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Father's Day Tributes to Great Dublin Dads

Ned Whitney

BY AMY WHITNEY

My father, Ned Whitney, was a kind and generous man. He lived for almost 97 years, much of it in his house on Rt. 101. With his wife, Millie, he raised five children: three boys and two girls. He was the manager of a small manufacturing company in Keene. Afterward, he worked for American Optical.

His true calling was the work he did for the town of Dublin. He served as selectman for 18 years, a job he thoroughly enjoyed. He liked getting to know the people in this small town. He served as a supervisor of the Checklist and a member of the Conservation Commission and participated on numerous other committees – too many to list. And my father served for many years as a trustee to Dublin School. His hope was that the town of Dublin and Dublin School would work closely with each other, to the benefit of both parties.

As a father, his paramount goal was that all five of his children would be well educated and become “readers.” There were always books, lots of books, in our house. He read to us from childhood into adulthood. At Christmastime, he read “A Christmas Carol” out loud to anyone who was home and awake, stumbling, of course, over the poignant description of Tiny Tim.

He loved his dogs: Ben and then Dan, both black Labrador retrievers. He was sure they had a sense of humor, remarking on their ability to make him laugh. And after my mother died, my father took Ben on their daily walk to the post office. The granite post marking Ben’s visits is still standing at the bottom of the steps.

In high school, he rowed and played



football. In college and afterward, he played rugby. He played tennis with my mother until she gave it up for golf, a sport that never interested him (“too much to do”). When both of my parents were in their early 50s, they took up skiing “in order to keep up with the kids.” We skied at Whit’s Tow in Peterborough and took lots of trips to Mt. Snow, Okemo, and Ascutney. It was always a whole family excursion, lots of

fun, and no broken bones. Also, my father loved boats, especially canoes. He had a small (short) Old Town canoe that he paddled around Dublin Lake with Ben in the bow as his passenger. My father had a special place in his heart for anyone who enjoyed canoeing; my husband, Gary, also

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Peter Marne Shonk

BY SALLY, LUCY, DIANA, PETER, AND DAVID SHONK; EDITH JENKINS; AND CYNTHIA CADDELL

The Shonk children (all seven!) want to honor our father, Peter Marne Shonk, who we believe was the ideal father. He led by example, encouraging each of us to follow our passions. In many ways, we were like a team, and he was our captain. He taught us to be strong both physically and mentally. Family dinners were times to quiz us on anything, from the state capitals to how hot water comes out of a tap. Prior to the arrival of the first boy, he taught the girls how to play football and throw a perfect spiral pass. He also taught us

all the lyrics to his college songs, which we would perform on many occasions. He had a wonderful sense of humor, and even as he aged, when asked how he was, he would

answer: “On the right side of the grass,” and also, “Getting old isn’t for sissies!”

Dad was a patriot, having been a fighter pilot during WWII, and was proud of

serving his country, though he rarely mentioned the horrors of war to us. He lost his brother, Bronnie, a bomber pilot who died in the Pacific, and was always haunted by that. He loved honoring his country by being part of the Memorial Day Parade.

Dad took us on adventures, including climbing the mountain, fishing in Dark Pond, downhill skiing every winter, and ice skating on Dublin Lake. He loved to sail in his wooden boat, and we loved learning from him.

In Dublin, he served for many years on the Conservation Commission and was a driver for the Red

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News from the Library

BY RACHAEL LOVETT

School is almost out for summer! With the end of the school year comes Summer Reading. Sign-ups will begin after the last day of school and continue into July. Once you sign up, you'll receive a few reading logs, some fun worksheets and games, Summer Reading swag, and a schedule of events happening at the library all summer long. The theme this year is "All Together Now," so stay tuned for more details on programs, events, and new books coming in.



This quilt by the late Vickie Babb, a former resident of Dublin, was given by the Edick family.

On June 10 at 10 am, we will host NH author Kevin Gardner, a presenter through the NH Humanities Council, for his entertaining presentation, "Discovering New England Stone Walls." Join us in person or virtually via Zoom – visit the website for more information and registration/ Zoom links.

We have been graciously gifted a beautiful handmade quilt honoring the life of Mary Edick and her love of the Dublin Public Library. Presented to us by the Edick family, made by the late Vickie Babb, we have the quilt on display in the library. Mary was an incredible, loving, and dedicated staff member of DPL. She always had a smile for co-workers and patrons alike.

The Friends of the Dublin Public Library will host their Annual Book Sale on July 1. This is a great time to peruse our sale books down in the Program Room. Visit us upstairs to grab a library card and check out some materials, or view our calendar for upcoming summer programming.

Reminder that we are closed in observation of Juneteenth on Monday, June 19.

We also have a new addition to the library family, and he seems to be a minion! Thank you, Nancy Cayford, for bringing a little fun and mischief to the library's front lawn.

RACHAEL LOVETT is the director of Dublin Public Library.

SAVE THE DATE

The Friends of the Dublin Library will hold a **book sale** at the library on **Saturday, July 1** from **9 am–1 pm**. Donations of gently used books are appreciated and can be dropped off on Saturdays through June 2.

Trustees' Corner: Did You Know the Library Is "Open" 24/7?

BY CHRIS SPRAGUE

While our doors are physically open 27 hours a week, we are available virtually *anywhere* and *anytime*. What other town organization is committed to continued education and entertainment for your tax dollars?

Library engagement has continued to grow since the beginning of the year. Virtual visits are 14 percent higher than in-person visits. It makes sense – it's easier to access the catalog remotely and gain access to more than books.

Patrons fall into a few categories: browsers, readers, listeners, watchers, and program attendees. Beyond our physical collection, we offer much more than books. Consider this:

- You can use Libby for thousands of eBooks, downloadable audiobooks, magazines, and more.
- You can use Kanopy for more than 30,000 titles, including award-winning documentaries and acclaimed films, rare and hard-to-find titles, and classic films.
- You can use other sites offering health information, public domain recordings, and more.

