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Congratulations Dublin College Graduates!



Gareth Armstrong, ConVal class of 2022, graduates from Franklin Pierce University in May with a Bachelor of Science in health sciences. He plans to enter an intensive nursing program at Utica University in August. While at FPU, Gareth played on the offensive line for the football team. During his last year, he completed microbiology research with Professor Shallee Page, which led to presenting last summer at the NH-INBRE

(IDeA Network of Biological Research Excellence) conference at the Mt. Washington Hotel.



Owen Armstrong, ConVal class of 2021, graduates from Rochester Institute of Technology in May with a Bachelor of Science in computer information technologies. He has spent the last two years working in that field for the Saunders School of Business at RIT. He plans to settle in the Rochester area.

Memorial Day exercises will be held on **Monday, May 25**, at **11:15 am**. The parade will form at 11 at the Yankee parking lot. All veterans are encouraged to attend. Veterans who need to ride in the parade should contact Brian Barden at 603-803-1365 or 603-563-8006.

Clint Macy graduated from Colby College, where he earned a bachelor's degree in economics and a minor in cinema studies. Clint was captain of the Nordic ski team and enjoyed summers spent ski training and interning at video production companies. He is moving to the Denver area to pursue his passion for video production and launch his own company.



Piper Mae Vogel graduates from the Boston College Connell School of Nursing with a Bachelor of Science in nursing. During her time at BC, she was inducted into Alpha Sigma Nu, the national honor society of Jesuit colleges and universities, and Sigma Theta Tau International Honors Society of Nursing. She was a member of the BC equestrian team, qualifying for nationals in her sophomore year, and spent a semester at Rhodes University in Makhanda, South Africa. Following graduation, Piper will begin as a nurse at Boston Children's Hospital in the Cardiac ICU, where she worked as a clinical assistant throughout her senior year.



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May the Library Help You Bloom

BY EMALINE BERGERON

Spring is finally here! We are reveling in the snow's absence after its hilarious reappearance during the week of April Fools' Day. As temperatures climb, we feel brave enough to laugh off those last few flakes and shrug with indifference at the memory of one last white-knuckle commute. Now, let us drink in the first signs of color we have thirsted for: the red-winged blackbirds returning with their song of "conk-la-ree," vibrant yellow forsythia in bloom, and the purple crocus, so hardy and brave.

Inside the Dublin Public Library, signs of spring are blooming, too. Our Seed Library, generously donated by SimplyGro in Townsend, Massachusetts, is stocked and ready to help you begin a prosperous season. We encourage patrons to stop by and select packets from our variety of flowers and vegetables. Whether you are starting small with container gardening or diving into raised beds, we have plenty of wonderful books on gardening and composting to get you started.

We are collaborating with the Cornucopia Project again this year to host an indoor grow tower full of fresh herbs. Last year, it was a joy to watch the tower thrive and be harvested by visitors, and then become part of fresh dinners throughout our community.

May Events and Guests

Beth Krommes (May 2): DPL is thrilled to welcome local children's book illustrator and Caldecott Medalist Beth Krommes. Beth will discuss her incredible career and the scratchboard

medium she uses for her illustrations, sharing stages of work from her newest book.

Opa Volkert (May 6): Join us for stories and songs during our Wednesday Storytime program.

Migratory Bird Week (May 13 and 16): On Wednesday, the 13th, nature educator Michelle Horowitz will host a program for our Storytime families. On Saturday, the 16th, Michelle returns for a multigenerational program exploring the migration journey. We'll make a craft and head outside to listen for the birds that have returned to the village for the summer. (See our dplnh.org for details).

Introduction to Genealogy (May 30): Patron Christopher Gallagher will present "Come Find Your Roots," an introduction to web-based tools for tracing ancestry and accessing public records.

Around the Library

Our younger patrons have been busy! Storytime and home-school families have moved their play to the back hill for soccer and fort-making. Students from Dublin Consolidated School have resumed their walking visits; they are consistently respectful patrons and engaged readers who remind us that there is no age limit to loving a picture book read-aloud.

Meanwhile, our after-school Creative Club has been hard at work building a habitat for their stuffed animal wolf pack, the "Moon Clan." Watching them collaborate as "brilliant architects" makes our Mondays and Tuesdays a howling good time. The wolves even enjoyed a library sleepover during National Library Week. We are happy to report they left the room in great condition!

Library Notes

Price Adjustment: Due to rising costs, color copies will now be \$1. Black-and-white copies will remain at 10 cents.

Holiday Closing: The library will be closed on Monday, May 25, in observance of Memorial Day.

A Greenhouse for the Mind

A conversation came up recently about how libraries help "grow" librarians, and I have been giving that a lot of thought. A library is a place to grow many things, but most important, we grow readers. In this house of enlightenment, we help the curious expand their interests, help seekers grow their knowledge, and help those in need of support sprout new connections.

Each time our staff bonds with a person over a shared interest, trust blooms. The library is a greenhouse for our minds and hearts. I am a gardener every time I lead a child to a bookshelf where they find validation within the pages. When we return to the desk, victorious in our curiosity, and I "beep" that book for them to stamp, we are growing an engaged society.

Spring is a wonderful time to be a tender of growing things. Come in and see how DPL can help you bloom.

EMALINE BERGERON is the director of Dublin Public Library.

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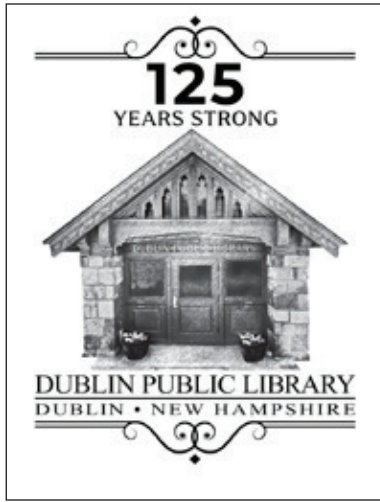
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Town Clerk/Tax Collector's office will be closed **Monday, June 22**, due to the **Juneteenth holiday**.

Dublin Public Library 125th Anniversary Kicks Off in May

We are a place where our librarians know your name, the books you like, and your interests. You come for community, connection, learning, discovery, and more. That's one reason we are one of the best small-town libraries in New Hampshire. When you visit our 125th Anniversary landing page (scan the QR code here, or visit dplnh.org/125.html), you can review our Stats and Fun Facts or browse a list of Key Ways to Get Involved.

During our anniversary, we have identified new upgrades inside and out. The "Design Our Library" tab on the drop-down menu previews some of the proposed projects. Soon we will have project illustrations that describe a variety of enhancements.



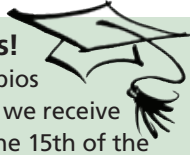
Be sure to check out the calendar of events, which you can find by selecting "Attend Events" on the drop-down menu. Look for a 1901 scavenger hunt, an architectural tour, an ice cream social, and more. This will all culminate at Dublin Community Day on July 25, with the reinstallation of the 1901 time capsule to be opened in 2126. Local schools and organizations are contributing items that will be on display and will be placed into the time capsule. This promises to be a memorable event!

Finally, look for a mailing to all town residents in May. It will also contain a list of library projects under consideration.



It's not too late to celebrate graduates!

We will continue to run photos and brief bios of high school and college graduates as we receive them. Send to dublinadvocate@gmail.com by the 15th of the month to be included in the next issue.



