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Dublin Votes: The 2022 Midterm Election

BY MARY LOFTIS AND JULIE RIZZO

With the upcoming midterm election on Tuesday, November 8, Dubliners have an opportunity to showcase the civility, transparency, and neighborliness of our community life together. We at the *Advocate* believe in the people and processes that safeguard our elections in Dublin, in contrast to the mistrust and misinformation swirling around elections across the country.

Now that the COVID-19 pandemic has abated somewhat, Dublin's 2022 election procedures will largely conform to the way we have run elections prior to 2020. For those who are new to town, or those who simply need a refresher, the following is a guide to the way elections are run in accordance with guidelines and regulations set by the New Hampshire Department of State.

WHO'S WHO AND WHAT THEY DO

Well-trained, competent election staff are essential to ensuring voter confidence in elections. Clear and evenhanded procedures, minimal time spent waiting in lines, prompt answers to questions, and friendly faces all contribute to a positive voting experience and increased turnout. In Dublin, the election staff includes volunteers and elected officials:

Town Moderator (elected) – Sterling Abram. The town moderator has overall responsibility for the election. He is responsible for recruiting and training poll workers; overseeing the setup and traffic flow of the polling location; monitoring distribution, collection, and counting of ballots; answering questions



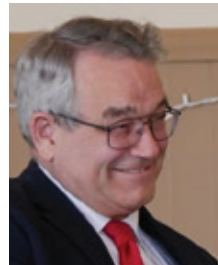
Sterling Abram

from the staff and the public; and processing absentee ballots received up to and including Election Day. The moderator is also responsible for placing completed ballots into the ballot box.

Town Clerk / Tax Collector (elected) – Jeannine Dunne; Deputy Town Clerk – Neil Sandford. The town clerk/tax collector and her deputy are responsible for fulfilling absentee ballot requests and processing candidate filing forms prior to Election



Jeannine Dunne



Neil Sandford

Day. On Election Day, the clerk brings the ballots, absentee ballots, checklist, and voting machines to the polling place. When the ballots are counted, the clerk reports the election results to the secretary of state and is responsible for storing and securing the sealed boxes of ballots and absentee voting materials after the election.



Kyle Wilcox

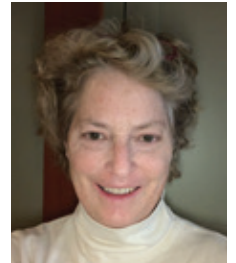


Megan Suokko

Supervisors of the Checklist (elected) – Sarah Sangermano, Kyle Wilcox, and Megan Suokko; Administrative Aide – Judy Knapp. The supervisors of the checklist are responsible for registering voters throughout the year and keeping the

voter checklist up to date. On Election Day, they are present at the polling place and are available to register new voters or change registrations. They provide affidavits to allow voters to cast their ballot provisionally (pending documentation).

Town Select Board (elected) – Carole Monroe, Chris Raymond, and Susan Peters. The Select Board oversees the budget for elections and on Election Day may act as greeters. They also assist the moderator in overseeing the counting of ballots.



Susan Peters

Greeters (volunteers) – These trained and sworn-in Dublin residents direct traffic inside the polling location to keep lines moving and wait times to a minimum. Greeters may answer questions but are prohibited from making comments that might influence a voter.

Ballot clerks (volunteers) – These trained and sworn-in Dublin residents check in voters, mark the checklist to show that a ballot has been distributed, hand out ballots, and check off voters after they have cast their votes.

Observers (also referred to as poll watchers or challengers) – The observers are representatives of a political party or members of the public who observe the ballot check-in procedures from a distance of six feet. Furthermore, a challenger may be assigned by the moderator or other election official to a position in the polling place that allows them to see and hear the hand counting of votes.

ELECTION PROCEDURES

Same-day voter registration. To register to vote, an individual needs to bring

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News from the Library

BY RACHAEL LOVETT

Open House is Saturday, November 5, from 10 am to noon. All are welcome, and we hope to see you there! In collaboration with the library trustees and the staff, we will have fun and interactive stations throughout the library. Learn about all the services your library card provides, take a look at the strategic plan and our survey results, check out our programs, and let us know what you'd like to see more of. You can bring in your device, and we'll help you set up Kanopy, Libby, Ancestry.com, and so many other services at the Tech Help station. And, of course, sign up for a library card too! Light refreshments and coffee will be served.

We are having Family Movie Night on November 26.. Once again, we'll have pizza and popcorn, and we'll set up the big screen downstairs in the Program Room. Bring a blanket, and cozy up with us. The movie will start at 6pm; doors will open at 5:30 pm. We're planning to show *Minions: The Rise of Gru*.

In December, we are bringing back our Holiday Open Mic Night! Details will be announced at a later date, so check out the website or stop in anytime. We'll plan for all ages and all talent submissions!

The library will be closed for Thanksgiving Day, and we will also close at 3 pm the day before, on Wednesday, November 23.

RACHAEL LOVETT is director of the library.



