will be served. Based on NPR's "The Moth Storyteller," several Dubliners have been handpicked for this event. More details will be coming soon!

Yoga for All

All-levels Gentle Yoga will be taught by Katrina Kenison beginning in September on Wednesdays from 4 pm to 5:15 pm. Drop-ins are welcome.

A Lucky Development for the Hub

BY MARY LOFTIS

Olivia Wolpe, the new interim Program Coordinator at the Dublin Community Center, is a citizen of the world as well as of our little town. She has alighted at home for a few months before heading abroad again and is happy to apply her talents in writing and administration to the Dub Hub as the board continues its search for a permanent employee.

Olivia attended Mountain Shadows School, then Northfield Mt. Hermon School, and moved to France to study at Sciences Po – Paris, where she obtained a degree in Political Science and Arabic. Her next stop was Beirut, Lebanon, where she did grant writing for a think tank, an experience she describes as "phenomenal." Next came a stint on the west coast, where she continued her grant-writing work for a nonprofit.

Olivia says she was happy to return to the sense of community she finds in Dublin and says the Dub Hub promotes what she likes best about her home town. She sees the center as continuing to provide artistic, educational, and fun experiences for young and old – and "spreading the net" for everyone in between.

The Center recently received a significant grant to set up a computer-coding program for kids, and Olivia

mentioned an idea for a parent-networking program in conjunction with organized play dates for young children. Olivia, a storyteller and writer herself, said she plans to hold a storytelling event at the Hub in the fall.

The Hub is fortunate to have this talented young woman at the helm for a few months, helping out her beloved hometown before she heads back out in the world.

MARY LOFTIS is on the staff of the Advocate.



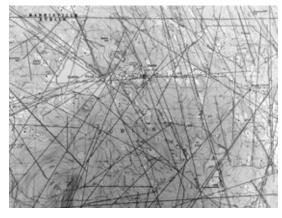
The Nature of Water

*A notice from the Conservation Commission.*BY TRACEYMAY KALVAITIS

Whenever my family would travel to the Blue Ridge Mountains to visit relatives, we would pass signs for Mystery Hill, North Carolina. It's been at least 40 years, but I can still remember the enticing claim that one could witness bizarre and unexplainable events — after paying an entrance fee, of course. The advertisements were conveniently vague about what phenomena occurred there. The one specific was emblazoned across their billboard, "Water Flows Uphill." We never stopped at that tourist trap, but a decade later I was in college at the other end of the state when I learned in a geology class that under certain conditions, water does flow uphill.

Water could flow uphill in Dublin, New Hampshire, as well. We have an impressive amount of bedrock under our town and it's shot through with faults and fractures that redirect water in

unpredictable ways (see map). When water percolates through the soil layers and reaches the bedrock, it can travel great distances laterally, or side-to-side. The lateral movement of



water typically obeys the law of gravity, but not always.

If bedrock has small fractures, water may move in any direction, even opposite of gravity. Think of holding two panes of glass, vertically. If even a few drops of water reach the bottom edge, the water will rapidly move up to cover a huge area between the panes. Another possibility occurs when underground pressure changes from movement we may or may not sense at the surface. The tectonic plate that is the raft for the continent of North America is constantly moving westward, one inch per year. Think of the gradually sloping shores of our eastern seaboard (the trailing edge) contrasted with the rugged coastline of California (the leading, crumbly edge). Underground movements, even small ones, may increase pressure in some areas and water would quickly move out of an area of high pressure and into an area of lower pressure, regardless of the pull of gravity.

Because of the unpredictability of how water moves, we cannot even assume that the rain that falls on our land is actually feeding the aquifer that our wells access. We are fortunate that Dubliners have a history of forethought and careful consideration of the importance of water. Our largest aquifer, located under Mud Pond, is now owned by the town thanks to a four-year effort from local citizens. To ensure water quality, we have agreed to, whenever possible, allow a 100-foot buffer between the edge of a wetland

Testing Our Water

The state's Department of Environmental Science (DES) recommends testing well water every five years. In October, the Conservation Commission is planning two events centered on water quality for Dubliners. On Wednesday night, October 11, at 6 pm, scientists from Concord will be giving a free presentation on water and common contaminants (spoiler alert: arsenic is #1 in our region. It's colorless, tasteless, poisonous, and easy to remove if we know it's there). Want to learn more? Join us for the presentation at the Hub and you can pick up a test kit there, or at Town Hall before October 21.

On Sunday morning, October 22, it will take less than five minutes to follow instructions on how to fill the test kit. Samples must be returned to the Dublin Community Center that same day between noon and 3 pm. The samples will then be picked up and delivered to Concord in a timely fashion.

Test results are confidential and will be returned by mail. Test fees are \$20 for radon only or \$85 for the comprehensive test. It doesn't get any cheaper or more convenient than this.

