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A Journey through 234 New Hampshire Towns

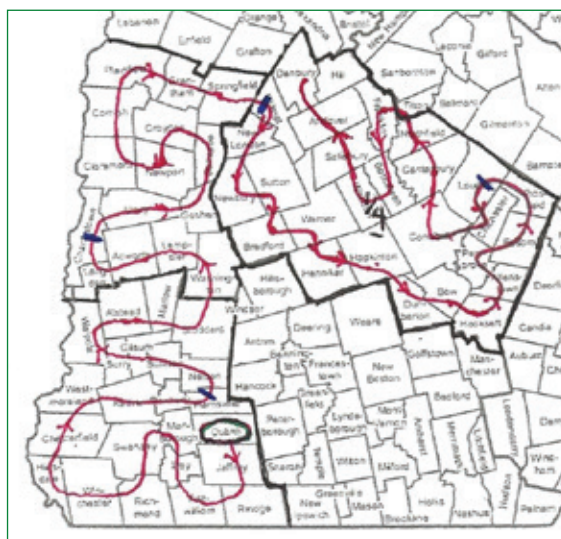
BY DAVE MCMULLEN

On November 14, 2021, a crisp fall morning with the season's first snow melting on the ground, I set off running from Dublin Town Hall, destination Jaffrey Town Hall. It was the first leg of a quixotic adventure of more than 1,800 miles. With my wife Nancy following by car in support, I began a quest to run a continuous route connecting the town halls of all 234 incorporated towns in New Hampshire.

As of this writing, I've run nearly 500 miles in 84 hours, traversed three counties (Cheshire, Sullivan, and Merrimack), and stood on the steps of 64 town halls. Far more time and energy has gone into logistics, planning, and travel than the actual running itself. Each run starts where the last one left off, and reconnaissance ahead of each run is key, since there are often roads and trails in winter and spring that just aren't viable for travel. I search for "the road less traveled" to see New Hampshire's backroads. As in life, timing is everything and adaptability is key.

What possesses someone to want to do this, and why is Nancy going along with it? Nancy and I enjoy traveling throughout New Hampshire, having lived in Rockingham County for 30 years before settling here in Dublin. We took a number of drives to Harrisville Designs in support of Nancy's love of wool and weaving. Once the kids were up and out, we seized an opportunity to move to the area, along with our four rescue dogs.

Dave McMullen



Dave and Nancy's route: A cross bar (|) indicates 100 miles.

Everyone's has been so welcoming, and we love our home here.

I'm a goal-oriented person. I prefer goals like marathons, which require dedication, persistence, and endurance. Tackling a challenge that no one has done before is very appealing. Following an accident on Mount Washington in 2018, I thought I'd never be able to run again, but after successful surgery in 2020, I savor every run I'm able to take. I can't run as far or as fast, but I can run again in moderation.

The following spring while on a weekend drive to Walpole, Nancy and I noticed the town mileage signs along the way, places we'd never seen. Bypass routes often go around towns, so unless you have a reason to go into the towns, you might never see them up close. We followed a sign and wound up in the historic section of Surry. The seed was planted, and I wondered aloud, How many towns are there in New Hampshire? Is it possible to

run from town hall to town hall, connecting them all? To my joy, Nancy was all for the idea of traveling throughout the state in support!

My plan was to start and finish in Dublin, progressing county by county. I found it was possible, at least on paper, with an average of eight miles between locations. Maps can get you only so far – you have to see the places in person and scout the landscape to get a true sense of whether the route is viable. After each run, we drive the proposed routes for the next couple of legs to ensure they are doable. We plan support stops every three miles where Nancy can park.

We take one of these running excursions two or three times a month with our



Follow Dave and Nancy's progress at runnh234.us

yellow lab in tow. Yes, we go year-round – weather permitting.

I can't promise I'm going to make it all the way to 234, but if this body cooperates, and with Nancy's fantastic support and life's kind blessings, I'm going to give it all I've got. I hope to run the last leg (Peterborough to Dublin) in 2029 for my 70th birthday.

Currently 64 town halls down, 170 to go!

DAVID MCCULLEN is a Dublin resident and responded to the *Advocate's* request for submissions.

Be a Friend of the Library!

BY DONNA GARNER

October 15–21 is National Friends of Libraries Week. The Friends of the Dublin Public Library was established over 25 years ago to provide supplemental programming for the library. Over this time, the Friends has provided hundreds of talks, workshops, artists' demonstrations, concerts, children's programs, ice cream socials, book sales, and so much more. FDPL has been there to support the library in any way it needs.

During National Friends Week, members of FDPL will be at the library during the library's open hours for informal coffee and conversation. Please join us to learn about the resources of the library and the ways the Friends assist the library.

We all get so much from our local public library – if you want to know how to give back, joining the Friends is the easiest way to do that. We are an energetic, congenial group that works with the library to ensure that the library can continue to offer creative programming. Please do join us for coffee and treats during National Friends of Libraries Week!

DONNA GARNER is member of the board of Friends of Dublin Public Library.

Ian Aldrich Shares Stories at FDPL Annual Meeting

BY BESS HAIRE

On September 17, Friends of the Dublin Public Library held their annual meeting and heard writer and editor Ian Aldrich share his experiences gathering stories for *Yankee* magazine.

Yankee is known for chowder recipes and pictures of fall color in New England, but also for stories that show us who we are. These stories often demonstrate resilience, show our uniqueness as individuals, and unify us around common experiences, challenges, dreams, and aspirations. Ian held the library Friends spellbound with accounts of his extensive travels, including stories from people whose adventures were at once poignant, terrifying, and even death-defying.

