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A Preview of Dublin's 2022 Town Meeting Warrant Articles

Final sums and exact wording subject to changes at Town Meeting, March 12.

"To the inhabitants and voters of the Town of Dublin qualified to vote in Town Affairs: You are hereby notified that the polls will be open for voting by ballot on Articles 1 through 3 on **Tuesday, March 8, 2022 from 8:00 am until 7:00 pm at the Dublin Town Hall, Top Floor.**

Pursuant to the authority of RSA 39:2a and the vote of the Town on March 13, 1979, all business, other than ballot questions provided below, will be recessed until **Saturday, March 12, 2022 at 9:00 am at the Dublin Consolidated School."**

1. To bring the ballots for the following officers: Selectman, Moderator, Supervisor of the Checklist, Library Trustee (2), Budget Committee (2), Cemetery Trustee, Planning Board (2), and Trustee of Trust Funds.

2. Are you in favor of the adoption of the amendment to the Town Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board... This amendment would eliminate nonconforming (or "grandfathered") uses if the property owner(s) abandoned any such use for over a year. Subsequent uses would then have to comply with current zoning provisions.

3. Are you in favor of the adoption of the amendment to the Town Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board... This amendment would increase the allowed size of temporary signs but would limit the amount of time they can remain up.

On March 12: To see if the Town will vote to...

4. To raise the Budget Committee's recommended sum of \$2,327,194 for general

municipal operations. This article does not include appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately.

5. To raise \$335,000 to be contributed to the Town Capital Reserve Funds, previously established, including \$50,000 to come from the unassigned fund balance: Heavy Highway Equipment (\$30,000), Police Cruiser (\$15,000), Fire Equipment (\$30,000), Road Construction (\$200,000), Library Major Repair and Maintenance (\$10,000), Town Buildings Maintenance (\$50,000).

6. To raise \$185,000 to chip seal Town roads, to come from the unassigned fund balance. This article is non-lapsing until completion of the work.

7. To raise \$120,000 to add an Office and Breakroom to the Highway Barn, and furthermore, to withdraw same from the Town Building Maintenance Capital Reserve for this purpose. This article is non-lapsing until completion of the addition.

8. To raise \$45,000 for the purchase of a new Police Cruiser, and furthermore to withdraw \$30,000 from the Police Cruiser Capital Reserve Fund for this purpose; the remaining \$15,000 to be raised through taxation.

9. To raise \$5,000 for purchasing a new Leaf Vacuum for the Cemetery.

10. To raise \$10,000 to be contributed to the Accrual Expendable Trust for the purpose of funding vacation pay accrued by employees when they leave the employ of the Town.

11. To raise \$3,600 to fund the operation

March 1 is DWCC's Pre-Town Meeting

The Dublin Women's Community Club (DWCC) invites all interested citizens to attend the annual pre-town meeting forum on Tuesday, March 1, at 7 pm in the upstairs meeting room of the Town Hall.

Due to COVID precautionary measures, this will be on a "first-come, first-served basis," as guests will be limited to adhere to safety protocols and social distancing. Masks are required. Unfortunately, no refreshments will be served.

Selectmen, Budget Committee representatives, and department heads will be available to answer questions on the 2022 warrant and budget.

Each year, this event provides a valuable opportunity for townspeople to become acquainted with the issues before Town Meeting.

and publication of *The Dublin Advocate* newsletter for the period April 1, 2022 to March 31, 2023 with \$900.00 payments to be made to the *Advocate* Treasurer quarterly.

12. To raise \$8,781 to be contributed to the 12 Agencies that provide advisory health and welfare services and whose programs have a public purpose.

13. To raise \$5,000 to support the mission of the Dublin Community Center. (Submitted by petition)

14. To raise \$13,760 to be contributed to various Expendable Trust Funds, previously established, as follows: Revaluation (\$6,400), Master Plan (\$1,000), Town Buildings Repair (\$6,360).

15. To raise \$2,550 received from the sale of cemetery lots to add to the Cemetery Trust Fund, with same to come from the unassigned fund balance. continued on page 3

For the unedited version of the warrants and article recommendations by the Select Board and Budget Committee, see the full Warrant online at www.townofdublin.org/budget-committee.

Dublin Public Library

Come meet the candidates March 5.

BY RACHAEL LOVETT

The 'Meet the Candidates' event is happening on Saturday, March 5, from 10 am to 12 pm. Everyone is invited to stop by the Library for a casual, meet and greet of your town office candidates. We will serve light refreshments. The event is planned for outdoors, in the lower library lot, and will move indoors if the weather turns. Please wear a mask as required for library events, programs, and meetings. We hope to see you there!

March Madness BINGO is happening at the Library! Visit www.dublinnhpubliclibrary.org, or stop in at the Circulation Desk and pick up a bingo sheet to play. All are welcome to play, but we'll have only one winner! With any regular bingo (5 in a row), submit your completed March Madness BINGO card back to the Library for a chance to win a \$50 Amazon gift card.

You can sign up for our new monthly newsletter, emailed the first of the month, directly from our website. It features the library events calendar, new books, different aspects of our collection and resources, as well as a Trustees Corner and Staff Spotlight. This month we've featured some materials and items you can check out that are *not* books!

March brings our Seed Library to the forefront. We have a large collection of seeds for vegetables, fruits, and flowers available for all patrons. Why not try something new in your garden this year? Seeds are sorted into smaller packets for easy take-home and planting.

We are excited to bring back in-person programming again in March! We'll have our regular Book Buddies (Tuesday afternoons) and Morning Storytime (Wednesdays at 10:30), where we'll celebrate St. Patrick's Day, Daylight Savings, Women's History, and Pi Day.

We also have Lego Club every Thursday afternoon and Coffee Hour every Saturday. We have a new café area to sit and enjoy reading materials with a snack or two. Our online programs are still happening, too: the Cookbook Club discussion board, the Mending Circle/Talk About Race on Zoom, and more.

Remember to vote on Tuesday, March 8, and join Town Meeting on Saturday, March 12, at DCS, at 9 am.

RACHAEL LOVETT is the Director of the DPL.



Chief Suokko presenting Stephen Dalterio with his badge.

Welcoming the New Police Officer

After a long search, the Police Department is pleased to announce the hiring of Stephen Dalterio. He will be filling the open full-time Police Officer position for the department. Officer Dalterio is scheduled to start his training at the NH Police Academy on February 7. Please join us in welcoming him.

TIMOTHY J. SUOKKO is Chief of Police for the Dublin Police Department, 1122 Main St., Dublin, NH 03444; 603-563-8411; or email tsuokko@townofdublin.org.