More information will follow in the next *Advocate*, or you may call Traceymay Kalvaitis at 563-8022.

and a building site. Another ordinance prohibits the use of chemical pesticides and fertilizers within that 100 feet. These are wise precautions considering that what I do on my land can adversely affect your water supply. Water quality may change without notice; the only way to know is to routinely have our well water tested (see sidebar).

I may never actually visit Mystery Hill, but I do plan to demystify the chemistry of the water my family consumes. 85 dollars seems like a small price to pay for peace of mind. In fact, I bet it's less expensive than admission for our family of eight to experience the wonders of Mystery Hill!

TRACEYMAY KALVAITIS is a member of the Conservation Commission.





Mixed Media Exhibit

The Jaffrey Civic Center will host a mixed media exhibit of paintings by Dublin artist Maureen Ahern from September 8 through October 7. An opening reception will be held on Friday, September 8, from 5 to 7 pm in the Cunningham Gallery. Both the reception and exhibit are free and open to the public.

Most of Ahern's latest work uses interference paint, along with other media. Interference paint has the property of reflecting just half of the light spectrum. For instance, blue paint looks blue, but depending on the light source and where the viewer stands, will instead appear yellow (its opposite color on the light spec-

trum.) Other media may include oil sticks, pencil, wax, nails, feathers, and other materials.

Her work has been exhibited in New York, Massachusetts, and New Hampshire. Maureen lives in Dublin where she works full-time in her studio.

The Jaffrey Civic Center is at 40 Main St., Jaffrey, next to its Library, with parking in rear. Hours are Monday through Friday, 10 to 12 noon, 1 to 5 pm, and Saturday 10 to 2 pm. For more information, call 532-6527, email info@jaffreyciviccenter.com, or visit www.jaffreyciviccenter.com.

Nelson Town Band Plays Labor Day

BY RUSTY BASTEDO

The Nelson Town Band, with some 40 member musicians drawn from all over the Monadnock Region, plays its last Ice Cream Social of the season on Sunday,

September 3, at 3 pm, in Nelson. If you have not heard this group in action, here is your chance to enjoy a 19th century afternoon of John Philip Sousa marches, Broadway show tunes, polkas, and more.

The Ice Cream Social is played for the benefit of the Nelson Congregational Church, by musicians who play without pay at venues throughout the Monadnock Region; if you miss the Band at Nelson you can hear them on Monday, September 4, at Milford's Labor Day Parade, an annual event at which national political figures march, or come to the Winchester Pickle Fest, on Saturday, September 23.

RUSTY BASTEDO plays one of the six trumpets in the Nelson Town Band and has served on the staff of the *Advocate* since its inception.

Dublin Artist to Show in NYC

David Nelson, who lives on Lower Jaffrey Road, will exhibit his paintings at the 10th annual Governors Island Art Fair in New York City this September. More than 100 artists from around the world will

show their work in the island's former military base, which has been transformed into an urban park, just 800 yards off Manhattan's southern tip.

Nelson will be showing his new series, "Incarnations," a group of 4' by 8' full-length portraits that reinterpret coarse color-separation dots into puddles of clear acrylic paint.



"Even after abstracting the image so much through these processes," Nelson says, "they still retain a strange sense of 'realness.' I'm excited and honored to participate in such a fun, creative endeavor in a beautiful place right in the heart of New York City."

The Governors Island Art Fair runs from September through October, every Saturday and Sunday, from 10 to 6 pm. More at www.davidnelsonart.com.

Carol Lake: Sculptor-In-Residence

Figurative sculptor and artist Carol Lake has won the 2017 Sculptor-In-Residence at Saint-Gaudens National Historic Site in Cornish, NH. It is the only national historic site that offers a sculptor-in-residence position, enabling Lake to sculpt at the home of one of the sculptors she admires most, Augustus Saint-Gaudens.

Saint-Gaudens is known for his Civil War monuments, including the Robert Gould Shaw Memorial on Boston Common, and the grand equestrian monuments to Civil War Generals. He was also known for his fine portrait relief sculpture, and his coin designs for the U.S. Mint, including the "double eagle" gold piece and the "Indian head" gold piece.

Carol is considered an American Contemporary Impressionist painter and figurative

sculptor. Her work hangs in private collections throughout the country and abroad. She is considered to be a true "animalier" — an artist who specializes in painting and sculpting all species of animals.

Carol is a juried member of the New England Sculptors Association, and is a member of the Portrait Society of America and the National Sculptors Association.



Saint-Gaudens National Historic Site hosts the oldest artist residency program in the National Park Service. Lake will conduct sculpture workshops, teaching the basics of figurative sculpture, mold making, and casting. Her workshops and classes are also offered from her home studio in Dublin, NH.

