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Free Black Settler Fortune Little

Note: The following is an abridged version of an article in the Dublin Historical Society newsletter #105, entitled *Shining a Light on Fortune Little, Free Black in Dublin 1784 to 1793*.

The content has been edited for length and clarity.



BY LISA FOOTE

To trace early residents in Dublin, one explores vital records, state and federal censuses, and local records – clerk’s and tax records, when and where they exist. Dublin is fortunate because its first history, *The History of Dublin New Hampshire*, by Levi Leonard, was published in 1855, so personal knowledge of 18th-century people and events also survives. Josiah Seward reprinted and updated that history in 1920 (cited as L&S below). A list of Free Black men is recorded there. Fortune Little is mentioned as well as Caesar Freeman (a slave in Dublin until 1790), Caesar Lewis, Cato Boston, and a man named Dupee. The first four men appear on Dublin’s 1793 tax inventory, however only the town history tells us that Little, Freeman, Lewis, and Boston were not only “colored” men but former slaves. (L&S p.568)

Gleaning information about Free Blacks from the early federal censuses is diffi-

Are You a Candidate?

If you are running for town office this year, please send the *Advocate* a 100- to 200-word paragraph about your background and qualifications and why you are running. Please include a photo of yourself. We will publish these in the March *Advocate*. Deadline for submissions is February 15.

cult. The first one was taken in 1790, and solely the name of the head of household was listed before 1850. Further, unlike the enumeration of white families, which shows columns with age ranges and gender of members of the household, before 1820 only the total number of people in Black households are tallied in a separate column labeled “other free persons.”

Early town records show that in December 1784, Fortune Little was “warned out” of town, one of three individuals and seven families so warned in that year (L&S, p.163), a process telling newcomers of any race that the town would not support them if they became indigent. Little came to settle as a free man, as Massachusetts had abolished slavery in 1783. He had been freed in Shirley, Massachusetts (L&S p.816), and the Massachusetts vital records show that he and Lorena [Lorancy] Tanner married in Lunenburg, Massachusetts, on May 12, 1785.

Presumably, the couple relocated to his

land and dwelling in the original northeast corner of Dublin, which in 1870 became a part of Harrisville. That land was located on what is now Hancock Road just west of Route 137. Their first child, Joseph, was born in Dublin on October 18, 1786, followed by his sisters Pearl and Lorancy in 1788 and 1791.

Fortune Little’s is the only “other free persons” household listed in Dublin on the 1790 census. In a cursory search of surrounding towns, Peterborough and Marlborough have no such households. Jaffrey and Temple show two; Wilton and Packersfield (now Nelson) each have one. In addition, a total of 17 “other free persons” lived in white households in

these six towns, for a total of 54 Free Black individuals.

Propitiously, Fortune Little also appears on Dublin tax and inventory lists in 1793, showing that the constable needn’t have worried about Little’s work ethic. His property includes improvements of one acre of tillage, two acres of mowing, and four

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Calling All Dublin Volunteers!

BY SUSAN PETERS

Did you know that we will be voting on Tuesday, March 12, to elect 12 fellow Dublin residents to serve in town government? In addition to elected officials, many Dublin residents are appointed each year to serve as members and alternates on town boards and committees. The deadline to sign up to run for elected town position is Friday, February 2, 2024. Sign-up forms are available at the Town Clerk/Tax Collector’s office.

To learn more about opportunities to serve Dublin, please check out the town

website for meeting schedules and minutes, department contact information, and membership rosters. All meetings are open to the public. If you recognize a name – or even if you don’t – consider attending a meeting and reaching out to a member for more information. Dublin has many more volunteers than paid employees: Volunteers provide essential support to help ensure the smooth functioning of our town.

On March 12, Dublin voters will choose officials for Budget Committee (2); Cemetery Trustee (1); Library Trustee (2); Moderator (1); Planning Board (2); Select

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February at Dublin Public Library

BY KAREN MADIGAN

DPL has new winter hours: Mondays and Wednesdays 10 am–6 pm, Tuesdays and Thursdays 2–7 pm, and Saturdays 9 am–1 pm. Starting Wednesday, February 7, Emaline Bergeron offers weekly Story Times at 10:30 am. Come check it out!

This month, we have Stories & Songs with Opa Volkert on Saturday, February 3, at 10:30 am; Health Careers and General Health Information by Jim Beeler on Thursday, February 8, at 6 pm; and storyteller Papa Joe Gaudet on Wednesday, February 21, at 3:30 pm.

Come enjoy Scrabble/Game Night on Thursdays from 4–6 pm. We have a selection of games here, but please bring your game boards, too. If you have extra Legos lying around, don't step on them! Do consider donating them to DPL for our upcoming Lego Club. A new puzzle exchange is located in our entry downstairs. Take one, leave one...or 10.

Events, community engagement, and lifelong learning are primary goals for DPL, so if you would like to offer a program or form a group, please contact us.

February book displays: Black History Month and Blind Date with a Book, along with "Galentine" picks. We outgrew our entry area display space, so all new books are now located near the elevator.

DPL wants to be a community haven, a safe space for all who enter, and say "yes" to every request we can possibly grant. A library should be a place people feel they belong and a place that belongs

New Books!

The Secret, by Lee Child

Oath and Honor, by Liz Cheney

Let Us Descend, by Jesmyn Ward

Anna, by Matthew Blake

Rethinking Diabetes, by Gary Taubes

Making It So, by Patrick Stewart

Captive, by Iris Johansen

Small Things Like These, by Claire Keegan

to us all, where we are "Better Together." Please come say hi to Elizabeth, Emaline, Victoria, and me. Volkert re-retired on January 31 but will be here for his Stories & Songs, and you'll see him subbing, too.

Check our Facebook and Instagram pages for breaking news, and please sign up for our newsletter at bit.ly/dplnewsletter. We are closed Monday, February 19, for Presidents Day. Stay warm out there – better yet, come in to DPL and sit by the fire.

KAREN MADIGAN is the director of Dublin Public Library.

NH Humanities Online

NH Humanities connects people to culture, history, places, ideas, and one another. Register for the following free February programs at nhhumanities.org.