BESS HAIRE is a trustee and member of Friends of Dublin Public Library.



Dublin Public Library Trustees' Corner

It takes a community to run a library! We'd like to thank the Friends of the Dublin Public Library, under the leadership of President Ruthie Gammons, for their support on numerous fronts. They have hosted adult programs and supplemented our town funding with book sales and donations for New Hampshire State Parks passes, museum passes, our telescope, the OWL video conferencing device, and more.

A lot is going on this fall at the Dublin Public Library while we continue our search for a new Library Director and Library Assistant. Stop by during our open hours to review our latest book purchases, sit by the fire, and enjoy a cup of coffee. You may want to:

- Tour the library's curated art collection and read about the dozen-plus items assembled by former trustee Nancy Cayford and supported by numerous community benefactors.
- Meet the Farnhams. In 1901, Eliza Carey endowed the library in honor of her husband, Dr. Horace P. Farnham. See their newly conserved images with soon-to-follow brief biographies.
- Check out the Director and Library Assistant job descriptions on our website – help us spread the word that the Dublin Public Library is hiring!

Our children's programs are temporarily on hold, but we continue our partnerships with other community organizations to promote lifelong learning for adults. Join us for a three-part series co-sponsored by the Library and the DubHub, *Navigating the Digital World – Becoming Critical Media Literate*. The series will be held at the DubHub on Saturdays, October 7, November 4, and December 2 at 2 pm.

Be sure to check our website (dublinnhpubliclibrary.org) for our open hours during this transition period. Please send any questions to the Trustees at LibraryTrusteesDPL@gmail.com.

Please join the Housing Committee
for a second housing conversation.

We will view a portion of
The Missing Middle,

a film that looks at housing solutions beyond the traditional single family home. Conversation will follow the film.

Monday, October 2, 7 pm
Dublin Public Library Program Room



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Budget Season Begins in Dublin

BY KATE FULLER

October begins the time of year the town budget is created. Departments and committees submit their budget requests over the coming months to the Select Board and the Budget Committee, who review and discuss them to determine what will provide the most value to residents. The final budget will be presented

at Town Meeting on Saturday, March 16, 2024. The town can spend only the funds that the legislative body (that's you!) adopts at Town Meeting.

Transparency is a priority for the Dublin Select Board, so please attend our meetings on Mondays at 4:30 pm at Town Hall, either in person or on Zoom (the link is on the town website). You will see how the

budget you adopted last year is being spent and hear plans for the upcoming year. Budget Committee meetings are also open to the public; they are held on Tuesdays at 7 pm at Town Hall. The public budget hearing is on February 13, 2024; this is where your opinions and questions can be heard. Please join us and save the date for Town Meeting on March 16!

KATE FULLER is Dublin's town administrator.

TOWN OF DUBLIN *Positions Open*

Planning Board Secretary

The secretary is responsible for attending and taking minutes at the Planning Board meeting twice a month in the evening. Other secretarial work, such as mailings and agendas, can be done within a flexible schedule 8–12 hours a month. We will train you!

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Deputy Town Clerk/ Tax Collector

Reporting to the Town Clerk/Tax Collector, this is a part-time 10-hour-per-week position. Summary of responsibilities:

- Conduct NH DMV and boat transactions
- Accept and apply property tax payments
- Maintain town records in need of safe-keeping or of historical value
- Assist with voter registration and other election-related business

- Administer vital records, including processing marriage licenses, births, and deaths
- Prepare daily financial reports and deposits
- Prepare, code, and submit purchase orders as necessary
- Perform other duties as assigned by the Town Clerk/Tax Collector
- Work confidently and independently

For more information or to submit a resume, contact Maureen Hulslander at: maureen.hulslander@townofdublin.org or 603-563-8859.

Town of Dublin Trick or Treat

The Dublin Police Department announces that **HALLOWEEN Trick or Treating** will take place **October 31, from 5:00 to 7:00 pm.**



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DCS Starts School Year

BY NICOLE PEASE

Hello from DCS! As I return to DCS and embark upon my eighth year as principal, I am filled with gratitude. I am grateful for the dedicated staff I work with, the supportive families, the amazing students at our school, and our wonderful community.

Our year began on August 30, and Mother Nature had a few surprises to welcome in the new school year. It was downpouring, and if that was not enough, there was thunder and lightning as well! We

made the best of a tricky start and began our day in the multipurpose room (aka gym) for some walking and talking time. Returning students have enjoyed reconnecting with their friends while also welcoming the new students to the DCS family.

Teachers start the school year with a focus on developing strong community connections. This begins with daily morning meetings. At this time, students greet each other, share information about things important to them, participate in activities, and read the morning message. This regular routine strengthens the bonds in the classroom, which is one of the building blocks needed for social and emotional learning. Teachers then turn their attention to developing classroom and schoolwide expectations, beginning with the school motto of "DCS Cares...for ourselves, each other, our school, and community." This process lays the foundation for a strong sense of connection among students and staff.

In the midst of all this work, staff turn their attention to administering fall benchmark assessments. This data is significant as it provides a basis upon which teachers group students and also guides their whole-group and small-group instruction. It also provides evidence of areas of students' strengths and weaknesses. Teachers work diligently to build up students' weaker areas of learning. Further, this beginning-of-year data gives us a starting point to assess student progress throughout the year.

We are excitedly preparing for our Harvest Supper/Open House in mid-October as well as planning for other enriching events like



a field trip to the Harris Center, a visit from WMUR, interactions with animals, and many others. We are thankful for the district budgeting for these events as well as amazing support from the Dublin Community Foundation and the PTO. I continue to be impressed by the wonderful students, their supportive families, our outstanding staff that make it all possible.

