

Come for Some Old-Time Community Fun!

BY BALMEET LASKY

On Saturday, July 26, from 11 am–2 pm, the center of town will be hopping for Dublin Community Day. The day will kick off with a bike parade for all ages in the Yankee Publishing parking lot. The Monadnock Biker Chicks will award prizes for the best-decorated bikes. After that, the Library, the Archives, the Fire Department, Yankee Publishing, the Community Center, and the Community Church will all open their doors for food, activities, and special events.

There will be designated parking at the Dublin School and the Dublin Consolidated School, with an on-going shuttle to the center of town. Come enjoy some summer fun with your neighbors! Here is the schedule for the day:

ACTIVITIES FOR KIDS OF ALL AGES

Yankee Publishing parking lot Bike parade, 11:15 am Touch-a-truck, 11 am–2 pm
Yankee Publishing lawn Old-time games, 11:30 am–1 pm
Community Church front lawn Games & bubbles, 11:30 am–1 pm Children's music, 11:30 am–1 pm
Fire station Fire hose demo, noon–1 pm
Library Penny candy store, noon–1 pm
Face painting, 1–2 pm



OTHER COOL STUFF

Community Center Art & artisan fair, 10 am–4 pm
Yankee Publishing building Tour, 1 pm
Dublin Archives Souvenir china sale, 1–2 pm
Library & Community Center Peace Pole voting, 1–2 pm
Behind the Library Hawk talk & flight demo, 1–2 pm
The Friendly Farm Free admission for Dublin families, 3–5 pm
FOOD (FREE FOR ALL!) 11:30 am–1 pm Hamburgers and hotdogs at Yankee Dublishing parking late

Publishing parking lot Coffee and treats at the Church Hall Homemade ice cream at the Fire Station

BALMEET LASKY is on the committee organizing Dublin Community Day.

"May Peace Prevail on Earth"

Voting is underway to determine which languages Dubliners want to inscribe on our Peace Pole. A ballot is inserted in this issue of the *Advocate*. Our own Dublin Consolidated School students have developed a list of language options, or you can write in a language if you don't see the one(s) you prefer.

The children have also created ballot boxes to collect completed ballots. Ballot boxes are conveniently located at the Dublin General Store, the DubHub, the Library, and Town Hall. The final day of voting will be July 26 at Dublin Community Day. Make sure to look for the Peace Pole table at its installation site between Town Hall and the Library (lower parking lot). We will have student and adult volunteers available there to share the plans. All ideas are welcome!



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July Happenings at DPL

BY KAREN MADIGAN

Sign up now for our summer reading program, Lvl Up @ Your Library! – in person, by phone, or via email. You choose the level that suits you: Do you want to set a goal of reading daily? Once or twice a week? Maybe you want to record minutes or hours, or maybe you want to read 50 books in two

months. Whatever your goal, we've got you covered.

Lvl Up is open to all ages. There will be weekly prizes, progress charts, guessing jars, movie afternoons, and grand prizes at the end. Lvl Up started on June 30 and ends with our annual ice cream social on August 16.

DPL has new library merch! Thanks to Liz's design skills, we have new library logo stickers available for purchase in a variety of colors. We also offer ceramic coffee cups with cork bottoms and nospill lids, thermal tumblers, and canvas tote bags, all sporting our library logo. Come see our display of prizes and merchandise.

Our Friends of the Dublin Public Library fill-a-bag book sale was a great follow-up to our May book sale. Thank you, Friends, for your work and enthusiasm for DPL and to our local community for your support. The book sale room is open any time the library is open, so feel free to come browse.

Join us for Story Time with Emaline each Wednesday, featuring Volkert Volkersz on July 2 at 11 am. DPL welcomes the Dublin Summer Playground for story times starting July 9 at 10:30 am.

Gail Alibozec's third session on Backyard Herbal Foraging is at 4 pm on Thursday, July 3. Discover how to find hidden treasures





in the great outdoors and in your own backyard, make your own teas, and learn about herbal properties.

Hot summer days are perfect for air-conditioned movie-viewing. We're offering two family movie days on July 15 and 29 at 3 pm downstairs in our meeting room. Bring snacks. We'll supply the drinks.

On Saturday, July 26, let's celebrate Dublin. The library will host face painting and scoop-a-bag penny candy out front. Downstairs near the parking lot, we'll have sidewalk chalk, a story walk, and a special guest: a hawk! Come gawk at the hawk, draw with chalk, and go on a story

hawk! Come gawk at the hawk, draw with chalk, and go on a stor walk. Take that, Dr. Seuss!

If you ever wonder what we do in our "free" time, it's usually inventory. Inventory helps us keep track of missing items, see where gaps are in our collection, and identify slow-circulating and aged materials. Recently, we discovered some missing items on specific topics in the collection. Libraries offer something for everyone, including materials that might be uncomfortable to some. It's important to note that we have a reconsideration form for materials that concern you; all you have to do is fill one out. Any of us can help with this, and we're always willing to hear your opinions. There is a drop box out front in case you run across any library materials that need to be returned to us. We never charge fines, and we ask no questions; we're just happy to have items returned.

Remember to register for summer reading. Happy Independence Day! Soak up some of that July sunshine.

KAREN MADIGAN is the director of the Dublin Public Library.

Thank You from the Friends of DPL

BY PAM BATOR

We are pleased to share that our recent book sales and participation in NH Gives (a new fundraising opportunity for us) have raised over \$2,500 for the Dublin Public Library.

These funds support supplemental book purchases, museum passes, and library programs for our community. Whether you bought books, made a donation, or spread the word, your support makes a difference.

Thank you for supporting our local library. Stay tuned for specifics on how these funds will be used.