Dublin Historical Society Potluck

Friday, May 1, 5 pm • Dublin Community Church Hall

Talk by Erin Moulton:

"The Beginner's Guide to Cemetery Sleuthing"

Supervisors of the Checklist Public Notice

New Hampshire law requires that the Supervisors of the Checklist verify the checklist every year. Any person on the checklist who has not voted in the past five years must re-register to remain on the checklist, unless the voter registered after the last state general election. The supervisors are sending notice letters to these voters at the address the voter provided when registering.

The Supervisors of the Checklist for the town of Dublin will hold a session (or more) for re-registering voters who have not voted since April 1, 2021, accepting applications for new voter registration, accepting requests for the correction of the checklist, and/or changing of political party affiliation on:

DATE: Tuesday, June 2

TIME: 7-7:30 pm

LOCATION: Town Hall, 2nd floor conference room

Voters may check party affiliation online at bit.ly/register-tovote2026. Applicants for registration who possess proof of identity, age, citizenship, and domicile should bring that proof when they come to register.

Dog Licenses Due

Dog license renewals were due on April 30, but you can still avoid a penalty by registering your dog(s) by June 1. You can do this by mail, by drop box, or online. If paying by mail or drop box, please include your check and a copy of each dog's rabies certificate, or call first to see if the town clerk has a copy of it on file. To help with your pet's safety, a numbered tag and license will be issued to you. Mail checks to: Dublin Town Clerk, P.O. Box 62, Dublin, NH 03444. The drop box is located next to the back door of the Town Hall, at the lower level.



New Hampshire state law requires that every owner or keeper of a dog four months old or more must get a license every year for each dog from the town clerk's office of their town. Regardless of when the license is obtained, the license is effective from May 1 of each year to April 30 of the subsequent year. Please notify the town clerk's office if you no longer have your dog or have moved.

The fees for dog licenses are as follows:

Male: \$10 / Female: \$10

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News from ConVal

BY MARY ARMSTRONG

Hello Dublin! As you read this, schools will be on vacation, and our students are entering the home stretch. I'm sure most people can't wait for summer vacation, which always comes up so fast this time of year.

As I write my first update as the Dublin School Board representative, I want to start by thanking those of you who chose to write in my name for the position. We are off to a quick start. I don't think I had any idea how much is involved, and we are entering a relatively quiet time of year. I can't imagine budget season!

Most school board meetings begin with Points of Pride, a presentation from one of the schools. At my first meeting, I was treated to six students and four staff from South Meadow School talking about the school culture as demonstrated through Spirit Week. The most recent meeting showcased a teacher and three students who wrote about what made Pierce School in Bennington so special. All the students were charming and so poised in their public speaking. I know it is a skill they will need in the future, and I love that they got the chance to practice in such an important way.

I am impressed by the professionalism of the ConVal School board. I was quickly greeted with emails and welcome letters and an important on-boarding program that thoughtfully outlined our duties and expectations as school board representatives from many towns. I am assigned to the Education Committee, which hasn't met since I took my oath. But my understanding is that the



committee oversees the programs offered and the adoption of curriculum.

My other assignment is the Policy Committee, which looks at all the policies that govern how the district runs. We have met twice already to process, update, and adopt policies. Often, what we work on has come from the NH State School Board Association, which makes recommendations based on recent legislation. We are presenting the full board with a policy on the use of generative AI in our schools. This policy was developed by faculty and staff, and I was impressed by how thoughtful the

policy they wrote was and how much it encompassed an important and impactful issue affecting all the students and staff at our schools.

I look forward to getting back to visit DCS, hopefully in the near future. It is hard to believe that it has been six years since our youngest child left the wonderful teachers and staff there.

Please reach out if you have any questions. My SAU email is: marmstrong@conval.edu. Until next time!

MARY ARMSTRONG is Dublin's representative to the ConVal School District.

Mary Armstrong Brings It All

BY JULIE RIZZO

Mary Armstrong brings a wealth of experience to her new role as Dublin's representative to the ConVal School Board. A parent of four ConVal students, a Dublin taxpayer, and a 30-year veteran teacher (and certified as a principal), she understands the needs and concerns of all the major constituencies that work together to educate Dublin's children.

Mary and her husband, Patrick, moved to their home on East Harrisville Road in Dublin in 2002, before they had children. Their household has grown to include four active young men. Their oldest is graduating this year from Rochester Institute of Technology, another is graduating from Franklin Pierce University, and their youngest is a sophomore at ConVal. Their son Liam, a senior, is currently the student representative to the ConVal School Board.

Mary is a strong supporter of the education her children have received in Dublin's public school system. Each has had their individual strengths and challenges, and she says they each found "their person" in

the school system, adults in the building who really cared and helped them thrive as students. "They've gotten an excellent education here – they're all well prepared for college and beyond."

As an English teacher at Keene High School, Mary loves interacting with her students. Her friendly, positive personality is unmistakable, and she offers her students honest feedback and responses to difficult issues that high schoolers experience every day. When asked how the current scrutiny of public school teachers affects her in the classroom, she said, "Every teacher feels that pressure at some point. I am always honest with my students. I don't have an agenda, and honesty works when you don't have an agenda."

With a full-time job, four children, and now a major commitment of time to the ConVal School Board, what does Mary do in her free time? Over the years, she has been president of the Dublin Women's Community Club and the Parent Teacher Organization as well as the Keene Chapter

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Spring Brings Energy and Excitement to the DCS Community



DCS students attend morning meeting.

BY NICOLE PEASE

As we move into the heart of spring, there is a wonderful sense of energy and renewal throughout our school. The past several weeks have been filled with engaging learning experiences, meaningful community connections, and memorable events for our students.

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of Ducks Unlimited, where she keeps a close eye on wetlands conservation. She's a die-hard swimmer and loves to swim Dublin Lake as late into the year as she possibly can (November 19 is her current record)!

Dublin is fortunate to have a representative with such valuable experience, perspective, and enthusiasm for our students and schools. Mary is eager to hear questions and comments from Dublin residents about the ConVal School District and encourages all to contact her at marmstrong@conval.edu.

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

At the end of April, students had the opportunity to participate in the New Hampshire Dance Institute (NHDI) residency. This experience allowed them to explore movement, teamwork, and self-expression while preparing for a community performance. Their dedication and enthusiasm were evident every step of the way. One of the best parts of this experience is that former student Abbie Hixson was the instructor. We are thankful for this opportunity and for the generous support of the Dublin Community Foundation.

May brings the last round of assessments for the school year. While they require a great deal of time to prepare and to complete, it is exciting to see how our students have grown over the year. Our MAP assessment scores from fall to winter were impressive, with an 8-point increase in the percent of students over the district-expected benchmark score in math, and a 23-point increase in reading. We are excited to see the spring results.

We work to balance these tests with

other activities. Local author, naturalist, and educator Susie Spikol is coming to DCS in May to share her new book *The Book of Fairies*. With Susie's guidance, students will showcase their creativity as they create adorable fairies and fairy houses.

Additionally, DCS students will celebrate Memorial Day with an assembly during which each class will present an activity that honors the day. Afterward, we will travel up to the Dublin Cemetery and with the guidance of Brian Barden, the students will help place flags next to the headstones of local veterans in preparation for the holiday. We continue to seek ways to have our students appreciate those who have served, and this will be a very special opportunity that we hope will become a tradition.