NICOLE PEASE is the principal at Dublin Consolidated School.

News from ConVal School Board

BY ALAN EDELKIND

The ConVal Consolidation/Reconfiguration project will have long-term impacts on ConVal and the communities it serves. These impacts go far beyond finances and include educational equity, safety, management control, social needs, community, and transportation.

As chair of the Consolidation/Reconfiguration project, I'd like to share the following:

What have we accomplished?

Prismatic was here in Peterborough and other ConVal towns, and interviewed each school board representative separately to understand each individual board member's thoughts regarding the ConVal school system as a whole and general information about the system.

We agreed to undertake the following activities:

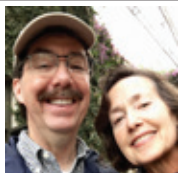
- In-person town meetings (no online option) to be held in the elementary school of each town. These meetings will be structured to solicit input from community members relating to consolidation. The meeting regarding Dublin is scheduled for October 4 at 7 pm.
- An online survey was completed September 29.
- Meetings to discuss the equity of child nutrition, education (including special education), technology, and transportation were completed in each school.
- Online community forum to be scheduled during early October.
- "Data party" with school board, administration, and Prismatic will provide an opportunity to review all the input received.
- A written report with recommendations for action (if any) will be presented. If any action involves closing one or more elementary schools, a 2/3 favorable vote will be required to amend the Articles of Agreement.

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



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DCA Kindergarten and Preschool Students Get a New Playground

BY BETHANY PAQUIN

Dublin Christian Academy's kindergarten and preschool students are enjoying a new playground area and refreshed classroom spaces thanks to the help and generosity of parents, friends, and local businesses. The outdoor playspace has new fencing, a new play structure, a large sandbox with diggers, new toys, and an area with a sailcloth shade. The kindergarten and preschool classrooms are freshly painted with new furnishings.



fun spaces for active play, exploration, and outdoor recreation at school," said Head of School Eric Moody.

DCA has also revitalized its sand volleyball court, resealed its outdoor basketball court, and replaced the hoops. This year, the school is aiming to replace the Lower School playground structure on Page Road and install new fencing to improve both the student experience and safety. DCA raised some of the funds already, and the campaign will continue on Giving Tuesday, November 28. For a list of sponsoring businesses visit DublinChristianAcademy.org.

BETHANY PAQUIN is director of advancement at DCA.

The effort began last fall with DCA's Giving Tuesday fundraiser, part of DCA's two-year campaign to replace and upgrade its aging playgrounds and recreational spaces. Out of that campaign, support grew not only to replace the playground but also to update the indoor classroom spaces. DCA's facilities team spent the summer working on the project, and parents donated both funds and classroom items.

"We know that children benefit educationally and socially when they have safe,

Trunk or Treat, October 31

Mountain View Bible Church will hold its Annual Trunk or Treat on Tuesday, October 31, from 5:30-7:30 pm. Located at 81 Page Road, this family-friendly event includes decorated cars where children can collect treats in a safe and fun environment. A bonfire will keep trick-or-treaters warm, and we'll have hot dogs and hot drinks to enjoy. In case of rain, the event will be held Wednesday, November 1. For updates, visit us online at facebook.com/mvbcDublin. For questions, call 603-563-8069 or email secretary@mntviewbible.org.



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Randy Drain, Expert Craftsman and Adventurer

BY JULIE RIZZO

Most Dubliners have seen (and heard!) Randy Drain behind the wheel of his forest green 1972 Jeep Wagoneer, toting ladders and painting equipment to job sites all over town. Randy first moved to his grandparents' house on Windmill Hill Road in the 3rd grade, with his mother and younger brother, Chris. He still lives in part of that house now – in the structure that was separated from the “big house” in the late 1930s and dragged down the hill with a steam shovel onto its own lot.

Randy maintains an attachment to the old ways. He heats his house with wood, doesn't use email, and loves to tinker with old trucks and engines. His pride and joy was a sapphire blue 1963 Jeep Gladiator that he spent five years restoring and drove around Dublin for over 20 years. The Gladiator is still parked in his yard under tarps.

Randy has lots of stories to tell about his grandfather, Frank McKenna, who left Ireland at the age of 16 and made a living here working as a caretaker of the estate of Baron Eugene Rothschild of Long Island. He earned the trust of other wealthy families, and Randy's early years were spent living in the caretaker's cottage of a 300-acre estate of the Fisher family (of General Motors fame) in Greenwich, Connecticut, before moving to Dublin. Randy recalls his grandfather as an amazing gardener, an avid horseman, and a great manager of people, deploying his grandchildren as part of his “army of workers.”

After graduating from an early class of the brand-new ConVal High School, Randy went to New York to work as a marble set-



ter, “the youngest full journeyman marble setter in New York.” Over the course of 20 years, he worked on many granite mausoleums (some that held 1,000 bodies at Woodlawn Cemetery), on marble steps inside the newly restored Statue of Liberty, and on Building Eight of the World Trade Center that was destroyed on September 11, 2001.

Randy describes himself as a daredevil from an early age. He spent a year traveling with a Eurail pass after high school, experiencing life in Sicily, Tunisia, Morocco, Syria, and Yugoslavia. For several years, he leased a 10-hectare share in a farm in Chiapas, Mexico, and drove his old pickup five days back and forth each way to explore Mayan ruins and burial tombs in the jungle, fascinated by the knowledge and skills of that ancient civilization. He

has gotten his adrenaline fix ski racing, free-climbing on the White Horse and Cannon Cliffs in New Hampshire, and whitewater canoeing on the Freight Train Rapids in Henniker.