PAM BATOR is the president of the Friends of the Dublin Public Library.



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Dublin Student Authors Honor Local Officer

BY HEATHER FLETCHER

When local police officers invest time in their local schools, the impact can be truly inspiring. At Dublin Consolidated School, that impact took the form of a special project by the firstand second-grade class: a book written and illustrated by students, honoring Officer Stephen Dalterio of the Dublin Police Department and his dog, Felix.

Officer Dalterio has built strong relationships with students through visiting classrooms, playing math games, sharing his Marine Corps experiences for Veterans Day, and connecting with students in the hallways and at recess. His ongoing presence



Ellis Redler of Dublin reads a page of the book and shares his illustrations with Officer Stephen Dalterio.

inspired students to decide unanimously, "Let's write a book about Officer Dalterio and Felix!"

The book, *Officer Dalterio and Felix*, follows Felix's dream of becoming a police dog. In the story, Felix helps solve the mystery

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of stolen cars in Dublin – and earns the official title of Dublin Police Dog.

Every student had a hand in writing the story, which we projected on the classroom smartboard. After the story was printed, students each chose a page to illustrate, adding their own creative touch to bring the story to life. The project's proudest moment came when Officer Dalterio visited the classroom. Students read their book to him and shared their illustrations.

A big thank-you to Officer Dalterio and all our community partners who help make learning meaningful and memorable. I hope the strong connections made at this early grade level continue through high school and beyond.

Stop by the Dublin Public Library to read a copy of the book.

HEATHER FLETCHER is a teacher at Dublin Consolidated School.

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Trustees of the Trust Funds Award Scholarships

BY LUCY SHONK

The Scholarship Committee of the L Dublin Trustees of the Trust Funds has awarded seven scholarships based on academic merit and commitment to civic engagement, funded by the Edward Sprague and Appleton Educational Funds.

Maya Bennett (ConVal) will attend Indiana University at Bloomington to study nursing. She is passionate about the environment, and organized a program to replace plastic utensils with biodegradable ones.

Emily Fletcher attends Keene State College, majoring in science, and was on the Dean's List this past year. She has been working with Boonefield Labradors (of Rindge) and trains therapy dogs.

Abigail Moody is continuing her studies at Bob Jones University in nursing. She raises awareness for students with learning chal-

lenges and is involved in Special Olympics. She will go to El Salvador this summer on a medical mission trip.

Ethan Moody (DCA) will attend Bob Jones University to study health sciences. Ethan served as student body president, and was an advocate for international students. Peter Murray (Fairwood Bible Institute)

DCF Supports Graduates and Community

BY MAY CLARK

The Dublin Community Foundation **I** raises money from our generous community to distribute where it is needed. This year, the foundation supported the ski program, Wunderle Circus, comics workshop with Mark Bennett, and Cornucopia, at the Dublin Consolidated School. We sponsored a student at NHDI summer camp and contributed to the Dublin Sum-



Peterborough American Legion Post 5 members recently met the Boys and Girls State Candidates for 2025. Distance of Canada State State Candidates for 2025. Pictured from left to right are Owen Bieuleau of Peterborough, Liam Armstrong of Dublin, Gavin Niemela of Dublin, and Addie Regis of Bennington. Missing from the picture is Eliza Bull of Francestown. Juniors participate in this nationwide program, held locally at St. Anselm College, to study government.

mer Playground and the Dublin Community Church Ministerial Fund.

will attend Houghton University, where he

plans to major in education. He was active

running conventions for high school youth.

Timothy Murray is studying history and

education at Houghton University, where

he volunteered at a food drive and helped

JUDY KNAPP, BRIE MORRISSEY, and LUCY SHONK

are members of Dublin Trustees for Trust Funds

in the local community.

Scholarship Committee.

These graduating seniors from Dublin received scholarships:

- Maya Bennett (ConVal), attending Indiana University
- · Amanda Bergeron (ConVal), attending Wheaton College
- · Nathan Ferguson (home school), attending Sattler College
- · Isadora Jordan (Dublin School), attending University of New Hampshire
- · Ethan Moody (Dublin Christian Academy), attending Bob Jones University
- · Avery Moore (ConVal), attending University of Southern Maine
- Peter Murray (Fairwood Bible Institute), attending Houghton University
- Grace O'Brien (ConVal) attending Babson College

DCF thanks the many Dublin residents who made this support possible, as well as the Dublin Riding and Walking Club for their generosity in funding four Dublin Playground scholarships.

For more information, visit our new website, dcf-nh.org.

MAY CLARK, Holly Macy, Kim Marcum, Katie Wilson, and John Wood are board members of DCF.



Wisdom and Faith Guide DCA's Class of 2025

BY BETHANY PAQUIN

^{CC} In an age overwhelmed by information yet starving for truth, what the world desperately needs is not simply more intelligence—it is wisdom, not louder noise but words of clarity rooted in conviction," Dublin Christian Academy valedictorian Mason Zhang exhorted his class.

The themes of wisdom and steadfast faith were woven throughout Dublin Christian Academy's 61st commencement ceremony. Rachel Ryan and Samir Villena Arenas received the academy's Fine Arts Award; Ethan Moody of Dublin received the Athletics Award for students who have displayed athletic ability, leadership, and sportsmanship; Joel Hill received the Christian Service Award; and Ethan Moody and Mason Zhang received the Outstanding Christian Leadership Award.

Graduating in the DCA Class of 2025 were James French of New Ipswich, Joel Hill of Troy, Yajin Li of China, Jiade Evan Lin of China, Joshua Mayhew of Dublin, Ethan Moody of Dublin, Rachel Ryan of Swanzey, Yubo Sun of China, Samir Villena of Peru, Enqi Ethan Wang of China, and Huoli Mason Zhang of China.

