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Congratulations to Students in the Class of 2021!

"And whatever your labors and aspirations, in the noisy confusion of life, keep peace in your soul."

—Desiderata by Max Ehrmann ©1927

CONVAL

Owen Armstrong is graduating with ConVal's class of 2021. He has been involved in Robotics and is editor of the yearbook. He plans to



attend Rochester Institute of Technology in the fall to major in computer science.

Jason Bergeron will graduate from ConVal High School in June. While at ConVal, Jason has been an honors student, multi-



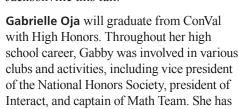
sport athlete, class officer, and active volunteer. Jason will attend the University of New Hampshire, Durham where he has been accepted into the Hamel Scholars

Program. Entering the College of Engineering and Physical Sciences, he plans to study physics. Jason's long-term goal is to pursue an education and career in astrophysics.

Wyatt Davis is graduating from ConVal and will be doing snowboard instructor training in Lake Tahoe starting next fall.



Griffin Filaski is a 2021 graduate of ConVal where he played lacrosse and football. He will be pursuing a career in investment finance. He'll be attending Florida State College Jacksonville this fall





stayed active in the community as well, such as speaking at the Lights For Liberty rally and sharing a story at a Black Fly Story Hour event. Gabby looks forward

to being a part of her new community at Wheaton College in Norton, MA, in the fall. She plans to pursue a degree in the medical field as her dream is to become an OB-GYN.

Other Dublin resident students who graduated from ConVal this June include Elizabeth Goss, Devin Guy, Jack Koester, and Nicholas Page.

ConVal Class of 2021 graduation is scheduled for Friday, June 11, at 6 pm. While guests are limited to immediate family, the ceremony will be live-streamed for viewing by those interested. Graduates will also be celebrated in each of their towns in the school district with a "Senior Tribute." Look for decorations and signs congratulating the Class of 2021 in Dublin and surrounding towns beginning Saturday, June 5. All Dublin businesses and residents are welcome to add to the celebration by displaying signs of congratulations! Be sure to drive around to view all of the displays. Congratulations Class of 2021!

DUBLIN SCHOOL

After four years at the Dublin School, **Bob Paltrineri** will be heading to Connecticut to attend Fairfield University's Dolan School of Business where he was



awarded the Loyola Scholarship. He will be pursuing his passion for entrepreneurship and finance.

Nora Rogers will attend Ringling College of Art and Design in Sarasota, Florida, in



the fall where she will major in Illustration. At Dublin School, Nora was a leader in art portfolio, rowed varsity crew, performed in several musicals, was a proc-

tor, and member of the GSA.

Liza Runyon graduates Dublin School ready to take on a new adventure at the University of Virginia (UVA), following in the footsteps of her mother, aunt, uncle,

and both grandfathers. She's not sure what she wants to pursue but is interested in psychology and gender studies. In addition to her academic achievements



at Dublin, Liza was the co-caption of the soccer team and the lacrosse team; she hopes to continue playing in some capacity at UVA.

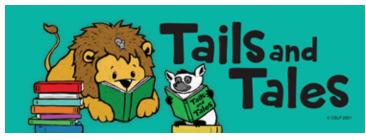
Other 2021 graduates from Dublin School this year are **Liam Harrison** and **Erin Meiklejohn**.

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Dublin Public Library

BY RACHAEL LOVETT

We're open once again so come on in! We are highly recommending reservations, especially if you have a large party, but walk-ins are still welcome. We will continue to adhere to capacity limitations, so please bear this in mind when scheduling your visit. Please wear a mask and practice social distancing. Thank you!



Curbside pickup remains in place for those who wish to utilize this service. Hours for both inside browsing and curbside services are Monday 10 am-5 pm, Tuesday 3 pm-7 pm, Wednesday 9 am-5 pm, Thursday 3 pm-7 pm, and Saturday 9 am-1 pm.

At this time, we will not be offering use of meeting spaces or the multipurpose room to outside groups. We apologize for any inconvenience.

Our Summer Reading Program Kick-Off event will be held on Saturday, June 26, from 10 am to 12 pm. We will have frozen treats (individually wrapped), crafts and activities, Summer Reading sign-up and welcome packets, and more. Activities will be outdoors, weather permitting, and indoors – come get your new library card, checkout some books, and have some fun!

We are proud to announce we are the recipient of an ALA (American Library Association) grant, Libraries Transforming Communities! We have been awarded \$3,000 to redesign our Summer Reading Program, but need your help in doing so.

We have surveys available and suggestion boxes, and on June 10 at 6 pm, we will host a community conversation via Zoom.

Please join us in making a new, completely inclusive, Summer Program for all ages that will continue year after year.

RACHAEL LOVETT is Director of the DPL.

Purchase your outdoor fire permits online at nh.gov/nhdfl

PUBLIC NOTICE • TOWN OF DUBLIN

Supervisors of the Checklist

New Hampshire law requires that the Supervisors of the Checklist verify the checklist every ten years. Any person on the checklist who has not voted in the past four years must re-register to remain on the checklist. The Supervisors sent notice letters to these voters at the address the voter provided when registering.

The Supervisors of the Checklist for the Town of Dublin will hold a session at the Town Hall for re-registering voters who have not voted since April 1, 2017, accepting applications for new voter registration, requests for the correction of the checklist, and/or change of political party affiliation on Saturday, June 12, 2021 from 11 to 11:30 am.