Thank you, as always, to our families and community members for your ongoing support. It is what makes our school such a special place to learn and grow.

NICOLE PEASE is principal teacher at Dublin Consolidated School.

DCS PTO Silent Auction

Come on June 4 from 5:30-6:30 pm for a fun evening at Dublin Consolidated School!

Donations are needed. Please bring items now for the auction and drop them off at the school, or make other arrangements by contacting dublinconsolidated.pto@gmail.com. Come out, bid, and show your support for our students and school! All community members are welcome.



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New Head of School at Dublin School

BY AIMEE LORD

The Dublin School Board of Trustees proudly announces Sam Bicknell as its next head of school, beginning July 1, 2026. Throughout the search process, Sam stood out for his collaborative leadership, vision, and alignment with Dublin's mission and motto: "Truth and Courage."

Sam's path to Dublin began when he was a wide-eyed camper in the woods of central New Hampshire. Among the tall pines, early lessons in leadership planted the seeds of a lifelong commitment to working with young people that brought him to educational opportunities in New



Zealand, Spain, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Argentina, and back again to New England.

At Deerfield Academy, where he currently serves as dean of students, Sam has led with empathy, clarity, and a deep understanding of the adolescent experience. Over his 16 years at Deerfield, he has contributed to many areas of campus life, as a Spanish teacher, director of sustainability, director of student activities, residential head, coach, and advisor. His work reflects a belief that schools thrive when students are known, challenged, and supported and when adults model the curiosity and care they hope to cultivate in young people.

Sam will take over from current Head of School Brad Bates, whose leadership over the past 18 years has transformed Dublin School in remarkable ways. Brad leaves Dublin in a position of great strength, which Sam is ready and able to carry on into the years ahead.

"I believe there is no better place to be a teenager in this moment, and no school that meets young people where they are more profoundly than Dublin. Part of our work ahead is to 'scream from the mountaintops' about all that makes Dublin special. I can't wait to do just that."

Sam holds a B.S. in psychology from Union College with a minor in Spanish, an M.A. in Spanish from Middlebury College, and an M.Ed. in independent school leadership from Vanderbilt University. He will be joined in Dublin with his wife, Ellie, also an experienced educator; their three children, ages 7, 5, and 3; and the family dog, Osa.

AIMEE LORD is associate director of advancement at Dublin School.

Schofield Exhibit at Putnam Art Gallery

In his final act as director of the Putnam Art Gallery at Dublin School, Fitzwilliam artist Earl Schofield will be showing a collection of his own encaustic paintings. Opening in early May, his gallery exhibit will show through the final weekend of the month. Residents of Dublin and surrounding communities can look forward to familiar landscapes and natural themes selected from Earl's wanderings across the Monadnock Region.

Earl works primarily in encaustic, an ancient technique that involves adding pigments to heated beeswax, then applied to

wood and set to "cure," creating durable works with a sumptuous material presence.

After 20 years as director of visual arts at Dublin School, Earl will retire from teaching later this year to pursue his practice full-time. His tentative plan is to work out of Western Avenue Studios in Lowell, Massachusetts.

The Putnam Art Gallery is located on the campus of Dublin School, is free to the public, and is open daily from 9 am–4 pm.

More info can be found on Earl's website, earlschofieldfineart.com, or on Instagram, @earlschofieldfineart.



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Meet Amelia and Devon Greer

BY SARAH TIBBETTS

One of the best parts of living in a small town is how quickly strangers become acquaintances with friendly hellos and, before long, neighbors you can count on. This month, the *Dublin Advocate* is pleased to welcome Amelia and Devon Greer to our community. Whether you've already met them at a town event or are simply curious about the couple who just bought a house in town, here is a brief introduction.

Recently, I had the pleasure of visiting Amelia and Devon in their new home. On a chilly March afternoon, they welcomed me inside for tea in front of their cozy woodstove. They said they had a strong feeling that this was the place for them from the moment they stepped through the door. The house, the land, and the overall property just felt right. Part of the home's appeal came from the thoughtful details left behind by the earlier owners. Small Scandinavian touches throughout the house, along with a workshop, sparked their imagination for future projects and decorating ideas.

Like so many who eventually find their way here, Amelia and Devon were drawn to Dublin by its natural beauty, welcoming character, and strong community. They had no previous connection to the town itself. Instead, they began their search broadly, guided more by instinct than geography, and looked for a place that truly felt like home.

After living in more urban rental settings in Rhode Island and Nashua, they were ready for something quieter, more rural, and more rooted in community



life. Their search gradually led them to the Monadnock Region. They were first intrigued by nearby Jaffrey – thanks in part to the snow totals they had seen highlighted on the Weather Channel. Their love of the outdoors made the region an especially natural fit. In fact, a day spent hiking Mount Monadnock and boating on Dublin Lake helped seal their affection for Dublin. Between them, they enjoy skiing, hiking, soccer, golfing, and tennis.

Both Amelia and Devon are native New Hampshire residents. Amelia was raised in Nashua and Devon in Raymond. Married for two years, they had long shared the goal of buying their first home. With thoughtful financial planning, they were able to make that dream a reality. Their wedding reflected much of the same creativity and warmth that now seem to shape their life together. They were married

at Amelia's home church in Nashua. For their reception, they turned to Wickham & Willoughby, a bookstore in Dunstable, Massachusetts, whose owners welcomed them as friends and shared their intimate space for the celebration. The celebration itself was lively and memorable, with 100 guests and a live jazz band.

Amelia graduated from the University of Massachusetts Amherst with a concentration in hospitality and later received an MBA. She is now employed at the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, where she works in external relations and corporate giving. Devon graduated from the University of New Hampshire with a degree in mechanical engineering. He spent several years working for Electric Boat in Connecticut on naval submarines and now works in civil engineering for the town of Concord, Massachusetts. They remain engaged in their respective fields and welcome new opportunities closer to home.

After five years of searching for the right place, Amelia and Devon closed on their first home on December 31, 2025, and spent the first night of 2026 in a place of their own. Now, they are looking forward to their first spring in Dublin – discovering the gardens established by the previous owners and adding their own care, style, and vision to the property.

To Amelia and Devon: Welcome to Dublin. We are glad you are here, and we hope readers will join in extending a warm hello when their paths cross yours. If you see the Greers around town – or if you are organizing a community event or volunteer effort that could use an extra pair of hands – please do not hesitate to introduce yourself to them.

SARAH TIBBETTS is a contributing writer to the *Advocate*.

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Remembering *All* Our Service Members

BY MARY LOFTIS

Four bronze war memorial plaques hang on the front of Town Hall. The two to the right of the front door honor Dubliners who served in World Wars I and II. The two on the left honor those from the Korean and Vietnam wars. Each year on Memorial Day, and again this year on Monday, May 25, we remember and honor the service and sacrifice of the Dublin citizens who served in these wars.

The World Wars I and II plaques were dedicated in June 1947. The names are listed alphabetically – except for two names at the bottom of the World War II plaque, those of Daniel James and John Lachis.

Daniel James was one of three Dublin brothers who served in World War II. His brothers, Michael and Alexander, are included on the plaque, but Daniel was not accepted into the main branches of the military because of a knee injury. Instead, he joined the Merchant Marines. At the time of the plaque’s fabrication, Merchant Mariners were not considered official veterans (a designation that has since changed for those who served between 1941-1945).