Welcome, Baby Margaret

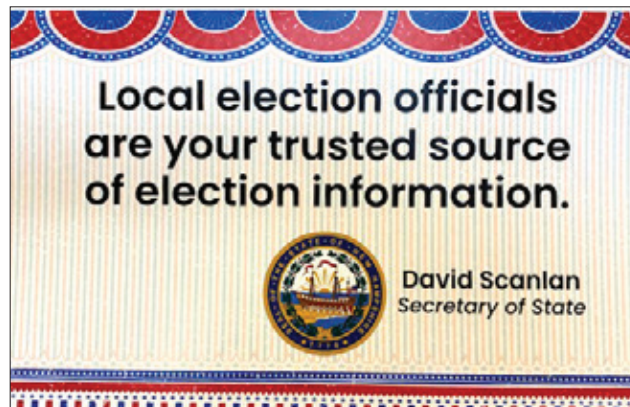


Sarah and Charlie Gurney with their baby daughter, Margaret Paula Gurney, namesake of late *Advocate* editor Margaret Gurney.

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proof of identity, age, domicile, and citizenship. Typical proofs for identity, age, and domicile would be a NH driver's license (or a birth certificate and utility bill). Proof of citizenship would be a passport or naturalization papers.

If a voter does not have a proof, the voter can still register to vote by signing an affidavit for domicile, identity/age/citizenship, or photo ID, affirming under oath that the information is accurate. Following the election, the secretary of state verifies the accuracy of the affidavits.



"Electioneering." There is a limited prohibition on distributing, wearing, or posting campaign materials in a polling place. This prohibition applies only to materials that *explicitly* advocate for or against a candidate or issue.

The designated area for outside electioneering is behind Town Hall, between the parking lot and Church Street. There is no space for it in the front of Town Hall because of the proximity to the

entrance. Electioneering on the oval is discouraged because activity there creates additional traffic safety hazards. Signs must be "attended and in the control of those presenting them."

Reporting the results. After all election ballots have been counted, the town clerk must submit the election results entered on the secretary of state's Return of Votes form. The moderator (in the presence of the selectmen) must report the result of the vote count to the public after the count has been completed. The town clerk reports the results to local media upon request and posts the results on the front door of Town Hall.

Don't forget to vote on November 8! If you can't be present to vote in person, request your absentee ballot from the town clerk and return it before November 8. The Supervisors of the Checklist will meet at Town Hall on November 1 from 7 to 7:30 pm to register voters.

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Laura Elcoate writes, "This photo was taken at my daughter Kate's commissioning, although I was retired at the time after 25 years of service in the United States Air Force. Kate, now a lieutenant colonel, has followed in her family's footsteps and has served almost 20 years. Her middle child, Keagan, has expressed a desire to attend the Air Force Academy. That would be four generations of military service to our country."

Freedom is the sure possession of those alone who have the courage to defend it.

—Pericles

Recycling Center Will Collect Plastic Bags

BY TOM KENNEDY

Dublin's Recycling Center has accepted the Trex Film Recycling Challenge and has begun collecting plastic bags and films. Below is a list of acceptable and unacceptable materials for collection.

Acceptable (must be clean, dry, and stretchable) Put this material in the plastic window along with your #1 and #2 plastics:

Grocery bags or retail store bags
Bread bags
Store-dispensed fruit/veggie produce bags (with no mesh or holes)
Paper towel/toilet paper overwrap
Plastic bottle or other beverage container case wrap
Pallet wrap
Dry cleaning bags
Newspaper sleeves
Ziploc and other resealable food storage bags
Bubble wrap or air pillows
Plastic shipping envelopes – no need to remove label
Furniture and electronic wrap
Ice bags
Wood pellet bags
Salt bags
Plastic cereal box liners (that stretch; your finger will not pop through)
Any plastic bags/film labeled with a #2 (HDPE) or a #4 (LDPE)

If it is clean, dry, and stretchable, it can be included (as long as it is not labeled #5 or #7).

Not acceptable (dirty, wet, or non-stretchable) Put these materials in with your trash:

Frozen food bags
Saran-type wrap
Ziploc packaging for cheese (sliced/shredded)
Candy bar wrappers
Chip bags
Net or mesh produce bags
Mulch or soil bags
Pet food bags
Hot dog or meat wrap packaging
Six-pack rings
Prewashed salad bags
PPE – gloves, masks, or protective wear
Pool covers
Lamination film
Silage or hay bags
Vinyl shower curtains or tablecloths
Bedding or linen packaging
Shiny, crinkly films like floral wrap
Anything with a real zipper
Any bag labeled degradable and/or compostable
Anything that cannot stretch or that tears like paper
Anything shiny or metallic or that makes a crinkly/crunchy sound
Any plastic bags/film labeled #5 or #7
Any plastic bags/film with a slash through the recycle symbol
Any type of Styrofoam

For more NexTrex Recycle information, go to <https://recycle.trex.com/view/educate>.

TOM KENNEDY is the site manager of the Dublin Transfer Station and Recycling Center.



Time to Fall Back
Daylight Saving Time ends Sunday, November 6.



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ConVal Community Forum: Thursday, November 10

BY ALAN EDELKIND

It is time for the ConVal School Board's 14th ConVal Community Forum. As the chair of the communications committee and a member of the strategic planning committee, I feel it critical that we have community engagement in these forums. It is our continuing commitment to provide an open, transparent, and informative dialogue with the ConVal community. The forums are your opportunity to engage with your school board and administration.

This forum will take place both at the Lucy Hurlin Theater at ConVal High School and via livestream on Thursday, November 10, from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm.

As with the third forum on May 12, we feel that the livestream community also needs to be heard and be able to participate. Livestream participants will be able

to submit questions via email to the presenters, school board, and administration during the forum.