Applicants for registration who possess proof of identity, age, citizenship, and domicile should bring that proof when they come to register. Qualified applicants who do not possess proof, or who do not bring proof with them, may still register if they sign an affidavit attesting to their qualifications for identity, age, and citizenship, and/or domicile.

Take-Out Supper for All

On Tuesday, June 22, the Dublin Community Church is offering a free Community Take-Out Supper. Pickup begins at 5:30 pm. It will include baked pasta (vegetarian and meat options available), salad, bread, and dessert.

Reservations are required. Please call Laurie Jameson at 603-876-5003 by Friday, June 18, to reserve a meal and give her your phone number. You will get directions when you call for a reservation.

Volunteers at the vaccine site in Keene enjoy desserts left over from last month's community supper extras!







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Property Tax Relief

Low and moderate income homeowners may apply.

BY IFANNINE DUNNE

It is time again for New Hampshire's Low and Moderate Income Homeowners Property Tax Relief program set forth under RSA 198:57

The application filing period for this program is after May 1, 2021 and before June 30, 2021. To be eligible for property tax relief, an applicant must:

- **A.** Own a homestead or an interest in a homestead that is subject to the State Education Property Tax.
- **B.** Have resided in the homestead on April 1, 2020, except such persons as are on active duty as provided for in RSA 198:57, III(b); and
- **C.** Meet one of the following total household income levels:
 - 1. Households with one single adult member, \$20,000 or less;
 - 2. Households with 2 or more adult members, \$40,000 or less;
 - 3. Head of a New Hampshire household, \$40,000 or less.

Low and Moderate Income Homeowners Property Tax Relief Applications (Form DP-8), and the required property tax bills are available at the Town Clerk's office. In addition, applicants can obtain information about the program at (603) 230-5920 prompt 2, then prompt 2 again.

Application forms and additional program information are also available on the Department's website at www.revenue.nh.gov.

JEANNINE R. DUNNE (townclerk@townofdublin.org) is Dublin's Certified Tax Collector and Certified Town Clerk, PO Box 62, Dublin, NH 03444; 603-563-8859; Fax: 603-563-9221.

Town Hall Is Reopening

Summer Playground delayed 'til 2022.
BY KATE FULLER

Dublin Town Hall will be reopening on June 14 for the Town Clerk/Tax Collector, Town Administrator, and Town Committee Meetings. In the interest of ensuring a safe environment for Town residents and Town Hall employees, Town Committee meetings will be limited to ten people. Town Hall is not reopening for outside groups or rentals at this time.

Please help to keep our workers safe! If you can make your payments online, by mail or drop box (located at the rear entrance), please continue to do so. Masks and social distancing are required in all Town buildings. If you don't have a mask we are happy to provide one.

If you have any symptoms of COVID-19, please do not come to Town Hall. Call the Town Office at 563-8544 and we will find an alternative plan to serve you.

Summer Playground: Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Summer Playground will not be operating for the 2021 season. We hope to resume in 2022!

KATE FULLER is Town Administrator (townadministrator@townofdublin.org) for Dublin (www.townofdublin.org), PO Box 277, Dublin, NH 03444; call 603-563-8544 or fax 603-563-9221.

On behalf of the Transfer Station employees and Recycling Committee, I would like to thank Dublin residents for their overwhelming support for our new storage building.

- Tom Kennedy, Dublin Transfer Station



Jon Wilson DIPL, AC.



Leah Reed L.M.T.

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Update on 5th Grade at DCS for Next Year

There will not be a 5th grade class at DCS during 2021-2022.

BY ALAN EDELKIND

A little bit of history: Dublin has been the only elementary school in the ConVal district that has had the availability of 5th grade. All other towns send their 5th graders to attend one of our two middle schools. This has been a long-standing tradition and commitment. Most years the school board goes through a discussion about 5th grade continuing at DCS, and it has been increasingly apparent that the preference is to discontinue the practice.

When I joined the school board last year, a motion was put forth to discontinue 5th grade going forward. I put forth a counter-proposal with three parts (paraphrased below).

- 1. 5th grade would be made available to DCS students for the next six school years. This would allow for the current Kindergarten class to go all the way through 5th grade. There needed to be an expiration date on the motion or, in my estimation, it would not have passed.
- **2.** If there were fewer than four students attending 5th grade for a particular year, then 5th grade would not be utilized at DCS for that year. Fewer than four students would not be a good thing socially or academically.
- **3.** If 5th grade was not utilized for three years in a row, due to #2 above, then DCS would no longer have the availability of 5th grade going forward. This is a logical extension as stopping for three consecutive years would make it a very difficult process to restart.

The current 4th grade class at DCS has

six students. Three families opted to have their children attend SMS Middle School vs. DCS for various reasons. Following the written policy, these transfers were accepted, leaving only three students remaining for DCS 5th grade. Based on our agreement, we lose 5th grade for the 2021-2022 school year.

This is fair to all and has been left up to parents to choose what they feel is best for their children.

What the future holds: The current 3rd grade (which will be 4th grade 2021-2022) has five students; current 2nd grade (which will be 3rd grade 2021-2022) has 15 students.

For the 2022-2023 school year we could be faced with the same situation we are this year, making it two years in a row we would not have 5th grade. It looks like for the 2023-2024 school year (with 15 students) we would have 5th grade back at DCS.

As is proper, the decision to have one's child attend DCS or SMS for 5th grade is left up to the individual parent. It must also be recognized that the decision of one will affect many.

In next month's *Advocate* I will update everyone on the budget and how/when it affects our tax bills (twice a year).

For other ConVal updates, please visit the Dublin/ConVal group on Facebook.

ALAN EDELKIND is Dublin's rep to SAU1, the ConVal School Board.