Dublin Energy Committee Update

The first organizational meeting of the Dublin Energy Committee was scheduled for Wednesday, February 23. Town residents who expressed interest in response to an earlier appeal in the *Advocate* were invited to the public meeting. All residents are welcome to attend, with meetings scheduled for the fourth Wednesday of the month at Town Hall. The time of the meetings will be subject to the availability of committee members.

In keeping with the tagline of *The Dublin Advocate*, "to encourage and strengthen our community," our newsletter focuses on the dissemination of community information and entertainment. The editor reserves the right to select and edit all editorial and advertising. The views expressed in these issues are not those of *The Dublin Advocate* or its staff. – Ed.

PART-TIME BOATING/SAILING CLUB SUPERVISOR

Do you love boating?

The Dublin Lake Club is looking for a hands-on person to supervise its Sailing Club operations in the summer. The job is part-time and seasonal, including some preparation work in the late spring, a busy period in the summer when the club is open, and some follow-up in the fall.

Responsibilities include making sure all the boats and equipment are in good working order and managing the staff to provide good service to club members and keep things ship-shape. Experience with boating is required, and sailing experience preferred.

Contact jamietrowbridge1@gmail.com



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Town Meeting 2022

This year the Town Meeting will be as “back to normal” as possible. It will be held at Dublin Consolidated School on **March 12 at 9 am**. Parking will be at the Yankee lot and there are plans for a shuttle down to DCS. The goal is to have a return to past practice of voting and Town Meeting, while still honoring a mask mandate for Town buildings and School District buildings. Masks and social distancing will be required at voting and Town Meeting.

Please check the Town website at www.townofdublin.org for the most up-to-date information starting in March.

Ed. note: Plus, also appearing on the ballot will be the two Proposed Amendments to the Dublin Zoning Ordinance excerpted in the warrant (on page 1) – or in full online at TownofDublin.org.

JEANNINE R. DUNNE, Certified Tax Collector and Certified Town Clerk; 603-563-8859; fax 603-563-9221; townclerk@townofdublin.org.



Preview of Town Meeting continued from page 1

16. Per RSA 72:39-a and RSA 72:27-to see if the Town would vote to modify the elderly exemptions to the following:

| | | |
|-------------------------------|----------------|--------------|
| Income Limits: Single | From: \$18,400 | To: \$30,000 |
| Married | From: \$26,000 | To: \$40,000 |
| Asset Limits: Single | From: \$35,000 | To: \$50,000 |
| Married | From: \$35,000 | To: \$50,000 |
| Exemption: 65-74 years of age | From: \$10,000 | To: \$40,000 |
| 75-79 years of age | From: \$15,000 | To: \$60,000 |
| 80 and older | From: \$20,000 | To: \$75,000 |

The elderly exemption is based on assessed value of their home for qualified property owners 65 years of age and older and is a reduction in the taxable value of their property. To qualify, the person must have been a New Hampshire resident for at least three consecutive years, own the real estate individually or jointly, or if the real-estate is owned by such person's spouse, they must have been married to each other for at least five consecutive years.

17. To hear the reports of Agents, Auditors, Committees, heretofore chosen, and to pass any vote relating thereto.

Ed. note: The original of the above shortened draft was submitted to the *Advocate* in full by the Dublin Select Board: Chris Raymond, Chairman; Carole Monroe, and Susan Peters.

Candidates for Town Office

Selectman - Three Years

(Vote for One) (Write in)

Chris Raymond
Robert Sardinskas
Allan "Geoff" Pinney

Town Moderator - Two Years

(Vote for One) (Write in)

Sterling Abram

Supervisor of the Checklist - Six Years

(Vote for One) (Write in)

Kyle Wilcox

Library Trustee - Three Years

(Vote for Two) (Write in) (Write in)

Maureen J. Hulslander
John Christopher Sprague
Elizabeth Haire

Water Commissioner - Three Years

(Vote for One) (Write in)

Budget Committee - Three Years

(Vote for Two) (Write in) (Write in)

Steven A. Baldwin
Susanne Vogel

Cemetery Trustee - Three Years

(Vote for One) (Write in)

Christine Sangermano

Planning Board - Three Years

(Vote for Two) (Write in) (Write in)

Donald Primrose
Kirsten Colantino
Donna Garner
Allen L. Hearn

Trustee of Trust Funds - Three Years

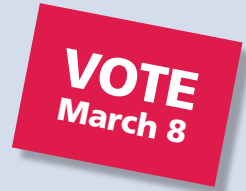
(Vote for One) (Write in)

Thomas Warren

Representative to the ConVal School Board - Two Years

(Vote for One) (Write in)

Alan Edelkind
Emily Primrose



DWCC Lifeguards and Sailing Instructor Wanted Looking for a summer job or part-time work?

The Dublin Women's Community Club is looking for a part-time sailing instructor (two afternoons per week) and lifeguards for weekends and fill-ins at the club's beach on Dublin Lake.

CPR/First Aid training is required as well as a lifeguarding certificate for lifeguard positions. DWCC will pay 50% of certification fees. Interested individuals may email Rebecca Oja at rebeccaolja@gmail.com or call 603-831-2406 for more information.



Town of Dublin • Summer Playground Director

The Town of Dublin is seeking a dynamic, responsible individual to run the Dublin Summer Playground program for summer 2022. Dublin's small day camp is held at the Consolidated School and runs for six weeks from late June to early August from 9 am to 3 pm Monday through Friday.

- **Duties** would include, but are not limited to, planning daily activities including various games and crafts, managing staff counselors, purchasing supplies, communicating with parents and working with school staff to ensure building rules and COVID protocols are followed.
- **Must have** high school degree or equivalency, be Certified in Child CPR and First Aid, experience working with grade-school children and physically able to participate in camp activities.

Please submit applications to Kate Fuller at townadministrator@townofdublin.org or mail resume to PO Box 277, Dublin, NH 03444. Position available until filled.

School Board Report

BY ALAN EDELKIND

By the time you read this, we will be within a week of voting on the new ConVal School District budget. So, this will be my last article on the upcoming budget, and all of the figures are the final ones you will be voting on. Some background:

Cost – Revenue = District Assessment (your property tax bill). Our revenues and costs must balance and if we cannot get revenue from other sources or decrease our expenses to equal revenues, we need to have another source of revenue – and that is your property taxes.

There are two tax bills from the School District. The first one, in June, is an estimated tax bill that represents 50% of last school year's taxes. It needs to be an estimate as the school year has not closed at the time the bill is sent, nor has year-end reconciliation been done. The second tax bill, in December, is the remaining tax amount due for the new school year.