The James brothers were the sons of Alexander James (1890–1946), the noted Dublin painter. Their mother, Frederika James (1886–1971), wrote to the Dublin Select Board pointing out Daniel’s heroic service and requesting that his name be added. Nothing was done until 2000, when Paul Tuller, then president of the Dublin Historical Society, spearheaded an effort to correct Dublin’s Roll of Honor. Paul described Daniel’s service in the July 2000 issue of the *Advocate*:

“At 19, he signed on to the Merchant Marines aboard the Lahaina, a 5,600-ton freighter in the Pacific. He was on his first trip out when, on December 11, 1941, a Japanese submarine attacked and sank the freighter. Thirty-four men crowded into

a lifeboat designed for 17. The submarine surfaced and aimed their deck guns at the lifeboat but chose not to fire on the defenseless sailors. Daniel later speculated in a letter to his parents that since they were 800 to 1,000 miles from the nearest land, the Japanese sailors decided not to waste their ammunition on what appeared to be a boatload of doomed men.

“For ten days, the seamen rowed and sailed their small craft toward the closest land, Hawaii, in heavy seas. Several men died of exposure on the trip, and another died as they landed on the beach in Maui on December 21. Daniel had lost 25 pounds on the trip but was one of the few who had the strength and wits to bail out the boat on the last days of their ordeal.”

Paul was subsequently contacted by Eugenia Latchis about her husband John Latchis’s service in the Air Transport Command (ATC) during World War II. John Latchis was stationed in California, with a mission to fly new bombers across the Pacific and return with the old

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May 2026 Events at the DubHub

Ongoing Weekly Activities

Coffee & Conversation, Mondays and Wednesdays, 10 am–noon

Adult Yoga, Mondays, 3–4:15 pm

Early AM Yoga, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 6:30–7:30 am

Open Hours, Tuesdays, 9 am–3 pm

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

Qigong, Wednesdays, noon–1 pm

Needle Mania, Wednesdays, 3:30–5 pm

Mahjong Group, Thursdays, 1–3 pm

Knit with Nancy, Fridays via Zoom, 10 am

Song Circle, Sunday, May 3

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 attended, please email David Mueller at dmueller55146@gmail.com for more information.

Songwriter's Group, Tuesday, May 5

For all the songwriters out there, we are hosting a new Songwriters Group from 6:30–8:30 pm at the DubHub on the first Tuesday of every month. For more information, contact Volkert Volkfersz at volkertv@mac.com.

Spring Tea to Honor Mothers, Saturday, May 9

From 11:30 am–12:30 pm, all (yes, men, too!) are invited to a Spring Tea Party to honor the special women in our lives who love and nurture us. Come dressed in your finest (if you wish) to sip a variety of herbal teas and enjoy delectable treats. We invite you to bring accessories, such as scarves, hats, and costume jewelry for a swap. Leave some, take some, wear some! Any leftovers will be donated. We will also have a photo booth set up to help us savor the memories we create. Free and open to all.

Noni and Me, Saturday, May 9

At 12:30 pm, all are invited to a book sharing and conversation about aging, Alzheimer's disease, and caregiving. Author Melody Zahn Russell wrote a little book, *Noni and Me*, in honor of her mother after three years of caregiving. This is an opportunity to share memories of mothers and end-of-life challenges.

Building True Community, Monday, May 11

Join Balmeet Lasky and Leaf Seligman from 6:30–8 pm on the second Monday

of every month as they host a community circle experience. This is time and space for slowing down and connecting deeply with self and other community members. All are welcome – please join us and spread the word! For more information, email lasky.balmeet@gmail.com or leaf1231@gmail.com.

Herb Class, Tuesday, May 12

Join herbalist Katherine Gekas at 6:30 pm as she teaches about herbs. This month, the class will learn about herbs for brain health/memory/alertness. The fee for class is a sliding scale (\$10–\$40), and everyone will go home with small samples and a handout with resources. For those who

Art Reception, Friday, May 8

From 5–7 pm, the public is invited to attend a reception for an exhibition featuring paintings by Tim Schloemer and Julie Gargan.

Tim Schloemer (A) has been a landscape painter for over 30 years, but most of his career has been spent behind the scenes handling some of the world's greatest masterpieces as an art preparator. After living in Germany and traveling in Europe, he returned to the East Coast and found inspiration in the Adirondacks, the Green Mountains of Vermont, and the Monadnock Region. Tim and his wife, Denise, maintain a farm and studio in Greenfield. He has exhibited locally at the Spring Hill Studio in Sharon and the Bryan Memorial Gallery in Stowe, Vermont.



Julie Gargan (B) is based in Harrisville. Her work is inspired by the natural beauty of the Monadnock Region. Since 2022, she has participated in the Monadnock Art Tour and has exhibited at the Jaffrey Civic Center, the Monadnock Center for History and Culture, and other local venues. Primarily self-taught, she holds a bachelor's degree in large animal science, which informs her attention to anatomy and lends authenticity to her depictions of wildlife. The landscapes surrounding her home, along with her travels in Africa and her husband's Zimbabwean heritage, influence her subject matter. Whether working on canvas or on found materials such as slate, birch bark, or salvaged barn board, Julie creates art that invites viewers to step inside the landscape and feel a connection to the subject.



The exhibition runs **Wednesday, May 5, to Tuesday, June 2**, and is available for viewing and purchase during DubHub open hours and by appointment. For more information about these artists, please visit our website.

would like one-on-one consultation time with Katherine, she offers private office hours at the DubHub on the third Tuesday of the month from 4–6 pm. Email her for more info at katherinegekas2@gmail.com.

Coffee House & Open Mic, Saturday, May 16

On the third Saturday of each month, there is a combined Coffee House & Open Mic from 6–9 pm. Coffee and snacks are available. Attendees are also welcome to BYOB and dinner/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 Party of the Sun, a psychedelic folk band from New Hampshire, comprised of Ethan McBrien, Rory Hurley, and Garrett Cameron. Writing and recording in various nature-bound locations, such as a small New England sheep farm, the band has released two full-length albums – *Trekker* and *Fullest Hour* – and seven EPs (extended plays), each one a 15-minute suite of composed music. Their work has been featured in television shows such as *Deputy* on Fox and *Charmed* on The CW.

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 for the featured performer(s).

Storytelling & Spoken Word, Wednesday, May 20

On the third Wednesday of every month from 6:30–8:30 pm is the Monadnock Storytelling & Spoken Word Circle, an open mic 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. For more information, contact Papa Joe at papajoestorytelling.com and Sebastian at bit.ly/slockwood.

Conversations with Music Creators, Thursday, May 21

Join us at 7 pm for the second evening of conversations with three locally based, nationally recognized music creators made up of composers, songwriters, arrangers, and/or lyricists. They will present samples of their work and talk about the creative process, while also welcoming questions from the audience. Slated for this session are composer/multi-instrumentalist Garrett Cameron; composer, songwriter, violinist, and guitarist Steve Schuch; and traveling composer, pianist, and multi-instrumentalist Ben Cosgrove. Volkert Volkersz will serve as host. Admission is free.

From Seed to Table, Saturday, May 23

Starting a vegetable and herb garden is easier than you might think! At 4 pm, members of the Garden Club of Dublin will teach the basics of planning, prepar-

ing, and planting your garden. You will come away with the knowledge and confidence to start your own garden and enjoy the fresh vegetables that come with it. Free and open to the public.