Scholarships Awarded by TTF

The Scholarship Committee of the Dublin Trustees of the Trust Funds has awarded scholarships to three students who begin their college careers in the fall. These awards are made on the basis of academic merit, financial need, and a demonstrated commitment to civic engagement.

Florence Colantino, who is graduating from the Forman School in Litchfield, Connecticut, will be attending Flagler College in Florida. Her college counselor at Forman wrote that Florence "has successfully navigated the demands of an active student athlete and student body leader" while finding time to volunteer in the community.

Gabrielle Oja will graduate from ConVal High School in June and plans to attend Wheaton College in Norton, Massachusetts. The coach of the Math Team, of which Gabby was the captain for two years, describes her leadership style as "subtle, comfortable, and kind." She is a strong, dedicated student who is also committed to the fight for racial justice.

Michael Post will be attending Florida College. After homeschooling, he attended Fairwood Bible Institute where he compiled an exemplary academic record. The Director of the institute describes Michael as a "fine young man of solid character, great enthusiasm, and strong leadership." Michael also found the time to do weekly community service projects.

The Scholarship Committee congratulates these young people, who are not only excellent students but also engaged members of their communities.

MARY LOFTIS and BALMEET LASKY are members of Dublin's Trustees for Trust Funds.





DCS News

BY NICOLE PEASE

How is it possible that it is June and close to the end of the school year? As spring has sprung, DCS staff and students are making the most of the opportunity to get outside. Earth Day brought a schoolwide

cleanup of winter's debris as well as the planting of daffodils to brighten up our school grounds.

The Cornucopia Project started on a cool and rainy day, and the gardens have received much needed attention as well as some early plantings in preparation for the upcoming growing season.

Thanks to the Dublin Community Foundation, the bread oven had a spring makeover to reinforce the outer shell. We are planning to fire up the oven later this month.

DCS held its annual Memorial Day Assembly on Friday, May 28. Mrs. Quinn's 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders put on some wonderful Reader's Theater Performances.

Everyone is so excited by the prospect of summer, and we will tap into that energy because there is still a lot of learning time left

DCS Staff is busy planning for the completion of the academic expectations at each grade level. Additionally, there are end-of-year assessments to be administered that provide us with detailed information about each child's progress. This work is essential as our purpose is to ensure all students grow to the best of their abilities. It is also important as it provides us with information as we plan for our return to



school in the fall. The staff knows how hard this work is and they balance out this focus upon learning with lots of fun too!

The end of the year will bring some great events to DCS and our students. Spirit Week will include all kinds of fun ways for students to show their school spirit! Health and Wellness Teacher Kelly Parker is coordinating a school-wide Field Day. We will be holding a Farewell Ceremony for our 5th grade and our last day of school will be June 17.

We hope that you have a wonderful summer, and we look forward to seeing you back in the fall!

NICOLE PEASE, M.Ed., is Dublin Consolidated School's Teaching Principal.

Dublin Community Preschool & Childcare Center

Six young graduates head to first grade.

BY SHEENA BALDWIN

Things are all abuzz at DCP as the children jump feet first into mud puddles, do some gardening, and explore all the insects that are waking up with the warmer weather. The garden beds have been turned and seeds have been started. We'll have an assortment of veggies for our fall harvest and flowers for the birds and butterflies.

As the gardens blossom and bloom, so do the children in our care. We are excited to announce the DCP Class of 2021 consists of six graduates! Three students plan to attend Dublin Consolidated School in the fall with the others attending Peterborough and Hancock Elementary Schools.

The spring brings awakening and explora-

tion of new curiosities. Working with children so young, teachers get to witness them truly seeing and experiencing nature for the first time – and they are in awe.

Some children explore their surroundings through rough and tumble gross motor play, while others will calmly and carefully inspect each blade of grass, every inch of a twig, and every petal of a flower.

DCP is a nonprofit organization serving the Dublin community since 1964 and is seeking to fill various Board positions. Please email dcp. board@dublinpreschoolandchildcare.org for more information.

SHEENA BALDWIN is Program Director and Preschool Teacher at DCP and can be reached at info@dublinpreschoolandchild-care.org or call 603-563-8508.





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Dublin Trail Parking Changes

BY STERLING ABRAM

This is a notice to forewarn interested **I** parties that there will be parking changes taking place this summer at the Dublin and Marlborough trailheads which access Mount Monadnock. Reservations will be required and fees collected on weekends and holidays, which may include Fridays. Details are still under consideration. According to the Monadnock State Park Manager, "this is an effort to spread out use, keep the parking from overflowing and causing access/safety problems, and provide better public information for the increase in hikers finding these remote trailheads for the first time." Reservations for all NH State Parks can be made by going to www.nhstateparks.org or by calling Reserve America at 877-647-2757.

There has been a noticeable and substantial increase in use of hiking trails on Mount Monadnock in the last year and a half. Long before that, the Parks system recognized that the future will require new efforts and

initiatives to make our trail systems and protected spaces sustainable for the long term. Studies are planned to determine how to best address these issues. A certain number of parking spaces at Monadnock State Park have been available for reservations over the last year or so, and that system seems to be working well.

The likely effect of using the reservation system for remote trailheads will be that Pumpelly Trail use will increase even more. Unfortunately, the trailhead and beginning section of that trail is on private property for which the State has no permanent easement. Ideally, if some property were available to make a permanent space for parking and trail easement, the Pumpelly could fall under the same reservation system as the other remote trailheads, but until that becomes a reality there seems to be no relief from Lake Road parking used for hiking.

