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All Three Woodward Brothers Gather Together Again

BY MARY LOFTIS

On September 21, the Woodward brothers, Robert, Francis, and Fred, ages 90, 88, and 87 respectively, gathered at Fred's home on Old County Road, right next door to where they grew up.

All three brothers are Peterborough High School graduates and veterans of the Korean War; they chatted about the old days when Alexander James and his family lived across the street and Gouri Ivanov-Rinov lived just up Pierce Road.

Fred commented that as a child he liked to walk over and watch Alexander James paint and later sit with him to listen to the news on the radio. All three brothers remembered pounding earth into forms to help Gouri construct his unusual rammed-earth house just down the road.

Now, Francis (aka Cookie) lives in Georgia, where he moved years ago to start a successful bar-coding business. Robert (aka Buddy), a career Air Force officer and teacher, lives in Manchester. Fred (aka Woody or Picky) spends one half of the year here in Dublin and the other half in Florida, after retiring in 1990 from a 35-year career at the telephone company.

This 1934 photo of the Woodward brothers as children, of which Fred explains, "Buddy was Air Force, and Cookie and I were Navy."



Photo by Mary Loftis

In both their Dublin home and winter home in Stuart, FL, Fred and his wife Betty enjoy the constant company of their extended families. They have four grown children: Tina, Sarah, Joanne, and Danny, as well as many grandchildren and some great grandchildren.

Fred recalls a happy childhood, full of adventures with his spirited brothers. He noted that because of his mother's culinary skills, the family ate very well during the Great Depression, while raising their own vegetables and livestock.

Fred Woodward is a contented man, justly proud of the happy family he and his wife of 62 years worked hard to create, and gratified that his children have, in turn, done well in their lives. He says he has "no regrets and no enemies" and strives simply to "be good to people."

It's clear that the Woodward's lives have

been guided by that philosophy. After we finished our conversation, Fred picked up a tote of apples and went into the kitchen to make a pie for whatever family members might stop by Old County Road.

MARY LOFTIS is on the staff of the *Advocate*.

Halloween in Dublin

DCS Halloween Parade:

Our costumed school-children walk up the hill and around the center of town on October 31, 9:30 am



Town of Dublin's official times for Trick or Treat: October 31, 5:30-7:30 pm

Mountain View Bible Church:

Trunk or Treat, October 31, 5:30-7:30 pm

Dublin Public Library

Book Buddies is in full swing here at the library. There is lots to be thankful for and we are sure thankful to be able to spend

NEW BOOKS

The World That We Knew by A. Hoffman

Cilka's Journey by H. Morris

Bloody Genius by J. Sandford

The Dog Went Over the Mountain by P. Zheutlin

Bomber's Moon by A. Mayor

The Dutch House by A. Patchett

At the Elbows of My Elders by G. M. Grant

If You Lived Here You Would be Home by C. Ingraham

our Tuesday afternoons with your schoolchildren. It's wonderful to watch them working together on board games or puzzles and they always have so much to share during our stories and discussions.

Wednesday morning Story Times are filled with exciting energy as we read, sing, and dance. We're all friends here and November is a great time to remember to be thankful for the special friendships we have.

Come in and join us and take home a craft, too. A few books we'll be reading with your preschoolers this month are *Little Owl's Egg* by Debi Gliori, *Kitten's First Full Moon* by Kevin Henkes, and *The Bumpy Little Pumpkin* by Margery Cuyler.

November Fun Facts: It is the last full month of the fall season.

November in the Northern Hemisphere is similar to May in the Southern Hemisphere. American football is the main sport watched in the U.S.

On Veteran's Day (November 12) the library will be closed

from 9 to noon, and again from 4 to 8 pm. On both November 27 and 28, the library will be closed from 4 to 8 pm.

Changes at the DCF

BY JEFF OJA

After nine great years, Rosemary Mack has stepped down from the Dublin Community Foundation (DCF). As president of DCF, Rosemary brought leadership, organization, and humor to the board. We're pleased to have Holly Macy stepping in to fill the void. Please keep a lookout for our annual fundraising letters that will go out in November.

JEFF OJA is the new President of the DCF Board of Directors. Other members include May Clark, Jane Keough, Tom Warren, and Holly Macy.

Fun Fact from the DHS

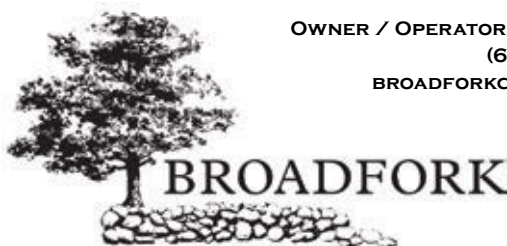
BY VALERIE MULVERHILL

Did you know that Dublin was, and is, one of several New Hampshire towns noted for its number of peat bogs? In the 18th and 19th centuries, the forests throughout New England had been cleared for farming, making wood a scarce commodity for cooking and heating. During that time, peat, often referred to now as the "forgotten fossil fuel," was a prized resource that was used to heat homes. Bog shoes were an important item in Dublin's 18th -19th century horse-powered farm economy because they enabled a horse to move through the mud easily, making the harvesting of peat possible.