The live feed will be on YouTube so the forum can be viewed interactively or, if needed, at your convenience any time after it is over, or both.

We are also discussing providing childcare and a meet-and-greet for forum attendees. The meet-and-greet will start at 8:30 pm. It will be an informal get-together with you, school board representatives, and administration. It is important for all of us to get to know each other as we all have the same goal: providing the best and most cost-effective education for our children.

The three topics scheduled for presentation and community-involved discussion are:

1. **Building renovations** – framework activities to date

2. **Strategic plan** – our five-year strategic plan addressing five priority areas:

- Quality curriculum and instruction
- Supportive structures and climate
- Supportive structures for diversity, equity, inclusion, and accessibility
- Effective and efficient organizational structures, financial processes, and infrastructure
- High-quality staffing through retention, recruitment, and maintaining a desirable work environment

3. **Upcoming events** that are important for the community to know about

Information will be posted on the Dublin Post Office bulletin board, on the town of Dublin website, and on Dublin social media sites (Facebook), or you can send me your email address at aedelkind@conval.edu. You can also check the ConVal website for the most up-to-date communications: Convalnews.com.

FORUM COMMUNICATIONS:

- Survey – sent to all parents about in-house or livestreaming attendance and participation in our meet-and-greet get together

- Initial communication – explaining what the forum is about and how to attend
- Main communication – all details about the forum

- Forum Agenda – presentations, participants, and question and answer periods
- Reminder – coming November 7 on Convalnews.com

Remember, "An engaged community is an informed community."

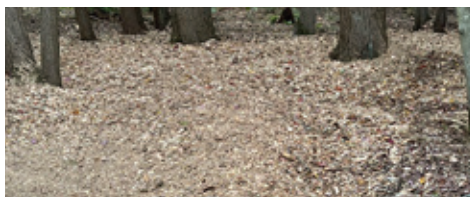
ALAN EDELKIND is Dublin's ConVal School Board representative.

Chipping Party at Dublin Park

BY JAY SCHECHTER

In late September, we had a "chipping party" at the Dublin Rotary Park. What is a chipping party? That is where you turn **this...**

...into this!



We thank the participants who attended the party: Chris Raymond, Eddie Warner, Jerry Branch, and Jay Schechter.

Chipping fallen trees and branches makes the picnic area more user-friendly and improves access to Howe Reservoir. This is part of the continuing effort by the Conservation Commission to improve the Dublin Rotary Park. We thank those who joined our party and invite you to join the next one.

JAY SCHECHTER is chairman of the Conservation Commission.

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DCA's Alumni Day Features New Student Gathering Space

BY BETHANY PAQUIN

In October, Dublin Christian Academy hosted alumni from across the country and the globe. In addition to homecoming soccer and volleyball games, reunions, a barbecue, and fireworks, DCA unveiled its latest renovation, a student coffee and snack shop in the historic Main House.

At the barbecue, Beth Wyse, a member



Alumni spanning 50 years gathered at DCA on October 1 for Homecoming, reunions, and a barbecue.



A newly renovated space in the historic Main House at Dublin Christian Academy provides a gathering space for students.

of the 50th reunion class of 1972, spoke about her ministry as a missionary in Taiwan. Andrew George, class of 2007, spoke about how his time at the school shaped his future, which has included military service, professional counseling, and a successful financial advising firm. Gaby Rossall, class of 2024, also spoke.

In response to growing enrollment, DCA converted a former student snack shop space to classrooms. This spring, the

school began fundraising to renovate space in the Main House for a gathering place for students. When the property was Staghead Farm, that space was the master bedroom, an office, and a study. The reapportioned space has created an after-school gathering place for students, something DCA has been working toward since the pandemic began in 2020.

BETHANY PAQUIN is director of advancement at Dublin Christian Academy.

Who Is the Governing Body of Dublin?

BY PAMELA COX

Dublin residents are responsible for governing their town. This responsibility is fulfilled by attending the yearly Town Meeting, expressing individual views, and voting on current issues facing the town.

The three-member Select Board is charged with ensuring that policies passed by town residents are carried out and enforced. The board, whose members are elected by the residents for staggered, three-year terms, also decide on the day-to-day-business of the town with input from town department managers (fire, police, highway, transfer station) as well as committee chairs. The Select Board also listens to and acts upon ideas or concerns from residents.

Board meetings are held at 4:30 pm on Monday evenings at Town Hall. You are invited to attend meetings either in person or by Zoom. If you wish to discuss a topic, please contact the town administrator, Kate Fuller, in advance of the meeting so your topic can be added to the agenda. Ideas can also be shared by sending an email directly to the board at selectmen@townofdublin.org

or by emailing Kate at townadministrator@townofdublin.org.

Please become involved with governing your town! All residents are invited to attend any and all committee meetings. We encourage new ideas and solutions to town

affairs. Meeting dates, times, and agendas are posted in advance and can usually be found on the post office's bulletin board, the town's website, <https://www.townofdublin.org>, and the town's bulletin board by the town clerk's window.

PAMELA COX is the office assistant for the town of Dublin.

A New School Year Begins

BY SHAWNE HILLIARD

We have had a great start to our school year! Established routines have continued, and we have been able to return to some that haven't occurred for the last few years. Each day, our amazing students and staff begin with a morning walk during arrival and then take a moment for the Pledge and our school song. Once inside this beautiful building, we are learning how to be a positive community while also focusing on academic skills.