STERLING ABRAM is Dublin's member on the Monadnock Advisory Commission.



Ribbon-cutting celebration on the completed Charcoal Road bridge in October 2016.



2020 Citizen of the Year

This year the Citizen of the Year was announced by Walt Snitko, who presented the new candidate with a silver bowl, saying: "The Citizen of the Year has quietly served our community in many capacities for many years. He has been a member of the Fire Department, overseen the maintenance of town buildings and major town projects, and served on the Select Board for nine years. The Dublin Select Board would like to recognize Sterling Abram as Citizen of The Year."

Sterling is also one of the Dublin representatives to the Monadnock Advisory Commission, and serves on the Capital Improvement Committee with Allen Hearn, Chris Raymond, and Bill Gurney.

Walt Snitko also won an award for his years of faithful service to the town.

A t www.townofdublin.org, you can find scheduled meetings at "News, Public Notices and Zoom Links," the 5th of six buttons across the bottom.







Dublin's 2021 Town Meeting Decisions

On the windy Cricket Hill Farm on May 1, we voters attended by sitting in our cars, listening via radio and loudspeaker, and casting our deciding votes by waving colored pages or casting secret ballots.

The candidates for new town offices in Article 1 were decided by vote last March 9 in the Town Hall. They were announced in the April *Advocate*, p. 3.

- **2.** Voters passed the Budget Committee's recommended sum of \$2,083,412 for general municipal operations, which did not include appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately.
- **3.** It was agreed that \$205,000 was to be contributed to the Town Capital Reserve Funds, previously established: Heavy Highway Equipment (\$20,000), Police Cruiser (\$10,000), Fire Equipment (\$30,000), Road Construction (\$90,000), Bridge Repair / Replacement (\$15,000), Town Buildings Maintenance (\$40,000).
- **4.** Senate Bill 2 (RSA 40:13) did not pass (yea 20, nay 118). Deliberative town meetings will continue in Dublin.
- **5.** \$15,000 was approved to repair the ramp and railing at the Post Office, with same to come from the Town Buildings Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund.
- **6.** \$10,000 was raised to fund vacation pay accrued by employees when they leave the employ of the Town. The Accrual Expendable Trust (per RSA 31:19-a) will come from taxation; Select Board as agents.
- **7.** We approved \$5,250 for the stewardship, maintenance, and a survey of Rotary Park.
 - **8.** \$3,600 will again fund *The Dublin Advocate*.
- **9.** \$7,890 will be contributed to 11 nonprofits that provide advisory health and welfare services to Dubliners.
- **10.** \$5,000 was approved to support the mission of the Dublin Community Center (yea 60, nay 59).

From Monadnock Beat

"Election officials said Saturday that voter turnout was typical with 138 or 12 percent of the town's 1,176 registered voters attending. On average 150 voters attend the annual Town Meeting, they said."

SOURCE: www.monadnockbeat.com/articles/drive-in-dublin-voters-fund-new-recycling-center-building-say-no-to-sb2-and-clash-over-dubhub-state-ment-on-racism

- **11.** \$28,284 will be contributed to Expendable Trust Funds, for Revaluation, Master Plan, Town Buildings Repair.
- **12.** \$2,450 will be received from the sale of cemetery lots to add to the Cemetery Trust Fund.
- **13.** The purchase and installation of two plaques honoring Dublin Veterans who served in the Korean War and the Vietnam Conflict and to clean the two Veterans plaques at Town Hall was approved at \$17,270 (75 yea, 15 nay).
- **14.** The purchase of seven replacement AED Machines (Automated External Defibrillators) was approved for \$9,874 and will be withdrawn from the Fire Equipment Capital Reserve Fund.
- **15.** We approved \$24,000 for Ground Water Mitigation at the Library, and will withdraw same from the Library Major Repair and Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund.
- **16.** \$74,609 was approved to chip seal Town roads, and to withdraw same from the Road Construction Capital Reserve.
- **17.** \$1,750 was approved to repair the Transfer Station Swap Shop roof, and to withdraw same from the Recycling Special Revenue Fund.
- **18.** \$110,000 was approved for construction of a new Recycling Building at the Transfer Station, and to withdraw same from the Recycling Special Revenue Fund (yea 107, nay 21).
 - **19.** [withdrawn due to the passage of the previous article]
 - **20.** We heard the reports of Agents, Auditors, Committees.

June Events at the DubHub



Coffee & Conversation Moves Outside

With the warmer weather Coffee & Conversation will be held in the Garden Sanctuary of the Dublin Community Church on Monday and Wednesday mornings from 10 to noon. In case of inclement weather, sessions move inside. For information, email info@dublincommunitycenter.org.

Knit with Nancy

Knit with Nancy continues via Zoom every Friday at 10 am. Contact Nancy Cayford at npcayford@myfairpoint.net for an invitation.

Song Circle on Sunday, June 6

Song Circle will meet outdoors in the Garden Sanctuary on Sunday, June 6, starting at 3 pm. Musicians, listeners, and singers are welcome at this informal session of folk, pop, blues, and original music. Bring a lawn chair, your own beverages and snacks. Musicians may bring lyric and chord sheets for others. Email host Bruce Simpson at bruce_simpson@msn.com.

Cosy Sheridan in Concert, June 12

Singer-songwriter Cosy Sheridan will be in concert in the Garden Sanctuary on June 12. Tickets are available at https://cosysheridan-in-dublin. eventbrite.com. Doors open at 5:30

pm. Attendees please bring lawn chairs, a picnic dinner, and beverages. (Rain date is June 13 at 3 pm with doors opening at 2.)