New Deal or Raw Deal: Why It Matters

Sunday, February 4, 2 pm

Hosted by the Black Heritage Trail NH at Portsmouth Public Library/ZOOM

New Deal helped millions of desperate Americans during the depression, but some were left out. Explore the role of government in providing for its citizens.

The Bill of Obligations: The 10 Habits of Good Citizens

Tuesday, February 6, 11 am

Hosted by NH Civics on ZOOM

U.S. diplomat and best-selling author Dr. Richard Haass and a panel of New Hampshire high schoolers discuss what American people can do to ensure that democracy thrives.

Library of Things

A trend among libraries worldwide is a Library of Things (LOT). The idea is to house a collection of items for checkout that most people don't have in their homes and that would not be purchased for everyday use. DPL has a telescope, puzzles, and some games, but we'd like to expand it to include things like baking pans, tools, microscopes, blood pressure kits, golf clubs, fishing gear, as well as crafting, gardening, and woodworking supplies.

I would also like to add people to this collection – not to check out but to borrow for a chat. There are so many interesting, skilled, talented people in this community and surrounding areas, I think it would be fun to have scheduled times for patrons to "Borrow a Boomer." Come in, sit down with someone, and discuss life or work history, odd jobs, and adventures. Libraries in Denmark have offered a human library for years, with great success.

If you would like to donate to the LOT cause or donate your time to talk to patrons, please contact us at 603-563-8658.

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Ready to Help a Neighbor?

When extreme weather hits, New Englanders know how important it is to look out for each other. The Dublin Fire Department and Emergency Management Office is looking for volunteers to expand its Neighbor Helping Neighbor program, which helps our first responders know when there is a resident in need. K Vanderbilt, our deputy fire chief and deputy emergency management director, sent out a volunteer survey to all town

residents in January and will look through the responses in February to fill out the program.

Neighbor Helping Neighbor was started during the ice storm in 2008. Working from a small list of volunteers, the department was able to call on a few people to help check on residents who might be in need. Many of those original volunteers have relocated or aged or are no longer

available to help. Now, K would like to have at least two volunteers on every street who are able to knock on a neighbor's door and relay any need for help to the Emergency Management Department.

It's not too late to sign up. Just send your completed survey to Dublin Fire Department/Emergency Management, P.O. Box 370, Dublin, NH 03444; or call K Vanderbilt at 603-563-8137.

Winter Is Coming

Although we enjoyed a mild winter through mid-January, let's get prepared for the snow to arrive and all stay safe. Please clear walkways of snow and ice to prevent possible slipping and falling. When plowing your driveway, please do not push the mounds of snow into the street for other motorists to navigate around.

It's always a good idea to keep a flashlight handy, in both your home and your car. Make sure that you keep necessary prescriptions and a few food staples on hand...just in case. Let's help each other enjoy a happy and safe 2024!

Calling All Dublin Volunteers!

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Board (1); Supervisor of the Checklist (1); Trustee of the Trust Funds (1); and Water Commissioner (1). Even though incumbents may be running to fill some vacancies, any registered Dublin voter may run for elected office. The Planning Board also has openings this year for two alternates. Every three years, Dublin voters elect a resident to serve as Town Clerk/Tax Collector and another for the ConVal School Board, though there are no openings in these positions this year.

There are also many appointed positions (member and alternate): Capital Improvements Committee; Conservation Commission; Energy Committee; Forest Fire

Warden and Deputy Forest Fire Warden; Hydrant Committee; Joint Loss Management Committee; Recreation Committee; Scholarship Committee; Town Treasurer; Waste Reduction and Recycling Committee; and Zoning Board of Adjustment. The Select Board makes appointments based on department head recommendations and interest expressed by residents. The Friends of the Dublin Public Library also has openings, with contact information on the library website.

SUSAN PETERS is a member of the Select Board and is on the staff of the *Advocate*.

**Dublin Town Meeting
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News from the ConVal School Board

BY ALAN EDELKIND

The driving force behind the consolidation/reconfiguration initiative is to provide the best education possible for our children in the safest and most cost-effective manner. To accomplish this, the School Board has made a recommendation that requires a vote by all the towns in the ConVal School District.

There are nine towns in the ConVal School District, of which eight have elementary schools. Each of those eight towns is impacted in different ways by the recommendation. Every school board member looks out for the interests of their respective town as well as the interests of the school district when making their voting decisions.

In this case, 11 of the 13 school board members (including your representative) voted in favor of recommending the consolidation/reconfiguration plan that was developed through almost a year of intense analysis, community involvement, and input. Specifically, your representative voted to accept the recommendation by Prismatic (with modifications) to close four of the most underutilized town elementary schools beginning in the school year 2025–2026. During the 2024–2025 school year, we would perform a detailed implementation analysis and develop a plan with members of each town as active participants.

Some of the areas we considered in making our recommendation are:

Student population – Our entire school district has underutilized schools. The decline in student population has continued for many years and is expected to continue. ConVal is not unique in this. It is a countrywide situation.

Safety – In this age of increasing violence, school safety is an increasingly important issue. New Hampshire is not immune to this problem. We have minimum staff requirements for each building.

Educational equity – It is inaccurate to compare large schools and small schools using just test scores. Because of the very small numbers in some grades, a few very high scores can skew the averages. When you have many more students in the larger schools, the scores tend to even out. When

students with significant needs cannot have their needs met in the small school, they are sent to larger schools to take advantage of their resources, further affecting

test results. The combining of grade levels makes it more difficult to teach grade-appropriate curricula. It also does not allow for sharing between grade level staff as there is only one at each level.

Lack of social opportunities – Children of all ages have a great need for social interactions. This includes diversity as they grow and mature. Underpopulated schools cannot provide this because of the few students at each grade level. Some children feel ostracized with the limited number of peers to choose from. Children learn a great deal from interactions with others, a factor that is also limited in a very small school.

Community impacts – The impacts of consolidation on all communities are multifaceted and very hard to predict. Some survey respondents in Sharon commented that the impact for them was much less than people thought it would be. The loss of a social hub of the community can be offset by planning and looking at alternatives. Some school facilities, like playgrounds, will actually be more available during the day. The economic impact depends on what is done with the schools.