We continue to be focused on meeting the needs of all our Dublin constituents, as shown in the numbers below.

Engagement	Actual March Count	Growth from February
Patron Visits	583	21.2%
Website Visits	667	15.7%
Physical Checkouts	690	5.2%
Electronic Checkouts	257	10.3%
Interlibrary Loans	128	40%

CHRIS SPRAGUE is chair of the Dublin Public Library Trustees.



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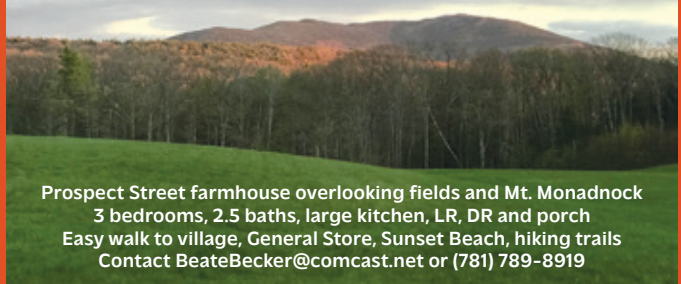
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Congratulations to Our 2023 High School Graduates!

Abigail Moody has attended Dublin Christian Academy for 13 years. Throughout her years at DCA, she has excelled in academics, fine arts, and athletics. Abigail was a starter on DCA's regional champion



girls' volleyball team. She has participated in choir, plays, ministry team, debate team, and student government, winning multiple awards in speech and music. She recently

completed certified nursing assistant training and plans to work in healthcare this summer. Abigail will pursue a Bachelor of Science degree in nursing at Bob Jones University this fall.

Dana Mayhew will graduate from Dublin Christian Academy on June 2. In his 10 years at DCA, Dana has participated in robotics, ski & ride club, choir, drama,



speech, and student government. Throughout his time in school, Dana has volunteered in many capacities, including setting up and running A/V and technology for school events. He was

involved in Boy Scouts for many years, achieving the rank of Eagle Scout. Dana has worked on grounds at the Dublin Lake Club, worked in operations at Dublin Christian Academy, and operated a sealcoating business. Dana is currently enrolled in a welding program and plans to grow his sealcoating business after graduation. He plans to further develop

his mechanical skills and explore related career possibilities.

Trent Stafford studied German, engineering, graphic design, and video arts at ConVal High School. He was on the Alpine Ski Team. His short film, "Avian Automats,"



was selected to appear in the 2023 New Hampshire High School Short Film Festival. He will be taking a gap year.

Daisy Ober will graduate with high honors from Dublin School in June. During her four years, she was a member of the Dublin Dance Ensemble and performed in the



school's annual musicals, and she served as a proctor and Student Ambassador captain. She also cofounded the student newspaper, rowed for two years in crew, and participated

in several clubs. She has been recognized with several awards for achievements in performing arts and scholastics, including a Gold Key for writing from the Scholastic Art and Writing Awards. Daisy previously attended Dublin Consolidated School and South Meadow School. She is going to Smith College this fall, where she plans to study dance and education, inspired by her recent experience working as an assistant teacher at Dublin Community Preschool, which she also attended.

Seth and Liz Ogden of Dublin are pleased to announce the high school graduation of their son, **Isaac Ogden**. "For I know the

plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." Jeremiah 29:11. Isaac plans to attend Bob Jones University in the fall and major in public health/global health.



Kai Flynn is graduating from ConVal



as a member of the National German Honors Society and the Thespian Honors Society. They will be attending UNH in the fall to study Psychology and plan

to continue German studies and compete in archery. This summer they plan to work and travel to Ireland.

In addition, ConVal High School congratulates graduating seniors **Madeleine Asbury, Caleb Cloutier, Rowan Davidson, Brennan Huxley, Connor Huxley, Savannah Norby, Nicklaus Parker, Carter Rousseau, Jada Stevens, Xavier Struttman, and Katerin Zelaya.**

Talk on Media Literacy

The May 20 program at the library, "Defending Democracy: How To Navigate Our Post-Truth World with Critical Media Literacy Education" with Dr. Rob Williams from University of Vermont, inspired a second meeting on Saturday, June 24 at 10 am. You are invited to join a continuing discussion guided by Dr. Phyllis Zrvazy, Professor of Communications at Franklin Pierce University, and Dr. Allen Davis, of Dublin, an educator and democracy activist.

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Update from ConVal School Board

BY ALAN EDELKIND

I have been the Dublin School Board representative to the ConVal School District for a little over three years. This month, I'd like to share what it is like being a school board member and why I enjoy it so much.

First, a little about me and my family. My wife, Judy, and I moved from New York City to settle in Dublin in the late 1970s. We raised our daughter here, and she and her husband live in Dublin raising our two grandchildren.

Three years ago, I was appointed to complete the term of the then-current school board representative. Having just retired, I decided to give it a try. I had no idea what I was getting into. My background was in private business, and not in the education arena. I did not see this as a detriment, as I figured how different could a public school system be.

I found out quickly that I am only one of 13 members representing nine diverse towns and interests. Everything is voted

on. Everyone's opinion is heard. Consensus is the word. There is a board chair, but he/she has one vote as do all of the others. The background of the members is also diverse. Some come from management positions in business, some come from the ranks of their organizations, and some come from the instruction and administration side of the education system. Some are retired, and some work full-time. Some, like me, were new to the board, and some were old-timers.

Working together for the common good of our school system and community with such diverse opinions can be a challenge. I needed to learn how to participate and not dictate, how to keep an open mind about ideas that were initially at odds with my own, and how to get folks on one's side and not expect them to just agree. Not being a political person by nature, it has been a learning experience.

It was most important to learn about the differences in a governmental system with

very strict rules, regulations, policies, and procedures (whether you agreed with them or not). I had to learn how to accept defeat and move on. I learned that there are many constituents who will share their thoughts and opinions and that they have a complete right to do so. I found myself giving all of my time, sometimes to the tune of 50+ hours a week. (Ask my wife.)