FemLink Screening, Saturday, May 30

Join us at 10 am as we celebrate FemLink-Art, the International Collective of Women Video Artists, currently celebrating their 20th anniversary as the world's largest feminist video art collective. The collective is dedicated to fostering cross-cultural dialogue through thematic video works created by women artists around the globe. The selected video composi-



tion, *MAGIC*, features 25 artists from 25 countries reflecting on the question “what is magical” as a source of comfort, inspiration, and transformation but also of manipulation, illusion, and danger. Q&A with co-curator, C.M. Judge, will follow the screening.

Calendars are always evolving, so find us on Facebook, facebook.com/dublinhub, subscribe to **Hubbub from the DubHub**, email info@dublincommunitycenter.org, or visit dubhub-nh.org.



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Lessons and Life in a Music Store

BY ELLEN BINGHAM

Mike Rousseau always knew music was in him. As a 5-year-old banging on pots and pans, or as a 2nd grader driving his teacher crazy by “practicing drums” on his desk with the eraser end of pencils, he couldn’t get enough. It gave him life. Now he has given his life to music as the owner of Rousseau’s Music Store & Lesson Studios in Jaffrey.

Mike grew up in Greenville, New Hampshire, where his family owned a grocery store started by his great-grandfather. It’s where he learned the “people skill” of treating every customer like a neighbor and friend. As a teen, Mike started a band and played at school dances. Once, at a wedding, the musician asked him to play the drums. They hired him, and he played at weddings every weekend.

When he decided to go full-time with his music, he attended Berklee College of Music and played in Boston four nights a week at hotel venues and private parties. Inspired to travel, he headed south and joined a band in Virginia Beach for a while before joining a show band in Atlantic City, New Jersey. They played in high-end venues like casinos, the Miss America parade, and the Jerry Lewis Telethon. And they toured nationally, rubbing shoulders with big-name musicians.

Eventually, he came back home. While working as a produce manager at a local store, he hired a young musician named Diane Sorby to do the salad bar – she did such a good job, he decided to marry her! Mike and Diane performed worship music together at the Jaffrey Bible Church, and he was hired at the Monadnock Bible Conference Center in Jaffrey as assistant director.

While there, he co-founded a band that played around New England and led youth worship events with 500–1,500 teens and leaders. Their biggest event drew 20,000 people at Hynes Auditorium in Boston.

In 2006, between jobs, he was inspired to start the music store. Besides giving lessons, they sell new and used instruments of all kinds and a large selection of related gear. Mike and Diane have operated their store now for 20 years, a family-friendly place built onto their home. Mike is primarily a drummer but plays and teaches guitar, bass, ukelele, flute, trombone, and clarinet. Diane teaches piano and voice. They have three grown children – a songwriter/musician, a runner and race organizer, and a professional actor.

Mike is a drummer “on-call” in the Monadnock Region. He is also the drummer for the local band, the Speed Bumps, associated with the Frost Heaves comedy show. Diane has traveled around New England with a choir from the Dublin Christian Academy and also accompanies all the Conant High School concerts.

I met Mike in the fall of 2023, when I wanted to learn to play the guitar. I needed a good-quality instrument, and a friend convinced me Rousseau’s had everything I would ever need. And it does. Not only did I have endless time (and no pressure) to try any

guitar until I found the one I love, but I also signed up for lessons with Mike himself.

I’ve never looked back. Mike has provided kindness and inspiration to me far beyond music and guitars. He has accommodated missed lessons, lapses in practice, and the ups and downs of life. No matter what is going on in my life or his – or in the world – I leave my lesson uplifted and renewed by hearing and playing music. I have never felt more accepted and unjudged by anyone in my life. Music is

grounding, and Mike, to me, is music.

Mike will tell you it doesn’t matter how old you are – if you have a passion, do something about it. His lifelong dedication to music brought his store to all of us, and we benefit from him and with him. He sums it up: “I used to sell cans of soup at Rousseau’s Market at three for \$1. Now I sell a guitar for \$300. It doesn’t matter what you’re selling or what service you’re providing. It’s the same

thing. It’s how you treat people and interact with your community. It’s being honest and building your business on integrity.”

Mike Rousseau is an extraordinary musician and an extraordinary person. Contact Mike or Diane at rousseauismusic-mike@gmail.com or 603-532-4311. Rousseau’s Music Store and Lesson Studios is located at 124 Main Street in Jaffrey.

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



Mike and Diane Rousseau in their music store



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Cheshire Community Power Update

BY JAMES FINNEGAN

The Dublin Energy Committee continues to monitor the electricity supply options available to local residential, commercial, and municipal customers. In 2023, Dublin joined Cheshire Community Power as the default electricity supplier for Dublin customers. Cheshire Community Power operates in collaboration with the Community Power Coalition of New Hampshire (CPCNH), a member-governed nonprofit organization. CPCNH has helped to introduce greater competition into New Hampshire’s electricity supplier landscape and seeks to purchase and supply power to customers at competitive rates. In the first several six-month rate periods from 2024–2025, CPCNH was able to deliver electricity supply at lower rates than Eversource (the previous default supplier). In the two six-month periods since August 2025, Eversource’s default residential rate (Rate R) has been the less expensive option.

Electricity supply competition, combined with global uncertainty around the oil and natural gas markets, has impacted energy customers in New Hampshire. New electricity supply rates will be published in June 2026 for the next six-month period extending from August 1, 2026, to January 31, 2027. While both CPCNH and Eversource’s rates may go up – potentially substantially – during this period, there are other factors, including a recent ruling by the NH Public Utilities Commission regarding Eversource’s accounting practices, as well as CPCNH’s recent and ongoing strategic and operational improvements. Rate changes and differentials are impossible to predict at this time. However,

we believe CPCNH’s default “Granite Basic” rate may return to being comparable to or lower than Eversource’s.

If Cheshire Community Power’s default rate continues to be higher than Eversource’s rates, we remind Dublin residents that you may switch your electricity supplier at any time by going to CPCNH’s website bit.ly/communitypow. You may

also call CPCNH customer service at 800-603-7697 (POWR). Dublin participates in Cheshire County’s program, Cheshire Community Power. You need to have your Eversource account number to change your electricity supplier.

You can check the current rates below (new rates will be announced in June to go into effect beginning August 1, 2026).

JAMES FINNEGAN is a member of the Energy Committee.

Cheshire Community Power Rates for February 1 to July 31, 2026. Eversource’s residential rate (Rate R) for the same period is 11.303¢ per kWh.

Community Power Supply Rates Effective Feb. 1 – July 31, 2026			
For Eversource Residential Customers			
Power Options	Renewable Content [†]	Rate (¢/kWh)	Estimated Cost of Supply per Month*
Clean 100	100%	17.663¢	~ \$115/month
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Granite Plus	33%	15.063¢	~ \$98/month
Granite Basic	25.2% [†]	14.663¢	~ \$95/month

Beach News from the DWCC

BY NICOLE PEASE

As I sit to write this, it is 80 degrees outside – a taste of the weather to come soon. The Dublin Women’s Community Club has been planning to ensure the beach is ready for summer. We have secured lifeguards and are excited for those returning and some new ones as well.

As always, we need help for the beach cleanup day. We will reach out to our members soon with that date. Please consider bringing a friend to help. As the saying goes, many hands make light work!