VALERIE MULVERHILL is Dublin Historical Society's administrator.



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Town of Dublin Negotiating Broadband Solution

Fiber-to-the-home network proposed for town-wide coverage.

BY REBECCA LANDRY

After a review of submitted proposals, the Town of Dublin Broadband Committee has entered into negotiations with Consolidated Communications for the installation of a town-wide fiber-to-the-home network.

Members of Dublin's Broadband Committee have been working toward this solution since early 2017, and are excited to have a realistic proposal to put before voters at the earliest opportunity. We are fortunate to have a wide blend of competencies among our committee members, representing high-tech business, broadband development, municipal management, financial management and consumer experience. We all have the same end goal, which is to have much better options for Internet service at a realistic price point — and the sooner the better.

83% of properties in Dublin are considered "unserved" by Federal standards, meaning they lack internet access with throughput of at least 25 Mbps download and 3 Mbps upload. The proposed solution

includes installation of fiber throughout the town for availability to all Dublin addresses. If supported by Dublin taxpayers at a town meeting, it would be funded by a bond sale and not by property tax dollars.

The funding model included in the Consolidated Communications proposal incorporates a low monthly fee (approximately \$15) to be paid by subscribers for the repayment of the bond over time. Internet service fees are not likely to increase relative to current pricing, and service options would include up to 1 Gbps symmetrical bandwidth (that is, up to 1 gigabyte per second for both upload and download speeds).

The bonding process will require a number of steps, including contract execution, public hearings, and a town vote, all of which are likely to take at least three months.

Construction of the network could begin within 6 to 12 months

of approval by Dublin residents and the NH Municipal Bond Bank, making it possible that the first connections to the network take place by fall of next year.

If you have any questions, please call the Town of Dublin at 563-8544.

REBECCA LANDRY, a Dublin resident and Broadband Committee member, is joined on the committee by Peter DrakeUnderkoffler, Peter Imhoff, Carole Monroe, Larry Rau, Walter Snitko, Sturdy Thomas, and David Wolpe.

The Staff of the Advocate wishes everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.



Turkey with Gourds, 24 x 30 in, ©1998 Robin Oliver



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Autism Services for Children

Crotched Mountain's *Ready, Set, Connect!* program has opened an autism clinic at the Greenfield campus. *Ready, Set, Connect!* provides ABA therapy for young children in a group setting, offering an environment of fun and learning and a path to a bright future! Locations also in Manchester and Concord, NH.



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The News from DCS

BY NICOLE PEASE

As I sit down to write this, I am surprised at how fast the year is going! October was a wonderful month filled with pumpkin carving for the Cheshire Pumpkin Fest, Walk to School, and our traditional Harvest Supper and Open House. Many thanks to Dublin's Chief Suokko for making sure students safely cross the street on our way to school.

In preparation for the Harvest Supper, with careful guidance by the staff, our Grades 3 and 4 students used the bounty from the school gardens to create soups for supper. Grades 1 and 2 worked on decorating the tables, and the Kindergarteners made apple sauce. Deb Quinn fired up the bread oven to bake dinner rolls with her students. We are so fortunate to have such dedicated staff and wonderful students!

November marks the end of the first quarter. Staff used the fall benchmark assessment information, as well as ongoing formative assessments, to determine student goals for the year, as well as to monitor student progress. This work will help us meet our year-long goals in student growth.

We often have a Residency Week in November, and this year we are excited to welcome Troy Wonderle's Big Top Adventures back to DCS! Thanks to the great support from the Dublin Community Foundation as well as from the Arts Enrichment budget, we are thrilled to have the circus back in town. It is quite amazing to witness what our students can accomplish in five short days under Troy's guidance.

Please join us for one of the performances on November 8, at 2 pm or 6 pm. Our students love to perform for their parents and our community.

We hope you are looking forward to the Thanksgiving Break and the time to focus on family, friends, and of course, food! Have a wonderful Thanksgiving.

NICOLE PEASE, M.Ed., is Teaching Principal at Dublin Consolidated School. Call her at 563-8332.

News from the DCS PTO

BY LISA BUDZIK

The Circus is in town! DCS students will enjoy a circus residency with their big performance on the evening of Friday, November 8.

Be on the lookout for our annual holiday poinsettia sale. We will begin accepting orders around the week of Thanksgiving. Please feel free to call DCS at 603-563-8332 to place your order. All proceeds will go to help support field trips, arts enrichment activities, and special school events.