Our trip to Windy Hill apple orchard was great fun! It was a perfect fall day for a hayride, apple picking, checking out some farm animals, and admiring the pumpkin patch. A recent All Community Meeting focused on kindness, and we have

seen many examples of kindness in our building. We worked in our gardens with the support of the Cornucopia Project and created amazing art with Jeannie Connolly. Our walk to school generated lots of smiles as we made our way from the Dublin General Store up the hill to our school. Thanks go to Chief Suokko, who made sure we



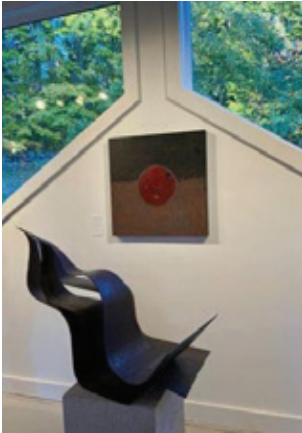
were safe as we crossed the road. Just this past Friday, we enjoyed our Harvest Supper and Open House. It has been a fantastic fall, and we are looking forward to more fun, learning, sharing, and caring!

SHAWNE HILLIARD is the principal of Dublin Consolidated School and Hancock Elementary School.

November at DublinArts and Muse Gallery

The new arts venue in town, DublinArts and Muse Gallery, is in full swing in November. A major exhibit of a lifetime of work by nationally recognized sculptor Stefani Esta is open through November 13, a show that owner Molly McDowell calls “powerful and subtle. This amazing legacy of work is as exciting as any exhibit you might see in New York City, right here in Dublin.”

The Esta show will be followed by a curated exhibit titled “Tiny and Tremendous,” featuring works extra small and extra large and any size that makes a comment about scale. The show will open on November 18, and submissions from regional artists are invited by November 12, with delivery of work by November 15.



A series of musical events is also planned:

November 5 Harvey Tolman, Cape Breton fiddle legend, at 8 pm. Suggested \$20 at the door.

November 12 Off the Cuff at 7:30 pm. Semi-acoustic instrumental and vocal quartet, interpreting great songs from the 1920s

through today. Suggested \$12 at the door.

November 19 Wendy Keith and Her Alleged Band at 7:30 pm. Advance tickets \$15 available at The Toadstool Bookshop, or \$18 at the door.

Stay tuned for an ongoing series of classes, concerts, poetry readings, storytelling, and theatrical performances at DublinArts, 1459 Main Street, Dublin.

DWCC Blankets Make Great Gifts

BY REBECCA OJA

The Dublin Women’s Community Club works continuously to help alleviate and restore erosion issues at our beach due to the steep, sloping property. It can become costly to repair damage brought on by a simple rainstorm. One of the ways we offset these expenses, as well as other maintenance and operational costs, is by fundraising.

This year we’ve brought back our throw blankets. These were quite popular several years ago, and so we decided to offer them once again, using a new color scheme. These 50” x 70” blankets are made of 100% finest-quality cotton with images of our town’s historical buildings in black on a cream background. These make a great keepsake for you or a special gift for someone; after all, the holidays are fast approaching! If interested, email rebeccaolja@gmail.com. They’re only \$45 each.

The Dublin Women’s Community Club thanks you for your support. Dublin Women’s Community Club is a not-for-profit organization. Donations are always welcome and appreciated. Donations can be sent to PO Box 121, Dublin, NH 03444.

REBECCA OJA is chairperson of the DWCC.



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Harvey Tolman

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Monadnock Art's 26th Annual Open Studios took place on October 8–10, a spectacular fall weekend for viewing art as well as foliage. Six Dublin artists showed their work, and two of them hosted guest artists in their studios.



Miriam Carter



Kimberly Kersey-Asbury



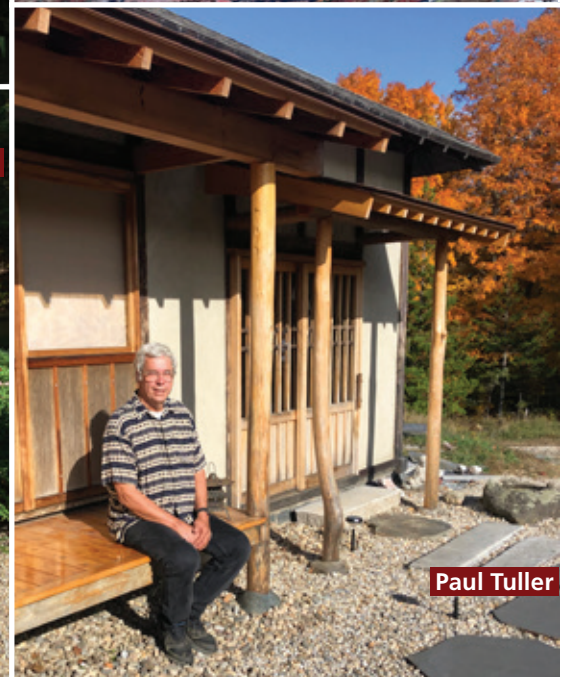
Rebecca Welsh (right)
with a customer



Susan Barker and
Nina Brogna



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November 2022 Events at the DubHub

DubHub Coffee and Conversation

Coffee and Conversation is on Monday and Wednesday mornings from 10 to noon.