Membership letters will be sent out in mid-May. Please look for yours in an email or via snail mail. You can also contact Nancy Campbell, treasurer, at 603-563-8480. The DWCC is an amazing value, and joining is an opportunity to be part of the community and to make lasting summer memories. We’re looking forward to seeing returning members and meeting new ones. See you at the beach!

NICOLE PEASE is a member of the Dublin Women’s Community Club.



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The New Hampshire State Fly*

BY KATIE FEATHERSTON

Oh, the joy of spring after a long winter! Finally, the ground has defrosted, the bulbs are coming up, the sun is warm, and we can be outside with our hands in the soil. We can hear the birds singing and smell the rich earth. But in our enthusiasm, we may forget what is yet to come: the whine, annoyance, and *bite* of the black fly. Soon, we are giving the “New Hampshire salute,” waving our hands in the air to bat them away – until we cannot take it anymore and give it up to find the full-body netting. Sure, that keeps them from biting, but they’re still hovering in your face – and now you’re sweating and looking at the world through a net!

At first, it is just the males that show up to annoy – but not bite. Their presence alerts us to the fact that voracious females are not far behind. Females need blood to nourish the eggs they will lay in whatever clean running water is nearby. They may be small, but their bite is impossible to

*New Hampshire does not actually have a state fly.



ignore. They don’t puncture the skin with a needle, like mosquitoes do; their mouth parts slice the skin and pool the blood. Their saliva irritates the skin and triggers an immune response that can itch ferociously, raising red bumps and causing swollen lymph nodes.

Of the 40 or so species of black flies in New Hampshire, only four or five are significant human biters. The rest feed on many other animals, including birds, and they have a prominent place in the ecosystem as food themselves. We can console ourselves that their presence shows we live

in a land of clean water. Also, unlike other places around the world where black flies fly, ours do not carry and spread infectious disease. They are most active on cloudy, still, humid days and less active in wind, rain, and heat.

Mother’s Day to Father’s Day is what they say, although climate change may lead to earlier emergence and longer activity. On the other hand, changes in stream flow and water quality could affect reproduction. As unlikeable as they may be, a decline in black flies would affect population dynamics in other animals and signal ecological issues. They are a part of the New England ecosystem that we must live with, and we do, at least until the mosquitoes arrive.

KATIE FEATHERSTON is a member of the Conservation Commission.

Introduction to Sikhi

As part of the Monadnock Interfaith Project, join Gwir Llewellyn and Abhai Raj Llewellyn for an introduction to Sikhi on Tuesday, May 12, at 6 pm at the Dublin Community Church. The evening will include music, discussion, and light snacks.

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May Is New Hampshire Native Plant Month

BY BEATE BECKER

When delegates from the Garden Club of Dublin and the Monadnock Garden Club went to Washington, D.C., in March to meet with their elected officials, they brought with them a special message from Governor Kelly Ayotte. They presented Senator Jeanne Shaheen and Representative Maggie Goodlander with a gubernatorial proclamation, hot off the press and sporting the gilded state seal, declaring May 2026 as New Hampshire Native Plant Month.

The NH proclamation is part of a nationwide initiative launched in 2022 by the Garden Club of America to raise awareness and promote the use of native plants. So far, 30 states have issued gubernatorial proclamations, and another 15 have signed state laws that permanently designate Native Plant Months. Every year since 2022, the U.S. Senate has unanimously passed a Senate Resolution declaring April as National Native Plant Month – a welcome bipartisan embrace of a “friendly bill.”

NH’s proclamation encourages citizens to observe the month by removing non-native invasive plants; planting native trees, shrubs, and flowers; and educating ourselves about the many benefits of native plants. Native plants are those that – without human introduction – have grown and adapted over time to the climate, soil, and light conditions of a particular habitat.

These localized natives have co-evolved with other native organisms that depend on those plants for their own food and habitat. When native plants are threatened, so too are, for example, native caterpillars. While that may not sound like a bad thing

to homeowners, most caterpillars are eaten by nesting birds or become pollinators themselves that, in turn, rotate the cycle of life that creates flowers, vegetables, and natural foods like honey.

Monarch butterflies and native milkweed are the poster children for the codependence of native plants and wildlife. But academic research shows that native plants support a 50% higher abundance of native birds and three times more butterfly species, while native trees support twice the caterpillar diversity as related non-native trees. This summer, observe the activity buzzing around your native golden-rod, purple asters, black-eyed Susans, and Joe-Pye weed.

And the benefits of native plants aren’t limited to just what we can see. Native plants usually have deeper root systems that can access nutrients and water, reduce erosion, manage water runoff, and better withstand drought conditions – all of which becomes more important as we experience increasing weather extremes.

The flip side to the benefits of native plants is the cost of non-native invasive vegetation – the Japanese knotweed, bitersweet, and flaming bush that reproduce quickly and displace native plants and animal habitat. Invasive Japanese barberry is a favorite habitat for the rodents that harbor deer ticks that carry Lyme disease. And 70% of non-native forest pests like hemlock wooly adelgids arrived on nursery plant imports. All this damage incurs financial and health costs, affecting New

Hampshire residents and communities.

So what can we do this May to honor Native Plant Month? The goal is not to garden exclusively with native plants but to aim for a 70% native/30% non-native mix of plants. Start by talking to other gardeners and educating yourself about native plants. The NH Division of Forest and Lands and UNH Extension have online lists of both native and invasive plants, and



Garden Club members with U.S. Representative Maggie Goodlander

the Extension offers classes and master gardener consultations. Online, Home-grown National Park and the National Wildlife Federation have searchable databases of local native nurseries and garden experts. And the Native Plant Trust in Massachusetts is a treasure-trove of plants and information.

The Garden Club of Dublin has produced a booklet on controlling Monadnock invasives that’s available at the Dublin Public Library. And to spread the word of May 2026 Native Plant Month, GCD is distributing a flyer listing area native plant events, nurseries, and resources.

If the transition to “gardening native” is all a bit overwhelming, remember that nature isn’t perfect – so you don’t need to be either. Start small, enjoy the journey, and spread the word!

BEATE BECKER is co-chair of the Garden Club of Dublin’s Conservation Committee.



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Jane Elizabeth Twitchell, Opera Singer

BY TOM SILEO

According to a September 1993 Dublin Historical Society newsletter, the Twitchell name in Dublin goes back to the late 1700s. Samuel Twitchell operated a grist mill on Stanley Brook in Dublin beginning in 1768.

Reuben W. Twitchell was born in Dublin on September 17, 1810, and became a cabinetmaker and musician. On September 11, 1835, he married Hanna Prentice Wight. Today, Wight Pond carries the family name. On October 4, 1835, Hanna gave birth to a daughter, Jane Elizabeth Twitchell, nicknamed “Jenny.”

When Hanna died in 1842, Reuben moved his family to Boston, and from 1861–1862, he volunteered in the Civil War as a member of the First Regiment Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry band. A musician, he re-enlisted in 1863 as bandleader of the Second Brigade, 12th Corps of the Union Army and participated in General W. T. Sherman’s “March to the Sea” in 1864, the famous “scorched earth” march ending in the capture of the port of Savannah.

Possessing her father’s musical aptitude, Jenny began a singing career in 1850. She noticed early that her vocal range easily extended from low C to high C. At age 14, she received voice training in Boston and soon sang contralto performances for the Handel and Haydn Society. In 1850, Jenny sang lead in the first American performance of two Mendelssohn oratorios, including *Elijah*, typically requiring an alto.