What to do with the closed schools – The last thing we want to do is to maintain a closed building. Working with each town affected, we have many options. The building can be sold to the town at or less than fair market value if they want it. They have the right of first refusal. The town can use the building or sell/lease it to another party. Some options other communities have used for the building are a community center, elder care center, daycare, or workforce housing. There is huge need for these, and many grants are available. Charter or private schools are possibilities as well as industrial uses if zoning permits.

Where would the children go to school – The plan recommended two desti-



nation schools for each closing school. One is a larger school and one is a medium-sized school. Looking in detail at current and projected enrollment and receiving-school capacities, all logical moves would work. Based upon all of the data, capacity will not be an issue.

Basic educational programs – Basic educational programs can be more efficiently accomplished in single-grade classrooms. There are programs that suffer because of inability to hire or afford sufficient staff.

Cost savings – It has been estimated conservatively that we would save between \$2.4–4 million. This may not seem like much when divided over every taxpayer. It does allow for an amount to offset increases in budgeting. If these savings are not needed, the money can be returned to the taxpayer as it has been in the past.

Lack of teachers – We are committed to no staff layoffs. We cannot fill the needed staff requirements now, with teachers around the district taking on extra responsibilities. We support managing staff levels through attrition and retirement.

World languages – We do not currently have world language programs in our middle schools, and our high school programs need to be expanded.

The third in our series of community forums dedicated to this activity is on Thursday, February 8, at 7:30 pm at the Lucy Hurlin Theatre at ConVal High School. If you have not attended any of these forums (in-person or online), please make every attempt to do so. It can be accessed on-line through the ConVal website at schoolboard.convalsd.net/conval-consolidation-reconfiguration/.

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

Other Perspectives on Consolidation Vote

Read the Language Carefully

BY BLAKE MINCKLER

I want to take this opportunity to address an important item on the ballot in this upcoming town and ConVal School District voting cycle on March 12, 2024. The specific issue of concern is Article 10 on the school district ballot that reads, “To amend Article 5 of the Articles of Agreement.”

The purpose of the school board’s proposed amendment to the Articles of Agreement is to transfer the authority “of the people” to that of the school board, giving them the ability to close elementary schools within the district.

The Articles of Agreement were originally created in 1968 and are the legal framework, the overall structure, of how the ConVal School District is assembled, organized, funded, and operated. There are several specific points of interest within the articles, but in keeping on point with the intentions of the school board, I will focus on this pending amendment.

The school board has already approved the language of the pending amendment and has voted in majority to bring it to a district-wide vote. The proposed change is within Article 5 of the agreement.

An excerpt of the original text reads as follows: “Elementary Schools shall be maintained in Antrim, Bennington, Dublin, Francestown, Greenfield, Hancock, Peterborough, and Temple.”

The proposed amendment being brought by the school board reads as follows: “Elementary Schools shall be maintained in Antrim, Greenfield, Hancock, and Peterborough.”

Using the word “shall” is powerful. The creators of the original articles knew the importance of these elementary schools within their respective communities. They also knew that when signing into such a

large organization as the ConVal School District, measures had to be put into place to protect the small towns, to prevent excessive overreach and power grabs from the larger members of the district or the school board itself.

That one word in the articles of agreement, “shall,” is the most powerful word in the entire document. The school board is trying to amend this document, removing the four towns of Dublin, Temple, Francestown, and Bennington from that one sentence. This amendment requires a district-wide vote with a $\frac{2}{3}$ majority to pass.

The second-most powerful provision found within the articles is the very fact that any amendment to the articles of agreement requires a $\frac{2}{3}$ majority of district-wide voters to pass. This is further proof of the careful thought that went

into the original writing of the articles, to ensure smaller towns can maintain their authority and relevance within the district.

This is not a topic that one can learn and understand in a short period of time. I urge all community members to read the articles, read the school board’s proposals and meeting minutes, and educate themselves to make a decision on March 12 that aligns with their beliefs and what best serves the community.

The amendment being proposed is the precursor to the school board closing Dublin Consolidated School. They have been clear in their intentions to close the four schools in the towns they are looking to remove from this language. If the board’s amendment passes, DCS will be closed, and the town of Dublin will no longer have authority to prevent that, as written in the Articles of Agreement.

BLAKE MINCKLER is a Dublin resident.

Consider Creative Alternatives

BY MAY CLARK

On March 12, we will vote on a ConVal School District warrant article that, if it passes, will allow the school board to close four elementary schools in the district: Bennington, Francestown, Temple, and our own Dublin Consolidated School. I hope the article does not pass, because I think we can do some better thinking about options.

The recommendation from the consulting company, Prismatic, was based almost entirely on financial concerns, and I get it. Running eight elementary schools is expensive. But I believe the money saved, which does not add up to much for individuals, is not worth the damage to the four towns.

It is wrongheaded to take elementary schools out of towns that are working hard – I know Dublin is – to find ways to bring more families to town. Our Housing Committee is full of ideas, and the Community Center is growing, offering more and more ways to help our community come together. It seems to me that the study did not entertain any creative ideas, and I think there are a lot of them out there.

The major issue is that many of the schools are only half full. I have thought about other ways to use the extra space,

since I was teaching principal at DCS (2004–2015). We used to have a business incubator at the high school as part of the Tech Center. I don’t know exactly why it went away, but I always wondered if it would be possible to open our elementary school’s doors to a new small business. DCS rented space to the Dublin Preschool for a few years back in the early 2000s.

Here’s another idea: All our communities have a crying need for eldercare. Could we run an adult day care center in the school? I envision the need for some minor renovations to separate elders and kids for safety reasons and to provide age-appropriate bathroom facilities. But otherwise, the two generations would be able to be together in the same building, each able to visit the other. Grandparents in the classroom do wonders for behavior management, and oldsters could read with youngsters in either venue.

I think this is an exciting possibility, and it might even have the potential for some income for the school district. I am sure there are other ideas out there that are just as good. Let’s vote down the warrant article and buy ourselves a little time to flesh out one of these possibilities and keep our elementary school alive with some creative thinking and lots of energy.