Unused Fund Balance: Revenue left over at the end of the fiscal year that is used to reduce the tax burden (district assessment). For the current school year (2021-2022), the School District reduced the assessment to the nine towns collectively by \$4.1 million, which is based on an audit of the previous year's costs. This unprecedented Unused Fund Balance was the result of cost control actions and Federal/State COVID Funding.

Proposed Budget: Base budget = proposed budget without warrants. The base budget for the new Fiscal year (2022-2023) is \$53,766,080. It is \$364,996 or .7% less than the current year budget. This is

the base budget without warrant articles that are also on the ballot. There are three warrant articles that will affect the base budget: 1.) Collective Bargaining Agreement (teachers' contract) \$877,844; 2.) Expansion of current pre-school program \$744,112; and 3.) Technology Trust Fund \$100,000. If all three warrant articles pass, the new Gross Budget will be \$55,488,036, or 2.5% higher than the current year's budget.

In this time of inflation and major increases in other non-district taxes, a 2.5% increase is very reasonable. Each warrant article should be voted on based on its merits and not only on the dollar amount. We have provided lots of information about these warrant articles through the Deliberative Session, Community Forum, and many print articles. If you have further questions, please email me at aedelkind@conval.edu.

Fund Balance: In the December tax bill, as described above, any unused funds will be used to decrease the district assessment which is the basis for that school tax rate for each town.

There are four other warrant articles that do NOT affect the budget. They total \$900,000 collectively. The money for these warrant articles reduces the returned fund balance as they use previously collected funds.

The School Board considers the budget a prime responsibility. After all, we are residents of the same towns and pay the same taxes as you do.

ALAN EDELKIND is Dublin's rep to the school board of ConVal, SAU1. He was appointed in October 2019 by the Select Board to fill in the remainder of a three-year term when Bernd Foecking retired. Alan was then elected to the remaining two years of the three-year term. He can be reached at aedelkind@conval.edu.

Spring Forward March 13

The resumption of local daylight time means that on Sunday, March 13, 2022, at 2 am clocks are turned forward one hour to 3 am.

Sunrise and sunset will be one hour later beginning on March 13, 2022, than the day before, causing more light in the evening.

Extra information on DST Start 2022, US and Canada: www.timeanddate.com/news/time/usa-canada-start-dst-2022.html.

Daylight Saving Time Starts



Fill Out a Regional Survey

“The Greater Keene and Peterborough Chamber is conducting a survey for local residents that supports its initiative to brand and promote The Monadnock Region. The questionnaire has been carefully crafted to determine our strengths, weaknesses, challenges and opportunities. All who live and/or work in the Monadnock Region are invited and encouraged to participate in this important community-wide initiative. To participate, please visit BrandingMonadnock.com.”

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TTF Offers Scholarships

The Dublin Trustees of the Trust Funds (TTF), offers scholarships from two trusts to Dublin residents who are continuing their education beyond secondary school. These scholarships are the result of the Sprague and Appleton Funds.

Places like Dublin can thrive when, daily, people care about and engage with their community. Therefore, civic engagement, as well as academic merit and financial need, are the criteria the Scholarship Committee will use to determine the 2022 allocations.

Applications will be available after April 1 at local schools (Dublin School, Dublin Christian Academy, ConVal High School) as well as at the Town Hall. Applicants should submit a current transcript, the Expected Family Contribution (EFC) from the most recent FAFSA form, two current recommendations, and a statement (500 words or fewer) addressing past, present, or future engagement in civic life.

All materials must be typed and received by May 2, 2022. Please mail all materials to the Trustees of the Trust Funds, c/o Judy Knapp, PO Box 331, Dublin, NH 03444. Winners will be announced after May 22, 2022.

Email questions to Judy Knapp at judyknapp@myfairpoint.net. Lucy Shonk and Brie Morrissey are also members of the Scholarship Committee.

Guy Jackson 1949-2022

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Non-Profits Serving Dublin Residents

This past year, each of the 12 agencies listed below served many of our Dublin residents at associated total costs of \$284,713 (where data was available).

At Town Meeting, we will vote on the Non-Profit Warrant Article 12, which will amount to \$8,781 for all the agencies listed here:

Big Brothers Big Sisters (BBBS); Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA); Southwestern Community Services (SCS); Monadnock Family Services (MFS); Home Healthcare, Hospice and Community Services (HCS); ConVal End 68 Hours of Hunger; The River Center — Family and Community Support; Community Volunteer Transportation Company (CVTC); 100 Nights Shelter; MCVP — Crisis & Prevention Center; Monadnock Region Child Advocacy Center; and the Cornucopia Project.

Here is a summary of services rendered to Dublin residents for 2021, and the agency funding that was attributed to Dublin residents:

| Agency | Number of Dublin Clients | Costs associated | Requested 2022 |
|--|---|------------------|----------------|
| BBBS | 4 children | \$7,200 | \$500 |
| CASA | 20 children served by Jaffrey Court* | \$2,000 | \$500 |
| SCS | 121 units of service | \$43,602 | \$500 |
| MFS | 11 adults, 10 children | \$12,078 | \$1,996 |
| HCS | 362 nursing appts, 391 rehab visits, 228 chronic care hours | \$204,895 | \$1,690 |
| ConVal End 68 Hours of Hunger | 19 students received bags of weekend food all year | \$3,300 | \$500 |
| The River Center | 29 residents / 61 units of service: parenting groups, free tax prep | \$4,500 | \$500 |
| CVTC | 3 residents requested 17 rides, 3 volunteer drivers live in Dublin | \$1,884 | \$500 |
| MCVP | 2 survivors served | \$954 | \$95 |
| Hundred Nights Shelter | 4 visits to Resource Center | N/A | \$500 |
| Monadnock Region Child Advocacy Center | 3 children served | \$4,300 | \$500 |
| Cornucopia Project | Serves children at Dublin Consolidated School | | \$1,000 |

* Due to privacy issues, Dublin numbers are not separated from those served by the Jaffrey Court.

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Ceramics Studio Opens this Month

The MAXT Makerspace will be opening its new Ceramic Center in town. After two years of planning and fundraising, volunteers are busily transforming an empty space at the Dublin Village Park on Main Street into an airy studio space.

According to Dublin resident Katherine Gekas, a potter, volunteers are currently sheet-rocking, taping, and painting the space before shelving is built and final equipment such as tables and potter's wheels are moved in.

A soft opening will be in March before memberships are offered. The Ceramics Center will offer classes for all ages in hand-building, wheel turning, sculpture and raku.

For more information or if you would like to join the volunteer effort, contact Roy at MAXT Makerspace, 49 Vose Farm Rd. Peterborough, NH 03458 or email Roy@maxtmakerspace.org.