BETHANY PAQUIN is the director of institutional advancement at Dublin Christian Academy.

Dublin School Graduates Take Flight

BY LIAM SULLIVAN

Dublin School's 2025 graduates move on to attend colleges, enter military service, or begin employment across the country and abroad:

- Hilary Andrade, Dickinson College
- Nicholas Brasse, Northeastern University Honors College
- Bailey Brooke Burman, University of Vermont
- Holland Calcutt, Bates College
- Freddy Cao, Penn State UniversityWill Chow, American Collegiate, Wash-
- ington, DCChristian Clerge, Bryant University
- Irys Contrearas-Schofield, University of New Hampshire
- Adelaide deForest, Indiana University
- Eden Donovan, Rhode Island School of Design
- Chiara Dumornay, Bentley University
- Brody Edmunds, Manchester Technical College

- Aiya Ehrman-Katz, American University
- Darien Espinal, Union College
- Jin Fan, Boston University
- Kodai Goodrow, UMass Amherst
- Lars Henrickson, Fitchburg State University
- Stella Hoffman, Brandeis University
- Quinn Hutchings, College of the Holy Cross
- J.J. Johnson-Speaks, University of Edinburgh
- Izzie Jordan, University of New Hampshire
- Mary Keller, Mercy University
- Josh Lang, University of Michigan
- Owen Lavino, University of Edinburgh
- Rhys Luce, Northeastern UniversityEllison Mackay, Mississippi State
- University

 Cole Madigan, New York University
- Cole Madigan, New York University
- Hunter Maguy, Fitchburg State University

Nathan Ferguson

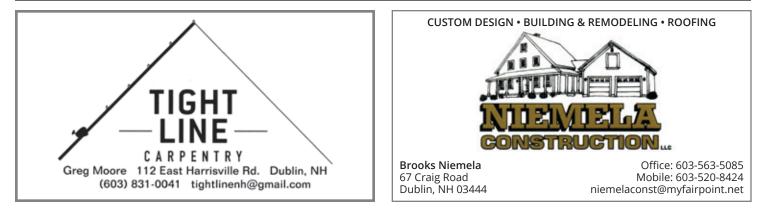
graduated from a homeschool education. He has attended and volunteered at the Monadnock Congregational Church for many



years. An avid swimmer, he has swum for the Peterborough Wave team, the Keene YMCA Dolphins, and the YMCA of Greater Nashua Storm. He is a certified Paralympic swimmer and competes at the national level. Nathan will attend Sattler College in the fall as a business major.

- Shandys Matos, Boston College
- Aaron Meehan, Pitzer CollegeAutumn Moran, Northeastern
- University
- Tyreis Morris, University of Southern California
- Eden Nelson, Evergreen State College
- Jake Novack, University of Denver
- River Pappas, Simmons College
- Mason Plotner, University of Vermont
- Shiri Podhertz, Franklin & Marshall
- Will Putnam, University of Colorado, Boulder
- Locke Robinson, Skidmore College
- Cole Rosica, University of New Hampshire
- Larry Simpkins, U.S. Air Force
- Everett Smith, Pratt Institute of Art
- Ezra Von Mertens, Brooklin Boat Yard
- Graeme Watson, Suffolk University
 - Xan White, Haverford College
 - Max Woon, University of Wisconsin

LIAM SULLIVAN handles communications for Dublin School.



Dublin Life in the 1870s - Part One

BY TOM SILEO

Frank E. Spaulding (1866-1960) was at one time the highest paid school superintendent and one of the most respected educators in our country. But, through 1880, he worked on the 160-acre farm on Dublin's Spaulding Hill, owned by his father, William Spaulding. On November 3, 1866, William hitched up his horse, Dobbin, to fetch the doctor. The Marlborough doctor rode his own "nag" to Spaulding Hill, but by the time he arrived, Frank E. Spaulding had been born.

More typically, Dobbin hauled a plow, a mowing machine, a cart, sleigh, wagon, or pung (like a toboggan). Most Dublin residents owned only one horse. In addition to farm chores, these horses carried residents to church in wagons or sleighs. As the horse neared the church, it was encouraged to speed up. Arriving at church was a chance for residents to show off.

Dublin is renowned for the mansions built by famous summer residents, but the majority of Dubliners lived in modest farmhouses. Frank was raised in such a home, with "a very small bedroom

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adjoining a kitchen which was the only heated room in a small, one-story farmhouse, red with white trimmings," as described in one of Frank Spaulding's many books, One School Administrator's



Frank E. Spaulding

Philosophy (1952). "The kitchen, considering the uses it was made to serve, was even smaller than the bedroom, in which was space only for a wide double bed, a bureau, a chair, and a passageway around one side of the bed." Meals were prepared in the kitchen, but it was also used as a playroom for children, changing room, and for Saturday baths. There was a wood stove with an adjacent wood box and an iron frying pan (called a "spider" because it had three iron legs), a teakettle, a pump which drew water from the well twenty-five feet from the house, a table and chairs, and a "cricket," which was used as a seat for the children.

While the kitchen offered practicality, the parlor offered respectability, with all the necessary parlor furniture. When important $\frac{3}{2}$

for if left long unused, it would freeze, and occasionally it did." This meant that the family would need to fetch water from the well with buckets.

"Banking" the house helped keep it warmer through winter months: wooden planks were set a foot from the windows and lined with sawdust. Then spruce boughs were placed at the top to keep the sawdust in place. The thermometer was closely watched so that the vegetables stored in the basement wouldn't freeze. At freezing temperatures, a tub filled with water was set in the basement. This tub water would freeze and thereby moderate the basement, protecting the vegetables. Other times, hot coals were used.