Community Lunch with Music

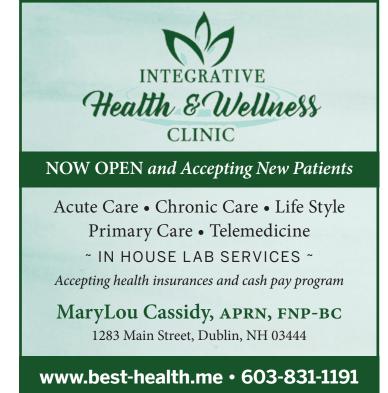
The June Community Lunch features a specially prepared meal by Gwir Huddleston Llewellyn. Visitors can get their meal to-go or stick around with a lawn chair or blanket and listen to live harp music by Susan Graham in the Garden Sanctuary. Pick up your meal at the Dub-Hub between 12 and 1 pm on June 15.

Open Stage

The Open Stage will be on Sunday, June 27 at 3 pm in the Garden Sanctuary. All styles of music and performance (storytelling, poetry, skits, readings, etc.) are welcome. Performers are encouraged to reserve a slot by emailing info@dublincommunitycenter.org. Everyone is asked to bring lawn chairs, beverages and snacks.

Follow the DubHub with the Hubbub and on FB

Information on live events and links to virtual events are provided in the weekly Hubbub newsletter, and can usually be found on the DubHub Facebook page. Email info@dublincommunitycenter.org with questions. To sign up for the Hubbub newsletter, go to http://eepurl.com/bLCNTz





Flowers for the Asking from Sarah Wilcox

BY RAMONA BRANCH

There's nothing quite like a bouquet of beautiful flowers to brighten someone's day. This was the inspiration for Sarah Wilcox to create her new business, Mountain Haven Flower Farm at 82 Page Road.

Gardening for Sarah started with growing vegetables for her family: husband, Kyle, minister of Mountain View Bible Church, and their three children Karson (5), Autumn (7), and Ethan (9). Next she became interested in growing herbs with a special interest in the herbs that make good herbal teas.

Sarah explains, "Last year I had so many flowers in my garden that I gave many away to friends and neighbors. When I saw how happy they were with my flower gift I began to think I should do this on a planned larger scale."

Last month Sarah and Kyle put in five additional large beds in which to grow flowers. These beds will include snapdragons, sunflowers, sweet peas, coleus, feverfew, love in a mist, and ornamental grasses.

She is in the process of designing a farm stand where she will be selling bouquets, herbs, excess veggies, herbal tea mixes and some occasional duck and chicken eggs. She said she will update social media if the stand sells out during the busy months so folks should always check on availability before they come.

Some of the special events that Sarah has planned for this summer and fall include discount bouquets at the stand for giving away (July 30); Community Kids Flower Event (August 27); Artist's Plein-air Day in the Garden overlooking expansive views of Mt. Monadnock (Sep-

tember 9); and Flowers, Tea and Friends (September 24).

If people are interested in attending a special event they should RSVP as "interested" or "coming" to the event on Facebook where they will learn about any changes due to weather and flower availability. Sarah explains, "Donations of \$10 are appreciated to help support the goal of giving flowers to Dublin neighbors who are unable to get out and about."

Also in the planning are "Sponsor a Bouquet" days



where people can donate toward the bouquets that she will take to local nursing homes and assisted living facilities. Sarah adds, "We are so grateful for our Dublin locals who have already donated vases and jars to hold these flower gifts."

To learn more about Mountain Haven Flower Farm, go to the Facebook page or Instagram.

RAMONA BRANCH is on the staff of the Advocate.

News from the Dublin Historical Society

Coming Soon! On Wednesday, June 2, at 7 pm, the Dublin Historical Society, with funding from NH Humanities, presents historian and storyteller Jo Radner in an interactive discussion, via Zoom, on

Family Stories: How and Why to Remember and Tell Them.

In this lively 90-minute program, Radner shares ways to mine our own memories and interview relatives for meaningful stories. Participants can practice finding, developing, and telling their own tales. Widely published, Jo Radner is currently working on a new book titled *Wit and Wisdom in the New England Village Lyceum*.

To join the Zoom meeting, a live link is posted on the home page of the Dublin Historical Society website: dublinhistory.org.



Jo Radner asks that participants sign in by 6:50, so the program can start on time. For further information, contact Lucy Shonk at lshonk66@gmail.com.

MEMBERS of the DHS are Lucy Shonk and Felicity Pool, Co-

Presidents; Donna Garner, Treasurer; Laura Elcoate, Ruth Gammons, Sara Germain, and Paul Hardy.

Save the Date

on Saturday, August 7, the Historical Society invites all to celebrate its Centennial-plus-one, an event postponed from last year. Gather at the 1841 Schoolhouse Museum on Main Street for refreshments, music, and tours of the Museum, from 1 to 3 pm. More about the celebration will be posted next month.

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13,000 Years of Native American History

The author's new book is in press, due out in mid- to late-September.

BY ROBERT GOODBY

Almost 13,000 years ago, small groups of Paleoindians endured frigid winters on the edge of a river in what would become Keene, New Hampshire. This begins the remarkable story of Native Americans in the Monadnock Region, part of the traditional homeland of the Abenaki people.

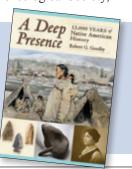
Often neglected or denied by conventional history, the long presence of Native people in southwestern New Hampshire is revealed by archaeological evidence for their deep, enduring connections to the land and the complex social worlds they inhabited. From the Tenant Swamp Site in Keene – which contained the remains of the oldest

known dwellings in New England – to the 4,000-year-old Swanzey Fish Dam still visible in the Ashuelot River, *A Deep Presence* tells their story. This compelling book draws on Goodby's 30 years of fieldwork and includes evidence from the archaeological record, written history, and the living traditions of today's Abenaki people.