Test Your Knowledge of Dublin History

The Dublin Historical Society has written up a second list of questions based on *Dublin Days Old and New* by Henry Allison and *Monadnock Summer* by William Morgan. How many can you answer correctly?

1. What three public buildings in Dublin, looking much as they do today, were built or remodeled by architect J.L. Mauran in the early 20th century? What other prominent town feature did he design?

2. What was Mauran's connection with Dublin and what improvement to our town center did he advocate for?

3. Where is the (still-lived-in) Dublin house believed to be the only example of rammed earth construction in the whole state? Who built the house and what was his profession and background?

4. What Dublin house was designed by the architect who headed the first all-female firm in the United States?

5. What famous American said, "Dublin is the one place I have always longed for, but never knew existed until now"?

See answers on p. 15

The Dublin Historical Society (DHS) is at 8 Church Street, Dublin, NH 03444. To make appointments during open hours, call 603-563-8545 or email dublinhistory@townofdublin.org.

The DHS Board is comprised of Lucy Shonk, Felicity Pool, Judy Knapp, Donna Garner, Laura Elcoate, Sara Germain, William Katt, and Phil & Ruthie Gammons.



Community Take-Out Supper Is for Everyone

On Tuesday, March 22, a free Community Take-Out Supper is offered by the Dublin Community Church.

Pickup begins at 5:30 pm. The menu will be pasta, salad, bread, and dessert. Reservations are required.

Call Laurie at 603-876-5003 by Friday, March 18, to reserve a meal and give her your phone number. You will get directions when you call.

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News from DCS

Kindergarteners are wanted.

BY NICOLE PEASE

While February is a short month, teachers fill the weeks with lots of activities. Students celebrate the 100th day of school in many different ways. The most exciting was the food drive the Kindergarten students sponsored, which resulted in collecting more than 150 cans of food! It was precious to watch the Kindergarten class gather each day to count the day's donations and then add on to the previous total. The excitement they exhibited as the number got closer to 100 — and then surpassed it — was palpable!

February brought Valentine's Day and our focus upon Acts of Kindness. DCS also took a field trip to ConVal High School to tour the Applied Technology Center. It was amazing to see the many connections students made with the different learning that occurs in the ATC — from engineering, photo and video, early childhood education, and fire safety. Students also participated in winter benchmarking assessments. With all this going on, everyone welcomed the February break to rest and rejuvenate!

We are hopeful the onset of spring will bring a new focus on outdoor learning with the construction of the pavilion next to the bread oven. We are excited about using the winter benchmarking results to focus our classroom instruction to move students forward in their learning.

March is a wonderful time with few interruptions for students to accelerate in their school experience. We will welcome our annual visit from Lucky the Leprechaun on St. Patrick's Day. All the classrooms embrace this day with the construc-



tion of leprechaun traps and other tools by which they seek to catch Lucky. This is an amazing opportunity to integrate science concepts into other parts of the school day.

Kindergarteners are wanted! If you know of a child who will be 5 years old before September 30, please have their parents contact our school.

Please don't forget to vote on March 8 and come to Town Meeting on March 12! We welcome visitors to our wonderful school; please call DCS first at 603-563-8332.

NICOLE PEASE is the Principal at DCS and HES. She can be reached at npease@conval.edu.

"Sugar on Snow" from the Recreation Committee

All are invited on March 20!

BY RAMONA BRANCH

March is the time that our famous sugar maples release their sap for the time-honored tradition of making maple syrup. To mark this tradition, the Dublin Recreation Committee is hosting a maple syrup event called "Sugar on Snow" on March 20, 1 to 3 pm, at Frost Farm, 118 Craig Road.

Pack the kids in the car and come on over for a fun, tasty time in the sugar shack. We'll have hot chocolate, maple syrup on snow, pickles (an idea from Vermont), and donuts. There is a chance you might see some farm animals, too!



RAMONA BRANCH is on the Recreation Committee and the *Advocate* staff.

Ed. note: See a lengthy article on a history of maple syrup in Dublin later in this issue.



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March 2022 Events at the DubHub



January "Neighbor to Neighbor" chat with Bruce Fox (L) and Kara and Salim Afshar (R).

Coffee and Conversation

Coffee and Conversation at the Hub is on Monday and Wednesday mornings from 10 to noon. If COVID numbers creep up, we will move back to Zoom. Email info@dublincommunitycenter.org for details.

Second Cup Club

The Second Cup Club will resume meeting on Thursday mornings in March from 9 to 10:15 am. Most times it will be serendipity.

Knit with Nancy

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



Two Dublin School students work on icing their three-layer cake during a baking class held at the DubHub.

Qigong

Qigong, the ancient Chinese practice of centering, meets on Wednesdays, from noon to 1 pm. For more information call Ginette Groome at 603-313-9828.

Class: Herbal Bath Melts & Bathing Teas

On Tuesday, March 8, Katherine Gekas will offer another herb class on making bath melts and an herbal bathing tea. The class starts at 7 pm in the South Room and is limited to 12, socially distanced and wearing face masks. She can be emailed at katherinegekas2@gmail.com.

Take-Out Community Lunch

The next free Take-Out Community Lunch will be Thursday, March 17 (St. Patrick's Day), from noon to 1 pm. Drive by to pick up your meal, or park and come to the main entrance. The menu will be corned beef sandwiches, chips and fruit salad. Email with questions.

"Neighbor to Neighbor" Zoom Chat

"Neighbor to Neighbor" is a Zoom-based monthly series in which the

DubHub hosts a conversation between two longtime Dublin residents and two newcomers. This hour-long visit is on Thursday, March 17, at 7 pm. Email for live-stream on Facebook or YouTube links.

Red Cross Blood Drive

A Red Cross Blood Drive will be held on Saturday, March 19, from 9 am to 2:30 pm. For more information, contact the Red Cross at www.redcrossblood.org.

Songwriters Group

The Songwriters Group meets at 7 pm on Monday, March 21. Attendance is limited to 12 participants, and face masks are required. This group is open to both new and veteran songwriters. Email with questions.

Open Stage

The next Open Stage will be at 7 pm on Friday, March 25. Performers and a limited audience will be at the Hub, with the show live-streamed. Anyone wishing to participate or attend should email.

Connect with the DubHub

New members of the Dublin community are invited to sign up for the weekly "Hubbub from the DubHub" newsletter at <http://eepurl.com/bLCNTz>.

CONTACT VOLKERT VOLKERSZ, Program Coordinator at the DubHub, via email at info@dublincommunitycenter.org or call 603-563-8080.

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Congratulations to Gareth Armstrong!

Ben Conant, sports reporter for the *Monadnock Ledger-Transcript*, on 2/7/22, wrote that a Dubliner, "ConVal senior lineman Gareth Armstrong made it official last week, signing his national letter of intent to play football at Franklin Pierce University in the fall. . . ."