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Dublin Historical Society News

BY CELESTE SNITKO

The DHS Annual Meeting will be held ▲ on Friday, August 15, from 5–7 pm at the Dublin Community Center. There will be a brief busi-

ness meeting followed by a talk by Felicity Pool on her mother's research on lev lines (described as "energy lines

that carry a powerful magnetic field"), which are said to be present on Mount Monadnock and throughout the Monadnock Region. The meeting is open to all.

The Dublin Historical Society encourages all Dublin residents to become members of the society. To join, please visit our website dublinhistory.org.

We are always looking for volunteers for projects in the Archives or as assistant docents at our summer exhibits at the Schoolhouse Museum on Main Street. You

This vintage postcard shows the Leffingwell Hotel in Dublin that burned down in November 1908.

may contact celestesnitko@dublinhistory. org to volunteer.

Ephemera Sale

During the Dublin Community Day event on July 26, the Dublin Historical Society will be giving tours of the Archives building behind the Town Hall. Come see the works of art and other collections held at the Archives from noon-2 pm.

DHS will also have a sale of ephemera, postcards, books, maps, souvenir china, and other items. This sale will offer duplicates or items not accepted into the collection. Items will be sold by donation, although only cash and checks will be accepted.

CELESTE SNITKO is the assistant archivist at the Dublin Archives.

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in his turn."

early winter.

the Advocate.

resident of Dublin.

Dublin Life in the 1870s continued

Adjacent to the kitchen, a long shed

housed wood and barrels of maple sap and

frozen cuts of meat from animals slaugh-

tered in fall. The barrels were wrapped

in blankets to keep the meat frozen. "Of

eggs, milk, cream, butter, cheese, maple

syrup, and vegetables there was no lack at

fowl provided fresh meat, which was often

supplemented with fresh beef from the vil-

In winter, fresh meat came from a barrel in

calf, pig, or larger animal, which was often

Two barns were connected to the shed.

lage market. Salt pork was never lacking.

which was kept frozen a fall-killed lamb,

shared with a neighbor, who reciprocated

In the first barn, the family kept Dobbin,

second, larger barn, they kept more cows,

stalks, and pumpkins kept animals fed in

TOM SILEO is a financial advisor, writer, and new

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cows, a wagon, pung, and sleigh. In the

sheep, and a yoke of oxen. Hay, corn-

any time. In summer, chickens and other



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July 2025 Events at the DubHub

The Weekly Shuffle on Thursdays

Come join our brand-new card game group, open to anyone age 13 and up. We meet every week starting at 5 pm in a relaxed, noncompetitive atmosphere where the focus is on fun. Sara Alexander will teach a lively game called Shanghai Rummy. No experience is needed – snacks and beverages are welcome, too.

Needle Mania on Wednesdays

Join Nancy Cayford with other crafters from 3:30–5 pm every Wednesday for some fun conversation, while you work on your knitting, crochet, mending, felting, or any kind of needlework.

Song Circle, Sunday, July 6

All are welcome at Song Circle, which meets the first Sunday of each month from 3–5 pm. Musicians can share favorite songs with the group and play along. Bring your instrument if you have one, including your voice. If you've never come before, please email David Mueller at dmueller55146@gmail.com for more info.

Herb Class with Katherine Gekas, Thursday, July 10

At 7 pm, Katherine will offer a bonus summer herb class, "Possible Herbs for Facing Impossible Bugs," about protecting yourself from bugs, especially ticks, that can cause illness. Participants will make a

Ongoing Weekly Activities

Coffee & Conversation, Mondays and Wednesdays, 10 am-12 pm

Adult Yoga, Mondays, 3-4:15 pm

Early AM Yoga, Tuesdays, 6:30–7:30 am

Open Hours, Tuesdays, 9 am-3 pm

The Weekly Shuffle, Thursdays, 5 pm

Open Hours w/DubHub Director, Wednesdays, 10 am–3 pm

Qigong, Wednesdays, noon-1 pm

Needle Mania, Wednesdays, 3:30-5 pm

Knit with Nancy, Fridays via Zoom, 10 am

Art Show Reception, Friday, July 11

From 5–7 pm, the public is invited to attend a reception for the show "*Prints and Other Works on Paper*," featuring the works of artists Kim Cunningham, Soosen Dunholter, Ann Eldridge, Lily Featherston, BeaTrix Sagendorph, and Annie Trowbridge.

Kim Cunningham (A) is a full-time printmaker and ceramic artist. She has exhibited throughout New England, and her work appears frequently in the Monadnock Region on calendars, posters, and logos.

Soosen Dunholter's (B) whimsical mixed-media work in drawing, painting, and printmaking has been exhibited in solo and group shows in galleries and cultural centers throughout New England. Her work has won numerous awards and has been licensed for books, magazines, and music CDs.

J. Ann Eldridge (C) has been an intaglio printmaker for over 30 years. This process originated in the mid-1400s and involves a metal plate, beeswax, smoke, etch solution, pointed instruments, rosin, and a good deal of patience. Her award-winning prints can be found in galleries around New England.

Lily Featherston (D) began experimenting in linocut seven years ago and has developed her own personal style of carving and printing. Her creative focus is on moments in nature where simplicity meets detail, such as an expanse of cloudless sky against a line of trees, or a snow-covered





hill paired with a tangle of weeds. She has shown her work in shows around New Hampshire and Massachusetts.