For information on Carol Lake's work and upcoming fall classes in figurative drawing and sculpture at her Dublin studio, visit www.carollakestudios.com.



Nature Art Photography by Larry Davis

Naturalist and mountain climber, Larry Davis, will exhibit a display of his nature photography at the Jaffrey Civic Center from September 1 through October 6. An opening reception will be held Friday, September 8, from 5 to 7 pm.

A local celebrity for climbing Mount Monadnock thousands of times, Larry took up hiking and photography after college. He has been a volunteer for the Park Service since 1984. He has joined the AMC and adopted part of the Appalachian Trail on the Osgood Trail in Mount Madison in the Northern Peaks of the Presidential Range. To see his work, visit www.larry davisnh.com.

Larry has been published in *Backpacker Magazine*. *Outside Magazine*, *Yankee Magazine*, *Craig Brandon's*, *Monadnock: More than a Mountain*, and various EMS advertisements.

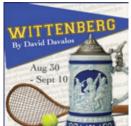
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September at the Players

BY FRED LEVENTHAL

The Peterborough Players concludes its summer season with two unusual presentations. American playwright David Davalos' 2008 comedy, *Wittenberg*, will be performed August 30 to September 10. This entertaining production, set 500



years ago, brings together Hamlet, Martin Luther, and Dr. Faustus in a battle of wits exploring reason versus faith. Historically, Wittenberg was the city in which Luther nailed his 95 Theses to the door of its church in 1517, and Shakespeare's Hamlet supposedly attended its university.



The last week of the season will feature five performances by Jane Condon and special guests, including Leighann Lord, in *Comedy Tonight*, providing hilarious evenings of stand-up comedy from September 13 to 17.

FRED LEVENTHAL is a Trustee of the Peterborough Players.

Local Author Sheds Light on Disabilities

Eliza Factor, who lives in Brooklyn, NY, and Dublin, NH, is the author of a recently released book called *Strange Beauty: A Portrait of My Son* (Parallax 2017), about her life as a mother of a child who is both autistic and physically disabled. This intimate

memoir shares one family's experiences with Felix as it offers the illuminating effect of imagining the world through the eyes of her beautiful, charismatic, and nonverbal son.

Felix and his two sisters inspired Eliza to start Extreme Kids & Crew, a nonprofit community center in NYC that connects families with children with disabilities through the arts and play. She writes of the joy this project brings her, as well as the disconnect of being lauded for helping others at the same time that she cannot help her own son.

When children are violent, we fail to account for the internal and external pressures that lead to violence. This is both cruel and counterproductive, for people with disabilities have much to teach us, if we will only listen.

That Eliza's story ends happily, with Felix thriving at Crotched Mountain School, is due more to luck than policy. There are few such schools and many such children.

Factor is also the author of *Love Maps* (Akashic, 2015) and *The Mercury Fountain* (Akashic, 2012), a *New York Times Book Review* Editors' Choice.





DCS 5th Grade Committee Survey Results

Thank you to the 59 people (a response **L** rate of 7.3%) who responded to our short survey. The raw data showed that 43 people (73%) of the respondents were in favor of keeping 5th grade at DCS, and 16 people (27%) were opposed. In response to establishing objective criteria for students to move to SMS for 5th grade, 42 people (71%) were in support of establishing criteria, and 17 people (29%) were opposed.

Further analysis of the data showed that of the respondents with elementary age children, 70% were in favor of maintaining 5th grade, and of respondents without elementary aged children, 76% were in favor of maintaining 5th grade at DCS.

This committee will be working with our school board representative, Bernd Foecking, to relay this information to the school board at large and further discuss establishing objective criteria.

The research and meetings we have had have also branched off into other areas. that should also be noted. The most recent master plan draft for the Town of Dublin has census information from 2010, this can be found through the town website under Planning/Other Documents and then Plan Population and Housing. The following list is pulled from the aforementioned document:

- Total population of Dublin in 2010 = 1597
 - The percent of the population that is

workforce age (18-64 years) has seen little change since the year 2000, however there has been a decline in population in the 30-49 age group, and an increase in the 65+ age group

- The age group of 20-39 comprises 19% of our population, while ages 40-64 comprise 43%
- The current population, change in population dynamics, economics, and housing status of the town projects no population growth up to the year 2040.

The age bracket that most likely contains people of an age to have elementary aged children is declining. The Master Plan Survey Vision Statement has called for finding ways to "reverse the slight declining trend in the Town's vitality" and increase the number of residents who fall in the 20-39 age category. Two potential draws, important to the 20-39 age group, are greater access to reliable broadband internet and maintaining an active elementary school, according to Selectmen's input at our meeting with them in early August.

Dublin is not alone in declining enrollment and an aging population; there are other towns in the ConVal district with the same issues. Part of Dublin's rural character is its elementary school.