Do I enjoy it? Yes, this is the most enjoyable activity, outside of family, I have ever been involved in. I can make a positive difference in the most important aspects of life, and that is our children. I can also make a positive difference to the community as a whole. I am now vice-chair of the board, chair of two committees, and a member of two other committees. I am happy, and I hope I am doing right for Dublin and the ConVal community.

Thank you all for giving me this opportunity when you voted for me for three more years.

ALAN EDELKIND is Dublin's representative to the ConVal School Board.

A Celebration of Bob McQuillen

BY SARAH BAUHAN

Come celebrate the centenary of Bob McQuillen (aka Mr. Mac, Kwack, and Uncle Bob) with a "Paid-to-Eat-Ice-Cream Social!" on June 27.

Longtime resident of Dublin and Peterborough, schoolteacher, police officer, and renowned musician, Mac was the subject of a movie made around 15 years ago entitled *Paid to Eat Ice Cream*.

According to New Hampshire Federation of Musical Traditions, the film is "an informative, visually beautiful, and deeply moving tribute to the musical career of Bob McQuillen, document-

ing the living tradition of contra dance in New Hampshire. Backed by an exquisite soundtrack, the film includes archival photographs

and footage of contra dance in New Hampshire over the years and showcases the talents of the region's dance callers and musicians."

Although we lost Bob at 90, we are celebrating what would have been his 100th birthday at the Dublin Community Center on Tuesday, June 27, at 7 pm, with the movie and ice cream.

This is the kick-off event to "Kwackfest100," a one-day festival in memory of Bob McQuillen in Peterborough on Saturday, July 1. For more information go to kwackfest100.com.

SARAH BAUHAN, who grew up in Dublin, is a musician and book publisher.





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News from Dublin Consolidated School

BY SHAWNE HILLIARD

The end of our year has been great, and there are still more exciting events coming. Our “big kids” spent time interviewing different community members and learning about Dublin. They also studied bird species and created amazing presentations that they shared with families and other students.

Our second grade students recently studied poetry and chose two original poems to read to their families. They would like to send a big thank you to the Keene Rotary Club, who provided each



student with a brand new pair of shoes.

Our first graders spent time in our garden planting onions, investigating decomposition, and picking chives and spinach for a quick snack. Each day, they also work to strengthen math and reading skills.

In kindergarten, students have become gardeners – planting, investigating, and

Ned Whitney continued from page 1 loves canoeing, so they had a sweet bond from the very start.

When we visited Dad in his later years, he would say, quite suddenly, “Someone around here might need a little ice cream” – a not-so-subtle hint that we were to drop everything, hop into the car, and head for Silver Ranch (Kimball’s). He saw the importance of interrupting routine and indulging in the simple pleasures of this life.

Peter Marne Shonk continued from page 1 Cross, often taking patients up to Lebanon for treatments. He and our mother delivered Meals On Wheels and welcomed newcomers to Dublin. He loved living in this town and set a wonderful example for his children to serve their communities.

He was always a gentleman and treated everyone, no matter their background, with respect. Kind and generous, he was the light of our lives!

even dissecting seeds! We will all miss their amazing teacher, Ms. Ellingwood, who is retiring at the end of this school year.

Everyone enjoyed our recent Walk-to-School and the delicious cookies graciously supplied by Dublin General Store. We will have a visit from storyteller Len Cabal, take a trip to Squam Lake, and enjoy Field Day before our last school day on June 16. SHAWNE HILLIARD is the principal at Dublin Consolidated School.

DCS Plans Silent Auction

BY KAREN NIEMELA

The DCS PTO is trying out a new fundraiser that could be fun for the whole town! We are hosting a silent auction at our end-of-year ice cream social. Everyone is invited to come enjoy some of the best local ice cream with all the fixings and participate in our first-ever silent auction.

If you would like to donate to the auction (a piece of artwork, a personal creation, a service, or a gift certificate, etc.), please contact Karen Niemela at karen-niemela@outlook.com. We hope to see you all on June 9 at 6 pm! A shuttle bus will run from the Yankee parking lot to DCS.

KAREN NIEMELA is treasurer of the DCS PTO.

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Mountain Shadows Olympic Studies 2023

Every spring Dublin students at Mountain Shadows participate in Olympic Studies, along with other students from the Monadnock Region. Every student chooses a topic to explore and is paired with a mentor, with whom they map out a plan for the in-depth study, illustrating what has been learned over the course of several weeks, sharpening academic skills through research, and expressing their individual creativity. Finally, the students gather to display what they have learned. Dublin students chose a wide variety of topics:



Enoch Afshar Muhammad Ali



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Tobin Landis Cooking



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DCA Students Learn About Classical Music with Ashuelot Concerts

BY BETHANY PAQUIN

Louisa Stonehill, Nicholas Burns, and Nicholas Canellakis of Ashuelot Concerts inspired K–12 students at Dublin Christian Academy with the music of Mozart, Schumann, and Dvořák in a school concert in May.

The musicians performed excerpts from three piano trios. First, the students learned that a piano trio is made up of a piano, a violin, and a cello. Second, they learned

interesting facts about each composer that influenced their work. For example, they learned that Mozart was taught by his musician father, studying music alone for his entire education. Mr. Burns used Mozart as an example of the importance of devotion and opportunity on talent. Finally, the students learned how to listen to each piece, even closing their eyes to pick out the repeating sounds.

BETHANY PAQUIN is director of advancement at Dublin Christian Academy.



Dublin Women’s Community Club News

Help Set Up Docks and Rafts on June 10

BY REBECCA OJA

Thirty-one members and guests attended the DWCC’s annual dinner meeting at Del Rossi’s Trattoria. As part of our business meeting, we acknowledged our longtime lifeguard, Polly Seymour, and her retirement after 32 years of looking after the club’s waters and its swimmers. Personal memories were shared, and gifts were given as a small token of our appreciation for her dedication to the club. It was an enjoyable evening with friends, old

and new, and delicious food. The Dublin Women’s Community Club wishes to thank David, Elaina, and their crew for hosting us.