If you plan to purchase a Crotched Mountain ski-season pass this year, please consider using the DCS login when making your purchase. By using this login,

DCS will earn club credit that we can then use to reduce costs for our participating students. Login at www.crotchedmtn.com/voyager-program/. Username: CMDUB-CONS. Password: desmember.

LISA BUDZIK is Secretary of the PTO. Other members include Serena Berube, Erin Nolan, Corey Boyd, and Karen Niemela.

FALL BACK

When the time comes to set clocks back one hour for November 3, it's a reminder to replace the batteries in smoke detectors and consider getting a flu shot.



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DCA Students Honor Veterans

Dublin Christian Academy's elementary classes invite all veterans and currently serving members of the armed forces and their families to join them for a morning of honor at the academy on Friday, November 15, at 9:45 am.

Sixth grader Nate Johnson of Greenfield explained that the students want to honor veterans "because they almost sacrificed their lives for us, and those that died deserve to be honored."

After their guests enjoy coffee and pastries, students will welcome the veterans

and their families to their classrooms to share their stories and greet the students and staff. At 11 am the students will present their program. Following the presentation, attendees are invited to lunch at 11:30.

Please RSVP to DCA online at tinyurl.com/DCAveterans or call DCA at 563-8505.

Photo by Sally Shonk

Reservoir

BY DAVID NELSON

They drop the water down
this time of year
when bright leaves flash
and roll their red and gold
in the deep black stream

I've never seen who comes
unlocks the chain
and turns the heavy wheel
but the huge gears turn
the deep gates crack wide
and the summer's crystal weight blows
out
a heavy day-long sigh

So now the lake bed lay exposed
the stream rethreads its narrow bank
again

This was someone's meadow once
A ruined culvert stone
shows where the road had been
A choir of stumps far off
sing that whole bay was woods

The leaves are gone
the shoreline trees are bare
and wind has nothing now to do



but blow the colder,
ice the stream
and dust the stumps with snow
and freeze it all as deep as time allows

For even now unseen
the gears have turned
and gates are set
to hold another spring

DAVID NELSON, who raised his family here with his wife Margaret, read the articles on Howe Reservoir in the *Advocate* last July and November, and thought he'd send this poem inspired by the reservoir drawn a few years ago.



Sammie Fletcher and Silas Paquin, both of Dublin, submitted the winning designs for posters and invitations for the Veterans Day Program on November 15 at DCA.



David Voorhis, 1943-2019

David Gerow Voorhis was born on December 30, 1943, and he died at home October 15, 2019, with his daughter Sara, his sister Jan, and his wife Polly with him.

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Report from the School Board Rep

BY ALAN EDELKIND

I have been appointed by our Selectmen as your new Dublin School Board Representative to complete the first year of a three-year term left vacant by our former school board representative, Bernd Foecking. At the end of this first year, in March 2020, residents will be voting to choose a representative for the remaining two years in the term.

My family and I have been residents of Dublin for over 45 years. We enjoy the town, the people of the town, and most importantly the children. We feel that all are special and provide for a unique, friendly, engaged, and family-oriented environment. I am retired from many years of executive business-leadership positions and was the proud principal of multiple consulting organizations within the vertical Property and Casualty Insurance discipline. My biggest enjoyment in life is my family.

I am very familiar with the ConVal school district as my daughter attended ConVal schools from 1st through 12th grades and has two children of her own at DCS. I have been an active participant in many school-board meetings. I was a member of a 2017 Selectmen's committee to structure meetings for Dublin folks interested in issues that relate to DCS and its 5th grade.

Last year, I led the activity to write a Petition Warrant Article requiring the School Board to do a thorough detail analysis prior to any recommendation on consolidation. It was approved by over 80% of the district voters, and effectively blocked any action from taking place without further supporting details this school year.

Update from the School Board (SAU 1) Meeting of 10-15-19

BY ALAN EDELKIND

I am pleased to report the results of the School Board vote on Dublin keeping 5th grade at DCS for the next six years. Three Dublin parents spoke at the meeting on why Dublin should keep 5th grade. I presented a motion on our compromise for 5th grade paraphrased as follows:

DCS will have the availability of 5th grade through the 2025-2026 school year.

If in any year we have fewer than four students remaining for 5th grade (due to population or transfers) then DCS will not have 5th grade for that year.

If DCS does not have 5th grade for three consecutive years then we will, at that point, lose the remaining years of availability. After discussion, the school board voted unanimously to accept the motion.

More to come in the next issue of *The Dublin Advocate*.

I know there are many more issues to address including budget, Adequacy Aid, funding formula, middle and high school, etc. These issues will be on my agenda.

Since October 1 as your representative, I have attended an orientation meeting, a school board meeting, Budget and Property meeting, public hearing on trusts, and I am also on the communication committee and the Selectmen's Advisory Board. As we get into the budget-setting cycle, I feel it is very important to communicate proactively with residents as to the status and progress we are making on the budget and the Adequacy Funding continuation.