Robert Goodby is Professor of Anthropology at Franklin Pierce University. He earned his PhD in anthropology from Brown University and has more than 30 years of experience excavating Native American archaeological sites in New England. He is a past president of the New Hampshire Archeological Society,

A Deep Presence by Robert G. Goodby Paperback. 160 pages, 60 color illustrations; \$28.

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a former Trustee of the Mt. Kearsarge Indian Museum, and served on the New Hampshire Commission on Native American Affairs.

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ne Wednesday, time was taken from their sacred Scrabble game at the Hub to surprise Barbara LaRoche on her 94th. Otherwise nothing could interrupt their concentration. Both are fierce competitors, and no one can beat them in a game. And who would guess these two are only a couple of weeks apart in age? Once Mary Alice Fox, with her perpetual smile, said, "This just shows you're never too old to make a new friend!"





End 68 Hours of Hunger

Thanks to wonderful volunteers and generous donors, End 68 Hours of Hunger continues to feed more than 170 hungry kids every week. The food donations from Dubliners have been especially fabulous—thank you so much!

This month we're especially looking for Saltines, Ritz, and Club crackers. (We need crackers that come in sleeves rather than boxes of Triscuits or Wheat Thins, which are too big to fit in the food bags.) Any help you can give is always much appreciated!

Conserve Energy, Save Money

As the seasons change and temperatures get warmer, make sure you are keeping your home or business as energy efficient as possible. NHSaves provides NH residents with the information and incentives to save energy, reduce costs and protect our environment statewide!

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Now which ticks are most common in your area: www.cdc.gov/ticks/geographic_distribution.html.

Congratulations to the Class of 2021! continued from page 1

HOMESCHOOL

Timothy Murray, the oldest son of Dan and Ruth Murray, graduated from his home-



schooling program in June. Over the past four years, he was a member of numerous athletic teams for ConVal, including cross country, baseball, winter track,

and spring track and field. As a senior, he received a NHIAA scholar-athlete award for students who have excelled academically and are active in at least two varsity sports. He is looking forward to attending Fairwood Bible Institute in Dublin this fall.

FORMAN SCHOOL

Florence Colantino graduates from The Forman School in Litchfield, CT in

May. Florence was involved in many areas of her school. She started the Forman Legacy Society, was an all school officer, prefect, and ambassador, sat on



many boards, and was a three-sport varsity player, as well as captain of her soccer and

The Advocate welcomes submissions from Dubliners who are graduating high school or college, accompanied by a short paragraph and photo. For the July issue, please e-mail by June 15 to DublinAdvocate@gmail.com.

lacrosse teams. She will continue being involved with Forman for many years to come as the 2021 Class Agent. She won the ASL Award and the Headmaster's Award. While Florence is sad to end her time at the Forman School, she is excited to head to Flagler College in the fall where she will pursue a major in Deaf Education.

FAIRWOOD BIBLE INSTITUTE

Michael Post is graduating from Fairwood Bible Institute in Dublin, a non-accredited Bible college, where he has been studying for the past three years since graduation from high school. He enjoyed opportunities to help others through the Service Group,



as well as assisting at weekend youth retreats. He was also one of Bruce Fox's "Friendly Farmers" in the summers between school years. Michael will attend Florida

College in Tampa, where he will study for a bachelor's degree in history. He hopes to volunteer with a youth soccer program for refugee children.

COLLEGE GRADUATE

Natasha Kipka earned a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from Johnson and Wales University in Providence, RI. She has successfully pinned



down a new apartment in Portland, Maine, area – now she is searching to find work!





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The Cornucopia Project

A native pollinator habitat is on the farm and planned throughout the Monadnock Region.

The Cornucopia Project has returned to school gardens in all of ConVal District's elementary schools and one in Keene. Garden educators are guiding more than 300 students through seven weeks of exciting lessons and gardening activities while growing edible flowers, herbs, and vegetables at school.

Schools throughout NH are eager to share in the Cornucopia Project experience. 160 students signed up for Garden Learning Kits that include lesson plans and materials that classroom teachers can use to support their outdoor learning and share the joys of growing and eating healthy food, even without an existing school garden.

Cornucopia Project's high school student farmers are currently growing 10,000 seed-lings on the 2-acre Educational Farm across from ConVal High School. Their plants will fill the three high tunnels and surrounding fields with nourishing produce destined for the student-run CSA shares, local restaurants, and their school cafeterias.

Some of these plants have been presold to the community for home gardens and native pollinator habitats. The student farmers are excited to continue to build a native pollinator habitat on the farm and throughout the Monadnock Region.

Cornucopia Project is proud to have sponsored Peterborough Community Meals To Go, helping restaurants and residents throughout the pandemic.

The Cornucopia Project Board of Trustees and Staff are working to offer valuable opportunities to the community.

A Pet Food Partnership in Our Community

One bag of pet food makes a difference.

BY CAROL LAUGHNER

The idea of starting a food pantry for the pets of families experiencing difficult life/financial circumstances began in the mid-2000's, and has now come to fruition.

Monadnock Humane Society's (MHS) Pet Food Pantry was set up to provide short-term support for families in Cheshire County who would not otherwise be able to feed or care for their pet. Keeping pets with their families is more important during difficult times, a fact recognized not only by local citizens, but also by local companies like C&S Wholesale Grocers and UNFI, who donate generously to keep the pet food shelves stocked.