MAY CLARK is the former teaching principal of DCS.

**Community Forum on
Consolidation / Reconfiguration
Thursday, February 8, at 7:30 pm
at Lucy Hurlin Theater
ConVal High School**

Dublin School Presents *Fiddler on the Roof*

Dublin School will present the award-winning Broadway musical *Fiddler on the Roof* on Friday and Saturday, March 1–2, at 7 pm, and Sunday, March 3, at 2 pm. All performances will be in the Fountain Arts Theater on the Dublin School campus. Tickets are free, donations are welcome, reservations are suggested, and seating is limited. Call 603-563-1283 or email alord@dublinschool.org.

Winner of nine Tony Awards when it debuted in 1964, *Fiddler on the Roof* is the brainchild of Broadway legends Jerome Robbins and Harold Prince, songwriters Jerry Bock and Sheldon Harnick, and bookwriter Joseph Stein. *Fiddler* shares the story of an Eastern European Jewish community in the village of Anatevka (modern-day Ukraine) facing changing social mores and growing anti-Semitism under Tsarist Russia in the early 20th century.

The creative team chose this musical to give students a chance to perform a “classic” work of musical theater as well as explore the musical’s themes: the tension between tradition and change within the context of family, love, and home. These resonate today as much as they did when the show premiered and in the multiple revivals produced worldwide ever since.

The production is led by Dublin faculty, director Jenny Foreman, musical director Zach Redler, and technical crew director Sophie Luxmoore. The cast and crew of nearly 30 includes several local students. They will be joined onstage by accomplished local musicians.

DCA Launches Annual Big/Little Program

BY COURTNEY BROWN

Dublin Christian Academy just kicked off its annual Big/Little Program, matching lower school “Littles” with upper school “Bigs.” Students in 7th–12th grades who are matched with students in 1st–6th grades will have opportunities to learn more about each other and spend time together.

The program kicked off with an all-school Big/Little lunch and an indoor snowball fight. Bigs and Littles will send each other notes and gifts and together participate in special lunches and activi-



ties. The final Big/Little event is the school picnic in May, which includes an outdoor lunch, a scavenger hunt, and games.

This program helps unite upper-school and lower-school students in a PreK–12 private school,

and enhances the school’s welcoming family atmosphere. The students practice compassion, giving, and communication – all attributes Dublin Christian Academy teaches and encourages.

COURTNEY BROWN is a senior at Dublin Christian Academy.

Winter Fun and Learning

BY NICOLE PEASE

DCS students love the start of our Winter Fun Fridays. The DCS PTO plans and coordinates the Ski/Snowboard Program at Crotched Mountain, and we thank Karen Niemela and many parent volunteers who make this happen. We are seeking someone to take over this program next year. If you are interested, please reach out.

The first of several opportunities to collaborate with Dublin School will take place on these Fun Fridays. Dublin School headmaster, Brad Bates, purchased a number of cross-country skis through a grant, and he and some Dublin School students will help our kids learn how to use the skis.

DCS recently welcomed author Marty Kelley to our school. Students had so much fun meeting Mr. Kelley and learning about the writing process. Who knows, we might have a future author in our midst! Thanks

to the Dublin Community Foundation for the support in making this happen.

Please be aware that the first session of the Annual School District Meeting will be held February 6, at 6 pm, in the ConVal gym. The budget and potential change to the Articles of Agreement are on the agenda.

February brings a focus on our school motto “DCS Cares.” We spend time discussing what caring really means, and we see how many different ways we can show caring and kindness.

On February 15, students will experience live classical music with Ashuelot Concerts. That evening, we invite parents and other community members in for an Academic Showcase.

Kindergarteners are wanted! If you have or know of a child who will be 5 years old before August 25, please contact the SAU at 603-924-3336.

NICOLE PEASE is principal teacher at Dublin Consolidated School.

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New Dublin Policy on Accessory Dwelling Units

BY DON PRIMROSE

Over the past 10 months, the Planning Board has worked with consultants Ivy Vann and Carol Ogilvey to form a Housing Committee to assist in reviewing Dublin's Zoning Ordinance and Land Use Regulation Manual as it pertains to housing. The Housing Committee conducted public workshops, individual interviews, community surveys, focus groups, and public educational events. The Committee is made up of 10 individuals, including four Dublin Planning Board members, and is chaired by Margot Sprague.

Early on, we saw that Dublin's "Accessory Living Unit" regulations fell short of New Hampshire state RSAs. The Planning Board decided to write its own Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) policy, following New Hampshire state guidelines, as a first step in creating more local housing options.

The definition of ADU is "A residential living unit that provides independent living facilities for one or more persons, including provisions for sleeping, eating, cooking, and sanitation on the same parcel

of land as the principal dwelling unit it accompanies."

By adopting our own ADU policy, we can apply some criteria and/or controls that benefit our local community. We have added the following to the state minimum:

- One ADU shall be allowed by right;
- No ADU shall be larger than 1,200 square feet;
- No ADU shall be larger than the principal living unit;
- An ADU may be within or attached to an existing structure or be a detached purpose-built structure;
- Owner occupancy is required of one of the dwelling units, either the ADU or the principal dwelling.

If you have any questions about the Planning Board's ADU proposal, please contact me or another member of the Planning Board or Housing Committee. A vote on the town's ADU policy is anticipated at the Planning Board meeting on Thursday, February 1, at 7 pm.

DON PRIMROSE is chair of the Planning Board.

Update on Power Rates

BY SUSAN PETERS

Cheshire Community Power (CCP) has announced a new base electric supply rate (Granite Basic) of 8.1 cents per kilowatt-hour (kWh) effective February 1–July 31, 2024. CCP serves county facilities as well as residential ratepayers from Dublin, Nelson, Fitzwilliam, Chesterfield, Winchester, and Roxbury.

Granite Basic is the default rate for customers who purchase electricity from CCP. Customers may also choose 100%, 50%, or 33% renewable power at varying rates, with Clean 100 offering the highest renewable content at 12.4 cents per kWh effective February 1. Granite Basic has 24.3% renewable content.