I strongly feel that the key to success as your Dublin School Board Rep is communication. Communication is a two-way street. I will communicate with all town residents using *The Dublin Advocate*, DCS PTO, Selectmen's meetings, notices posted at various locations throughout the town. I ask for your input as to areas that concern you. Please contact me at Aedelkind@conval.edu to arrange a phone discussion or get-together.

I look forward to serving the town, our residents and most importantly our students.

ALAN EDELKIND will be submitting reports each month as our new ConVal School Board Representative.



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A Dublin Firefighter on Double Duty

Andy splits the year with firefighting service out west.

BY RUSTY BASTEDO

One might think that any firefighter would take his/her boots off and relax for a while between fires. Dublin volunteer firefighter Andy Freeman, however, takes his breaks by working summers for the State of New Hampshire's Division of Forests & Lands, a part of the NH Department of Conservation & Natural Resources.

During the summers from 2011 through 2018, Andy packed his firefighter's equipment for service on a 20-man "Type Two Initial Attack" hand crew as part of a nationwide network of firefighters who are dispatched to fight fires outside their home states.

Andy and his fellow New Hampshire firefighters have helped battle blazes in California, Colorado, Idaho, Minnesota, Washington, and Wyoming. With these varied experiences, and his familiarity with New England forest situations, Andy has experienced climate change up close across much of our country.

New Hampshire hardwood forests, coupled with ground fuels of leaves and stick-and-branch litter, have higher humidity levels and fewer wildfires than elsewhere in the continental US. In much of the rest of the nation, however, "intermediate" (10- to 30-year old) conifers and flammable, "immediate carry" bushes often grow in low humidity areas. These conditions bring an increased susceptibility to fires caused by "dry lightning" strikes, high winds and human carelessness.

Firefighters in western states have observed that their climates are trending warmer, and it is widely accepted that for

every temperature increase of 1 degree Celsius, "dry lightning" strikes in the American West increase by 12%. The western states' firefighting seasons are getting longer as well. Even when rains retard possibilities of wild fires, the ground often remains dry, and "wet fires" pop out once the rains have moved on and the ground is dry once again. Firefighting crews are being tested as never before, as these indications of climate change are repeated ever more frequently throughout our nation.

During the summer 2019, Andy worked for a private rather than state contract. He drove a 4x4 fire engine carrying a 700-gallon water tank and a three-man team dispatched from Spokane, Washington. With this change from state to private employment, and from a 20-man firefighting team to a 3-man team, Andy experienced still more varied firefighting.

In eastern Washington State, high winds often help accelerate open-range grass fires, which can develop an enormous velocity as they move across open land. These fires must be brought under control quickly, for there are few rivers or other natural fire breaks to help slow them. Easily flammable sagebrush lies south of Spokane, while the fruit-growing orchards of Yakima offer still more varied terrain, and more opportunities for fighting dry lightning fires, as well as wet fires.



Andy Freeman is now back in Dublin, decompressing and waiting for the Dublin fire station's varying calls for duty, including kitchen fires, electrical wiring snafus, and circuit breaker difficulties. In this downtime, Andy is once again helping Michelle to run Dublin General Store – so stop in and say hello!

RUSTY BASTEDO has been on the staff of the *Advocate* since its inception 20 years ago.



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November Events at the DubHub

Song Circle Meets

Song Circle will meet Friday, November 1, at 7:30 pm. This is an informal gathering (guitar players, bassists, mandolinists, singers, fiddlers, and other instrumentalists, as well as audience members). The group plays a variety of folk, pop, blues, and Americana from the past 60 years or so. Bring 10



David Bulger: Featured Artist

The DubHub will feature paintings and drawings of African animals, local landscapes, and studio still-life artwork by David Bulger during November. The opening reception will be on Friday, November 1, from 5 to 7 pm. Admission is free and is open to the public. Refreshments will be served.

David Bulger writes: "The animals are and have been objects of my imagination as long as I can remember. One image leads to six more ideas, so I am following my muse. All animals need highlighting as we humans roll over the earth. My dad, brother, and sister all draw and paint. I began and joined them when I hit 40, discovering that I have their compulsions to create art."



copies of chord sheets if you want others to play along. For more information, email Bruce_Simpson@msn.com. Donations welcome. BYOB and snacks.

Dance Fit: Holiday Season

The 9-week holiday session of Dance Fit begins November 4 and continues through December 30. The classes (Mondays, 5:30-6:30 pm) consist of low impact aerobic dance routines set to a diversity of types of music and rhythms. The cost for the 9-week session is \$40. However, 4 classes are \$28 and walk-ins are \$10. Please bring clean, supportive shoes to wear in the meeting room. For more information, call Deb Giaimo at 563-8648 or email fredebg@myfairpoint.net.