With the recent pandemic, the need for the MHS Pet Food Pantry became more apparent in our community, especially to those individuals who are served by Southwestern Community Services (SCS), a nonprofit community-action program serving people in Sullivan and Cheshire counties. Its assistance programs include fuel and electric assistance, weatherization for homeowners, WIC services, food distribution, Head Start preschool, and affordable housing properties. Last December, a partnership with SCS began that perfectly aligned with the MHS mission to strengthen the animal-human bond.

By making pet food accessible, the MHS Pet Food Pantry helps clients focus on and maintain their housing, which is the goal of SCS. Something as small as a bag of pet food can make a difference to people on a fixed income. Another benefit of this program is emotional support, especially

as a pet can bring comfort in times of crisis, crucial for people with mental health conditions.

This new partnership has been very successful and MHS hopes to continue to expand this program, serving more clients and providing more resources (e.g., cat litter, other pet supplies).

As we look to the future, the partnership between SCS and MHS marks one new way that working together can serve the community. If you – or someone you know – needs pet food assistance, call MHS at 603-352-9011, ext. 101. Information about SCS can be found at www.scshelps.org.

CAROL LAUGHNER handles marketing for the Monadnock Humane Society.

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It Was All Her Idea

The founder has preserved for posterity the forming of the Community Center.

BY MARGARET GURNEY

A concise history of the founding and mantling of the Dublin Community Center from Day 1 in 2008 has been carefully logged and written by its founder, Nancy Good Cayford, who describes "Building the Dublin Community Center" in her "nutshell history, 2008 to 2016."

With its purpose pegged as "A Place for All Ages," the Hub's debut in 2014 is documented

with each chapter devoted to its year of reconstruction, each with its set of procedures, challenges, and accomplishments.

The early years are captured with photographs of the dismantling, its staffing, as well as rebuilding, and are detailed using descriptive captions that leave no questions unanswered.

As a former member and curator of the Historical Society, Nancy begins her research before the beginning, with archival documentation on the "Mason Store," as it became known in 1892, going back to its original Greek Revival roots as a store in 1841. The organization began as The Burt House Preservation Society, a nonprofit, in honor of its former owners Phyllis and Charlie Burt. The photos tell the rest of the story.

An Open House was held in 2009, which our dear Doris Haddock attended and, in 2010, the serious renovation was underway. Many people from a cross-section of town were involved in these early fundraising days. The year 2011 was devoted to laying the



groundwork for a septic system, heretofore missing, and the wait was on for the appeal of the Select Board's decision to charge 50% of the value on taxes.

When their appeal was heard, their wish was granted; taxation would not begin until the apartments upstairs were rented. This was 2012, and Scott Swanson put all their dreams in the plans, which were then approved by Dublin's SB and ZBA.

By 2013 donations exceeded \$340,000, and the real labor began. Bids for indoor and outdoor work were received, and the 1856 building gained a new foundation. More funding details were hammered out, and the project was receiving finishing touches.

By 2014, volunteers were running community lunches, programs for children, exercise classes, art exhibits, parties and showers, and even renters living upstairs.

Nancy concludes that "the five years of easements, boundary lines, Planning Board, Zoning Board of Appeals, Scott Swanson's architectural plans, fundraising, asbestos, and tearing down walls were done..." (p. 23). As she prepared to step down from her directorship of the "Place for All Ages," barbecues with music were underway, the stone wall and garden out front were shaping up, and the board was well-staffed. What follows are ten pages of four or more photos each, complete with thorough captions. This is how it was. "Thank you Nancy" hardly begins to cover it.

Nancy dedicated the book to her husband, Phil Cayford, and their seven grandchildren. To purchase a copy, contact npcayford@myfairpoint.net.

MARGARET GURNEY is editor of the Advocate.

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"It Worked with One Channel"

Engineering the radio line for the cars and trucks at Town Meeting.

I was able to tell her: "Yes, it

Several years ago – since I was both a Chaplain at the Cheshire House of Correction and the station manager at WVKJ – I tried to put together a system to get our radio signal (89.9 FM) into the jail. Since the walls of the jail are concrete and very thick, they blocked our FM signal from most places in that institution. I thought, if I could only have a system that would repeat our signal inside, then this problem could be solved. The FCC allows lower-power FM signals within a certain distance without needing to get a license – so I bought a low-power FM transmitter.

That project never came into being because of the necessary extra security at the jail, but recently Kate Fuller, Dublin's town administrator, asked me about the legality of lower-powered FM transmission for the Town Meeting this year.

I was able to tell her: "Yes, it is legal within certain limitations and if you want to do it, I am glad to have my equipment used since I am not using it. It can be set at any frequency that is in the clear and not being used by regular FM stations."

So the station was set for 87.9 FM for Town Meeting (May 1) and, although the company the town hired to do sound could not get a stereo signal to the transmitter, it worked OK with just one channel!

These kinds of units have been used by many churches to hold meetings in parking lots during the pandemic. They are reasonably priced and can be used around your house or neighborhood if you want to provide music or programming while you work – just be sure to follow the FCC guidelines that limit the power output.

NEIL SANDFORD is Dublin's Secretary to the Planning Board and ZBA. He is also Dublin's Deputy Town Clerk / Tax Collector.

Ed. Note: This station is not be confused with 89.9 FM, which is Neil's radio station at Fairwood Bible Institute (see March 2021 Advocate, p. 8). Thanks to Neil for setting this up – fortunately, power boosters and jumper cables were on hand for those few whose car batteries died in the 3+ hour long meeting.