During football season, he was ConVal's only First Team All-State selection this fall as an offensive lineman"

SOURCE: www.ledgertranscript.com/ConVal-football-Gareth-Armstrong-intent-Franklin-Pierce



Our Blended Pet Family

With the arrival of COVID, our empty nest with one old dog expanded to shelter a trio of animal refugees. Our daughter Anna moved in with her recently rescued feral kitten and, shortly after, a squirmy hound puppy with enormous energy arrived by truck from Tennessee.

Cassie, the little white kitten with no tail (long story), quickly leveraged her traumatic past to rule the roost from the safety of Anna's bed. Jojo, a meticulously bred squirrel hunter, saw no difference between a tail-less feline and her prey of choice, and you can imagine the hound-howling and frantic pursuit that followed.

Anna has a magical touch with animals. In a few short months, one baby step at a time, she has taught Cassie and Jojo the art of friendship – a mixture of uncharacteristic feline tolerance and extraordinary canine restraint. It's a lesson for the wider world!

– JR

Ascentria and Afghan Refugees

Donations of mattresses, rugs, and tablecloths are especially appreciated.

Team Monadnock has raised enough funds to support bringing a refugee family to the Monadnock Region, but there will be an ongoing need for additional funds and housing. A home in Peterborough has been inspected and approved, an apartment was inspected and approved in Keene, and a room in a bed and breakfast was offered in Acworth.

Volunteers who want to work directly with any of the refugees must complete an application and background check through Ascentria (www.ascentria.org/our-services/services-for-new-americans/help-welcome-afghans/neighborhood-support-teams/nst-application).

For more information, go to www.ascentria.org and click on Team Monadnock.



Bobcats Out Back

Ken Page feeds birds throughout the winter with suet and sunflower seeds. Naturally, this attracts many squirrels. This, in turn, attracted this beautiful bobcat and at least one bobcat kitten. On February 9, when Ken lifted his shade in the north corner of the first floor, there was the bobcat only feet from his window! Luckily, he had his iPhone and got lots of pics and even a short video he'd be happy to share if you send him your e-mail (kpgevt03444@gmail.com).

Ken Page is the new Treasurer of the Dublin Community Center, aka the DubHub.

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Sugaring: A Sweet Spring Ritual

BY LISA FOOTE

The sugar maple tree (*Acer Saccharum*) provides ample shade in the summer; brilliant yellow, orange and red-hued foliage in the fall; and quantities of sweet sap in the late winter. When that sap starts to rise and fall on days when the temperatures oscillate above and below freezing, sugaring season has arrived.

Native to eastern North America, the maple tree is important to Indigenous people. In *Native Plant Stories Told by Joseph Bruchac*, from *Keepers of Life* by Michael J. Caduto and Joseph Bruchac (Fulcrum Publishing, CO, 1995), the author relates an adaptation of the Seneca Tribe's traditional Thanksgiving address. Excerpts follow:

"Our Creator decided trees will be on Earth... and decided from these trees medicine will come. ... Our Creator decided the trees will work together well to bring happiness to families on Earth...The trees will have this one to lead them. People on Earth will say, 'That tree standing there, the Maple, it is a special tree.'" (pp. 17-18).

When Dublin was settled by Anglo-American families around 1760, cane sugar was a luxury item imported from the West Indies. The concentrated sap from sugar maple trees provided a local, alternative source of granulated sweetener until the late 19th century. In combination with salt it was also used as a desiccant for curing meat.

The sugar maple yields the most prolific sap production of the maple varieties with an average tree producing up to 13 gallons per season. Its sap contains the highest sugar content of all the maple varieties fluctuating between 1.5 and 5 percent glucose content. Notably, it takes on average 40 gallons of sap with 2% sugar content to make 1 gallon of syrup (66% sugar content) and closer to 55 gallons of sap to make maple sugar (over 90% sugar content).

Sugar maples often still line back roads in New England, and the oldest trees are probably well over 200 years old. They would have been cultivated on the edges of land cleared for planting and



Dublin Public Library

Gathering at the Frost Sugarhouse

This circa 1890 photograph from the Henry D. Allison Glass Negative Collection shows a gathering enjoying the taste of maple at the Silas Frost sugarhouse. Note the large woodpile upon which they are sitting.

pasture by the mid-19th century, allowing farmers easy access for harvesting the sap every spring. Whole stands of maple trees dedicated to sugaring are still referred to as a sugarbush.

The price of maple sugar remained lower than cane sugar until 1885, so until then maple sugar was the primary form of maple product made in bulk. Sugar could be stored at room temperature, had a long shelf life, and was easy to ship in wooden containers. Maple syrup was probably made for home use. In fact, the phrase "maple syrup" does not appear in the *American Dictionary of the English Language* published by Noah Webster in 1887. However, the term "maple honey" does appear and is defined as the "crystallized portion of sap from sugar maples used in the form of molasses."

In 1860 and 1870, the Federal Censuses' agricultural schedules show more than two-thirds of the 130 plus properties listed in Dublin produced maple products, mostly sugar. As it happens, Dublin was not alone in producing quantities of maple sugar to sell as a source of income. 1860 represented the peak of maple sugar production in the country with 40 million pounds reported to the USDA that year; 31,150 pounds of that was produced in Dublin along with 528 gallons of maple "molasses."

Until then the sugaring process had changed little since 1810

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The Silas Frost Sugar House circa 1890. His farm was located on the Old Marlborough Road just past Charcoal Road. Note the yoke of oxen pulling a sled with a large wooden vessel atop. That vessel and the wooden pails would have been made by local artisans with coopering skills. The photographer, Henry Allison, mentions in his book *Dublin Days Old and New* that John Mason made sap tubs like the one shown here with 50 to 75 pail capacities. Mason also made maple sugar as well and harvested ice from Dublin Lake.

when the introduction of spouts or spiles tapped into a drilled hole in the tree allowed the sap to be collected more efficiently in wooden pails. The sap collection was extremely labor intensive, as the sap so collected needed to be transported to the sugarhouse. This was accomplished in large by emptying wooden sap pails with a two- to three-gallon capacity into a larger wooden vessel strapped to a sled pulled by two oxen. The human sweat equity involved should not be underestimated — two gallons of sap in a wooden pail would have weighed close to 20 pounds. After another one or two transfers the sap would be boiled in a flat pan over a wood fire in order to evaporate most of the liquid. All along, the wood supply for the fire would have had to have replenished.