Qigong for Good Health

Qigong classes meet on Wednesdays from noon to 1 pm. Instructor Ginnette G. Groome is a nationally certified Massage Therapist. Qigong is a natural extension of her practice, which is based on Traditional Chinese Medicine. For further information, please contact Ginnette at ammatwirl@aol.com or call 313-9828.

Solar Transit of Mercury

The DubHub Forum Committee, in cooperation with Dublin School, invite the public to come to the Dublin School Perkin Observatory for the solar transit of Mercury. Public viewing will be on Monday, November 11, from 12 pm to 2 pm, weather-permitting. This event can only be seen with specialized solar telescopes that will be set up at the observatory. Attendees may bring a picnic lunch. Handicapped parking is at the observatory, all others please park at the Whitney Gym or along Lehmann Road. For more information,

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Please call 603-827-2905 for more information.

contact Erik Schmitt at Perkin Observatory at the Dublin School, 802-380-9205.

A solar transit of Mercury is similar to an eclipse in that the planet Mercury will be passing directly between the Earth and Sun. The next transit won't be until 2032, so this is a rare opportunity.



May Clark teaching at Code Club.

Code Club in November

Code Club at the DubHub continues its fall session on Thursdays, through November 21, meeting from 3:30 to 4:30 pm. The club is open to any Dublin students, grades 2 through 8, as long as they can read. This free session is limited to 15 students. Interested people may email dubhubcodeclub@gmail.com.

Third Annual Dublin Story Hour

The DubHub is pleased to host the third annual Dublin Story Hour on Saturday, November 16, starting at 7 pm. It features local storytellers telling amazing, surprising, humorous and/or historic true stories from their own lives.

This event is a benefit for Dublin Community Center. Admission is \$10. Advance tickets may be purchased at eventbrite.com (search for "Dublin Story Hour"). Tickets, to be purchased at the door, may be reserved by emailing info@dublincommunitycenter.org. Doors open at 6:30 pm.

For more information, email the address above or call 563-8080 on Mondays or Wednesdays.

This year's storytellers will be Nancy Cayford, Tim Clark, Traceymay and Rimai Kalvaitis together, Phil McFarland, Frankie Brackley Tolman, Stacia Tolman, Paul Tuller, Volkert Volkorsz, and possibly David Wolpe. Snow date: November 17, 7 pm.

Community Lunch & Harp Music

Join us for a home-cooked meal accompanied by harp music on Tuesday, November 19. The menu this month is mac n' cheese with kale fruit bowl, rolls, sweets, and drinks. Cost is \$3. Lunch is served from noon to 1 pm. For dessert time we will be entertained by Susan Graham on harp, as well as her 92 year old student, Gerry Halgrimson, of Peterborough, on a bowed psaltery. Come enjoy a yummy meal, good conversation, and delightful music.



Open Mic on Fourth Friday

Open Mic, hosted by Volkert Volkorsz each month, will be on Friday, November 22, at 7 pm. Doors open at 6:30. This is now mainly an acoustic open mic with no PA, encouraging a more intimate feeling. Attendees may bring a snack to share and BYOB. Coffee, tea, and water will be available. Admission is \$5, which benefits the DubHub. Sign up by email at info@dublincommunitycenter.org, or at the door.

Forum: My DNA Story

"My DNA Story" will be the subject of the Community Forum on Saturday, November 23, from 4:30 to 5:30 pm. Some Dublin neighbors have made amazing and surprising discoveries by spitting into a test tube and sending their saliva to an ancestry-type organization for testing. Slated to speak about their own DNA stories at this forum are Denise Frankoff, Ruthie Gammons, Chris Gallagher, and Maura Pascucci. An interesting discussion and Q&A session follows. Refreshments will be served.

The DubHub is open for Coffee & Conversation on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 9 am to noon — except on November 29, when it is closed. On Mondays, the Hub is open until 5 pm. On Wednesdays, the Hub is closed from noon to 1, but then is open again from 1 to 4 pm.



Dublin Smartphone Photo Contest

The December 1 deadline for the first Dublin Smartphone Contest is rapidly approaching. Rules are posted on dublincommunitycenter.org. Dublin residents and those who work within the town are encouraged to participate. In January the DubHub will exhibit all the entries, with winners being announced at the opening reception on January 3. For more information, email dubhubphotocontest@gmail.com or call the DubHub on Mondays or Wednesdays at 563-8080.

DubHub Special Coming Events

December 6 Small Treasures Art Show Opening Reception, 5-7 pm (show continues December 7-9)

December 13 Holiday Sing-along 7-9 pm

January 31 Fifth Friday Folk Show: Tribute to the Great American Folk Revival (Benefit Concert for MATS) 7-9:30 pm

Dublin Artists in the 24th Annual Monadnock Art Tour

Over the Columbus Day weekend, during peak foliage and beautiful weather, three Dublin artists opened their studios during the 24th Annual Monadnock Art Tour.