The club’s beach will officially open for the season on Monday, June 19, with swimming and sailing lessons starting the week of June 26. Beach cleanup will happen on June 10, starting at 10 am, and docks and rafts will also go out. Rain date is June 11. Please come and help!

Invitations to become a member and

join the beach went out on May 1. Please return your dues payment and your signed Acknowledgement of Risks form by June 1. Membership in the club, which includes beach privileges, is available to anyone living in Dublin, and scholarship assistance is available to individuals or families who cannot afford the dues. If you have not received an invitation to join the club, or you need financial assistance, you may contact Rebecca Oja (603-831-2406) or Nancy Campbell (603-563-8408). We are still looking for a sailing instructor; if interested, please call Rebecca.

The club thanks everyone who has generously responded to our annual appeal to help defray the costs of running the Dublin Women’s Community Club beach. It is because of the generosity of Dublin citizens that we are able to keep membership costs down. We are looking forward to sharing another summer with you.

Dublin Women’s Community Club is a not-for-profit organization. Donations are always welcome and appreciated. Mail to PO Box 121, Dublin, NH 03444.

REBECCA OJA is chairperson of the Board of Directors of the Dublin Women’s Community Club.



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2023 Summer Playground Program

BY PAMELA COX

The town of Dublin is once again thrilled to offer our Summer Playground program! Zola Luebke-man will be the playground director for the 2023 season. She is currently employed at Franklin School in Keene. Zola has run many programs for children over her teaching career.

You will recognize the counselors: three of them have returned, and last year's counselor-in-training is joining the team as a counselor this year.

The program will run from July 5–August 11, Monday through Friday, rain or shine, 9 am–3 pm. It is open to all Dublin children ages 5–12.

The Summer Playground is held at Dublin Consolidated School. Summer is all about play! We offer a host of fun activities for kids, but we also give kids plenty of time to simply play with one another. Daily attendance is not required, so families have freedom and flexibility to take trips and spend time together.

The cost is \$250 for all six weeks of the program; \$150 per sibling (financial aid is available). Registration information is on the town website. If you have any questions, please contact Town Administrator Kate Fuller at 603-563-8544.

PAMELA COX is the assistant to the Town Administrator.

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Introducing Zola Luebke-man, Summer Playground Director

Greetings everyone! My name is Zola Luebke-man, and I'm pleased to have accepted the position of director for the Dublin Summer Playground. I'm a New Hampshire native and grew up in Westmoreland. In my youth, I thrived as a 4-H member and equine enthusiast. After graduating from Keene High School, I went on to complete college at Johnson State College in northern Vermont. I attained degrees in elementary education and liberal arts. While in Vermont, I spent a summer as the director of horse-back riding at a small Girl Scout camp.

My career with children began in a preschool setting and then moved to the



elementary level. I have been employed as an instructional paraprofessional by SAU 29 for 17 years. During this time, I also served as a long-term substitute in the Project Keep program at Symonds School.

I am a mother to one spunky 10-year-old boy, and I appreciate all things active. Running, hiking, weight-lifting, and gardening are just a few of the things that bring me joy.

Helping others, especially children, is truly my calling. Seeing the growth of a child's self-confidence while learning and exploring in a safe, supportive environment is so rewarding and inspiring!

I'm thrilled to have this opportunity to connect and play while serving the children of the Dublin community. Hopefully, you'll see us around town this summer. I can be reached via email at zllvtgirl@gmail.com with any questions.

DCC Rummage Sale items can be dropped off 24/7 in the labeled sheds on the east side of the Dublin Community Church. Items **MUST** be:

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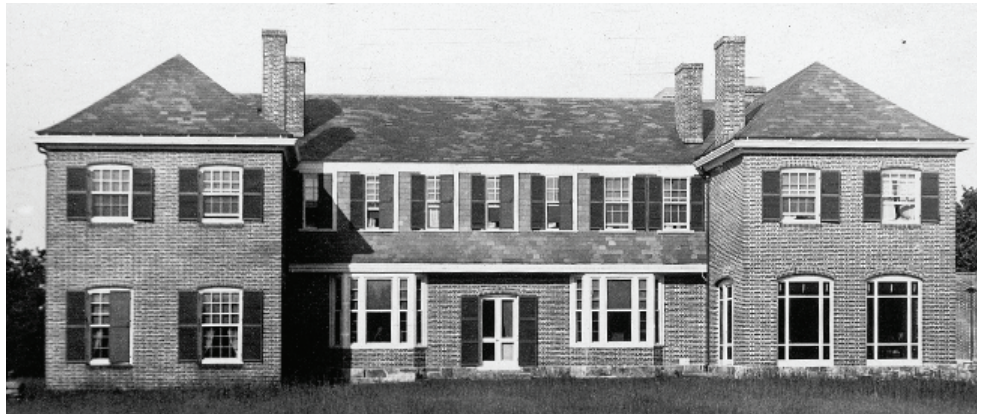
Monadnock Community Hospital Celebrates 100 Years of Caring

BY MELISSA FRENCH

Monadnock Community Hospital was built through the generosity and dedication of community leaders who had a vision of opening a hospital in the rural Monadnock Region. Robert Parmelee donated his unoccupied summer home to help make this community's vision a reality, and on June 21, 1923, the Peterborough Hospital opened its doors. One hundred years later, the hospital, now known as Monadnock Community Hospital (MCH), is inviting the community for a centennial celebration on Saturday, June 3, from 10 am–4 pm on the hospital's campus.

The Bond Wellness Center parking lot will be filled to the brim with fun, food, music, health screenings, and activities for the whole family. Children can get up close to an ambulance, police cruiser, fire trucks, and more, or bring a stuffed animal for a free checkup. There will be free kids' games with prizes, face painting, arts and crafts, and make-your-own veggie tacos with Cornucopia Project.