Knit with Nancy on Fridays

Knit with Nancy via Zoom is on Fridays at 10 am. Email npcayford@myfairpoint.net for information.

Qigong on Wednesdays

Qigong meets on Wednesdays from noon to 1 pm. For information, contact Ginette Groome at 603-313-9828.

RESCHEDULED:

Ken Sheldon Reads from "Deep Water," November 3

Author Ken Sheldon will read from his latest book, *Deep Water: Murder, Scandal, and Intrigue in a New England Town*, on Thursday, November 6, at 7 pm at the DubHub. Ken will also be available to answer questions. Admission is free. Books will be available for purchase and autographing by the author. (This event was cancelled in October due to illness.)

In the waning days of World War I, William K. Dean was brutally murdered, his body hog-tied and dumped in a rainwater cistern on his farm in the quiet town of

Jaffrey, New Hampshire. Was the murderer his wife, suffering from dementia? Was it his best friend, a politically powerful judge? Or was it a former tenant, suspected by many of being a German spy? This is the first in-depth examination of the murder and its aftermath in the town of Jaffrey.

Song Circle, November 6

Song Circle is on Sunday, November 6, from 3 to 5 pm. Singers, instrumentalists, and listeners are all welcome to this informal gathering to enjoy music from various genres, including folk, Americana, show tunes, standards, Celtic music, originals, and more. Bring extra copies of songs you wish to share. For information, contact Bruce Simpson at bruce_simpson@msn.com.

Kid's Yoga

Gwir Huddleston Llewellyn will offer an after-school yoga class for kids ages 7-11 on Tuesday afternoons from 3:30 to 4:30 pm, starting on November 1. Children will cultivate concentration, a sense of self, and the capacity to self-regulate. The class incorporates fun with dance and movement. For more information, contact Gwir at 505-692-3089 or satpurkh@gmail.com.

Herbs for a Cough Class, November 8

On Tuesday, November 8, Katherine Gekas will offer another herb class. This time, we'll be making a tea for coughs that will help support our immune systems. Each participant will go home with a handout that includes herb information

and resources for learning more and small samples of the tea to try out at home. The class starts at 7 pm in the South Room. The class will be socially distanced and face masks optional for vaccinated people. The fee will be sliding scale, pay as you'd like: \$5-\$40. Katherine Gekas has been teaching community-level classes on how to stay healthy with herbs for over 10 years. To sign up or for more information, email her at katherinegekas2@gmail.com.

Backgammon Night, November 10

Backgammon Night, hosted by Christopher Sprague, continues on the 2nd Thursday of the month, from 4 to 6 pm. New players are welcome to come learn how to play.

Community Lunch, November 17

The DubHub will serve its monthly Community Lunch on Tuesday, November 17, from noon to 1 pm. Guests may either enjoy their meal at the Hub or get their free meal "to go." The menu will include chicken tortilla soup, cornbread, and homemade dessert. Meals are served first come, first served. No reservations are required.

Chess Night, November 17

Chess Night, hosted by Christopher Sprague, will be on Thursday, November 17, to avoid a conflict on Thanksgiving Day. At 5 pm, there will be an introductory session for families (one adult and child/children who have rudimentary game knowledge). At 6 pm, *Chess Night* will begin, with players from across town. Families may stay on and play.

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DubHub Events continued**DubHub Open Stage featuring Liza Constable, November 18**

Open Stage will be on Friday, November 18, starting at 7 pm. This Open Stage will feature a special set by singer/songwriter, Liza Constable. All styles of music and performing arts are welcome.



Liza Constable

As always, we welcome audience members to enjoy the performers. This will be the final Open Stage hosted by Volkert Volkertsz and/or Bruce Simpson. For more information email info@dublincommunitycenter.org.

Red Cross Blood Drive, November 19

Red Cross will hold a blood drive at the DubHub on Saturday, November 19. Check www.redcrossblood.org for times.

Dublin Stories and Poems, November 19

“Dublin Stories and Poems: An Evening of Spoken Word” will feature stories and poems told by local individuals as a benefit for the Dublin Community Center on Saturday, November 19, at 7 pm. A donation will be requested at the door. All attendees must reserve a space at [DublinStoriesandPoems.eventbrite.com](https://dublinstoriesandpoems.eventbrite.com). Performers for this evening are Paul Tuller, May Clark, Nancy Cayford, Fred Giaimo, Al Brogdon, Rob Eichler, Swift Corwin, Kimberly Kersey-Asbury, Phil McFarland, and Volkert Volkertsz. Anthony Brooks is the master of ceremonies. Depending on the state of the Covid pandemic at the time of the show, face masks may be recommended for audience members. (There is no need to print tickets for this event. A list of attendees will be at the door.)

Small Treasures Art Show and Sale – Back In Person

The 6th annual Small Treasures Art Show and Sale will be in person this year. The opening reception will be Friday, December 2, from 5 to 7 pm and the show will end on Monday, December 5, at 1 pm.

Small Treasures showcases local artists who exhibit two and three-dimensional pieces no larger than 5 x 7 inches for purchase. Each artist contributes the proceeds of the sale of one piece and the Community Center takes a 20 percent commission on the sale of all other pieces. An average of 40 area artists participate each year.

To schedule an appointment to view the show or to get more information, call Susan at 908-672-6481 or Mary at 603-831-6641.