Current Eversource default electricity supply customers are automatically enrolled in CCP unless they opt out. To opt out or to choose a rate with a different renewable content, call 1-866-603-POWR or email info@CommunityPowerNH.gov or visit www.CommunityPowerNH.gov.

SUSAN PETERS is the Select Board representative on the Energy Committee and is on the staff of the *Advocate*.

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February 2024 Events at the DubHub

Ongoing Activities

Coffee & Conversation on Mondays & Wednesdays

Coffee & Conversation from 10 am–noon. All are welcome.

Adult Yoga on Mondays

Adult Yoga is taught by Gwir Huddleston Llewellyn 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, and Fridays

Certified Iyengar Yoga Teacher Kerry Doyle offers classes on Mondays from 5–6:15 pm and Thursdays and Fridays from 9–10:15 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 with Meenakshi on Tuesdays

Early Morning Yoga with Meenakshi Moses is held at the DubHub, 6:30–7:30 am. Start your day with breath-centered hatha yoga to stretch and energize. All levels welcome. \$40 for four classes prepaid or \$12 to drop in. Please bring your own yoga mat. For information, email Meenakshi at moses@namarupa.org.

DubHub Open Hours on Tuesdays

The DubHub is open from 9 am–3 pm for residents to study, use the Internet connection, check out the art, play a game, or meet friends.

Qigong on Wednesdays

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

Knit with Nancy on Fridays

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

Song Circle, Sunday, February 4

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.

The DubHub Presents: The Starlight Lounge, Saturday, February 10

From 7–9:30 pm, the DubHub will be transformed into the Starlight Lounge, a retro jazz club celebrating the smooth, smokin', sultry sounds of the 1930s, '40s, and '50s. Dress up in your fancy duds and dance the night away, or simply come and listen as you step into a bygone era. If you love the music of Sinatra, Bennett, Martin, and more, you will flip for the Josh Evans Trio! And we have some very special surprise guest vocalists joining the band. We will provide the appetizers and the ambiance. You are welcome to BYOB. Tickets, which are expected to go fast at a suggested donation of \$15 at the door, can be reserved by contacting info@dublincommunitycenter.org.



Making Valentines with Archie-the-Pig, Sunday, February 11

Come meet adorable Archie-the-pig from the Amazing Grace Animal Sanctuary, and create make & take

valentines! Arts and crafts supplies will be provided for folks to drop in anytime between 1–3 pm. People are also invited to make valentines to be delivered to the animals back at the Amazing Grace Sanctuary, including Buddy-the-goat, the horses, sheep, llamas, and Gronk and Henrietta, two devoted pigs. A story about how they fell in love and married will be read and available for purchase, just in time for valentine gift giving. Proceeds from book sales benefit the animals. All are invited to come spread the love!

DubHub Community Lunch, Thursday, February 15

All are invited to the DubHub's delicious, free Community Lunch, held on the third Thursday of most months from noon–1 pm. The menu includes grilled cheese sandwiches and tomato soup. For more information, contact info@dublincommunitycenter.org.



Coffee House & Open Mic, Saturday, February 17

On the third Saturday of each month, the DubHub hosts a combined Coffee House & Open Mic from 7–10 pm. Snacks are available, and a monthly coffee sponsor provides the java. Attendees are welcome to BYOB. A featured performance takes place for about 45–60 minutes, with open mic slots available after.

This month, we are delighted to feature singer-songwriters Susan Lee Anderson and Jake Garrels. Susan and Jake were already well-respected veterans of the open mic circuit when they met and began performing together in 2012. Both are deeply grounded in the American Folk tradition but compose and perform a variety of other musical genres as well, such as blues, pop, country, and Americana. Whether they are

The Monaghan Art Collection Silent Auction to Benefit the Dublin Community Center

Sharron and Denny Monaghan, residents of Dublin since 1972, have been ardent supporters of Monadnock area artists. Over the years, this interest led them to accumulate a significant collection of original paintings, including works by Sue Callihan, Robert Collier, David Dodge, Chris Reid, John Sirois, and Dan Thibeault, among others. Thirty-three of these works will be the feature of an exhibit and silent auction at the Dublin Community Center from Friday, February 9, to Saturday, February 17, with proceeds to benefit the center. This is the third time the Community Center has mounted a silent auction of an art collection contributed by a Dublin resident.



Bidding will begin at the public opening reception on Friday, February 9, from 5–7 pm, continue during scheduled hours the following week, and close at noon on Saturday, February 17. All bidders will need to register on site for a bidding number.

The Community Center will be open the following days and



hours for bidding:
 Friday, February 9, 5–7 pm
 Saturday, February 10, 10 am–noon
 Monday, February 12, 10 am–noon
 Tuesday, February 13, 9 am–3 pm
 Wednesday, February 14, 10 am–noon
 Friday, February 16, 10 am–noon
 Saturday, February 17, 10 am–noon.
 Left to right: Art by Robert Collier, John Sirois, and Sue Callihan

performing original songs or obscure covers, their performances are always heartfelt and full of irony, humor, and passion – and the listener shares the emotional journey as each song rolls on.

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.

Monadnock Storytelling & Spoken Word Circle, Wednesday, February 21

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 for participants to share stories, poetry, rap, comedy, or truly any kind of spoken word, going round the circle. 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. For more information, contact Papa Joe at papajoe-storytelling.com and Sebastian at bit.ly/slockwood.

Potluck & Projects, February 22

On the 4th Thursday evening of the month during these cold winter months, come to the DubHub at 5:30 pm with a potluck item to share and your creative arts or crafts project in hand. Enjoy the company of other creative souls as you work.

DubHub Monthly Forum, February 24

All are invited to the DubHub at 4 pm for “Family Lore: Growing up in Dublin,” favorite stories from long-time community members..

News from CVTC

Are you temporarily unable to drive? Is your vehicle not on the road right now? Have you turned in your “road warrior” badge? You still need to get to non-emergency medical appointments, the grocery store, pharmacy, and bank, etc. That’s where CVTC (Community Volunteer Transportation Company) comes in. Our volunteer drivers get you to your essential appointments whether your transportation situation is temporary or long-term. Call 603-821-0569 to request a no-fee ride, and please give us a seven-day notice.