Showing their works were, respectively, Kimberly Kersey-Asbury (right), ceramic sculpture, painting and photography; Rebecca Welch (below right), wearable fiber creations; and Susan Barker (below), jewelry, with her daughter Nina.



Photos by Sally Shonk



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Monadnock Region Natural History Conference

What's next for the scientific and conservation community in southwest NH.

BY STEVEN ROBERGE AND KAREN BENNETT

Announcing the first-ever Monadnock Region Natural History Conference on November 16 at Keene State College from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm.

This full-day conference will feature presentations on a diversity of natural history topics, with a focus on conser-

vation research, ecological restoration, and natural resource management in the Monadnock Region.

This is a chance to learn about local conservation research directly from scientists and land managers, and to think collaboratively about what's next for the scientific and conservation community



in southwest New Hampshire, and the Monadnock Region specifically.

Topics include wildlife, wetlands and stream ecology, forest ecology and management, Mount Monadnock, citizen science, climate change, and more.

Cost: \$15 in advance or \$20 at the door. (Students with valid ID: \$5 in advance; \$10 at the door.)

Co-sponsored by UNH Cooperative Extension, The Harris Center for Conservation Education, Keene State College, Monadnock Ecological Research and Education Project (MERE) of Antioch University New England, and Franklin Pierce University.

To register, visit <https://extension.unh.edu/events/monadnock-region-natural-history-conference>

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One of Edith Tuttle's paintings in the Fry Fine Art show, a watercolor cut-out titled "Peterborough Diner."

Edith Tuttle of Dublin is a featured artist at Fry Fine Art in Peterborough, opening November 1 with a reception at 5 pm that evening. "21 Views," a new exhibit of paintings of Monadnock Region towns and landscapes, also features work by Cathleen Calmer of Hancock.

Fry Fine Art is at 36 Grove Street, and open from 11 am to 5 pm, Wednesday through Sunday. "21 Views" will be on display from November through January.

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The Loom, Poetry in Harrisville

On Sunday, November 10, at 4:30 pm, The Loom hosts its next two poets reading their works: Ellen Doré Watson and George Kalogeris. Readings take place in St. Denis Church, at 23 Church Street, in Harrisville. Admission is free.

Ellen Doré Watson, previous director of the Poetry Center at Smith College, was named one of "24 Poets for the 21st Century" by the *Library Journal*. She has written five books of poetry and many translations from Portuguese. Her most recent book is *pray me stay eager* (Alice James Books, 2018).

George Kalogeris's most recent book, *Guide to Greece* (LSU 2019), was described as "At once boisterous, ironic and tender" by Michael Putnam, emeritus professor of classics, Brown University. "The poems fall on the ear and rest in the heart...with consummate ease."

The Loom poetry series, celebrating some of the best of contemporary poetry, is located in the historic mill town of Harrisville. The Loom has donated a book by each poet to the Harrisville Library.

On November 9, the day before the reading, at 10:30 am at the Harrisville Library, Loom founder Rebecca Kaiser Gibson is offering a chance to find your own way into their work by leading a conversation on a poem by each of our readers.

To contribute, go to: fundraising.fracturedatlas.org/the-loom-poetry-in-harrisville.

For information, please email Rebecca, a former lecturer at Tufts and poet herself, at rebeccagibson55@gmail.com.

Hospice at HCS Offers Poinsettias for the Season

Support care in our region with locally grown plants in differing colors and sizes.

The Poinsettia Sale to benefit Hospice at HCS will be taking place in November, Hospice Month. This annual event, now in its 24th year, benefits hospice care in 52 communities in southwestern New Hampshire. Hospice care focuses on living life to the fullest while experiencing a life-limiting illness. It is a holistic approach to care, with the goal of comfort and dignity at the end of life. Proceeds from the annual Poinsettia Sale help to provide care for patients and support for family caregivers. Care is provided wherever the person calls home; in their own home, in an assisted living facility, or in a nursing home.



Plants will be available by preorder at the Keene and Peterborough offices of HCS.

Poinsettias are available in red, pink, and white and in three sizes: a single stem plant in a 6" pot with 6 to 8 blooms (\$12); a double stem plant in a 7" pot with 12 to 15 blooms (\$20); and a triple stem plant with 20 to 25 blooms (\$30).

Order forms must be received by Thursday, November 21. For details on delivery dates and pick-up options, or to print an order form, visit www.HCSservices.org. To request an order form be mailed or for more information, call 352-2253 x4291 or email poinsettias@HCSservices.org.

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Hunger & Homelessness Awareness Week & Readings at the Peterborough Library

Share this Call for Stories on what it means to feel at home.