Hands-only CPR, Narcan training, and a K9 demonstration will take place, as well



as free health screenings for cholesterol, glucose, blood pressure, posture, balance checks, fall prevention, and more. The hospital will offer Open House guided tours throughout the day.

Community partners offering information and resources include Reality Check; The River Center; Community Volunteer Transportation Company; Home Health-care, Hospice & Community Services; The Grapevine; Cornucopia Project; Monadnock at Home; Healthy Monadnock Alliance; Monadnock Area Transitional Shelter, and more.

Live music is scheduled all day in the 1940s Ramblin' Rose Stagecoach, featuring local musicians including Eve Pierce and Gordon Peery, Celticladda, and Tattoo. There will be food from MCH vendors for purchase and an MCH employees craft fair. Raffle tickets will be available to purchase for three great prizes, with proceeds going to fight food insecurity in our community through End 68 Hours of Hunger.

More information can be found at MonadnockCommunityHospital.com as well as on our Facebook event page. MELISSA FRENCH is a marketing specialist at MCH.



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June 2023 Events at the DubHub

Ongoing Activities

COFFEE & CONVERSATION

Coffee & Conversation on Monday and Wednesday mornings from 10 am–noon. All are welcome to pop in and have a hot cup of java on the house. On Wednesdays, our town librarian will be there with library cards and book selections for people to check out right at the DubHub!

ADULT YOGA ON MONDAYS

Adult Yoga is taught by Gwir Hudleston Llewellyn in the South Room on Mondays from 3–4:15 pm. The cost is \$54 for the 6 weeks or \$11 per class for drop-ins. For information, email info@dublincommunitycenter.org.

EARLY AM YOGA ON TUESDAYS

Yoga instructor Meenakshi Moses offers an early-morning yoga class at 6:30 am on Tuesdays (no June 20 or June 27 classes). The cost is \$40 for 4 weeks or \$12 per class for drop-ins. For information, email moses@namarupa.org.

KIDS YOGA ON TUESDAYS

Kids Yoga with Gwir is held weekly on Tuesdays from 3:30–4:30 pm. All are welcome to join at any time. Donations will go to the DubHub and End 68 Hours of Hunger. Email info@dublincommunitycenter.org for the registration link.

QIGONG ON WEDNESDAYS

Qigong meets in the South Room from noon–1 pm. The cost is \$12 for a single class or \$10 per class when paying for the month up front. New members of all ages and ability levels are welcome to join at any time. Qigong is a gentle but powerful Eastern form of exercise, thousands of years old. For information, contact instructor Ginette Groome, LMT, CAT, BFP, at 603-313-9828.

KNIT WITH NANCY ON FRIDAYS

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

Song Circle, Sunday, June 4

Song Circle meets the first Sunday of each month in the North Room from 3–5 pm. Open to the public, all are welcome to come and share favorite songs with the group. Bring sheet music to share if you can and your instrument if you have one, including your voice!

Backgammon, Thursday, June 8

Hosted by Chris Sprague and open to the public on the second Thursday of every month from 4–6 pm, participants learn important skills and strategies in the game of backgammon.

Herbal Class, Making Hand Lotion, Tuesday, June 13

Herbalist Katherine Gekas offers a monthly herbal class on the second Tuesday of each month, to which all are welcome. On Tuesday, June 13, we'll be making hand lotion. Each participant will go home with a handout that includes herb information and resources for learning more, and a small amount of lotion. We will also be making community care

Art Show and Opening Reception, Friday, June 9

The opening reception for this month's art show, the Appel Art and Flower Exhibit, featuring the artwork and flower arrangements of married couple Kenneth and Laurie Appel, will take place on June 9 from 5–7 pm.

Kenneth and Laurie have lived in Harrisville for the last 15 years. After retiring from 40 years of international tax practice in New York, Kenneth studied watercolor painting with Mia Mead at the Sharon Arts Center and with instructors at summer workshops at the Landgrove Inn in Vermont. This show is largely made up of his watercolor landscapes inspired by the Monadnock Region.

Laurie, a Garden Club of America Floral Design judge who has exhibited in shows around the country and internationally, is also part of this show. She will design several flower arrangements to complement and interpret Ken's paintings. Arranging flowers and working with them is Laurie's passion, and she believes the best designs are those that come from your own garden.

This show will be on display and artwork is available for purchase throughout the month of June, during open hours or by appointment. To make an appointment for viewing, email info@dublincommunitycenter.org.

NOTE: Calendars are always evolving. Please be sure to check out our Facebook page, www.facebook.com/dublinhub, and subscribe to our weekly newsletter, *Hubbub from the DubHub* (which can also be found on our Facebook page), for updated information about events! Email info@dublincommunitycenter.org if you would like to be added to the *Hubbub* weekly mailing list.



packages for members of the Dublin community. The class starts at 7 pm in the South Room. The fee is sliding scale; pay as you'd like: \$5–\$40. Katherine 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.

Coffee House & Open Mic, Saturday, June 17

Calling all musicians and music lovers alike! On the third Saturday of each month, the DubHub hosts a combined Coffee House & Open Mic, from 7–10 pm. A monthly coffee sponsor provides the java, and sweet and savory snacks are available.

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Attendees are welcome to BYOB. It's an intimate environment with table seating, dimmed lights, and amazing talent right here in the Monadnock Region. A featured performance will take place for about 45–60 minutes, with open mic slots available prior.

This month, we are excited to feature the Folksoul Duo. Currently based in the Monadnock Region of New Hampshire, Fred Simmons and Leslie Vogel began playing music together many years ago when they met in the music department at Bard College. This creative team has produced a steady stream of music, all under the heading of Folksoul music, including their band Tattoo.

After years of performance in their several groups, Simmons and Vogel are also enjoying playing together as the Folksoul Duo, drawing on their large repertoire of American Roots music of all kinds, spanning styles such as lyrical folk, familiar oldies, 30's jazz, new originals – and songs that might not fit into a larger band setting. Blending trombone with piano, and guitar with accordion, there are plenty of lively moments and contagious rhythms.