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A New Home for Monadnock Oil and Vinegar

BY LISA FOOTE

Korey Snow and Kim Homoleski, owners of Monadnock Oil and Vinegar, are working feverishly to open their doors to the public by early February. Having purchased the Morning Star Maple building on the shore of Mud Pond last fall, their planned move from Peterborough needed to be pushed back because of a “catch-22” situation with the state pertaining to septic system paperwork.

The bureaucracy now sorted, the couple has moved a table saw into the main room to build and install the display racks and counters. Once the sawdust is swept up and the paint cans are stowed, the shelves in the sun-filled main room will be filled with a dizzying array of flavored olive oils and balsamic vinegars.

Korey and Kim established Monadnock Oil and Vinegar in Peterborough 10 years ago after visiting and interviewing many vendors. They chose Veronica

Foods run by the Bradley family because of the Bradleys’ insistence on knowing the sources of the olive oils and vinegars, sources they are happy to disclose. Korey makes the point that he and Kim personally know all their vendors.

In addition to oil and vinegar, a full range of spices and spice mixes will be available. Six years ago, Korey and Kim purchased Attar Spice Company. After buying a building in Amherst, New Hampshire, in which to produce the spices for sale, they set up a retail space there that duplicated their Peterborough store. Soon, hundreds of their spice packets and select food products will be available for purchase in Dublin.

Both owners have a background in farming in Hollis – Korey on a dairy farm and Kim at Lull Farm for 20 years. Their vision includes bringing an outdoor farm cart to the Dublin property to sell produce during the growing season. Furthermore, they plan to utilize the commercial kitchen in the third space in the building



Photo by Judy Mortner

for tastings and cooking demonstrations, using some of the produce on the farm cart.

The commercial building on Rt. 101 was built as an automotive garage. Subsequently, it has housed a restaurant, a plumbing business, and the sugaring operation and gift shop. Its location provides Monadnock Oil and Vinegar better access, ample parking, and better visibility on a major highway than their previous location. What Korey and Kim will bring to Dublin is boundless enthusiasm and willingness to share with the community their passion for authentic and creative flavoring in food preparation.

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The Founder of the Republican Party

BY RUSSELL BASTEDO

A giant statue of John Parker Hale (1805–1873), founder of our Republican Party, stands on the New Hampshire State House lawn. Hale’s son-in-law, United States Senator William E. Chandler (R-NH) secured permission in 1890 from the Governor and Council for the casting of the Hale statue, at Chandler’s expense, by the same Munich, Germany, foundry that had cast a statue of Daniel Webster, another giant in American political history. Chandler assured the Governor and Council that both statues would match each other in color and size. The Hale statue was dedicated on August 3, 1892, and Webster and Hale have stood together ever since, guardians of our liberty.

So who was John Parker Hale? And why did he inspire New Hampshire’s patriots and politicians in his own time? Hale was a man who believed in the abolition of slavery so strongly that in 1845, his more moderate Democratic Party expelled him. The New Hampshire Democrats of 1845 favored states’ rights on the issue of slavery, with the rationale that each state needed a stable base of labor to thrive. Hale, on the other hand, believed that slavery was a moral and religious issue that could not be debated; slavery should be banned by the national government.

The New Hampshire voters supported Hale’s Abolitionist views, and they elected him to the United States Senate. He served from 1847–1852 and founded the Free Soil Party. In 1852, Hale ran for president of the United States and garnered 155,000 votes, not enough to win, but enough to attract new supporters to his Free Soil Party. In

1856, the Free Soil Party nominated General John C. Fremont, a hero of the American west, as their presidential candidate. Fremont lost – to Franklin Pierce, son of a hero of the Revolutionary War and himself a hero of the Mexican-American War.

John Parker Hale changed his Free Soil

The statue of John Parker Hale stands on the State House lawn in Concord.



Party’s name to the Republican Party in time for the 1860 election, and the Republicans’ first presidential candidate was Abraham Lincoln.

Slavery and states’ rights are still political issues to this day, and the statues of Hale and Webster at the State House continue to remind us of our history.

RUSSELL BASTEDO is the New Hampshire State Curator (1997–2009), retired. He is on the staff of the *Advocate*.

Photo by Russell Bastedo

Peace Through Understanding

Five Speakers Share Their Religious Traditions

BY TRACEYMAY KALVAITIS

Wishing for a more peaceful world is a good start, but what other steps can we take toward bringing about more peace in our world? One thing we can do is to learn more about the things that are common sources of disagreement and division. Difference in religion continues to be a major cause of tension and strife, even though many religions share common tenets. Could developing a deeper understanding help us to respect our differences and treat one another with kindness and consideration? Let’s try it, shall we?

For the following five Wednesdays in Lent, Dublin Community Church will host lunchtime speakers from 11 am–noon in the church hall:

- February 21: Sikhism
- February 28: Judaism
- March 6: Buddhism
- March 13: Baha’i
- March 20: Islam

Bring a bag lunch. Coffee, juice, and water will be provided. Check the church website, DublinChurch.org, for updates and in case of inclement weather.

Peace is highly complex but fundamentally simple. At its core, peace is quite simply a function of how members of different groups mutually treat one another.

–Peter T. Coleman, Columbia Teachers College

TRACEYMAY KALVAITIS is pastor of the Dublin Community Church and the Community Church of Harrisville and Chesham.

Super soup supper!

February 27, 2024

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Jazz Sunday

The Dublin Community Church will hold Jazz Sunday on February 11, at 10:30 am. This annual tradition celebrates Mardi Gras, the last big party before the season of Lent. This local tradition was inaugurated by Barbara Summers, previous director of music.

This year, guest musicians will include a bassist and percussionist, who will perform throughout the service with Tom Martin, director of music. The



Tom Martin at the piano.

trio will play a medley of jazz standards for the prelude, accompany the hymns and the choir, and end with the traditional *When the Saints Go Marching In*.

Steve Armstrong will be playing electric bass. Steve is a Keene-based instrumentalist who has performed in many area pit orchestras for musicals, with the Keene Jazz Orchestra, with ensembles at Keene State College, and with a variety of other ensembles.