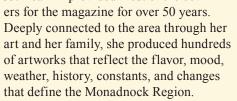
BeaTrix Sagendorph (E), with her husband Robb, cofounded *Yankee* magazine in 1935. BeaTrix provided most of the cov-











Annie Trowbridge (F) learned block printing from her dad, who learned from his grandmother BeaTrix Sagendorph. She is also an oil painter and likes to celebrate the landscape where she grew up, with both her paintings and prints. She currently lives in Portland, Maine, where she is exploring images of the ocean for the first time.

Works will be on display and available for purchase from Wednesday, July 9, with a closing event, Coffee and Conversation with the Artists on Wednesday, July 31, from 10 am-noon.

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topical tincture that can be helpful after tick bites, and discussion will focus on herbs that can help with infection. Everyone is welcome, especially anyone living with chronic illness due to tick bites. Please come to listen or to share your stories about moving through this era of increased exposure to bug-related microbes. Class will be sliding scale: \$10–\$40. Email katherinegekas2@gmail.com.

Free Meditation Group, Tuesday, July 15

Jess Nelson, a certified Insight Meditation teacher, will offer a free meditation group every third Tuesday of the month from 6:15–7:30 pm. At each session, we will explore how meditation can help support us in our lives, practice together with a guided meditation, and have time to check in, ask questions, and connect with each other before we close. This offering is open to anyone, no experience necessary. You can find more information at theartoflivingthislife.com, or reach out to Jess with questions at theartoflivingthislife@gmail.com.

Storytelling & Spoken Word Circle, Wednesday, July 16

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. For more information, contact Papa Joe at papajoestorytelling.com and Sebastian at bit.ly/ slockwood.

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Coffee House & Open Mic, Saturday, July 19

On the third Saturday of each month, we host a combined Coffee House & Open Mic from 6–9 pm. Coffee and sweet and savory snacks are available; attendees are also welcome to BYOB and bring dinner or snacks. A featured performance takes place for about 60 minutes, with open mic slots available both prior and after.

This month, we are pleased to feature an Americana group, Melancholy Honey, made up of Monica Laskey on vocals; Sean Sweeney on vocals, guitar, and harmonica; Bob Sweeney on percussion; and Donovan Sweeney on bass. You may have noticed that this band is a family affair, other than Monica, who feels like an adopted Sweeney! Featuring tight harmonies, Melancholy Honey covers classic and contemporary songs about all the ups and downs and bittersweet moments in life and love with heartfelt emotion and tons of energy and fun.

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).

Red Cross Blood Drive, Thursday, July 24

The Red Cross will conduct a blood drive from 9 am–2 pm. To make an appointment to give blood, go to redcrossblood.org.

Art & Artisan Fair, Saturday, July 26

on't miss this exceptional one-day exhibition and sale in conjunction with Dublin Community Day, 10 am-4 pm, featuring the works of 15 artists and artisans from across the Monadnock Region. Many of these talented creators have been part of the Monadnock Art Tour and the League of NH Craftsmen exhibitions over the years. They will display an array of wares from fused and hand-blown glass, felted wool and garments, paintings, leather crafts, fiber art, porcelain and fine silver jewelry, ceramics, wood carving and marquetry, fanciful clay animals, origami art, assemblage, visual storytelling, and cards. Each piece is a one-of-a-kind treasure. Admission is free.

We Want to Hear from You!

Please let us know if you have any new ideas for the DubHub. What kinds of classes, workshops, events, or services would you like to see? Are there things happening that you love, and is there anything we could improve on? If you are a person or business who would like to collaborate with us to hold a class, event, or service, please let us know. If there is a product or service that you produce that you would like to share with the community, or if you might like to be involved in any future fair or event, email info@ dublincommunitycenter.org.

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Report From the ConVal School Board

BY BILL GURNEY

School vacation has started, and maintenance work is underway in the schools. Summer academic programs will soon begin. Dublin Consolidated School will not have any major work this summer, but please be aware when visiting the

playground areas that there may be district workers doing usual summer maintenance.

A new K-5 mathematics program was piloted this year and received strong support from teachers and



administrators. The School Board voted to adopt *Illustrated Math* beginning next fall. Professional development for elementary teachers will be offered this summer. Information on the program can be found online.

Across the district, school breakfast and lunch programs have run at a deficit during the last few years. The school board approved a proposal to increase the prices by ten cents to help address the financial shortage and in anticipation of increased food costs.

Work continues on the withdrawal study for Francestown and Temple. A town meeting for Temple residents to reconsider their request to withdraw from the district was postponed. It will be re-scheduled, but we anticipate that Temple residents will vote to remain in the district. The Withdrawal Committee will then go forward to address only the Francestown withdrawal request.

District and building administrators have developed priority areas for the district strategic plan, including:

- Maintaining a high-quality curriculum and level of instruction
- Supporting effective methods to improve student learning
- Supporting effective and efficient organizational structures and infrastructure

• Maintaining high-quality staffing In addition, work will focus on improving school schedules, student safety, and the current evaluation system.

In June, Board discussions included:

• Updating the Capital Improvement Plan

• Clarifying how district trust funds are managed to finance building improvements

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- Consolidating and/or improving middle school facilities
- Improving CVHS and CTE facilities
- Improving the five elementary buildings, given the decision to maintain five schools
- Reviewing older district policies for compliance, and developing new policies in response to federal and state legislation
- Introducing preschool classes at all elementary schools

Two bills recently passed the New Hampshire Legislature and were signed

into law by Governor Ayotte. One law addresses Education Freedom Accounts. The program will expand to offer financial support for 10,000 students, and it drops restrictions on eligibility based upon family income. The second bill addresses concerns regarding parent involvement in decisions regarding their children's education. Our district already has these policies in place, and they will be reviewed once the Department of Education issues new guidelines.