He moved back to Dublin in the mid-1990s to help care for his grandfather who had had a stroke. Randy has painted the insides and outsides of over 20 houses in Dublin, some more than once. “It helps that I'm not afraid of heights!”

For the past two years, Randy has been practicing survival skills of a different sort as he confronted a medical diagnosis that would leave most people white-knuckled with fear. His trusted Wagoneer has served him faithfully on his regular drives to Dartmouth-Hitchcock in Hanover for treatment. Randy is now in remission, and he is looking forward to putting the Wagoneer out to pasture, with the anticipated delivery of a new-to-him 2013 Ford truck any day now. “It also needs some work – I'm waiting for an instrument panel – but I'm looking forward to a radio, heater, and comfy seats!”

When you see him around town, wave him down. He'll have a story or two to share.

JULIE RIZZO is on the staff of the *Advocate*.

Photo by Julie Rizzo

Dragonfly at DublinArts

October 7, 7:00 pm

With Judy Blake, Ken Hamshaw, and Danny Solomon, Dragonfly is an eclectic mix of rock, bluegrass, folk, and more with funky grooves, rich vocals, soul, and harmony.

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Birds and Light Pollution

BY JAY SCHECHTER

We all take lighting at night for granted in New Hampshire, except when our power goes out. Unfortunately, the birds that share our community are confused by all of this light. Light pollution is turning night into day in 80 percent of the world. This disrupts natural light cues for wildlife.

The National Audubon Society has a Lights Out program that will make our community more bird-friendly. It also has the ancillary benefit of reducing energy usage.

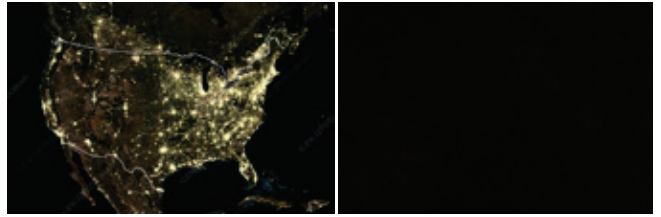
Because many birds migrate at night using natural light cues like the moon and stars, bright lights and sky glow can confuse them, causing some to collide with windows and walls while others circle in confusion until exhaustion overcomes them. From our best current scientific understanding, millions of birds die in the

U.S. every year because of this. Fortunately, a simple thing like turning out lights can help birds navigate our environment and protect them from unnecessary harm. A landmark study conducted by the Field Museum in Chicago showed that by turning the lights off in one building, the number of birds killed there dropped by over 80 percent.

What can we do here? Participating in Lights Out is simple:

- Turn off unnecessary lighting (especially near the tops of buildings).
- Put necessary lighting on timers or use motion sensors.
- Make sure external lighting is down shielded.
- Dim or extinguish lobby or atrium lighting.

It is particularly important to take these measures between the hours of midnight



Please help us to go from this... ...to this (or as close as we can get!)

and sunrise, when most night migrants are flying, and during spring and fall migration periods (April/May and September/October). Here is a link to Creating Bird-Friendly Communities: bit.ly/lightoutbirds.

In addition to helping birds, these efforts have the additional benefits of reducing energy usage and saving money. Communities across the country have seen the benefits and implemented Lights Out. Please consider implementing the simple steps listed here to reduce the number of birds that are killed.

JAY SCHECHTER is chair of the Dublin Conservation Commission.

Peace Treaty Remembered

BY SARA GERMAIN

Growing in front of the Historical Society's 1841 Schoolhouse Museum on Main Street is a young cherry tree with a remarkable history. The tree was donated to the Town of Dublin, in care of the Historical Society, in 2015, to commemorate the Portsmouth Peace Treaty of 1905, which formally ended the Russo-Japanese War of 1904–05. The treaty negotiations took place in Portsmouth, New Hampshire, and were brokered in part by President Theodore Roosevelt, who won the Nobel Peace Prize for his efforts in moderating the talks and pushing toward peace. The final agreement was signed on September 5, 1905, and was

hailed as “an uncommon commitment to peace” by the international diplomats and local citizens who took part.

One of the Japanese participants was Kentaro Kaniko, who subsequently visited Loon Point in Dublin and whose signature, in both English and Japanese, can be seen on the bench inside the Schoolhouse Museum.

In 1994, the Portsmouth Peace Treaty Forum was created by the Japan-America Society of New Hampshire, with the first formal meeting between Japanese and Russian scholars and diplomats in Portsmouth since 1905. Subsequently, Portsmouth Peace Treaty Day has been recognized with the planting of cherry trees and bell-ringing in towns around the world.

A plaque in front of Dublin's cherry tree reads:

“This Cherry Tree is a Living Memorial to the Portsmouth Peace Treaty Celebrating New Hampshire Citizen Diplomacy and Dublin Guest Kentaro Kaniko. Presented by the Japan-America Society of New Hampshire. 2015. Descended from the Original Washington, D.C., Cherry Trees Given by Japan to the US in Thanks for 1905 Portsmouth Peace Treaty Diplomacy.”

On September 5, at 3:47 pm, the day and hour of the treaty signing, Dublin Historical Society Board Member Laura Elcoate rang a handbell by our cherry tree to mark that event.

SARA GERMAIN is a trustee of the Dublin Historical Society.

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October 2023 Events at the DubHub

Song Circle, Sunday, October 1

All are welcome, musicians and audience alike, at Song Circle, which meets the first Sunday of each month in the North Room from 3–5 pm. Musicians can share favorite songs with the group and are asked to bring sheet music of songs with chords (10 copies) to help others play along, and your instrument if you have one, including your voice! If you don't have a printer, please send a printable version by the previous Friday to David Mueller at dmueller55146@gmail.com.