Music on Norway Pond: Mozart and Love Songs

Sunday, February 18

4-5:30 pm

First Congregational Church of Hancock Music on Norway Pond will present their major concert of the year, with a program of Mozart's *Requiem* and Eric Whitacre's *Five Hebrew Love Songs*. Conducted by Artistic Director Johanna Hill Simpson, the *Requiem* will feature the Norway Pond Festival Chorus, four soloists, and a professional orchestra of 18 players from

all over the East Coast, anchored by the Newport String Quartet. Simpson says of the *Requiem*, "Every movement of this powerful masterpiece seems so right for this moment in time."

In addition, the Newport String Quartet will accompany the Festival Chorus in Whitacre's *Five Hebrew Love Songs*, short choral gems inspired by Hebrew poems written by his wife. Tickets are available at musiconnorwaypond.org.

Free Black Settler Fortune Little

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acres of pasture for his two oxen and two cows, an average holding for any household listed. His name is no longer listed on those lists in 1794.

He may have moved directly to Weathersfield in Windsor County, Vermont, because his family of seven individuals is enumerated there on the 1800 census. By the time of the 1810 census, the Little household numbered 10 individuals. However, with the lack of vital records for the family after their move to Vermont, it is impossible to know which individuals resided with him. The trail of information about Fortune Little and his wife, Lorancy, stops with that census.

After the Little family moved to Vermont, few Free Blacks remained in Dublin. The 1800 census records only two Free Blacks, both living in white households, hence nameless. The next census in 1810 doesn't even include the column labeled "all other free persons." Presumably, by then, no Free Blacks remained in town.

See the complete DHS newsletter #105 at dublinhistory.org/fortune-little/.

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PAYT Questions Answered

BY AL LYONS

Members of our community have asked some good questions about the implementation of the Pay As You Throw (PAYT) Program discussed in the January issue of the *Dublin Advocate*:

Will PAYT result in paying for solid waste disposal with both disposal bags and taxes?

Based on experience in other towns, PAYT will result in a 25% to 45% reduction in the volume of waste disposed of at the transfer station. The cost of solid waste hauling and tipping fees will be reduced by a similar amount. So, the overall cost of the transfer station's handling of waste disposal should also be reduced by 25% to 45%. For most residents, this should more than compensate for the cost of bags. Residents who dispose of extraordinarily large amounts of trash at the Transfer Station may experience an increase in cost. The point of PAYT is to encourage residents to reduce how much they are putting into the landfill.

Will PAYT require that I buy larger bags than I require?

The current plan is to offer a small bag and larger bag. This will enable Transfer

Station users to pay only for disposal of the amount of trash they generate. The goal of the PAYT program is to reduce the amount of solid waste.

Will PAYT force me to subsidize Transfer Station operations?

The per-bag fees only cover a small amount of the cost of solid waste disposal. During 2024, Monadnock Disposal Services will charge \$2.10 per 30 pounds of solid waste. During 2025, it will be \$2.40 per 30 pounds, and in 2026, it will be \$2.55. It should be noted that these numbers do not include the fixed costs of operating the transfer station (staff salaries, utilities, insurance, equipment depreciation, and maintenance, etc.) When these costs are considered, the cost of disposing of 30 pounds of garbage more than doubles. PAYT will subsidize the cost to the town of the increase in solid waste disposal with the hope of mitigating an increase in the Transfer Station budget.

Following is a link to the North Country Council Community Pay-As-You-Throw (PAYT) Community Planning Guide: bit.ly/PAYTguide. This document has answers to many other questions.

AL LYONS is on the Dublin Waste Reduction and Recycling Committee.

Clay Play This Winter

MAXT Makerspace and the local ceramics community have collaborated to create a new Ceramics Center located at 1283 Main Street, Dublin.



The MAXT Sharing Arts Ceramics Center believes that everyone deserves to have space to be creative, and ceramics especially lends itself to collaboration. Whether you're a new ceramicist, or you're a professional, there are options for you. Beginning in February is a clay class for middle schoolers on Wednesday afternoons, 4–6 pm: February 28, March 6, March 13, and March 27.

Using basic tools and techniques, students will learn to work with clay, using pinch pot, coils, and slab hand building techniques to create both functional and sculptural ceramics. Focusing on these basic techniques, students will develop the fundamental skills necessary to move on to larger and more complicated projects. Learning in a safe and fun environment, we will introduce good habits with clay and work to inspire the students to continue their own creative endeavors. No experience is necessary.

For questions and other class offerings, email Ceramics@maxtmakerspace.org.

Gratitude from End 68 Hours of Hunger

Wow! During calendar year 2023, Dubliners donated 2,233 food items to ConVal End 68 Hours of Hunger – items with an estimated value of \$1,839. Thank you so much!

Of course, the need to help food-insecure children continues in the new year. An anonymous angel at the Dublin Community

Church has been retrieving food donations left in the side entry before they freeze, but during the cold weather, it would be especially helpful if folks could focus on weatherproof foods like mac and cheese, granola bars, Ramen noodles, and Saltines. All of these items really do make a difference to the kids we serve. *Thank you!*



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Wetland Protection in Dublin

BY KATIE FEATHERSTON AND JAY SCHECHTER

Since 1972, the Clean Water Act has regulated the filling and dredging of wetlands, but a ruling by the Supreme Court of the United States last year has changed the definition of wetlands that are covered by the act, calling into question the authority of the EPA and the Army Corp to protect this critical resource. The controversial ruling declares that a wetland must have “a continuous surface connection to navigable waters.”

To European settlers in the 1700s, swamps were seen as breeding areas of disease and impediments to growth and travel. Dredging and filling wet areas was seen as an improvement. These days, we recognize the very important functions of wetlands: ecological integrity, wildlife habitat, fish and aquatic life habitat, scenic quality, educational potential, flood storage, groundwater recharge, sediment trapping, nutrient trapping, shoreline anchoring, and recreation. Still, since the early 1600s, the United States has lost a little more than half of the estimated 221 million acres of wetlands it once had. By

the mid 1980s, six states had lost 85% of their wetlands, and 22 states had lost more than half.