Dialing Change Notice from the FCC

We must change the way we dial local calls: 603 now required.

Pew Hampshire is one of 13 states included in the Federal Communications Commission's (FCC) new ruling that all NH calls must include the area code we are already familiar with: 603.

The ruling is to accommodate "988" as a new three-digit number to be used nationwide to reach the National Suicide Prevention and Mental Health Crisis Lifeline, starting July 16, 2022.

So, effective October 24, 2021, in order for 988 to work in your area code, 10-digit local dialing is required. While the change has already begun, after this date local calls dialed with only seven-digits may not be completed, and a recording will inform you that your call "cannot be completed as dialed." You must dial again. Please call Consolidated Communications at 1-844-968-7224 with questions, or visit www.fcc. qov/suicide-prevention-hotline.

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Concerts Begin in June

Electric Earth Concerts is continuing lits series of videocasts, including last year's promised "Changing the Conversation" event, and in celebration of Juneteenth 2021, a concert that premieres on Saturday, June 19 at 4 pm, will present work of Olly Wilson (1937-2018): "City of Heaven" for large ensemble.

Olly Woodrow Wilson, Jr., an American composer of contemporary classical music, pianist, double bassist, and musicologist, was one of the preeminent composers of African American descent in the 20th and 21st centuries.

Also on the program are "Grist for the Mill," a work by Duke University composer Anthony Kelley; Mark Kuss's arrangement of "7 Spirituals and Work Songs of the United States"; and Ben Johnston's "Amazing Grace Quartet."

To access this free performance, go to www.electricearthconcerts.org on the morning of the premiere, where you can find links to previous videocasts. We accept donations. For information, email eeconcerts@gmail.com.

Summer Warblers in the Monadnock Region

BY TOM WARREN

With the first mild days and southwest winds in May, the warblers return to the Monadnock Region. Many of them nest here.

Among summer residents are the following warblers: Yellow Warbler, Chestnut-sided Warbler, Magnolia Warbler, Black and White Warbler, American Redstart, Wilsons Warbler, Blackburnian Warbler, Black-throated Blue warbler, Black-throated Green Warbler, Yellow-rumped warbler, Pine Warbler, Prairie Warbler, Nashville warbler, Common Yellowthroat, Mourning warbler, Northern Waterthrush, Ovenbird, and Canada Warbler.

These are small birds with pointed bills for catching insects and some nectar. Males have bold coloration. Many warblers nest on, or near, the ground while others nest 60-70 feet high in spruce or fir trees. The males have distinct songs, often with very high frequencies and thus go unnoticed by those of us of advanced years.

Many warblers spend the winter in Central or South America and return to the



The Black & White Warbler nests on the ground and acts like a nuthatch climbing up trees and picking insects from bark crevices. This warbler also builds its nests on the ground. The stripes are very distinctive.

Monadnock Region in early May. Most of them fly in during the night hours and can be observed across a full moon.

TOM WARREN is Dublin's resident ornithologist.

Monadnock Summer Lyceum Welcomes All

For our 52nd season, the Monadnock Summer Lyceum introduces eight outstanding speakers who continue our mission "to inform, engage, and inspire."

We remain in a transition before we are back to sitting safely in the pews of the Peterborough Unitarian Universalist Church, to engage with the speakers, listen to live musicians, and gather for refreshments in the Parish Hall. Our committee has decided that is not yet possible.

Fortunately, last year's decision to

stream the programs live proved to be surprisingly successful, and we are well prepared to continue streaming the presentations this summer. One benefit has been that people can join us from near and far. Our 2020 programs had more than 3,600 views! In addition, these sessions

will be recorded and available in audio and video format for you to enjoy at any time of your choosing. We meet Sundays at 11 am;

visit www.monadnocklyceum.org to catch the Zoom link.

The 2021 Monadnock Summer Lyceum speaker for June 27 is Richard Lederer, who will speak on "A Morning of Language and Laughter." It is sponsored by RBC Wealth Management.

For details, visit www.monadnocklyceum.org.



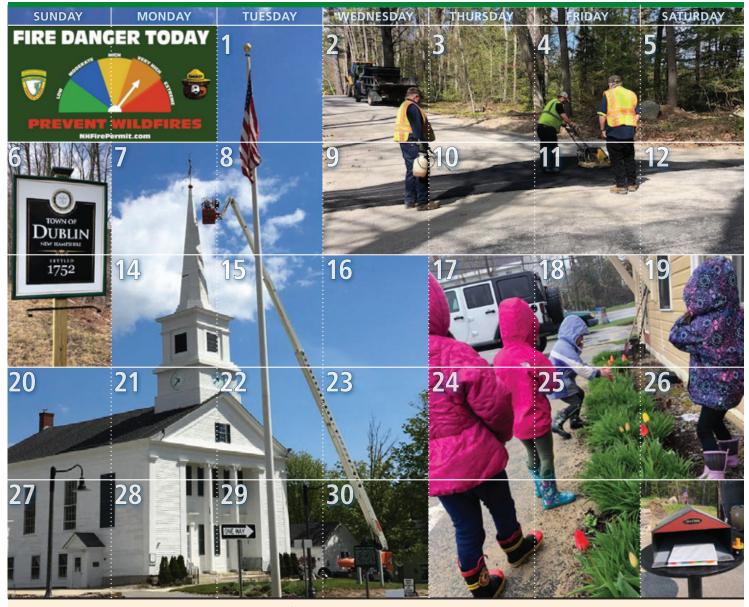


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