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to reserve a spot on the open mic sign-up, or just show up that evening to try your luck at finding an available spot on the list. There will be a \$5 suggested donation at the door to offset costs to the DubHub, and a hat will be passed for contributions going toward the featured performer(s).

Chess Night, Thursday, June 22

Chess Night, hosted by Chris Sprague, is held on the fourth Thursday of the month (except major holidays). At 5 pm, there will be an introductory session for families (one adult and child/children who have rudimentary game knowledge). Each session will introduce strategies, opening moves and systems, tricky tactics, and more. At 6 pm, Chess Night begins with players from across town and the surrounding area. Families may stay on and play.

Hawk Walk & Talk in Honor of Fathers, Saturday, June 24

This month, in honor of all fathers and father figures, join us and Master Falconer Henry Walters at the DubHub on Saturday, June 24, at 11 am for an exciting talk about falconry, which will include a short walk to watch a hawk in flight!

Henry has apprenticed with some of the finest falconers in Europe, flying raptors such as the peregrine falcon, sparrowhawk, Eurasian eagle-owl, ferruginous hawk, and northern goshawk. On returning to the United States, Henry earned his falconry license in Massachusetts before eventually moving to New Hampshire, where he worked as a seasonal raptor biologist for New Hampshire Audubon and cofounded the New Hampshire Young Birders Club. As a teacher, naturalist, and writer, Henry has found ways to make environmental education a creative endeavor, and he now lives in

the town of Hancock with his young family and a young Harris's hawk, Mahood.

Mahood is a male Harris's hawk (*Parabuteo unicinctus*) who has flown through the woods and fields of the Monadnock Region since September 2021. His elaborate bathing, preening, and tail-wagging habits have given him a reputation for vanity, but in the field, he is all business. Chipmunks and voles are his preferred prey, though they often elude him. Blue jays make his blood boil! Having



tried the company of tree swallows, crows, owls, and hawks of every variety, he has also alighted on the glove of many dozens of local residents, from age 5 to 95.

All are invited to this special event, and we especially welcome dads and their kids! We will pass a hat to collect donations for Henry's organization, Monadnock Falconry. Learn more about this organization at www.monadnockfalconry.com/.

Community Lunch, Saturday, June 24, 12:30 pm

Work up an appetite walking with Master Falconer Henry Walters and his hawk, Mahood. We will continue our celebration of all fathers with a free community barbecue at the DubHub, serving hamburgers and hot dogs. All are welcome!

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End 68 Hours of Hunger

Although our primary focus at End 68 Hours is sending food home from school each weekend, recently we're also sending after-school snacks to libraries and social-service agencies within the ConVal School District. The goal is to meet the needs of stigma-conscious teens who cringe at the idea of leaving school carrying a bag of food.

This new approach seems to be working, based on a recent report from one of those snack locations. One of our volunteers shared that a student came to a special program and asked if he could have some cups of noodles from the snack supply. He said his mom didn't have a lot of food at home that day. He wanted to make the noodles right away because he was very hungry. Our volunteer helped him heat up water, and he ate and went on to have a great night. Life is always better when you're not hungry.

If you'd like to help, your food donations left at the west entrance of the Dublin Community Church are always appreciated. This month, the top item on our wish list is fruit – cups rather than cans, please, because the cups are lighter weight. Thank you for your continued support!

Neighborhood Bible Club

Mountain View Bible Church invites families with children in fourth through sixth grade to join the Neighborhood Bible Club on **June 28–July 1**. These fun-filled, two-hour events for kids will start at 6 pm on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, and at 10 am on Saturday. The time will be filled with crafts, songs, a Bible lesson, a snack, and games with lots of opportunities to win exciting prizes! Parents are invited to join us for our closing meeting on Saturday, July 1, at 11:30 am and enjoy a cookout. Granite State Foam Frenzy will be providing fun outdoor activities for the kids to enjoy on Saturday.

Find more details and register online at mvbcbibleclub.myanswers.com/nbc. If you have questions, call 603-563-8069 or email secretary@mtnviewbible.org.

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Black Fly Variety Show Circa 1990

BY ELLEN BINGHAM

Did this headline awaken a happy memory from 30 years ago, either because you were a stage performer or an audience spectator? (There were actually two Black Fly Variety Shows two years in a row.) They were talent shows sponsored by the Dublin Community Church as an entertaining fundraiser that involved all ages and anyone from the area who wanted to participate.

This is a plea for anyone who was there and would like to join me in writing a story about them. Interestingly, there is a VHS recording of the first one, but as far as I know, there is no recording of the second one. We hope someone will emerge with a previously unknown recording. If you would like to get together and help write this story, or you'd just like to view the recording of the first festival, please contact Ellen Bingham at 603-831-1360 or copycat@tds.net.

ELLEN BINGHAM is on the staff of the *Advocate*.

A New Hampshire Flock

BY BRITTNEY MICALI

Ever since I was young girl, I wanted to live on a big farm with every animal you can imagine. Coming from Rhode Island, we never had enough land for such dreams. When we moved to New Hampshire, we found a home that allowed the space for a small homestead. It took some convincing on my end, but we decided to start with chickens. Neither my husband nor I had ever raised a flock, so this was all new territory for us.

I started the Google search. What breeds do the best in these cold New Hampshire winters? How many chickens should be in a flock? What breeds are docile with small children? Should we buy them as baby chicks or as hens? What supplies will we need? The research went on and on. We started with six Barred Rocks and six Rhode Island Reds – a tribute to my home



state. We raised them in a brooder in our garage until they were old enough to be transferred outside. My son and I became very attached – they were pets to us.