BY LISA ROGERS

Stories about homelessness here in the Monadnock Region will be read aloud by actors from Firelight Theatre Workshop and ConVal High School students on November 15 at 5 pm at the Peterborough Library. The event includes an art opening in support of Hunger & Homelessness Awareness Week (November 16-24).

If you have experienced hunger or housing insecurity, or you have helped someone experiencing it, we would like to hear your story. Firelight Theatre Workshop continues its tradition of community collaboration in this call for stories of 100 words or less inspired by the prompt "Hunger & Homelessness: Stories of Hope."

It is important these stories are heard. Stories will be recorded so the community can listen to them while the art show is exhibited at the Peterborough library.

Out of respect for writers who wish to remain anonymous, all submissions, recordings, and readings will be listed

anonymously. The privacy of all writers will be completely upheld.

Your stories can be submitted by November 8 to Jason Lambert and Lisa

Rogers, email to hungerhomelessness-hope@gmail.com.

LISA ROGERS, who is the homeless outreach worker for the ConVal School District (SAU1), and Jason Lambert, co-founder with Nora Fiffer of the Firelight Theatre Workshop, are the coordinators of "Hunger & Homelessness: Stories of Hope," the reading of pop-up stories being held during an art opening on November 15 at the Peterborough Library during Hunger & Homelessness Awareness Week.



Blessing of the Animals

On a Sunday afternoon in mid-October, people brought their pets or photos of their pets to be blessed in the Sanctuary Garden in back of the Community Church.

Animals large and small were welcome, so there were guinea pigs, a rabbit, and even a couple turtles in addition to the expected dog and cat population.

The event was marked as a time to appreciate all the love that animal companions bring to our lives and all they teach us. With the spirit of St. Francis, who made an appearance in a monk's robe, attendees recognized a kinship with all of nature, including the wild animals of the Monadnock Region.

Traceymay Kalvaitis officiated.

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New Town Employees

On October 14, several new town employees were sworn in by Dublin's Board of Selectmen.

The new fulltime officer is Brandon Blair (in uniform); and part-time officer is Lionel Emond. The BOS also appointed two new highwaymen to serve the town: John Hartwell and Gary Russell.



Photos by Sally Shonk



Mary Iselin's Art Shows in Jaffrey

The Jaffrey Civic Center welcomes NH artist Mary Iselin, who will exhibit her oil work through November 15.

Mary Iselin's paintings are luminous, filled with light. She paints draft horses, sheep, cattle, and landscapes to explore light, color, and atmosphere — especially spiritual atmosphere.

A professional painter in oil, Iselin is represented by several fine art galleries, and she is the recipient of numerous awards. She is a former faculty member of the NH Institute of Art. Last year she received the Gold Award for "Best Artist" in both local newspapers! "The longer I paint, the more I feel that the point is to just keep painting. Techniques can be learned, but it is my job as an artist to be standing there with a paint brush in my hand when Inspiration comes through. And painting is all I really want to do."



Exhibits at Jaffrey Civic Center are free and open to the public, with refreshments available. Call for hours and information at 532-6527, e-mail info@jaffreyciviccenter.com, or visit jaffreyciviccenter.com.

Holiday Stroll in Peterborough

Get your early taste of the holiday spirit and begin your holiday shopping at the Annual Holiday Stroll through Peterborough, November 23, from 9 am to 2 pm. For more than 20 years it has been a tradition on the Saturday before Thanksgiving.

Come to the many different craft fairs. Visit with Santa and make a wish; feast on the baked goods at the Methodist Church, or the cookie platters at Divine Mercy. Join in on the cookie walk at the Unitarian Universalist Church; meet Santa's Elf at the Serendipity Shop; decorate your home with the berry bowls from the Congregational Church; pick up good winter reading at Keyes-Sage; or visit the hospitality center at The Christian Science Church.

Come and enjoy the beauty and elegance that Peterborough has to offer.

Bird Population Decline

BY TOM WARREN

A recent article by Ken Rosenberg of Cornell Laboratory of Ornithology in the highly regarded journal *Science* highlights dramatic declines in bird populations totaling some 3 billion birds since 1970, an estimate of more than 1 in 4 birds.

A University of Maine macro-ecologist, Brian McGill, reports the news is not quite as apocalyptic as headlines in the national media reported. McGill reported that radar data used for the *Science* article show the largest declines came from the Starling and House Sparrow.

The House Sparrow decline began more than 100 years ago when the automobile replaced the horse for transportation. There was no longer horse manure filled with seeds on the streets to provide food for the sparrow. From 30 starlings released in New York City more than 100 years ago, its population increased to many millions. A decline in these two species is no loss to bluebirds and other hole-nesting species.

Two-thirds of the 3 billion bird decline comes from 40 of the most common bird species.