The 19th century day book diaries of Oscar Howe (1857-1891) housed in the Archives collection of the Dublin Historical Society give a glimpse into local sugaring. Son of Elmer Brigham Howe and his wife Lucy Marsh Howe, Oscar came of age in the mid-1870s while living with his parents at their Maple Grove Farm, a portion of which is known today as Friendly Farm. The Howe family worked the land for 25 years from 1864 until 1889.

Oscar's diary entries starting in 1874 are cryptic, only a few sentences per day. The entries probably only reflect his personal efforts and, taken together with later diaries, help to describe the running of a sugarbush over several years.

On Monday, March 2, 1874, Oscar wrote, "It is a sugar morning. I got up 2 loads of wood up to the sap house in the morning." On March 22: "Gathered sap all day. Parker and I gathered 400 [pails]." On March 26 he recorded gathering another 500 pails of sap. The March 30 entry reads "still taking wood to sugar house." The first time boiling the sap is mentioned is April 16, but it may be that he was not involved personally in reducing the sap to sugar until that time. By the end of April, Oscar had recorded gathering more than 1,000 containers of sap and had washed 850 "buckets" and "pulled the nails."

In 1875 Oscar again notes drawing [hauling] wood to the sugar house the first week in March. The first sap was collected on March 27. He records tapping over 230 more trees in the first week of April. In all he reported gathering almost 4,000 pails of sap on the 16 days the sap was running. On April 14 he noted, "Got the oxen shod." That would entail eight shoes per team at the local blacksmith.

By 1876 at age 20 Oscar clearly has more responsibility in the family sugarbush. He notes tapping 730 trees over several weeks in the end of March. He specifically records gathering almost 2,000 pails of sap as well as unspecified numbers of pails on other days. Boiling sap is now noted on March 28, 30, and 31 and six more times until the end of April. On April 15, he "went to Keene with sugar."

Given the information in Oscar's diaries, the Howe sugarbush probably had at least 730 trees with 850 taps (larger trees could tolerate more than one tap). If the sugarbush yielded 6,000 gallons of sap, that would have concentrated to around 100 gallons of 90% sugar content liquid. At eight pounds a gallon, that would equal 800 pounds of maple sugar, matching the number tallied for their farm in the 1870 agricultural schedule. continued on next page

Marilyn "Marney" Bean 1944-2022

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Sugaring: A Sweet Spring Ritual

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Fast forward to today in Dublin with a trip to Morning Star Maple.

Owned and operated since 1988 by John and Karen Keurulainen, a tour makes clear how much the process of sugaring has changed even though the main ingredient, maple sap, remains the same. Sap gathering now starts in mid-February and can extend until the end of April.

The need for the 850 pails that Oscar schlepped and washed every year are unnecessary. The Keurulainens gather the sap by attaching a network of half-inch diameter plastic tubing to the spiles tapped into the trees in the sugar bush. The network of smaller diameter tubing is then fed into a 1.5-inch diameter main line of tubing, which empties into 1,000 gallon holding tanks. Karen said that on a good day the tanks may need to be emptied twice.

The pipeline system, first patented in 1959, obviates Oscar's need to negotiate the sugarbush with two oxen pulling a sled, making multiple circuits daily. Today a vacuum pump draws the sap through the tubing and allows for overcoming the need for gravity



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- Longview Forest Products, 106 Longview Road, Hancock
- Monadnock Sugar House, 1024 Mountain Road, Jaffrey
- Morning Star Maple, 1596 Main Street, Dublin
- Old Pound Road Sugar House, 37 Old Pound Road, Antrim
- Pfeil Family Maple Farm, 311 Cram Hill Road, Lyndeborough

**While tours are available every weekend in March at Ben's Sugar Shack in Temple, this is not always the case for all. Check ahead if you hope to visit.*

feed, meaning the topography can have several ups and downs along the length of the line. The tubing isn't foolproof, however, as wildlife such as bear, deer and particularly squirrels often chew holes big enough to weaken the vacuum pressure. Humans can disrupt the system as well; Karen has a length of tubing with a bullet still lodged in it!

In another enormous change from the 1870s, the sugarbush no longer needs to be adjacent to the sugarhouse. In fact, the Keurulainens manage three sugarbushes on leased sites, one each in Dublin, Jaffrey, and Harrisville. Electric pumps transfer the sap



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from the holding tank on the ground to a tank on a motorized vehicle, which then delivers it to their sugarhouse tank.

After collecting the raw sap, the sugar content needs to be concentrated in order to make maple syrup and maple sugar. In short, most of the water content needs to be removed.

Oscar's diary entries give no detail about reducing the sap's concentration beyond the mention of boiling, sometimes he says, "all day."

The heat source for evaporating the water content in the 1870s would have been firewood. It is possible that the Howes also reduced the water content by letting the sap freeze overnight, then removing the layer of ice that formed on the top of the container. That method of concentrating sap was observed by Col. James Smith, who mentioned it in an account of his experiences of being held captive for many years by a tribe of Indigenous people in Ohio in 1755.

Morning Star Maple uses the process of reverse osmosis (RO) to reduce their sap to a 15% concentrate before starting to apply heat supplied by an oil burner. The FDA description of the RO process states it "uses a membrane under pressure to separate relatively pure water from a less pure solution." In sugaring it is the less pure solution that is kept to make maple products, not the purer water. That concentrate is then fed through a continuous feed evaporator that heats it to 7 degrees F above the boiling point to create syrup with 66% percent sugar content. Karen pointed out that below that concentration the syrup can ferment and burst its container.

For the Howe family to make maple sugar the sap needed to be heated further to 50 degrees F above boiling in order for the



The Keurulainen's collection of spiles used overtime for tapping maple trees. Pails were hung from the hooks before plastic tube pipelines replaced the pails. The oldest metal spile in the collection was patented in 1872.



thicker syrup to crystallize. (Oscar did not comment on whether the sugar concentrate was stirred as it cooled to create a granular consistency, or whether it was poured into containers where it solidified into a solid block.)

The last step in the process is filtering out impurities. The Howes would probably have strained their syrup through a piece of woolen cloth as the Keurulainens did when they first started sugaring. Now they force the syrup through a filter full of diatomaceous earth before hot packing the syrup into storage containers. In a good year, Morning Star Maple produces 1,200 to 1,500 gallons of maple syrup from 4,000 taps. Karen also creates all manner of delicious maple treats throughout the year.

The processing of maple sap has changed dramatically since Oscar Howe was a teenager in the 1870s. Not only has the technology changed but the primary product changed from maple sugar to maple syrup in the 20th century. So why has the term sugaring persisted? The Seneca Tribe address continues, "Medicine will be made of the maple syrup, and people moving about, people on Earth will be helped . . . and it was possible that we were gathered together at what we call Maple Sugar Gathering, the Maple Festival."