The full effects of these losses remain to be seen, especially as our climate continues to change and we experience the big storms that wetlands help to buffer.

The Supreme Court ruling in the Sackett v. EPA case now allows the landowners in Idaho to fill in a wetland adjacent to a lake, but the repercussions beyond that are unclear. New Hampshire is one of the states that has lost something less than 50% of its wetlands. Since 1969, RSA 482-A has regulated dredging and filling under the authority of the Wetlands Bureau of the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services, and this ruling does not affect the enforcement of New Hampshire law or the state’s definition of wetlands. Ultimately, the best protection of water resources occurs at the local level through adoption of buffers, setbacks, and aquifer protection ordinances.

The State of New Hampshire has produced a document called “Buffers for Wetlands and Surface Waters, a Guidebook for New Hampshire Municipalities.” This document states, “After a thorough

review of the current scientific literature and consultation with natural resource professionals and state and federal regulators, 100 feet is recommended as a reasonable minimum buffer width under most circumstances.”

The residents of Dublin have tasked the Planning Board and Conservation Commission with protecting our nature, wildlife, and drinking water. In the past, waivers of our 100-foot setback requirement have been issued in almost all cases. Your Conservation Commission is working with the Planning Board to ensure that protection of our natural resources receives the attention it deserves. Permanent protection can be ensured through well-written and enforced ordinances, conservation easements, and public ownership.

KATIE FEATHERSTON and JAY SCHECHTER are members of the Conservation Commission.

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NH Audubon Needs Help on Statewide Bird Survey

Have fun counting birds and helping NH Audubon at the same time by taking part in the annual Backyard Winter Bird Survey on Saturday, February 10, and Sunday, February 11. Biologists need assistance from people all over the Granite

Photo by Rebecca Sumnala



State to get a clear picture of what is happening with our winter birds.

This past fall, many people remarked that the birds had disappeared from their feeders. Are they back? NH Audubon wants to know. All New Hampshire residents can participate in the survey by counting the birds in their own backyard on the survey weekend and reporting online or sending the results on a special reporting form to NH Audubon. To receive a copy of the reporting form and complete instructions, email your name and address to bwbs@nhaudubon.org or call 603-224-9909. Forms are also available online, and results can be submitted online. Find more information about the survey at nhbirdrecords.org/backyard-winter-bird-survey/.

As for those empty feeders in the fall, there's probably nothing to worry about. An excellent crop of natural foods, including berries, seeds, and white pine cones, combined with a mild fall, meant that our

local birds had lots to eat in the woods and fields. NH Audubon biologists believe that is why the birds were not at the feeders this fall, but it's the results from the survey that will help them determine if anything else might be going on with our resident birds. "Standardized results from across

the state really help us see patterns of ups and downs in bird populations," says NH Audubon's Dr. Pamela Hunt. "Being able to look at long-term trends is key to finding declining species."

For information on NH Audubon, including membership, volunteering, programs, sanctuaries, and publications, call 603-224-9909, or visit nhaudubon.org.

Red-shouldered Hawk

BY TOM WARREN

In the Monadnock Region, the red-shouldered hawk prefers mature, mixed deciduous-coniferous forests, especially riparian areas and flooded swamps. It hunts from a perch, swooping down to snatch prey from the ground or water's surface. The red-shouldered hawk, a medium-sized buteo hawk, has a diet of frogs, snakes, mice, voles, chipmunks, crayfish, birds, and insects. It declined in population in the last two centuries owing to the destruction of large forests but has made a comeback due to the return of farmland to forests.



It can be identified by its "red" shoulder patches, black-and-white flight feathers, and brown breast. It is a partial migrant, remaining in our area during mild winters, such as the recent month of December, and heading south during bitter cold. The blue jay mimics the red-shoulder's call, especially during mating season.

Nests are built in tall trees, 40–50 feet high, and are composed mostly of live or dead sticks, leaves, and bark and lined with mosses, lichens, and fine bark. Three to four eggs are the normal clutch, laid during May and June, and young birds fledge at 45 days old. In our area, they can be found nesting near the Howe Reservoir and Meetinghouse Pond in Marlborough and will often spend the winter in our area where they will perch on telephone wires.

Adult hawks can fly through the forest canopy like a Cooper's hawk and, when hunting, will perch near a small pond or body of water. They will attack crows, great horned owls, and even humans too close to their nests. Great horned owls will sometimes eat the hawk's nestlings, and the hawk will occasionally take owlets at their nest.

In Native American culture, this hawk and its relatives were good omens and messengers of the gods.

TOM WARREN is Dublin's resident ornithologist.

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				<p>1 DPL Scrabble/Game Night 4-6pm; TH Planning Bd 6pm</p>	<p>2 TH Deadline for town candidate filings; HUB Iyengar Yoga 9-10:15am; Zoom/Knit w/Nancy 10-11am</p>	<p>3 DPL Stories & Songs with Opa Volkersz 10:30am</p>
<p>4 NH Humanities/Zoom New Deal or Raw Deal 2pm; HUB Song Circle 3-5pm</p>	<p>5 TH Cemetery Trustees 9am; HUB Coffee & Conversation 10am-noon; Adult Yoga 3-4:15pm; Iyengar Yoga 5-6:15pm; DPL Open 10am-6pm; TH Select Bd 4:30pm</p>	<p>6 HUB Early Yoga 6:30-7:30am; Open 9am-3pm; DPL Open 2-7pm; NH Civics/Zoom Bill of Obligations 11am</p>	<p>7 HUB Coffee & Conversation 10am-noon; QiGong noon-1pm; DPL Open 10am-6pm; Story Time 10:30am</p>	<p>8 HUB Iyengar Yoga 9-10:15am; Open 2-7pm; Health Careers 6pm; Scrabble/Game Night 4-6pm; CONVAL Community Forum 7:30pm</p>	<p>9 HUB Iyengar Yoga 9-10:15 am; Zoom/Knit w/Nancy 10-11am; Art Auction Reception 5-7pm</p>	<p>10 Backyard Winter Bird Survey; HUB Art Auction 10am-noon; Jazz Music 7-9:30pm</p>
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