Contralto is the lowest vocal range for a female voice and the rarest. Think Nina Simone (“Feelin’ Good”) or Annie Lennox (“Sweet Dreams”), thick and low, but

strong and resonant. English opera singer Kathleen Ferrier was a contralto.

Jenny sang at the First Parish Church in Cambridge, Massachusetts, and she entertained in the homes of James Russell Lowell, John Greenleaf Whittier, Oliver Wendell Holmes Sr., Ralph Waldo Emerson, and Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, with whom she had a life-long friendship. By 1855, she became known as America’s favorite contralto, performing for President James Buchanan and future-president Abraham Lincoln while in the Midwest.

On May 1, 1860, while in New York, Jenny married James Kempton of Boston. They had two children, but she continued to sing. *Music in Gotham* [New York] lists 98 performances between 1862 and 1871, including, in 1863, “Musical and Literary Entertainment in Aid of the Ladies Home for Sick and Wounded Soldiers. The benefit raised a net \$1,291.

According to the evening’s review: “Mme. De Lussan, Miss Lucy Simons, Mrs. Jenny Kempton, and Mrs. Mozart sang arias, foreign and patriotic, and received warm tokens of the approval of the public.”

In 1868, *The Jenny Kempton Grand Testimonial Concert* was a success, and according to the *New York Times*:

“Mrs. Jenny Kempton, the fair benefi-ciary, appeared but three times; once in a solo, and twice in concerted pieces. The romance, “La Stella Confidente,” was beautifully phrased and delivered. The

lady was suffering from the effects of a cold, and probably did not do full justice to her vocal strength, but she gave abundant evidence of her artistic attainments.”

Jenny performed in *A Literary and Musical Soiree* on May 4, 1865, a benefit for the Sick and Wounded Soldiers of the Military Hospital on Lexington Avenue.



Jane Twitchell

This concert was supposed to take place on April 20, 1865, but was postponed because of Abraham Lincoln’s death.

The *New York Post* wrote:

“As an encore Mrs. Kempton sang ‘Columbia, the Gem of the Ocean,’ which drew forth continued and enthusiastic applause.”

Jenny traveled to Europe to train under Gioachino Rossini, whose most famous opera is *The Barber of Seville*. While in Europe, she performed for King Victor Emmanuel II and Margherita of Savoy in Florence, Emperor Napoleon III and Empress Eugenie in Paris, and Queen Victoria in London. In 1865, under the personal direction of Rossini, Jenny was the first American to perform his *Stabat Mater* in Paris. I recommend you listen to this beautiful piece of music and imagine Dublin-born Jenny’s contralto voice singing it.

In 1905, she moved to San Francisco and gave voice lessons, still performing benefit concerts until 1910 for the support of the suffrage movement to push for women’s right to vote.

Jenny died in California, on March 13, 1921, at the age of 85.

TOM SILEO is a writer and financial advisor.

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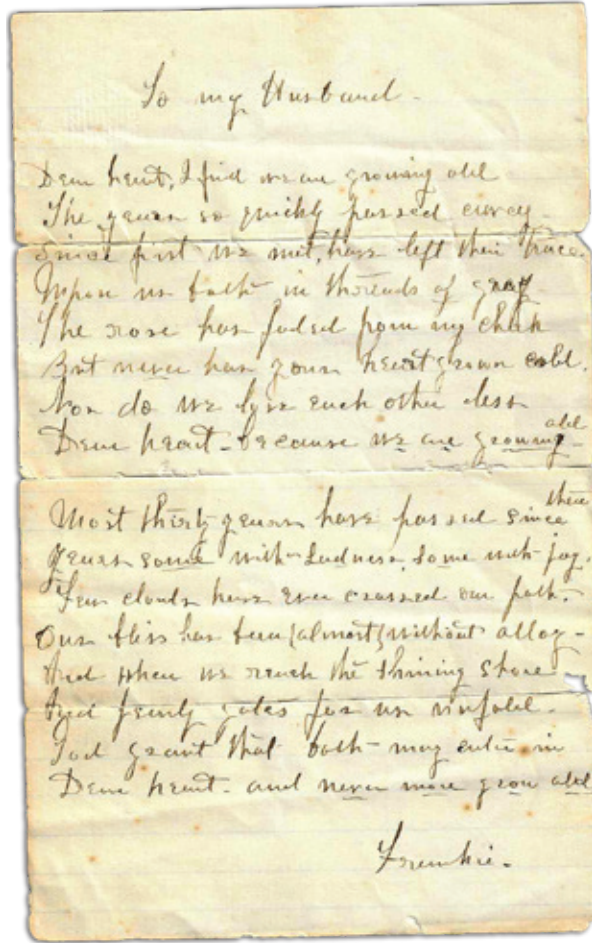
BY JEANNE STERLING

Years ago, I attended as many auctions as possible. I wasn't a major player, but occasionally, something would come up for sale that intrigued me. My favorite things to bid on were "box lots," cardboard boxes filled with this and that and really not much of anything.

One day, I purchased a box lot because it contained some kitchen things. There were also a few hardcover cookbooks. I like to read cookbooks like good novels. I can almost picture the recipe's results. I was thumbing through one tired-looking cookbook when I came upon a folded yellow piece of paper. When I opened it up, the first thing I noticed was the well-executed penmanship, with a definite style to it all.

I have read this letter many times since finding it. Each time, the depth of love that Frankie expresses seems so natural. The verses might not rhyme; it doesn't really matter. Frankie opened her heart and soul that day and put her love for E.J. on paper. I was blessed to have found it over 130 years later.

JEANNE STERLING is on the staff of the *Advocate*.



To E. J. Brown
On my 51st Birthday
Peterborough Dec. 11th, 1893

To My Husband

Dear Heart, I find we are growing old. The years so quickly passed ever since first we met, have left their trace upon us both in threads of gray. The rose has faded from my cheeks, but never has your heart grown cold. Nor do we love each other less, Dear Heart because we are growing old.

Most thirty years have passed since these years, some with kindness, some with joy. Few clouds have ever crossed our path. Our bliss has been almost without alloy. And when we reach the shining shore and pearly gates for us unfold, God grant that both may enter in, Dear Heart and never more grow old.

Frankie

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planes. According to his daughter Eugenie Silverthorne, he flew the most up-to-date “Cadillacs” out, and war-ravaged, barely flyable old planes back – and each time felt lucky to land the wrecks in California.

In late 1944, his mission changed. John’s daughter Joan Amory recalls, “When he was posted to Memphis near the end of the war, he had to report for duty several times a day in full gear, to be able to depart immediately if he was called up, ready to fly ‘The Hump’ over the Himalayas. It was a fearful assignment with high losses. My parents were newlyweds. Imagine mustering a tearful, heartfelt goodbye each time, three times a day.”

Brian Barden, our former road agent, felt strongly that the town’s veterans of the

more recent wars be recognized. Although he himself was not yet a Dubliner when he left for Army service in Vietnam, he pondered the project for 10 or 15 years before assembling a committee that included veterans Hank Campbell, Dale Gabel, and Wayne Thomas. Several years of work followed. Brian, Wayne, and Wayne’s wife, Dee Thomas, spent many days in Concord searching archives of service members. Back in the Dublin Archives, Nancy Campbell and Lisa Foote combed through town records to confirm their accuracy.