People still gather at sugarhouses as they will at Frost Farm (on March 20, 1 to 3 pm) to celebrate the lengthening days and a successful harvest and to sample sweet maple confections. The sugar in the maple sap remains the abiding essential ingredient behind it all.

LISA FOOTE is on the staff of the *Advocate*.

Ed. note: Come to the "Sugar on Snow" event March 20 at Frost Farm. See page 7.



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BY NISA SIMILA

If you have little ones at home who want something fun to do this winter, The River Center (TRC) offers three outdoor programs: two weekly groups, Mini Explorers (Wednesdays) and Weekly Walk (Thursdays) give parents an opportunity to mingle with others while the children explore the great outdoors and walking trails. The monthly Winter Family Fun series winds down on Wednesday, March 16, and depending on the weather and snow amounts, the group will be building snowmen together!

TRC offers a biweekly group for expect-

ant parents at any stage of pregnancy, as well as a support group for parents of children with special needs, on the first and third Wednesday of the month. Both meet on Zoom.

The Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program is well underway and our IRS-certified volunteers are preparing the taxes of eligible taxpayers all through April 16. Call 603-924-6800 ext 30 to find out if you are eligible.

NISA SIMILA is the Communications and Money Matters Coordinator for The River Center, 9 Vose Farm Rd., Ste. 115, Peterborough, NH 03458; 603-924-6800 x14; rivercenternh.org.

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vacation. Want to help? This month our wish list includes crackers – Saltines, Ritz, or Club, please, because they come in individual sleeves that fit in our bags. Even packages of Ramen noodles, granola bars, and peanut butter (18 oz plastic). Food can be left at the westside entrance to the Dublin Community Church.

Thank you very much!

News to Grow Old On

The State of New Hampshire's Commission on Aging (nhcoa.nh.gov) was established in 1919 to advise the governor and the general court on policy and planning related to aging. Its intention is to enable "a more age-integrated New Hampshire fostered by forward thinking public policy and initiatives will ensure we can all thrive as we age." You can sign up to have its newsletter delivered to your inbox each month.

Avoiding Tech Scams: News from the National Council on Aging (NCOA) in its Money/Money Management segment online has an article on "Avoiding Scams and Fraud for Older Adults: Older adults lose billions of dollars each year to scams and fraud. Get tips to protect yourself and your money. Learn how to spot common scams, keep your money secure, and report financial fraud if you suspect you're a victim."

Find it here: www.ncoa.org/older-adults/money/management/avoiding-scams.

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Wish List for the 100 Nights Shelter

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Clothing items most needed now include thermal long underwear (men & women – all sizes, especially bottoms); backpacks, gloves, and socks. Also, lightweight and rain jackets, rain ponchos; footwear (boots and sneakers, all sizes); men's and women's underwear, belts, men's jeans (30-38).

Foodstuffs most requested include microwavable mac 'n cheese cups and cups of ramen noodles; canned goods with easy-open pull tabs (soup, tuna, ravioli);

powdered creamer, sugar, ground coffee; hot chocolate mix and drink mixes.

Of course, it is helpful to have on hand plastic or paper plates, cups, and bowls; sturdy plastic cutlery (forks, knives, spoons), and napkins.

The personal care items most needed now are razors (multiple blades); hair-brushes, combs, and hair ties; body wash, bars of soap; shampoo and conditioner (full size), deodorant, shaving cream (travel size); unscented hand lotion, body lotion; lip balm, Q-Tips (travel size), and Kleenex (travel size).

Any items may be dropped off in the westside entrance of the Dublin Community Church.

Many thanks for your consideration.

Players Back on Stage for Summer Season



Live, professional theatre bursts from inside the Peterborough Players beloved barn stage with the 2022 Summer Season.

The season will feature five mainstage shows indoors in “the barn,” along with the return of a Second Company show presented on the already loved, new, outdoor Elsewhere Stage. Talkbacks for each mainstage production will be on the first Sunday of the show's run.

The season opens on June 23, as the Players welcomes the daring, bold, and provocative world of *Cabaret*, through July 3.

From July 7 to the 17, the Players will open *Circle Mirror Transformation*, by Pulitzer Prize-winning playwright, Annie Baker. Next, starting July 21, the Players will produce the U.S. premiere of Marcia Johnson's enthralling new play, *Serving Elizabeth*, previously seen at the famous

Stratford Festival in Ontario, Canada. It will run July 21 to 31.

Then, a Players favorite returns! Two actors, two pianos and many, many characters grace the stage in *2 Pianos 4 Hands*, by Ted Dykstra and Richard Greenblatt, running from August 4 to 14.

On August 18, you'll be witnessing one of the final performances of the legendary Billie Holiday in *Lady Day at Emerson's Bar and Grill* by Lanie Robertson, running from August 18 to 28.

Theater for the young (and the young at heart!) returns with *The Emperor's New Clothes*, book and lyrics by Lynn Ahrens and music by Stephen Flaherty. This fun-for-all-ages family show will run on dates throughout the season beginning at 10:30 am.

Full descriptions of shows and subscription info can be found at www.peterboroughplayers.org, or call 603-924-7585.

Peterborough Players is New Hampshire's premiere professional regional theater, sponsored in part by the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation, the New Hampshire State Council on the Arts, and the National Endowment for the Arts. For more information, please visit www.peterboroughplayers.org. The Peterborough Players is located at 55 Hadley Road, Peterborough, NH 03458.

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Answers to DHS History Quiz #2, page 6

1. The Library, the Consolidated School and the Town Hall (a remodel of the façade). Mauran designed the town oval with 30-ton boulder and steel flagpole; it was funded by Mrs. Mauran in honor of her deceased husband.
2. Mauran married into a family that summered in Dublin and, along with the Village Improvement Society, he succeeded in having ‘unsightly’ electric and phone wires in the center of town buried.
3. Gouri Ivanov-Rinov, son of a former Imperial Russian officer who governed Turkestan, built a house on Pierce Road in the mid-1900s and ran a summer art school there in the 1960s. He also did theater design and specialized in painting religious icons for Orthodox churches.
4. Skyfields on Old Harrisville Road.
5. Mark Twain.

Applications Open for 2022 NH Coverts Project Training

Promoting wildlife conservation and forest stewardship.

The NH Coverts Project is accepting applications from new volunteers interested in taking part in the 2022 NH Coverts Project training program. Started in 1995, the NH Coverts Project has trained more than 500 volunteers in promoting wildlife conservation and forest stewardship throughout the state.

Each year, 25 conservation-minded residents gather with a team of natural

resource professionals for a training, where they learn about wildlife and forest ecology, habitat management, land conservation and effective outreach. There is a \$50 registration fee; however, program sponsors cover all other program costs.