Jean Mann is a returning artist to this year's Small Treasures Art Show and Sale.

2022 Smartphone Photo Contest

The DubHub is hosting another smartphone photo contest this year. The contest is open to amateurs, professionals (defined as anyone who has received remuneration for their photography), and children (age 12 and under). Each entrant must live or work in Dublin. Each participant may enter up to three photos taken between December 1, 2021 and December 1, 2022 of a person, place, or event anywhere in the Monadnock Region. Each digital entry must be electronically submitted as “full size” or “large.” Anything smaller will not be accepted. Entry fee will be \$5 per photo. Please indicate if you are entering as a professional or child. We will assume all other entries are adult amateurs. Deadline for submission of photos is December 1.

Email digital entries with your name

and title of the photo to: dubhubphotocontest2022@gmail.com. Send payment to the PayPal link found at <https://dublincommunitycenter.org/help-the-center/>. Be sure to add your name, type of entry, and category (person, place, or event) to the memo.

All entries will be printed and on display at the DubHub during January 2023, with contest winners announced at the opening reception on January 6.

Volunteers Wanted at the DubHub

The DubHub board is looking for more volunteers so we can expand our services to the community. New volunteers would make it possible to open our gallery for longer hours. Other volunteers help with food preparation, supervision of various activities, and setup and cleanup for events, etc. Please contact Laura Elcoate at lelcoate@yahoo.com.

A New Autumn Tradition

The DubHub recently held a cider pressing event on a fall morning as crisp as the Cortland and Macintosh apples that were pressed! Families came to taste the cider and watch the process, which used an old cider press rescued by Volkert Volkertsz from the side of the road and refurbished by Paul Tuller, who also designed the prep areas and accessories.



Monthly Community Take-Out Supper Is for Everyone

On Tuesday, November 22, the Dublin Community Church will offer a free take-out supper (donations are welcome but optional). These home-cooked suppers are offered on the 4th Tuesday of every month. Please consider reserving a meal (or several for your whole family). In November, the menu will be pasta, salad, bread, and dessert. Pickup begins at 5:30 pm. Reservations are required. Call Laurie at 603-876-5003 by Friday, November 18, to reserve your meal(s) or to offer help. You will get instructions when you call.

Two Dubliners Named to the Board of Monadnock Family Services

Monadnock Family Services has announced the addition of three new members to their Board of Directors. Named to the board are Lisa Foote and Chris Sprague of Dublin, and Karen Johnson of Keene.

Lisa H. Foote is a social historian with a special interest in American material culture. She moved to Dublin in 2009 and, through her association with Story Wright and Mary Ellen Moore, joined the Alice Circle at MFS at that time. She has served as a vice president on the Board of Governors and as chair of the Collections Committee at the Concord Museum in Concord, MA, as well as serving terms as chair of the board of trustees and as archivist for the Dublin Historical Society.

Chris Sprague, MSBA, works as a career consultant, advisor, faculty member, and executive education course leader, focused on helping current learners, alumni, and executives develop strategies for personal and professional growth. Sprague's first engagement with MFS

began at the Monadnock Adult Care Center in Jaffrey, working to raise funds for the purchase of a new van. More recently, Sprague has continued his volunteerism on the MFS Development Committee.

Karen Johnson, MPH, is the director of Ambulatory Services, Primary Care at Cheshire Medical Center, Dartmouth Health in Keene, overseeing Family Medicine, Pediatrics, Urgent Visits, and two satellite offices at Cheshire Medical Center.

Monadnock Family Services is a non-profit, comprehensive, community mental health center serving 38 towns and 110,000 residents in southwestern New Hampshire, with facilities in Peterborough, Jaffrey, and Keene. Each year, the nearly 200 team members serve over 2,000 children and adults with mental illness through more than a dozen distinct programs in parent education, youth development, family support, elder care, substance abuse prevention and treatment, individual and group treatment, and recovery support for persons and families struggling with mental illness.



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Dublin Community Forum Hosts Businesses and New Residents

BY RAMONA BRANCH

In October, the Dublin Community Forum hosted the Business Fair and New Residents Reception at the DubHub. This event brought the business community and new residents together to get acquainted. This is the second time that the Dublin Community Forum has hosted this event; they hosted the first one in 2018.

Lucy Shonk, one of the Forum's founding members, said, "The Dublin Community Forum wants to energize the program

and develop an active schedule again. Our 2018 event was really tremendous. We had lots of participation. We wanted to do it again but Covid and concern for residents shut us down. We hear from residents that this event is so worthwhile, and we hope to have it on a regular basis."

Balmeet Lasky headed up the business portion of the fair and reported that 30 businesses, non-profits, schools, and town committees participated. Each group had a table, and representatives from their organizations shared their products and

services. Town committees had sign-up sheets for volunteers to get involved.

The New Residents Reception included an interactive Bingo game, a raffle, and some great prizes.

The Forum is always looking for new ideas for programs from residents and welcomes new members to join the committee. If you have any ideas or would like to join the committee, please contact Lucy Shonk at lshonk66@gmail.com.

RAMONA BRANCH is on the staff of the *Advocate*.

Rotary Walk for Recovery and Recovery Fair

The Grand Monadnock Rotary Club sponsored its fourth annual Community Recovery Fair and Community Walk for Recovery in October. The event included a 3-mile walk to show support for those doing the hard work of recovery. The event helps destigmatize the ways communities think about Substance Use Disorder (SUD), viewing SUD as the disease it is, not simply a criminal justice problem.