The committee designed bronze plaques to match those on the right side of the building, John Kauffold of Peterborough Marble and Granite Works arranged for the fabrication, and the plaques were dedicated at Memorial Day exercises on May 30, 2022.

MARY LOFTIS is on the staff of the *Advocate*.

Summer Fun at MAXT

Do you have a young person in your life who can’t stop building, drawing, and creating new worlds? MAXT announces its summer programming for Mini-Makers (ages 6–9) and Junior Creatives (ages 10–14). The educational team at MAXT takes the kids on an exploration – of the

tools, techniques, and processes that grown-up makers use, applying it to fun activities.

A few of the offerings include **Tee Off** – a mini golf-making adventure; **Go Wild** – an animal lover’s adventure for Mini-Makers (grades 1-4); **Pixel Perfect** – a video game adventure for Junior Creatives (grades 5-8); **Ahoy!** – a pirate adventure for Mini Makers; and **Roll for Inspiration**

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Stories to Share – Joe Steinfield

The Jaffrey Civic Center presents its final talk in the fifth season of Stories to Share on Friday, May 1, at 5 pm. The speaker will be Joe Steinfield, whose talk is entitled “Gone Fishin’ – A Trial Lawyer’s Memories.”

Joe is the founder of Stories to Share and served as the program’s moderator for four years. He has been a trial lawyer for more than 60 years and has taught constitutional law at Boston College and Franklin Pierce University. He has written over 300 articles for local newspapers and has published two books of personal essays.

The program is free of charge, but donations are appreciated. To register for in-person attendance, go to jaffreyciviccenter.com/stories, or call 603-532-6527



Joe Steinfield

End 68 Hours of Hunger

Yay! With freezing temperatures finally ending, we can once again welcome food donations for End 68 Hours of Hunger without regard to extreme temperatures. That means we’re able to receive canned chicken, fruit cups (not cans), and juice boxes at the west entrance of the Dublin Community Church. We’re still feeding nearly 200 hungry children in the ConVal School District, so all your generous donations are greatly appreciated!

We’re also getting ready for the next Peterborough Fire Department Food Drive at Shaw’s, scheduled for the morning of Saturday, May 2. Wish lists for shoppers will be available on site that day.

As always, thanks so much to all of you for your continued support. You really are making a difference!



May Highlights for Park Theatre



May 1-7 *Animal Farm* (PG)
6:30 pm on Fri–Sun & Tue–Thu; 1:30 pm on Sat & 1:45 pm on Sun – matinees

May 1 7 pm – Peterborough Folk Music presents Eileen Ivers

May 3 1:30 pm – *Power to the People: John & Yoko Live in NYC 1972*

May 8 7:30 pm – Mother of a Comedy Show

May 9 7:30 pm – *Bowie/Jett*: David Bowie and Joan Jett tribute bands

May 13 1:30 pm – ArtsCinema Series: *Painting the Soul of the 20th Century: Pellizza da Volpedo*

May 13 6:30 pm – Open Mic Night

May 16 7:30 pm – Chandler! Magic & Illusions master magician

May 30 7:30 pm – *Kiss/Poison* ultimate tribute

The Park Theatre’s solar campaign continues this month with about \$65,000 still to raise. Please consider a donation at parksolar.org. We welcome new volunteers! To register, go to theparktheatre.org/volunteer.

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MAY 2026 Calendar

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			DCC Dublin Community Church DPL Dublin Public Library DS Dublin School HUB Dublin Community Center JCC Jaffrey Civic Center TH Town Hall, Dublin YPL Yankee Parking Lot		1HUB/Zoom Knit w/ Nancy 10-11am; DCC Historical Society Potluck 5pm; JCC Stories to Share Joe Steinfield 5pm	2DPL Beth Krommes Program 10am
3HUB Song Circle 3-5pm	4TH Cem Trustees 9am; Select Board 4:30pm; HUB Coffee & Conversation 10am-noon; Yoga 3-4:15pm; DPL Competitive Bridge Club 1:30pm; Creative Club 3:30-4:30pm	5HUB Early Yoga 6:30-7:30am; Open 9am-3pm; Songwriters Group 6:30-8:30pm; DPL Dublin NH GOP Meeting 5:30pm	6HUB Coffee & Conversation 10am-noon; Qigong noon-1pm; Needle Mania 3:30-5pm; DPL Story Time/Homeschool Group 10:30am; Stories with Opa 10:30am	7HUB Mahjong 1pm; TH Zoning Board 6pm	8HUB/Zoom Knit w/ Nancy 10-11am; Art Reception 5-7pm	9DPL Dublin Democrats 10am; HUB Tea Party 11:30am-12:30pm; Noni & Me 12:30pm
10	11HUB Coffee & Conversation 10am-noon; Yoga 3-4:15pm; Community Circle 6:30-8pm; DPL Competitive Bridge Club 1:30pm; Creative Club 3:30-4:30pm; DHS 4pm; DCC Intro to Sikhi 6pm	12HUB Early Yoga 6:30-7:30am; Open 9am-3pm; Herb Class 7pm; DPL Monadnock Bridge Club 1pm; Creative Club 3:30-4:30pm; WM&RC 5pm; Friends of Library 5pm	13HUB Coffee & Conversation 10am-noon; Qigong noon-1pm; Needle Mania 3:30-5pm; DPL Story Time/Homeschool Group 10:30am; M Horowitz Migratory Bird Prog 10:30am; Trustees Meeting	14HUB Mahjong 1pm	15ADVOCATE DEADLINE for high school grads; SCHOLARSHIP applications due; HUB/Zoom Knit w/Nancy 10-11am	16DPL M Horowitz Migratory Bird Prog 10am; HUB Coffeehouse & Open Mic 6-9pm
17	18HUB Coffee & Conversation 10am-noon; Yoga 3-4:15pm; DPL Competitive Bridge Club 1:30pm; Creative Club 3:30-4:30pm; TH Select Board 4:30pm	19HUB Early Yoga 6:30-7:30am; Open 9am-3pm; Herbal office hours 4-6pm; DPL Monadnock Bridge Club 1pm; Creative Club 3:30-4:30pm; Tech Night 5pm	20HUB Coffee & Conversation 10am-noon; Qigong noon-1pm; Needle Mania 3:30-5pm; Storytelling 6:30-8:30pm; DPL Story Time/Homeschool Group 10:30am; TH Con Comm 5pm	21HUB Mahjong 1pm; Conversation with Music Creators 7pm; TH Planning Board 6pm	22HUB/Zoom Knit w/ Nancy 10-11am	23HUB From Seed to Table 4pm
24	25MEMORIAL DAY observed HUB Coffee & Conversation 10am-noon; Yoga 3-4:15pm; YPL Parade begins 11am	26HUB Early Yoga 6:30-7:30am; Open 9am-3pm; DPL Monadnock Bridge Club 1pm; DCC Community Supper 5:30-7pm	27HUB Coffee & Conversation 10am-noon; Qigong noon-1pm; Needle Mania 3:30-5pm; DPL Story Time/Homeschool Group 10:30am	28HUB Mahjong 1pm	29HUB/Zoom Knit w/ Nancy 10-11am	30DPL Intro to Genealogy 10am; HUB Femlink Screening 10am; DS Celebrate Brad Bates 4:40-6:30pm
31TH Deadline for dog licenses without penalties						

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