When we made the transfer, I had many sleepless nights, hoping the predators were not smart enough to enter their coop. We had a bounty of eggs when they started laying at the end of August, more than we knew what to do with! We fed scraps to the chickens, kept the coop clean, and they were happy. They laid all through the winter, which is unheard of. Generally, their internal clock tells them to rest when the sun sets early, and they stop laying during the cold months.

When the snow melted, the chickens couldn't wait to forage for grubs, and, unfortunately, this April, the hawks spotted them. Distracted by all the spring insects, the flock became smaller and smaller. Sadly, we're down to three.

The taste of fresh eggs and knowing where they come from drives me to keep our flock going. Some adjustments will be made to keep the new chicks currently living in my garage safe from the raptors of the sky.

BRITTNEY MICALI is a member of the Dublin Recreation Committee.

The Peterborough Players Presents *Souvenir*, June 22–July 2

They say beauty is in the eye of the beholder. Can the same be said for musical talent? Is how *we* hear ourselves the way *others* hear us? Does it matter?

Based on a true story, *Souvenir*, by playwright Stephen Temperley, offers a humorous and poignant look into the world of socialite Florence Foster Jenkins. Jenkins made a name for herself in her attempts to become a famous opera star, despite her “particular skillset.” The story

is told through the eyes of her accompanist, Cosme McMoon, as he struggles to understand the baffling phenomenon in front of him and ultimately comes to admire the unflappable diva. The two form a heartwarming and hilarious partnership on the way to their Carnegie Hall debut. *Souvenir* is a symphony of unforeseen delights.

For more information about this first offering in the Players' 2023 season, go to peterboroughplayers.org.

Monadnock Summer Lyceum Begins in June 25

The Monadnock Summer Lyceum's 54th season begins Sunday, June 25 with Pulitzer Prize-winning author Jack Davis, speaking about *The Bald Eagle: Symbol and Species in American History*. Later speakers include local luminaries Tom Frey, artistic director of the Peterborough Players, and JerriAnne Boggis, executive director of Black Heritage Trail of New Hampshire. The public can attend the talks

in person at the Peterborough Unitarian Universalist Church at 25 Main Street in Peterborough or tune in online. Music by local performers will begin at 10:30 am, with the speaker introduced at 11 am on each Sunday morning when the Lyceum is occurring.

For a complete listing of upcoming speakers, or to connect to the live stream, go to monadnocklyceum.org.

Hooray for meat loaf!

Monthly community suppers for all!

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Small but Mighty: Local Conservation Group Proud to Support the Community

BY BROOKS JOHNSON

From the center of Dublin, you have two choices: up or down. I chose up and headed on foot toward the towering beech and white pine trees standing as sentinels over the village. It was a brisk spring afternoon, the sun shining to create short shadows on the ground and long rays through the clouds. The purple finches, chickadees, and ravens alerted each other of my presence as I proceeded into the forest. A persnickety red squirrel scolded me for crossing its path as it bounded up the side of a tree. It was a day in that sweet spot before the budding leaves and greening grass give way to the invasion of tiny swarming and biting insects. The sun was warm to the skin, but a cool breeze lingered as a reminder that winter was not that long ago. I reached a southward outlook on a sliver of protruding granite. Stout hemlocks sandwiched my view of majestic Mount Monadnock, which seemed to rise straight up from Dublin Lake. The thick undergrowth muffled the highway traffic below, and I closed my eyes to hear the birds' songs and to soak up the sun's rays. This is Beech Hill.

The nonprofit organization, Beech Hill-Dublin Lake Watershed Association (BHDLWA), was established in November 2005 to provide this very type of experience. A small group of neighbors purchased much of what had once been the Beech Hill Hospital and created a parcel of conservation land to return it to pristine wilderness and reduce the water runoff into Dublin Lake. Nearly two decades



later, the BHDLWA board acts as stewards of over 150 acres of hilltop meadow and forest. The organization's mission remains "to protect the health and safety of the public through the preservation of Dublin Lake and its watershed, which includes Beech Hill; to protect and enhance the natural resources and scenic views of Beech Hill; and to promote educational and research activities to aid in this protection, in cooperation with the town of Dublin, other organizations, and individuals."

The volunteer BHDLWA Board of Directors is made up of people who share a passion for conservation and stewardship. The board meets periodically to discuss current needs and new initiatives to best serve the community. Members include Jamie Trowbridge, president; Nina McIntyre, secretary; Brooks Johnson, treasurer; and Peter Kenyon, Karen Niemela, Sturdy Thomas, and Alison Weber.

BHDLWA is fully funded by contributions from its founders and neighbors as

well as revenue generated through leases of three cell towers on the property. Some of that revenue is used to maintain recreational access to the trails, outlooks, and meadow. Other funds are used to support town initiatives around the preservation of Dublin Lake. BHDLWA recently served as underwriter for an extensive study of the runoff into the lake. The association provides funding for proj-

ects that curb sediment buildup (including contracting with a street sweeper multiple times a year) and pays for annual participation in the NH Lakes Lake Host program. In 2022, the association entered a partnership with the Harris Center for Conservation Education by providing financial support for their community school programs as well as educational programming on Beech Hill itself.

The Beech Hill-Dublin Lake Watershed Association invites you to enjoy the beauty and serenity of the hilltop setting. Consider joining one of the Harris Center programs, or head out on your own on the well-marked trails. A trail map is posted on the Monadnock Conservancy website at www.monadnockconservancy.org/explore/hiking. Visitors are encouraged to capture as many memories as they like while maintaining the wildness of the area by leaving behind nothing more than footprints.

BROOKS JOHNSON is a member of the Dublin School faculty and currently serves as treasurer of BHDLWA.

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ConCom Can Help Fight Invasives

BY JAY SCHECHTER

The Dublin Conservation Commission (ConCom) is offering assistance and advice to Dublin landowners in the fight against non-native invasive plants. These include buckthorn, knotweed, and bittersweet. Invasive plants are highly competitive and suppress native species. Invasives can reduce natural diversity, affect endangered or threatened species, reduce wildlife habitat, create water-quality problems, and have other negative impacts on our natural environment. ConCom has budgeted money to pay for a licensed professional to apply an herbicide that has proven successful in killing these invasive plants.