SUD includes reliance on any substance that pushes the brain's pleasure centers to overstimulation, to the extent that people no longer make decisions in their own best interests. In 2022, drug-related deaths in the United States reached a record 107,000, twice as many as all the soldiers that died in the Vietnam War. In New Hampshire, we had a 11% reduction in drug-related deaths from 2018 to 2021, but alcohol use rose by 30% during the pandemic.

Recovery from SUD is possible and happens all the time. In

fact, 10 percent of the public reports having had substance misuse issues that they have overcome to rejoin the mainstream as fruitful members of society. Nearly as many still suffer from SUD, an illness of the body, mind, and soul that can be treated with care and support.

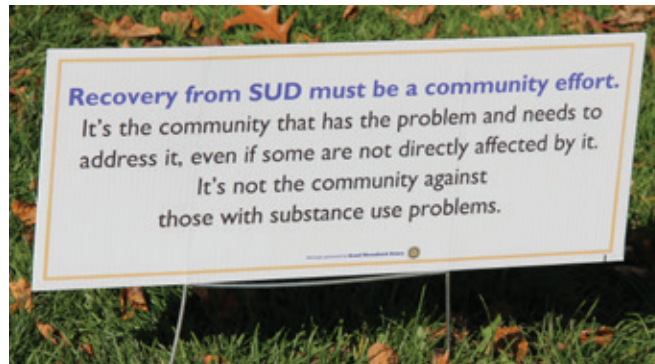
Support for SUD involves helping people break out of despair, isolation, and alienation, to return to a productive, stable life with a place to live, a job to support themselves, and a community to belong to.

Leading agencies on the front-lines

of prevention, treatment, and recovery were on hand to answer questions and offer advice about recovery support in the Monadnock Region. Keynote speakers explored how to approach students and teens, family members, co-workers, and friends with SUD in supportive and sensitive ways, including encouraging them to consider recovery options and supporting them through the process.

The Grand Monadnock Rotary Club and the Grand Monadnock Rotary Charitable Fund support a range of causes in the region, including SUD prevention, treatment and recovery, youth development for future leaders, help for disadvantaged and disabled children, food insecurity, and Operation Santa.

Rotary meets at the MaXt Maker-space on Tuesday mornings from 7:15 to 8:30 am. Members include business, professional, and civic leaders from all walks of life who share an interest in serving our towns and our world. Membership is open to those who wish to join the effort. More at <https://GrandMonadnockRotary.org>.



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ment. Jennifer Carroll, director of education, Historical Society of Cheshire County, delves into the history of that occasion from a local perspective, highlighting empowered women who sought change, and sharing the ways in which small cities like Keene became involved in the women's suffrage movement. Women's

Suffrage in the Monadnock Region is a one-hour Zoom presentation that provides the public with an opportunity to link local history to national events, compare the past with the present, discover new perspectives on an issue they may have learned about in school, and to think critically about the history of women's suffrage in all of its complexity. Register for the webinar at <https://bit.ly/cheshiresuffrage>.

Photo courtesy of Susan Bickford



The photo is of Abby Bickford, 1833-1908: "Abby was elected the first woman to the Keene Board of Education alongside George Tilden and George Wheelock. She was arguably one of the first women in the country to serve on a municipal board with voting privileges."

The Swap Shop will close for the season on **Saturday, November 12**. Meanwhile, there are many treasures that need new homes.



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Philip Stoddard

known for his versatile artistry, Philip is a graduate of both The Juilliard School's Drama Division and Institute for Vocal

pianist Adam Rothenberg in a program of American songs called "American Folk Song Settings," by composer Stephen Mark Kohn. An award-winning lyric baritone

Arts – the only artist in school history to attend two different divisions. He is a distinguished winner of the international Lotte Lenya Vocal Competition presented by the Kurt Weill Foundation, for which he first collaborated with fellow Juilliard

graduate Rothenberg, who is also a Broadway conductor. Steven Mark Kohn has written music for films (ABC, PBS, and The Disney Channel), commercials, industrial shows, guided imagery CDs, many art songs, four musicals, and two operas.

See www.MusicOnNorwayPond.org for more information.

Dog Virus Confounds Experts

A mysterious new virus is making dogs very sick in southern New Hampshire and northern Massachusetts. Dogs apparently contract the disease through exposure wherever dogs congregate, such as day-care, kennels, grooming, and other canine facilities.

The disease is called Canine Infectious Respiratory Disease, infecting the upper respiratory tract with symptoms appearing one to three weeks after exposure: cough, runny nose and eyes, fever, lethargy, and loss of appetite.

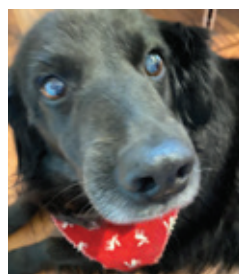
Left untreated, the dog can quickly develop a case of life-threatening pneumonia.

Aggressive treatment has been effective, and includes oxygen, nebulizers, and double antibiotics. Dogs left untreated may not survive.

Since May, there have been over three hundred cases of the disease seen in local veterinary hospitals.