Nature Photography Workshop, Saturday, October 7

From 9:30–11:30 am, join award-winning photographer Ben Conant for a free “behind the lens” look at nature photography. After learning some tips, tricks, and techniques for capturing images on either a DSLR or your phone, we'll head out to photograph beautiful views and landscapes

along the trails of Beech Hill in Dublin. Co-sponsored by the Dublin Community Center, the Harris Center for Conservation Education, and the Beech Hill-Dublin Lake Watershed Association. Space is limited, and registration is required. For more information, contact Susie Spikol at spikol@harriscenter.org.

Navigating Our Digital World Part 1, Saturday, October 7

Come at 2 pm for the first of three monthly sessions on developing critical media literacy. As we approach the upcoming election season, how do we know whom to trust? We can begin to retrain our brains and develop new skills/behaviors to critically evaluate content and develop our opinions based on trusted sources. Facilitated by Dublin School faculty member Sophie Luxmoore, topics will include AI, bias, digital manipulation and misinformation, and privacy in the digital

Ongoing Activities

Coffee & Conversation

Coffee & Conversation on Monday and Wednesday mornings from 10 am–noon. All are welcome.

Adult Yoga on Mondays

Adult Yoga is taught by Gwir Huddleston Llewellyn in the South Room 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.

Iyengar Yoga on Mondays & Thursdays

Certified Iyengar Yoga Teacher, Kerry Doyle, is now offering classes on Mondays from 5–6:15 pm and Thursdays from 9–10:30 am. Introductory offer of three classes for \$36. Kerry encourages students to try out the class to see if it's a good fit for them. Advance registration is required. Questions? Email kerry@ahayoga.com.

Early AM Yoga on Tuesdays

There will be no early morning yoga in October.

Dubhub Open Hours on Tuesdays

The DubHub is open every Tuesday from 9 am–3 pm for residents to study, use the Internet connection, have peace and quiet, check out the art, play a game, work out on mats, or meet friends.

Qigong

Qigong class-by Ginnette Groome is held from 12–1 pm. \$12 for a single class and \$10 per class when paying for the month.

Creative Theater Workshop on Thursdays through November 9

Calling all 3rd–6th grade students! Come explore performance, movement, and design on Thursday afternoons from 3:30–5 pm, September 21–November 9, with a performance on November 9. The cost is FREE! Coach Sarah Katka has been writing, directing, and performing in theater for over 20 years. For more information, please contact Sarah Katka at sarah.e.katka@gmail.com.

Knit with Nancy on Fridays

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

Calendars are always evolving. Please be sure to check out our Facebook page, 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.

age. This program is a part of the Lifelong Learning Series sponsored by the Dublin Public Library and the DubHub.

Pie & Prine Tribute Concert, Sunday, October 8

Do you make the best pies? Then enter your pie into our contest! Pumpkin, pecan, apple...anything goes! Contact info@dublincommunitycenter.org for entry information. Tasting, judging, and prizes to take place from 4–5 pm, after which we will head outdoors for a John Prine Tribute Concert from 5–7pm on Yankee Publishing's lawn. A talented lineup of area musicians will perform their favorite John Prine songs. Bring lawn chairs and picnics to enjoy the show. While this is a free concert, donations are always welcome. Slices of pie will also be available for purchase, with proceeds to benefit the DubHub. All are welcome! (In case of rain, concert will be held indoors.)

Herbal Class, Making Liniment, Tuesday, October 10

Katherine Gekas has been teaching classes on how to stay healthy with herbs for over 10 years, and this month she will make herbal liniments. Each participant will go home with resources for learning more and a small amount of liniment. Bring ideas for the rest of the learning year. The class starts at 7 pm. The fee is sliding scale, pay as you'd like: \$10–\$40. To sign up or for more information, email katherinegekas2@gmail.com.

Storytelling & Spoken Word, Wednesday, October 18

On the third Wednesday of every month from 6:30–8:30 pm, the DubHub hosts the Monadnock Storytelling & Spoken Word Circle, an open mic to share stories, poetry, rap, comedy, or truly any kind of

spoken word. The organizers are Sebastian Lockwood and Papa Joe Gaudet, both of whom have 20-plus years of experience as professional storytellers. All are welcome, participants and listeners! Coffee and tea will be available, and byob is welcome. For more information, contact Papa Joe at papajoestorytelling.com/ and Sebastian at www.nhhumanities.org/programs/teacher/48/sebastian-lockwood.

DubHub Oktoberfest Supper, Thursday, October 19

A special Oktoberfest Community Supper includes a delicious free meal consisting of bratwurst on a bun, German potato salad, sauerkraut, and strudel. Dine in with music from 5–7 pm, or take your supper home. Reservations are strongly suggested, and donations are welcome. Contact info@dublincommunitycenter.org.

Apple Cider Making, Saturday, October 21

Come from 10 am–noon to try your hand at making fresh apple cider! Enjoy watching the action and sampling the cider along with some apple cider

donuts. Feel free to bring a container to take your cider home. We will also provide jugs for purchase. All apples will be thoroughly washed, but keep in mind that this fresh cider will not be pasteurized.

Coffee House & Open Mic, Saturday, October 21

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. Attendees are also welcome to BYOB. A featured performance takes place for about 45–60 minutes, with open mic slots available prior.

This month, we are delighted to feature accomplished singer-songwriter Wendy Keith. With four original LP recordings



and two ASCAP awards to her name, Keith has opened for Patti Larkin, Jesse Colin Young, and America. Her most recent CD, *It's About Time*, also features members of her Alleged Band, Jack Henry, Doug Farrell, and Walden Whitham.