The primary causes of decline are land-use policies in Central and South America where many of our birds spend the winter months. There is extensive clear cutting of forests for agricultural use, and use of DDT and other pesticides.

The United States banned DDT 50 years ago, which led to increases in populations

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The Starling, once numbering in the millions, is among the bird species in decline.

of many birds, especially bald eagles and ospreys that now nest in the Monadnock Region. The Peregrine Falcon, another bird edging toward extinction, saw its population increase as a result of a captive-breeding program originating at Cornell University.

Wood Thrush, Swainson's Thrush, and Veery have all lost 70% of their populations. Consider the Wood Thrush singing his beautiful flute-like song in our cool New Hampshire forests! He was accustomed to spending the winter in a similarly cool, moist pine forest in Nicaragua. But no more. Those forests have all been cut and now the Wood Thrush returns to a clear-cut, dry land hardly conducive to a winter sojourn, with no insects to eat due to pesticide spraying.

The Swainson's Thrush, named for Audubon's friend, spends his winter in Brazil, where massive fires burn in Amazonia. This thrush no longer nests on

Mt. Monadnock, but is observed frequently in October during fall migration from farther north.

Species such as raptors and turkeys have increased and the Monadnock Region has seen increases in Cardinals, Red-billed Woodpeckers, and Carolina Wrens. Mockingbirds are more common in the southern United States and are now common residents

here. Pack Monadnock continues to report record numbers of some species of raptors.

TOM WARREN is Dublin's resident ornithologist.

Susan Stover and Nancy Jackson joined many others to take part in the Dublin-to-Harrisville Recovery Walk to help de-stigmatize recovery from Substance Use Disorder on October 20.

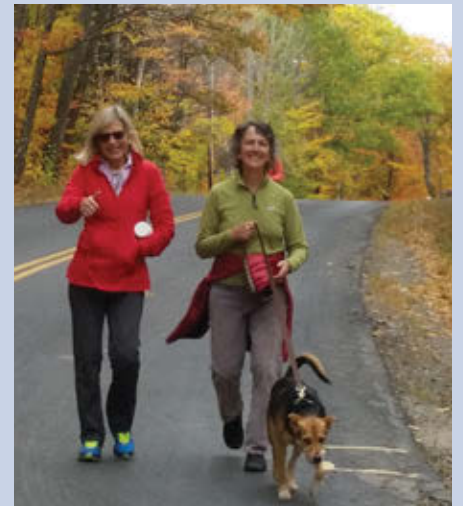


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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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3 Daylight Savings Ends	4 HUB Coffee 9-noon; Open 12-5 pm; Dance with Deb 5:30-6:30 pm; DPL Raylynmor mtg. 6 pm; TH BOS 4 pm	5 DCC MRC 7:30 am; DPL HillTop Group 6:45 pm		6 HUB Coffee 9-noon; Qigong 12-1 pm; Open 1-4 pm; DPL StoryTime 9:30 am; Republicans 6 pm; DCC TwoHat Group 7 pm	7 HUB Code Club 3:30-4:30 pm	8 HUB Coffee 9-noon; DCS Circus 2 pm & 6 pm
10 The Loom, Poetry in Harrisville at St Denis, 4:30 pm	11 Veterans Day HUB Coffee 9-noon; Open 12-5 pm; Dance with Deb 5:30-6:30 pm; DPL closed; DS Observatory event 12-1 pm	12 DCC MRC 7:30 am; DPL closed 9-12 pm; 4-8 pm	13 HUB Coffee 9-noon; Qigong 12-1 pm; Open 1-4 pm; DPL Storytime 9:30 am; Trustees 7 pm; DCC TwoHat Group 7 pm	14 HUB Code Club 3:30-4:30 pm	15 HUB Coffee 9-noon; DCA Vets Honored 9:45 am; Pop Up Stories about Hope & Homelessness at the P'bro Library: 5 pm	16 Homelessness and Hunger Awareness Week 16-24; Keene State Monadnock Region Conference 8:30-4:30 pm; HUB Dublin Story Hour 7-9 pm
17 Snow date for HUB's Story Hour 7-9 pm	18 HUB Coffee 9-noon; Open 12-5 pm; Dance with Deb 5:30-6:30 pm; TH BOS 4 pm	19 DCC MRC 7:30 am; HUB Community Lunch with harp 12-1 pm; DPL Book Buddies 3:45 pm; HillTop Group 6:45 pm	20 HUB Coffee 9-noon; Qigong 12-1 pm; Open 1-4 pm; DPL StoryTime 9:30 am; TH Conservation Commission 7 pm; DCC TwoHat Group 7 pm	21 DPL Recycle Committee 6 pm; Book Group 6:30 pm	22 HUB Open Mic 7-9:30 pm	23 HUB Forum: My DNA Story 4:30-5:30 pm; P'bro Holiday Stroll 9 am-2 pm
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