Upcoming meetings include: Budget and Property Committee, July 15 at 5:30 pm; School Board meeting, July 15 at 7 pm. Meetings are held in the SAU offices and are open to the public.

BILL GURNEY is Dublin's representative to the Con-Val School Board.

News from the Conservation Commission

BY JAY SCHECHTER

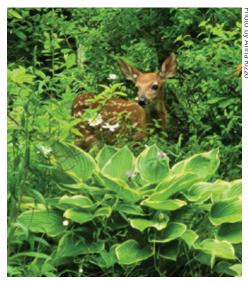
The Dublin Conservation Commission (DCC) is offering assistance and advice to Dublin landowners in the fight against non-native invasive plants. These include, but are not limited to, buckthorn, knotweed, and bittersweet. The DCC has budgeted money to pay for a licensed professional to apply an herbicide to kill these invasive plants.

Bittersweet can be cut at its base between mid-June and mid-July. Make sure that there is at least a 12-inch gap between the two ends of the vine. Other invasive plants should be left alone. Knotweed can spread via small pieces, which makes cutting it a losing proposition. Treating invasive plants with an herbicide during late summer or early fall is the most effective method of eliminating them. The herbicide is drawn into the roots as the plants prepare for winter, which results in killing the entire plant.

The Dublin Select Board has authorized two days of spraying this year on August 18 and 20. Rain dates are August 21 and 22. Please confirm your interest in this program by emailing brooke.anne.sullivan@gmail.com with your name, address, email address, and phone number. The DCC will confirm your participation and contact you before we arrive. We can treat a limited number of properties, and the list will be created in the order in which you register.

The town welcomes contributions of any amount, which will offset the cost of this program. Checks to the Town of Dublin should include your address and note "invasive treatment." They can be mailed to P.O. Box 62, attention Conservation Commission, or given to us when we visit your property. Thank you for supporting the DCC in its effort to rid Dublin of invasive plants.

JAY SCHECHTER is the chair of the Dublin Conservation Commission.



JULY 2025

Counting Butterflies with the Harris Center

On July 19, 9 am–2 pm, join the Super-Sanctuary Butterfly Club as they survey local meadows, woodlands, and wetland edges for coppers, crescents, skippers, swallowtails, fritillaries, and other beautiful butterflies. The data collected will be submitted to the North American Butterfly Association and the NH Butterfly Monitoring Network, a statewide

collaborative aimed at understanding longterm trends in New Hampshire butterfly populations. Prior butterfly experience is helpful but not required.

On July 24, 9–10 am (for kids) and 10:30 am–noon (for all ages), take part in the International Monarch Monitoring Blitz by joining Harris Center naturalists to survey for monarch eggs, caterpillars, and





butterflies in a Harris Center–conserved milkweed patch. The data collected will contribute to the Monarch Larva Monitoring Project, a community science initiative aimed at understanding and protecting monarchs throughout North America. No experience is necessary.

Go to harriscenter. org/events for locations and to register.

Francie Von Mertens and Susie Spikol monitor milkweed for monarchs.



On a rainy Friday night before Memorial Day 2025, this group of volunteers met to decorate the town of Dublin's 300+ veterans' graves. They do this every year on the same Friday. "This is Memorial Day to me," said Diddie Staples. Pictured from left to right are Wayne Thomas, Hank Campbell, Brian Barden's granddaughter Abby, Nancy Campbell, Brian Barden, and Diddie Staples.

> FIREWORKS over Dubin Lake on Wednesday, July 2 at 9 pm



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The Sileos Bring a Love of History and Nature

BY JULIE RIZZO

Toom and Terri Sileo were on a mission to find a home that spoke to them in a place that melded history, natural beauty, and community. They wanted an older home with heritage and enough land to enjoy the peace and beauty, "but not too crazy." Last October, they were thrilled to find just what they were looking for on Pierce Road in Dublin.

Tom and Terri have been married for four years and moved to Dublin from Windham, New Hampshire. Tom's mother, Rose-Marie Stanton, moved from Milford, New Hampshire, to live with them, along with Bubs, their beloved six-year-old German Shepherd rescue dog. They are a warm and welcoming foursome, eager to learn about their new town and new neighbors.

Tom has been a financial advisor for 40 years, working for Bear Stearns and Morgan Stanley, and is now the branch manager at Commonwealth Financial in Nashua. He lived in Amherst for many years while raising a family and was familiar with the Monadnock Region, where he often hiked Mount Monadnock and Pack Monadnock. Terri grew up in a military family and served in the Air Force for seven and a half years as an ER/ICU medic. Terri is also a

gardener and an artist – upon moving to Dublin, she set to work immediately to recover, restore, and enhance the beautiful gardens on their property. Her love of nature informs her paintings, which are created in an American style that emphasizes the artist's mood toward her subject. She finds Dublin "so

peaceful and beautiful. It takes you back in time, when things were simpler and people liked each other."

Rose-Marie grew up on a farm near the Canadian border in New York. She was trained in nursing and has fond memories of the many years she spent as a school nurse. Rose-Marie is also a Master Gardener and enjoys the lush beds and garden walks Terri is creating, which invite lingering and remind her of childhood days on her family farm. She has found a welcoming place at the Dublin Public Library, where she says the staff all know her by name and know what kinds of books she likes to read.

Tom and Terri's move to Dublin has provided ample opportunities to explore their love of history and nature. In practi-

cally no time at all, they have settled into their antique-style home, displaying historical treasures like a vintage 1906 map of Dublin and a prohibitionera wall-mounted telephone with a compartment to hide a flask!