The recommended strategy for killing invasive plants is as follows: Bittersweet can be cut at its base between mid-June and mid-July. Please make sure that there is at least a 12-inch gap between the two ends of the vine. Other invasive plants should be left alone. If you choose to cut knotweed, it should be done by hand. The cut portion should be left in place and allowed to dry in the sun. Once the cut stems turn tan to brown in color, they are no longer a threat. In the fall, a professional company will spray the plants with an herbicide, which is drawn down into the roots as the plants prepare for winter. This results in killing the entire plant, including the roots.

The Dublin Select Board has authorized two days of spraying this year due to increased interest in our program. We are scheduled to treat invasives on August 15 and 16, with rain dates of August 17 and 18. Please confirm your interest in participating in this program by emailing Jay Schechter (Schechter@FocusSales.us) with your name, address, email address, and phone number. Con-

Com will confirm your participation in the program and contact you again shortly before the treatment time. We are limited in the number of properties we can treat, and the list will be created in the order in which we are contacted.

JAY SCHECHTER is chair of the Conservation Commission.

Harris Center Sponsored Events

INVASIVE PLANT-PULLING PARTY

Tuesday, June 20, 10–11:30 am at the Harris Center.

Get in the weeds during a morning of invasive plant removal along the edges of the Harris Center woods and fields with ecologists Karen Seaver and Brett Amy Thelen. Learn how to identify some of the common invasive plants you might find in your own yard or woodlot, then experience the satisfaction of pulling them up by their roots. Many hands make light work – and, hopefully, more room for native plants to thrive! Bring water, thick work gloves, and loppers or hand pruners, and come prepared for biting insects. Learn more and register at thelen@hc.org.

BEECH HILL'S GOING TO THE BIRDS

Saturday, June 24, 9–10 am, at Beech Hill in Dublin.

Flap your wings and soar over to Beech Hill for a bird-focused morning with the Harris Center's newest naturalist, Nikko Gagnon. Come discover the joy of birding as we look and listen for these hollow-boned singers descended from dinosaurs. Beginning birders welcome! This event, co-sponsored by the Beech Hill-Dublin Lake Watershed Association, is free of charge, but space is limited, and registration is required at harriscenter.org/events. Location details will be provided upon registration.

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	CEM Cemetery Trustees DCC Dublin Community Church DCS Dublin Consolidated School DHS Dublin Historical Society DPL Dublin Public Library	DWCC Dublin Women's Community Club HUB Dublin Community Center MVBC Mountain View Bible Church TH Town Hall, Dublin		1 LGBTQ+ Pride Day; TH Planning Bd 7pm	2 HUB/Zoom Knit w/ Nancy 10-11am	3 DPL Book donations 9am-noon; MCH Centennial celebration 10am-4pm
4 HUB Song Circle 3-5pm	5 CEM Cemetery Trustees 9am; HUB Coffee & Conversation 10-noon; Adult Yoga 3-4:15pm; DPL Preschool playgroup 10am; TH Select Bd 4:30pm	6 HUB Early AM Yoga 6:30-7:30am; Kids Yoga 3:30-4:30pm	7 TH Rec. Comm. 9am; HUB Coffee & Conversation/ Bookmobile 10-noon; QiGong 12-1pm; DPL Puzzles 11am	8 HUB Backgammon 4-6pm	9 HUB/Zoom Knit w/Nancy 10-11am; Art Show & Opening Reception 5-7pm	10 DPL NE Stone Walls 10am-noon; DWCC Beach cleanup 10am
11	12 HUB Coffee & Conversation 10-noon; Adult Yoga 3-4:15pm; DPL Preschool playgroup 10am; TH Recycling Comm. 7pm	13 HUB Early AM Yoga 6:30-7:30am; Kids Yoga 3:30-4:30pm; Herb Class 7pm	14 Flag Day HUB Coffee & Conversation/ Bookmobile 10-noon; QiGong 12-1pm; DPL Puzzles 11am; Library Trustees 5pm; TH Conservation Comm. 5pm	15 TH Planning Bd 7pm	16 HUB/Zoom Knit w/Nancy 10-11am; DCS Last Day of School	17 HUB Coffee House & Open Mic 7-10pm
18 Father's Day	19 Juneteenth DPL Closed; DWCC Beach opens; HUB Coffee & Conversation 10-noon; Adult Yoga 3-4:15pm	20 HUB Kids Yoga 3:30-4:30pm; DPL Summer Reading signups begin; Craft Circle 5:30-6:30pm	21 HUB Coffee & Conversation/ Bookmobile 10-noon; QiGong 12-1pm; DPL Puzzles 11am	22 HUB Chess Night 5-8pm; TH ZBA 7pm	23 HUB/Zoom Knit w/Nancy 10-11am	24 Beech Hill Birding 9-10am; DPL Democracy and CMLE 10am; HUB Hawk Talk Walk 11am-12:30pm; Community Lunch BBQ 12:30-1:30pm
25	26 DWCC Beach Swimming/sailing begin; DPL Preschool Playgroup 10am; HUB Coffee & Conversation 10-noon; Adult Yoga 3-4:15pm; TH Select Bd 4:30pm	27 HUB Kids Yoga 3:30-4:30pm; Celebration of Bob McQuillen 7pm; DCC Community Supper 5:30pm	28 HUB Coffee & Conversation/ Bookmobile 10-noon; QiGong 12-1pm; DPL Puzzles 11am; MVBC Neighborhood Bible Club 6pm	29 MVBC Neighborhood Bible Club 6pm; TH Planning Bd 7pm	30 HUB/Zoom Knit W/ Nancy 10-11am; MVBC Neighborhood Bible Club 6pm	1 DPL Friends' Book Sale 9am; MVBC Neighborhood Bible Club 10am; BBQ 11:30am

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