Email info@dublincommunitycenter.org 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. A suggested donation starting at \$5 or more can be given at the door to help offset costs, and a hat will be passed during the performance for contributions to the featured performer(s).

DubHub Community Forum, Saturday, October 28

Come together at 4 pm for a discussion about the Ice Storm of 2008. The forum will include reminiscences from first responders and other Dubliners who lived through this challenging weather event, one that also demonstrated our town's strong sense of community. If you have photographs of the storm, please bring them to the forum or email them to info@dublincommunitycenter.org to be printed.

Art Show Reception, Friday, October 13

For the month of October, the DubHub will exhibit *Three Generations of Thorne Family Artists*, which will include paintings and other works by longtime Dublin residents Beatrix Thorne Sagendorph, her daughter Jane Thorne, and Jane's daughters Christina Germond Bell and Rachel Thorne Germond. The public is invited to a reception on Friday, October 13, from 5–7 pm.

Beatrix Thorne Sagendorph (1900–1985) studied at the Art Institute of Chicago. In 1928, she married Robb Sagendorph, who became editor and publisher of the *Old Farmer's Almanac* in 1939. The couple founded *Yankee* magazine in 1935. Beatrix provided original art for the bulk of 50 years of *Yankee* covers. In 1965, she established the Thorne Art Gallery at Keene State College in memory of her mother and later dedicated to her husband. Deeply connected to the area through her art and her family, she produced hundreds of artworks that reflect the flavor, mood, weather, and history that define the Monadnock Region.

Jane Thorne (1930–2001) studied painting and art history while a student at Radcliffe College in the 1950s. She continued her studies at the Rhode Island School of Design, the Sharon Arts Center, and Bennington College in Vermont. Early

achievements include a Currier Gallery show and a major show of oil paintings at the Thorne-Sagendorph Art Gallery in Keene. She exhibited with the New Hampshire Art Association, winning several awards.

Christina Germond Bell studied at the Rhode Island School of Design, where she received a BFA in Textile Design in 1975 and an MAE focusing on textiles and sculpture in 1979. After teaching art for several years, she worked as a studio artist doing fused glass inspired by textiles and landscapes. She was born in Peterborough and currently lives in Missouri.

Rachel Thorne Germond earned a BFA in studio art (printmaking and photography) from Cornell University's College of Architecture, Art, and Planning in 1986, and an MFA in dance and choreography from the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign. After an extensive career in the performing arts in Chicago and New York City, she moved to the Monadnock Region in 2020 and resumed her early interest in painting and drawing. She often combines her visual art with performance.

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



Rachel Germond with art from three generations.

Dublin Welcomes Smokehaus Barbecue

BY DENISE FRANKOFF

It all began when Dave Mielke learned to barbecue from men he knew in the military. Living in Virginia, he became passionate about barbecuing. When he moved to New England to be closer to his family, he realized the area lacked a traditional barbecue restaurant. After discussions and planning with his father Harold, they opened Smokehaus Barbecue in Amherst, New Hampshire, in 2017. The business grew rapidly. In one month, they went from a few employees to 20, and customers were often lined up outside the restaurant!

Dave's success in Amherst led him to open a second restaurant in Dublin. The new restaurant, on the Dublin-Marlborough line, seats 80 people. It has a large smoker built into the kitchen wall. Dave explained that barbecuing is a niche business, and it can take a while for patrons to understand the business model. At Smokehaus, everything is handcrafted and fresh, including the meat (which is smoked daily), the side dishes, salads, barbecue sauces, and desserts. It takes 14 hours to cook pork ribs and brisket, and then the meat is cut to order. Dave advises customers to place their orders early since they often sell out!

Dave and his dad share all aspects of the business. They work closely with the farmers who supply the meat and the local breweries who supply the beers on tap. They recognize the value of their employ-



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ees and work hard to ensure that their staff is appreciated and fairly paid.

Dave is looking forward to getting to know the Dublin community. He recently reached out to Dublin's police and fire departments about participating in the annual town barbecue on October 7. Smokehaus will be there – with 70 pounds of meat! Dave says that “new things can be just as exciting” as the deep traditions that Dubliners appreciate.

DENISE FRANKOFF is on the staff of the *Advocate*.

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The recent Dublin Community Church rummage sale raised over \$8,000 for community outreach projects.

Meanwhile, at a DubHub forum next door (below), attendees learned more about “refusing, reducing, reusing, and recycling” plastic packaging.



Photos by Nancy Jackson

Garden Club Beautifies and Protects Town Treasures

BY EUGENIE SILVERTHORNE

Despite the recurrent rains this summer, the Garden Club of Dublin kept up with its civic projects around town. Two projects in particular, the plantings in the center of town and the conservation of Dublin Lake, represent the club's long-standing commitment to the well-being of Dublin.

Sue Bird designed and organized the plantings in front of Town Hall and by the library. Last year, the Garden Club replaced the old library hayracks with more durable ones, and the previous year, Sue and her husband Jerry installed a new efficient watering system, which saves time, water, and energy. In late spring, Sue planted the hayracks with an eye-catching mix of bright petunias, bacopa, and lantana and filled the urns under the Town Hall portico with a stately arrangement of begonias, alyssum, and Creeping Jenny. In early June, Sue enlisted a team of a dozen or so club volunteers to water and tend the plants throughout summer, and she plans to replace those annuals with fresh holiday greens in late fall.