Tom has long had a more-than-amateur inter-

est in local history, especially stories of the land and the lives of the people who make a living there. He has written numerous articles about New England natural habitats, many of which have been collected in his book, *Historical Guide to Open Space in Lexington*. Tom has already discovered the archives at the Dublin Historical Society and has contributed several articles to the *Dublin Advocate* about people who have helped shaped the place we know as home.

Welcome Tom, Terri, Rose-Marie, and Bubs!

JULIE RIZZO is on the staff of the Advocate.





Dublin Women's Community Club News

Thanks to everyone who helped with the beach setup. It *does* take a team to get everything ready for the summer! Megan Kendall-Briggs returns as our primary lifeguard, and is joined by Jess Strassburg and Michael Johnson. Swimming lessons are offered on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays, from 1-3 pm. Preschool level is 1-1:30 pm, beginning level is 1:30-2 pm, intermediate level is 2-2:30 pm, and advanced level is 2:30-3 pm.

Our sailing program will be held July on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm. Andy Bills is returning as our



Moving the silver raft into place, left to right: Liza (Clark) Hauze, Charlie Hauze, Lindsey Farrell, and May Clark.



sailing instructor. Please let Megan and Jess know if you are interested in sailing lessons for your child (age 11 or older).

Please introduce your guests, and have them sign an Acknowledgement of Risk Form. Also, new members are asked to introduce themselves to our lifeguards, and help them out as they learn names and faces. This summer we will continue to use the member sign-in form, on the clipboard near the lifeguard's chair. We appreciate your help and cooperation with this.

If you have not already joined the Dublin Women's Community Club, contact Nancy Campbell at 603-563-8480. DWCC membership brings lots of summer fun and community connections. We look forward to seeing you and your family at the beach.



DCA Gears Up for Stag Stampede 5K and Fun Run

Dublin Christian Academy (DCA) is set to host its 2nd Annual Stag Stampede 5K and Fun Run on Saturday, August 30. Participants of all ages and fitness levels are invited to a day of fitness and fun, while supporting DCA's athletic programs.

Event Details

Date: Saturday, August 30, 2025

Location: Dublin Christian Academy, 106 Page Road, Dublin

Race Day Registration & Bib/Shirt Pickup: 8-9:15 am

Fun Run Start Time: 9 am

5K Run/Walk Start Time: 9:30 am

Course Highlights

Participants will traverse "the loop," a scenic, single-lap 5K course well-known by DCA athletes. The route, featuring a mix of paved and gravel surfaces with varying elevations, begins at the school's playground, continues along Page Road, Craig Road, Route 137, and Windmill Hill Road, and circles back via Page Road.

The Fun Run offers a picturesque quarter-mile course, starting at the playground, passing the shop, and providing views of Mount Monadnock before returning to the starting point.

Registration Fees

5K Run/Walk: \$25 Early Bird (through July 30); \$30 Regular (August 1–28); \$35 Race Day

Fun Run: Free (no shirt included)

Early registrants are guaranteed a race shirt if registered by August 8. For more information, contact Tracy Burt at tburt@ dublinchristian.org, 603-563-8595, extension 150.

We're taking the summer off!

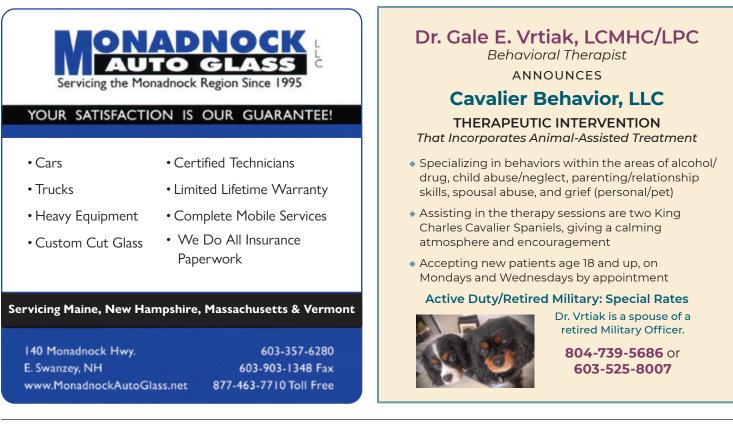
Home-cooked community suppers are paused for July and August. We look forward to seeing you when we resume in the fall.

ALL WILL BE WELCOME to the free community meals in the meeting hall of the Dublin Community Church. See you then! General info: 860-574-4235

Update from End 68 Hours of Hunger

The need for food doesn't end when school lets out. After all, the end of school means an end to school lunches, too. In the summer, ConVal End 68 Hours of Hunger places totes throughout the district and fills them weekly with bags of food for family pickup. The summer program started on June 25. If you know a child who is food insecure, please encourage their family to sign up for these summer bags by emailing cve68schools@ gmail.com.

We're able to provide this food in part due to your generous donations during NH Gives – thank you! And, of course, we still appreciate your food donations all year round. This month, we particularly need peanut butter, canned pasta, and – as always – plastic Market Basket bags. All donations can be left at the west entrance of the Dublin Community Church. Thank you very much for your continued support!



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Music for the Community at the Walden School

The Walden School, located on the L Dublin School campus during the summer months, presents its free 2025 Concert Series in the Louise Shonk Kelly Recital Hall at 7:30 pm (except where noted). For more information, visit waldenschool.org/ concert-series/.

Tuesday, July 1: Young Musicians Program (YMP) Composers Forum I

During Composers Forums, Young Musicians Program students present their improvisational or compositional works in a concert setting. These new works are performed by students, faculty, and visiting artists and then discussed with forum moderators and the audience.