In conclusion, this committee still needs your input! We (the residents of Dublin) need to be invested in what is going on in our school district. Please feel free to contact the DCS Communication Committee at DCS5thgrade@gmail.com. Please email us your thoughts.

To see the full original version of this article, please go to our Facebook page at "DCS 5th Grade Committee."

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Niemela, Corey Boyd, and Alan Edelkind



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When you give a ride, you help your neighbors with transportation to non-emergency medical and support services; you can choose when you want to drive; select your preferred destination; and mileage reimbursement is available.

Visit Community Volunteer Transportation Co. at www.cvtc-nh.org or call 1-877-428-2882, ext. 5. Or send an email to info@cvtc-nh.org. CVTC is a Monadnock United Way Partner Agency.

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The Indigo Bunting

BY TOM WARREN

During August, many residents of the Monadnock Region have reported seeing one of our most attractive songbirds, the Indigo Bunting. Males have a bright blue plumage while females are brown. The male's changeable plumage can appear blue, green, and black.

They are a resident in eastern North America and spend the winter months in South Carolina, Florida, Mexico, and Central America. They prefer bushy, weedy pastures, especially near power lines, which are cut over every few years. In the late summer and fall, they will frequent feeders until they head south where they are found in large numbers near rice fields of South Carolina.

Food preferences are spiders, bugs, beetles, caterpillars and grasshoppers; small weed seeds as well as blueberries, blackberries, and elderberries. They prefer cornfields and can be observed in the tops of corn plants that have "tasseled out."

About 15% of males have more than one mate. Females choose the nest site; build the nest on more than 40 plant species,



usually within three feet of the ground. The nest is made of soft leaves, grasses, stems, and pieces of bark. The normal clutch is 3-4 white eggs that hatch in 12-13 days. Young birds fledge in 12-13 days, sometimes 8 days. Females do most of the feeding.

Males sing from dawn to dusk and their songs are learned from interaction with

other buntings during the first year of life, not what they learn as nestlings. The male will sing during the hottest days of summer well into August working his way from the bottom of a tree to the very top.

The migration of the Indigo Bunting has been closely studied. They migrate at night and orientation to the night sky develops as young birds observe the stars. When star patterns in a planetarium are reversed 180 degrees, the bunting changes its orientation 180 degrees.

Buntings are programmed to orient from Polaris, but they require a rotating sky to obtain a fix on Polaris and set their compass for future use, using the heavens to guide them. Stars have fixed positions in the sky and the earth rotates on its axis, which gives the appearance of a rotating sky. The axis of the rotating earth points toward Polaris, the North Star. Polaris remains stationary and Cornell scientists determined that buntings orient from Polaris or other constellations within 35 degrees of Polaris.

Their way is an amazing accomplishment of the Indigo Bunting and other migrating birds.

TOM WARREN is a Trustee of NH Audubon.





SEPTEMBER 2017 Dublin Town Events

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
BOS Board of Selectmen DCC Dublin Community Church DPL Dublin Public Library HUB Dublin Community Center (Open Mon & Weds 9–12) MRC Monadnock Rotary Club TH Town Hall		Carl Webber holds steady selling a new variety of perennials each week in the parking lot between the Post Office and General Store on Saturday mornings.			1 HUB Art Opening 5-7 pm; Hunting Season begins	2 1841 Schoolhouse Museum open 12 to 2 pm
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17 HCS Celebration and Presentation, Mariposa, 2 pm	18 HUB Coffee & Conversation 9:30-12 pm; DPL Monadnock Region System of Care 4 pm	19DCC MRC 7:30 am; Bird Walk, so. side of Crotched Mtn. 9-12 pm; HUB Community Lunch 12-1 pm; DPL HillTop Group 6:45 pm	20 HUB Coffee & Conversation 9:30-12 pm; DPL StoryTime 9:30 am; DCC TwoHat Group 7 pm; Rosh Hashanah begins at Sundown	21 Rosh Hashanah DPL Recycling 6 pm	22 HUB Open Mic 7-9 pm	23 Dublin Market & Bazaar, Cricket Hill Farm, 8:30-5 pm; DPL Dublin Community Foundation 9 am; HUB Dublin Community Forum 4:30-5:30 pm
24 Dublin Market & Bazaar, 9 am- 4 pm, with Classic Car & Truck Show	25 HUB Coffee & Conversation 9:30-12 pm; TH BOS 4 pm	267:30 am; DCC Community Supper 5:30-6:30 pm; DPL United Way 7:45 am; HillTop Group 6:45 pm	27 HUB Coffee & Conversation 9:30-12 pm; DPL StoryTime 9:30 am; DCC TwoHat Group 7 pm	28	29 Yom Kippur begins at Sundown	30 Yom Kippur DPL Democratic Committee 10 am; HUB Storytelling Event 7 pm

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