Research is needed to determine the roots of this virus, but research is underfunded. The New Hampshire Veterinary Medical Association (NHVMA) is accepting donations to help fund this research. Send a check to NHVMA, PO Box 247,

Amherst, NH 03031, with "Investigational Diagnostics Fund" on the memo line.



Savannah Hammond hopes folks will donate to research into this new virus affecting dogs.

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Tracking Broad-winged Hawks with Harris Center

BY KIM ALLIS

Earlier this summer, Sherin Pierce was taking her usual lunchtime walk on Harrisville Road, engrossed in her favorite podcast, when suddenly what felt like a branch hit her head – hard. To her surprise, she saw no branch fall to the ground, but rather a hawk on a branch, glaring.

A few days later, on the lunchtime walk – without headphones and with a hat – Sherin came across Phil Brown of the Harris Center, who was looking for the source of several complaints received from other hapless hikers. Luckily, Sherin was able to point him in the right direction. The nest was eventually located and the culprit identified: a broad-winged hawk.

“Goshawks are known to be aggressive when protecting their nest,” said Phil’s wife, Julie, later. “I couldn’t believe it was a broad-winged hawk!”

This was a great find for Phil, who is in charge of the new Harris Center partnership with Hawk Mountain Sanctuary in Pennsylvania. The partnership project is hoping to better understand broad-winged



Phil Brown, bird conservation director/lan specialist at the Harris Center, with “Skatutakee.”

hawk ecology, by tracking the migration of hawks that breed in New Hampshire to their wintering grounds in South America.

In June, Phil’s team successfully affixed a tiny satellite transmitter to two female broad-winged hawks, one of them being the bird that went after Sherin. That one was named “Skatutakee,” and according to the website Hawkmountain.org, she is now enjoying *la vida loca* in Costa Rica. The website has a map where you can see the paths of the transmitting hawks in real time. It’s worth exploring the website to find out more about this raptor conservation group.

In the meantime, on New Hampshire’s premier hawk watching site, the count continues. The watch runs from September 1 to November 15. Long a spot for birders, Pack Monadnock has been a formal site for migration research since 2005, and in 2018 the Harris Center partnered with NH Audubon to insure continuing research. This year, the Harris Center took over the Hawk Watch. It is one of the most productive sites in New England, counting more than 11,000 migrating raptors a year. Luckily, you can drive up if you want to join the count.

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The Wild Turkey

BY TOM WARREN

The wild turkey, native to North America, is found in every state and south to Central Mexico.

When Spanish conquistadores invaded Mexico in the early 1500s, they discovered a large domesticated bird which they sent to Spain. It bred in captivity, and after being introduced to France and England, it returned to America in the early 1600s with the first settlers, and provided food for indigenous people and European settlers who arrived in Jamestown, Virginia, in 1607.

The turkey is a North American species that prefers deep woods and swampland borders. In the early days, they were abundant, and hundreds could be seen migrating by foot over long distances in search of foreign mast (fruit and nuts of trees and shrubs), their primary food.

The turkey is a polygamist, many having two to three hens, which are closely controlled and observed. As the time to lay eggs approaches, the female prepares a nest on the ground, which is concealed in an open spot in the woods. The nest on the ground is carefully hidden to prevent discovery by foxes and other predators, including the gobbler who will destroy the eggs. From 6 to 15 eggs are laid, which hatch in 30 days. Only females will care for the young.

Hundreds of millions of domestic turkeys are produced annually for the market, especially at Thanksgiving, producing billions of dollars of income annually. They cannot fly, as they are bred for the market and twice as heavy as a wild turkey. The wild turkeys can fly when they are fleeing



Photo by AnneMarie Warren

Turkey flocks seem to be everywhere these days: on roadsides, in fields, and even strutting through front yards, in multi-generational groups.

from a predator, and they roost in trees while sleeping at night.

The turkey has a substantial fossil history due to its large size and compact bones. It may have been domesticated by the Anasazi people of the American southwest, later becoming extinct in that region after the demise of these ancient people.

The primary predator of the wild turkey is man. Locally, bobcats, coyotes, raccoons, foxes, and the great horned owls are major predators.

Here in Dublin, we are seeing large

numbers of turkeys in fields and near roadsides. A bobcat in our field carefully circled ten turkeys, both young and adults, but never attacked. The feet of a turkey can be nasty weapons, which the bobcat has learned over thousands of evolutionary years.

Ben Franklin wanted the wild turkey, not the bald eagle, to be the national symbol of the United States. He called it a much more respectable bird and a true original native of America.

TOM WARREN is Dublin's resident ornithologist.

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6 Daylight Savings Time ends; HUB Song Circle 3-5pm	7 TH if <35° or CEM if >35° Cemetery Trustees 9am; Select Board 4:30pm; HUB Coffee & Conversation 10-noon; Song Circle 3-5pm	8 Election Day TH 8am-7pm; DPL BookBuddies 3:30-4:30pm; HUB Herbs Class 7pm <i>Vote!</i>	9 HUB Coffee & Conversation 10-noon; QiGong 12-1pm; DPL BookWorms 3:30-4:30pm; Library Trustees 5 pm	10 DPL Creator Club 3:30-4:30pm; HUB Backgammon 4-6pm; ConVal Community Forum 6:30pm	11 Veterans Day HUB/Zoom Knit with Nancy 10-11am	12 DPL Coffee and Puzzles 10-noon; Recycling Center Swap Shop closing for season
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