Sue Bird beside DPL hayrack

While less visible than seasonal plants, the Garden Club's monitoring of Dublin Lake has a lasting environmental impact. Katy Wardlaw, club conservation chair, oversees two activities that target water quality and are vital to preserving the purity of the lake. Twice a summer, in June and August, she tests the water and drives 20 samples to Concord for analysis. Three times a sum-

mer, she organizes a volunteer squad to patrol the lake for invasive species. This practice was inaugurated 20 years ago when Susan Peters detected milfoil in Cemetery Cove around Route 101. When she alerted the state authorities, they installed a black mat to contain the plant and sent scuba divers for the next three years to properly dig out its pernicious roots.

Initially, Susan and the late Elisabeth Langby conducted scuba diving and snorkeling expeditions to monitor milfoil and other invasives. Currently, Katy and her team set off in kayaks armed with a laminated guide sent by the state, which illustrates a dozen



Katy Wardlaw (right) and volunteer Sue Scott

known invasive plants and animals, and they now use handy see-through buckets designed by Paul Wardlaw. Milfoil, known to infest lakes with spikes up to 15 feet long, was discovered in New Hampshire as far back as the 1960s and today pollutes 75 New Hampshire lakes. Due to the vigilance

of these weed watchers, our lake is no longer one of them.

Dublin Lake is a natural treasure benefitting the whole community, and Katy encourages all residents to join in conserving the lake for future generations of Dubliners. If you might be interested in participating next summer, please contact her at katywardlaw@gmail.com.

EUGENIE SILVERTHORNE is a former member of the Dublin Lake Preservation Committee.



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Project Home: Meet Our New Neighbors!

BY DAVID BLAIR

Two and a half years ago, I reported to the readers of the *Advocate* about Project Home and our work with one young mother and her three children, asylum seekers from Central America. Rosa has now received asylum and is on her path to permanent resident status. She is working two jobs, her children are in school and day care, and she is thriving.

Our other guests from two years ago have also "graduated." All are working and have moved out of their host homes into the community. Two have received asylum, while others are waiting for their hearings in 2025.

Children of Project Home guests and volunteers play together at a summer gathering.

With that transition, Project Home is now hosting six new families: two young women from El Salvador, a young man from North Africa, a mother of three (including an 8-month-old born in this country) from Peru, another mother of



three (with an even younger newborn!) from Venezuela, a family of four from Iran, and a mother and son from Mexico. They are living across the Monadnock region, from Chesterfield to Keene, Harrisville to Rindge.

Project Home's mission is to provide loving support for the families we invite into our homes and community. We are also part of a network of organizations throughout New England and are supporting other communities interested in creating their own version of Project Home. We rely on an army of volunteers to provide the services and support these families require. The work is demanding and joyful. We invite interested people to learn more about us at projecthomenh.org.

DAVID BLAIR co-founded and directed the Mariposa Museum in Peterborough, and is a member of Project Home's core team.

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Never Too Late for a Change!

BY JEANNE STERLING

What better way to spend the first sunny afternoon in a long time than sitting on my deck with Traceymay Kalvaitis, a glass of iced tea, and a plate of cookies!

In 2017, Traceymay was in her eighth year of teaching at Mountain Shadows School here in Dublin. She loved the position and felt that this was where she wanted to be then and in the future. It was a perfect career choice for her, taking into consideration her responsibilities for her young family and the school's location so near to home.

The Kalvaitis family became members of the Dublin Community Church and, in a short time, were very involved with all the church had to offer. It was obvious Traceymay had deep faith and commitment to that faith – so much so, that when minister Michael Scott retired, Traceymay was asked if she would like to step in and cover the pulpit for a few Sundays that summer. She gladly accepted – and this “fill-in” became the beginning of an unexpected journey.

In October 2017, the church deacons offered her the job of presiding over the Sunday services one or two weeks a month. Of course she would! She explained

to me that during those weeks and months, she was constantly thinking of the sermon she would present. She would rise early in the morning to pore over references, write down thoughts, and delve into unfamiliar materials, all the while getting four children fed and off to school and herself to her teaching job. She found that she wanted to stay home and continue writing for the coming Sunday service.

Meanwhile, the deacons were interviewing candidates to step in as permanent minister of the Dublin Community Church. It became apparent that other congregations, including Harrisville, were also in the same search. As Traceymay said, “the deacons took a chance on me.” She began the six-year process to attain ministerial status. She became a licensed

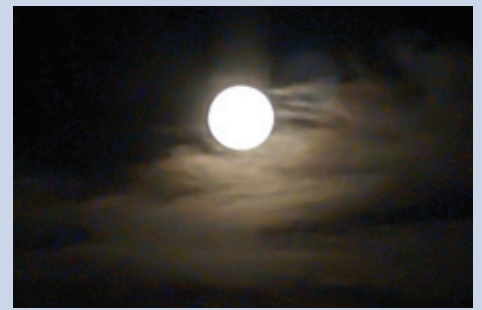


minister in the United Church of Christ, allowing her to officiate at weddings and funerals. By this December, Traceymay will have completed all requirements, including oral exams in the presence of other ministers. She said that she doesn't use the term “called” to the path she has chosen, but instead feels that she is undeniably drawn to it. “It was a radical choice to switch careers at age 50, but it was absolutely the right choice for me. I'm so grateful to be able to serve these communities I love.”

Traceymay finds that dual ministry between the Dublin and Harrisville congregations can be challenging, but she feels that sharing a minister works out well. The same sermon and service are offered to both churches on Sunday, but she finds the interaction is different in each congregation. “It's a privilege to have one pulpit, let alone two,” and her wish is that in both communities “we are known by our lovingkindness.”

JEANNE STERLING is a long-time member of the Dublin Community Church and is the Advertising Manager of the *Advocate*.