Friday, July 4: Aurora Nealand

An inspiring outdoor concert of New Orleans music will be held on the Fountain Arts Building lawn. Co-presented with the Monadnock Folklore Society.

Tuesday, July 8: YMP Composers Forum II

Young Musicians Program students present their improvisational or compositional works in a concert setting.

Friday, July 11: Talujon

The acclaimed percussion ensemble performs new works by Walden faculty.

Tuesday, July 15: YMP Composers Forum III

Newly composed/improvised works by Young Musicians Program students are featured, with performances by guest artists from the International Contemporary Ensemble.

Thursday, July 17: YMP Composers Forum IV

Newly composed/improvised works by Young Musicians Program students are featured, with performances by guest artists from the International Contemporary Ensemble.

Friday, July 18: International **Contemporary Ensemble**

A concert by members of the NYC ensemble inspires audiences to reimagine how they experience music and sound.

Tuesday, July 22: YMP Composers Forum V

Young Musicians Program students present their improvisational or compositional works in a concert setting.

Friday, July 25: The Walden School Players

Walden's resident ensemble performs contemporary music.

Sunday, July 27: Composer-in-Residence **Presentation with Peter Swendsen**

Peter Swendsen creates a sense of place for performers and listeners using field recordings, acoustic instruments, electronics, movement, and media.

Friday, August 1: Young Musicians Program Choral Concert

This culmination of the summer for Walden's Young Musicians Program is directed by Kari Francis.

The Walden School Young **Musicians Program Festival Week Composers Forums**

These three Composers Forums feature world premieres of works written during the summer by students in the Young Musicians Program, followed by discussions moderated by Peter Swendsen, Walden's Composer-in-Residence.

Monday, July 28: Festival Week Forum I, 7 pm

Tuesday, July 29: Festival Week Forum II, 7 pm Wednesday, July 30: Festival Week Forum III, 7 pm

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Guest Musicians at the Dublin Community Church

BY TOM MARTIN

The Dublin Community Church contin-L ues a long-standing tradition of hosting area musicians in Sunday services during the choir's summer break. This July, the guest artists are:

July 6 – Steve Cady, string bass, and George Robinson, percussion. Steve is a noted New England professional bassist, educator, and band leader. He is the Performing Arts chair at Vermont Academy and leads the Keene Jazz Orchestra. George is a first-call percussionist, and instructor for the Franklin Pierce University bands program.

July 13 – Jordan Hastings, oboe and English horn. Originally from Keene, Jordan recently earned his Ph.D. at Texas Tech. He is principal oboe with the Lubbock Symphony Orchestra and performs with the Texas Tech Opera Orchestra.

July 20 - Kim Clark, soprano and trombone. Kim is the Keene School District elementary instrumental music instructor and performs with the Keene Jazz Orchestra. Kim was guest vocalist a few summers ago with Tom Martin, piano, and Don

Baldini, bass, in a concert in the Dublin Community Church garden sanctuary. She recently gave a solo performance in Keene. Her repertoire includes opera, lieder, Broadway, and the American songbook.

July 27 – Zach Redler, composer and

pianist, and Brittney Redler, soprano. Zach, a composer of opera and song, is the director of music for Dublin School. Brittney is active as a singer in the area. She has presented workshops at the DubHub

TOM MARTIN is the music director at the Dublin Community Church.

he town of Dublin took delivery of the one-ton dump truck approved at Dublin town meeting in March. Standing with the truck are (left to right) Select Board members Carole Monroe, Susan Peters, and Blake Minckler; and Roger Trempe, road agent.

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Summer Clay Time

The MAxT Ceramics Center, located at 1283 Main Street in Dublin, is holding some fun clay workshops this summer.

July 15 and 22, July 29 and August 5, 6–9 pm: Insta-Insporation Workshop

If you've ever liked a picture of someone else's pot and thought, "How did they



make that?" come on Tuesday nights to try for yourself. Students will come to class with inspiration pictures and discuss various ways to achieve similar forms and decoration. You can sign up for wheel, hand building, or decoration sessions. Ages 14 and up.

July 12 and 26, 9:30–noon: The Block Printing Clay Connection with Kim Cunningham

In this workshop, you can learn the basics of two media at once. Learn to carve your own stamps, then transfer your stamps onto slabs of clay to create dynamic textures, and turn the slabs into coasters, tiles, and vases. Ages 18 and up.

July 26 and 27, August 17, noon–2 pm: Teapots Two Ways with James and Kerrie Mitschmyer

Learn how to throw a teapot in this team-taught workshop. Throwing, trimming, and assembling the five parts of the pot happen in the first two sessions; glazing will be covered in the third session. Basic wheel skills are recommended. Ages 14 and up.

For more information or to sign up, go to maxtmakerspace.org.

Summer Theater in **Our Town**

The Peterborough Players season con-L tinues in July with *Dial M for Murder*, a new spin on the murder mystery by Frederick Knott that inspired Alfred Hitchcock's masterpiece. This is a tale of malice, manipulation, and murder! The play runs July 2–13.

Beginning July 16 and running through July 27 is The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee. The Tony Award–winning musical follows an eclectic group of pre-teens (played by adult actors) competing for a spelling championship. While disclosing hilarious and touching stories from their lives, they spell their way through a series of words, hoping not to hear the "ding" that signals a mistake. This is a F-U-N show, complete with audience participation.

There will be a cabaret following the Friday performance on July 11. Talkbacks will follow the July 6 and 20 matinees.

Evening productions begin at 7:30 pm, matinees at 4 pm. For more information and to purchase tickets, go to peterboroughplayers.org.



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JULY 2025 Calendar

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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