In exchange for the training, participants commit to volunteer for at least 40 hours during the coming year and motivate others to become stewards of the state's wildlife and forest resources. Coverts volunteers give their time in a variety of ways. Some lead field walks or organize volunteer workdays, while others serve on town boards or manage their own property

for wildlife habitat. Volunteers come from many backgrounds and professions and are unified by their desire to help New Hampshire's wildlife and forests.

The N.H. Coverts Project is sponsored by UNH Cooperative Extension and New Hampshire Fish & Game. The program also receives support from the New Hampshire Division of Forests and Lands.

The application deadline is March 1, 2022. Acceptance will be based on applicants' interest and ability to use and share lessons from the training, on their property or in their community.

SOURCE: <https://extension.unh.edu/blog/2022/01/application-period-opens-2022-nh-coverts-project-training>

NH Coverts Project Training Schedule

The 2022 NH Coverts Project training will take place over four weeks and will include one online session and three field trips in various locations around New Hampshire. Each week will include 1-2 hours of preparatory work (e.g., recorded presentations) in advance of the field trip. Participants must be able to commit to attending all sessions. For a full training schedule: unh.app.box.com/s/g248homzwlzuximl0bn5w6td20jc146z

A covert (pronounced "cover" with a "t") is a thicket that provides shelter for wildlife. The term symbolizes the project's goal of enhancing, restoring and conserving habitat for native wildlife in New Hampshire. Once trained through the Coverts Program, participants become members of a knowledgeable statewide network connected through newsletters, field trips, and workshops.



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DCA Students Place Well in Moot Court

BY BETHANY PAQUIN

Three Dublin Christian Academy (DCA) students made it to the semi-final round of a national virtual Supreme Court competition, placing 5th and 7th for their oral arguments for their assigned positions.

Each year, The Harlan Institute and Ashbrook organize an online moot-court competition, which simulates arguing before the Supreme Court. The Institute selects a case that the Supreme Court has agreed to hear that year for students to study. This year the case was *New York State Rifle & Pistol Association Inc. v. Bruen*.

Competitors are assigned a side and must write an appellate brief for their side and record an oral argument. During the speech, they are interrupted with questions about case law, legal concepts, and statutory history to test their

grasp of constitutional law and the issues in the case.

Their briefs and oral arguments are graded by the organizers, and the top per-

formers are invited to compete in an online tournament. During the tournament, law professors and law students ask students questions, many of which are the sorts of questions that the Supreme Court justices would ask lawyers.

This year three DCA students competed: Sophomore Gaby Rossall was assigned the respondent side; senior Leah Phillips and junior Elijah Johnson were assigned the petitioner.

All three students performed very well and were invited to compete in the invitational tournament on Saturday, February 12. Miss Rossall placed fifth among the respondents in the invitational tournament. Miss Phillips and Mr. Johnson, who worked as a team, placed seventh among the petitioners.

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Dublin Christian Academy students Leah Phillips (L), Elijah Johnson (M), and Gaby Rossall (R), advanced to the semi-final round of a nation moot-court competition in which each was assigned to argue either for or against the plaintiff in the current U.S. Supreme Court Case *State Rifle & Pistol Association, Inc. V. Bruen*, a second amendment case.

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MARCH 2022 Calendar

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
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|  | | 1TH Rec Comm. 8:30am; DPL Book Buddies, 3:30-4:45pm | 2^{HUB} Coffee & Conversation 10am-12pm; Qigong 12-1pm; DPL StoryTime 10:30-11:30am | 3^{HUB} Second Cup Club 9-10:15am; DPL Lego Club 3-5pm | 4^{HUB} /Zoom Knit with Nancy 10-11am | 5^{DPL} Meet the Candidates 10am-12 pm; Coffee Hour 10am-12pm |
| | 6 | 7TH Cemetery Trustees if <35°, or at cemetery if >35°, 9am; Select Board 4pm; HUB Coffee & Conversation 10am-12pm | 8TH Election Day Voting Open (Top Floor) 8am-7pm; DPL Book Buddies 3:30-4:45pm; HUB Herbal Class 7-8pm VOTE | 9^{HUB} Coffee & Conversation 10am-12pm; Qigong 12-1pm; DPL StoryTime 10:30-11:30am; DPL Trustees 7pm | 10^{HUB} Second Cup Club 9-10:15am; DPL Lego Club 3-5pm | 11^{HUB} /Zoom Knit with Nancy 10-11am |
| 13 Daylight Savings Time: Spring Ahead | 14^{HUB} Coffee & Conversation 10am-12pm; TH Select Board 4pm | 15^{DPL} Book Buddies 3:30-4:45pm; DPL /Zoom Mending Circle 6-7pm | 16^{HUB} Coffee & Conversation 10am-12pm; Qigong 12-1pm; DPL StoryTime 10:30-11:30am; TH Con. Comm. 5pm | 17^{St Patrick's Day} DPL Lego Club 3-5pm; HUB Second Cup Club 9-10:15am; Take-Out Community Lunch 12-1pm; HUB /Zoom Neighbor Chat 7-8pm | 18^{HUB} /Zoom Knit with Nancy 10-11am | 19^{HUB} Blood Drive 9am-2:30pm; DPL Coffee Hour 10am-12pm |
| 20 Rec. Comm. "Sugar on Snow" maple syrup event, Frost Farm 118 Craig Rd, 1-3pm | 21^{HUB} Coffee & Conversation 10am-12pm; Songwriters Group 7pm; TH Select Board 4pm | 22^{DPL} Book Buddies 3:30-4:45pm; DCC Community Supper 5:30pm | 23^{HUB} Coffee & Conversation 10am-12pm; Qigong 12-1pm; DPL StoryTime 10:30-11:30am; TH Energy Committee (time TBD) | 24^{HUB} Second Cup Club 9-10:15am; DPL Lego Club 3-5pm; Cookbook Club Discussion Board | 25^{HUB} /Zoom Knit with Nancy 10-11am; HUB Open Stage 7pm | 26^{DPL} Coffee Hour 10am-12pm |
| 27 | 28^{HUB} Coffee & Conversation 10am-12pm; TH Select Board 4pm | 29^{DPL} Book Buddies 3:30-4:45pm | 30^{HUB} Coffee & Conversation 10am-12pm; Qigong 12-1pm; DPL StoryTime 10:30-11:30am | 31^{HUB} Second Cup Club 9-10:15am; DPL Lego Club 3-5pm | DCC Dublin Community Church DCS Dublin Consolidated School DPL Dublin Public Library HUB Dublin Community Center TH Town Hall, Dublin | |

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