Moon Shots: Views of September's Super Moon by Lisa Foote



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View *The Chosen* at Harrisville Church

BY DAVID BLAIR

The Community Church of Harrisville & Chesham invites members of the wider community to join them for a weekly screening of the TV series *The Chosen* in the Church Hall at the Brick Church in the center of Harrisville. We will meet every Tuesday evening from 6–7:30 pm starting on October 17, continuing through December 12 (Halloween excepted). Each session will allow time for viewing and a brief discussion following. You are encouraged to bring a bag supper.

The Chosen tells the story of Jesus and his disciples, Mary Magdalene prominent among them. It presents these characters and those who surround them as full human beings with “back stories” to fill

in the many gaps of the biblical narrative. Encounters are set in a vivid historical context revealing the tremendous diversity of Palestine at the time, and the tense—yet sometimes very human—interactions between Roman occupiers and their subjects, Jews, and others. The politics of the Jewish religious hierarchy reacting to a wandering rabbi named Jesus are brought to life, and often stories of that time are illuminated by short segments from the Hebrew Bible.

If you read the Bible as literature, you will find the series fascinating, as it offers provocative takes on familiar stories. (Have you ever imagined Pontius Pilate as a 30-year-old?) If you read the Bible as gospel, you will be surprised to see

familiar biblical scenes come alive in an extraordinary way. Whatever you do or don't believe about Jesus, this series is a great opportunity to explore, to learn, to be moved—and to share the experience with others in our community.

DAVID BLAIR is a member of the Community Church of Harrisville & Chesham.

End 68 Hours of Hunger

End 68 Hours of Hunger is back to its busy school-year program. We're already sending home 100 bags of week-end food to students in the ConVal School District, plus lots of snacks to libraries and social-service agencies. We're projecting that numbers will be going up. Dubliners'

donations have been hugely helpful with growing numbers, and we're so grateful for that! If you'd like to contribute food, this month we'd especially welcome donations of beef stew, applesauce cups (not cans), and mayonnaise.

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Conversations About Community

BY GRACE O'BRIEN

As another summer comes to an end, I find myself packing my backpack for the start of a new school year. It's this time every year that I gather new notebooks, pens, and pencils to prepare for the months of studying ahead. This year, I have also gotten a new lunch box.

A new lunch box may not seem like a big deal, but I have had my purple, floral-printed lunch box since the 3rd grade at Dublin Consolidated School, eight years ago. I'm not saying I don't like it anymore or that it isn't my style; it was just time for something...*new!* With my backpack ready to go, my junior year at ConVal High School has started. The only thing slowing me down is thinking about how fast the time has gone. I catch myself reminiscing about the ways I've grown through my years of school and feeling the pressure of making the girl with the purple, floral-printed lunch box proud. I am grateful for the years of living in a small town, which surprisingly came with many possibilities and opportunities.

In high school, most of my focus has been on academics: taking advanced and honors classes and never thinking twice about challenging myself. The schoolwork, the homework, and all the hours of studying into the night have been things I have become used to. Sometimes it's challenging, but I will say that I've never regretted any of it. I learn so much from my teachers, especially when I'm involved in more technical courses. As I said, *most* of my focus

throughout each school year has been my academic involvement, but there were other opportunities that came after I left DCS.



From a young age, I was never scared of using my voice – which now has me thinking, Is that where this sense of leadership comes from? I was viewed as a leader by my classmates, and my teachers always encouraged me to get involved in any school activity available to me. My answer was always “yes.” Why wouldn't I say yes? I had gained a platform that carried me into high school with confidence. I have learned what it feels like to be the only one who cares about a certain topic, and I've felt what it's like to fail when many people depend on you to make something work. I continue to love my leadership roles, and I've noticed that

leaders are community motivators.

Going into my junior year, I've thought about how leaders become leaders. I encourage the conversation in any community. Maybe it is the hidden leader inside us that can make our communities improve.

It doesn't matter how many people are involved or how well you know the person next to you, leadership involves taking little steps to show that you care. Leaders don't need a title, academic excellence, or even a new lunch box. They just need to believe in the potential of a community. So I encourage leadership everywhere, because strong leaders give motivation to make stronger communities, *and strong communities are powerful.*

GRACE O'BRIEN, a lifelong Dublin resident is a junior at ConVal High School and responded to the *Advocate's* request for submissions.

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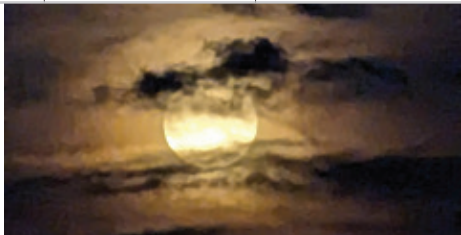
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1 HUB Song Circle 3-5pm	2 CEM Trustees 9am; HUB Coffee & Conversation 10am-noon; Yoga 3-4pm; Iyengar Yoga 5-6:15pm; TH Select Board 4:30pm; DPL Missing Middle 7pm	3 HUB open 9am-3pm; TH Budget Com 7pm	4 DPL Rec Com 9am; HUB Coffee & Conversation 10am-noon; QiGong noon-1pm; DCS Consolidation/ Reconfiguration discussion 7pm	5 HUB Theater Workshop 3:30-5pm; Iyengar Yoga 5-6:15pm; TH Planning Bd 7pm	6 HUB /Zoom Knit w/ Nancy 10-11am; TH Supv of Checklist 7pm	7 Monadnock Art Tour; HUB Nature Photography workshop 9:30-11:30am; Media Literacy 2pm; Yankee Parking Lot Community BBQ 11am-3pm
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