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It's the Most Wonderful Time…

Religious Services

Dublin Community Church, 1125 Main Street.

- Advent services on Sundays, December 7, 13, and 20, at 10:30 am.
- Annual children's Christmas Pageant on Sunday, December 13, at 10:30 am.
- Christmas Eve Service on Thursday, December 24, at 7:30 pm.

Mountain View Bible Church, on the campus of Dublin Christian Academy, 81 Page Road.

- Christmas season services on Sundays at 9 am, 10 am, and noon.
- "A New and Glorious Morn," special Christ-

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Local Holiday Events

Annual Christmas Tree Lighting Sunday, November 29 at 4 pm on the Dublin Oval.

Come for cookies and carols at the annual lighting of the Christmas tree outside the fire station.

Children and the Arts Festival Lantern Parade, Saturday, December 5, at 6 pm, in Putnam Park, Peterborough.

This year's theme is "Let It Snow!" The parade will begin behind the M&T Bank (35 Main St.) and end at Putnam Park. Poles and lights will be distributed in front of the bank beginning at 5:15 pm, and the parade will leave promptly at 6 pm (not before). Bring your lan-

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Joyful Sounds of the Season

Windborne's *Music of Midwinter*, Thursday, December 3, at 7 pm, at the Peterborough Unitarian Universalist Church, 25 Main Street.

A joyful celebration presented by the Mariposa Museum and World Cultural Center, Windborne's lush vocals and unique arrangements bring light to a dark time. Drawing on midwinter music, stories, and humor from traditional, classical, and folk roots, *Music of Midwinter* enchants with added instrumentation that includes banjos and guitars, Lithuanian Kanklės, and Irish bodhrán. Tickets are $20 at the door or online at bit.ly/windbornepboro.

***Messiah* Sing**, Saturday, December 5, at 4 pm, at the Peterborough Unitarian Universalist Church, 25 Main Street.

The annual community performance and sing-along of

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Thoughtful Ways to Give

Heifer Alternative Living Gift Market, Monday, November 1–Thursday, December 31.

The Dublin Community Church Sunday School has supported Heifer International's Alternative Giving Market for over 30 years. A "Living Gift Market" is set up in the Church Hall, where you can purchase symbolic animals, plants, biogas stoves, solar panels, education programs, clean water, and more. Purchases can also be made through the DCC website at bit.ly/DCCHeifer. A matching gift will double your impact!

GivingTuesday, Tuesday, December 1, online at your favorite nonprofit or community organization.

GivingTuesday is the day when millions of people around the world pause and ask, "How can I help?" This is a movement for

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News from the Dublin Public Library

BY EMALINE BERGERON

As we move on from a month of gratitude and into a month of giving and receiving, I wonder if we may continue to prioritize feeling thankful. The Dublin Public Library (DPL) had so many reasons to feel gratitude last month – from DPL Afterschool Book Club joy and Sunny, our visiting hydro-grow tower from Cornucopia, to the Friends of DPL Book Sale, a lovely Kiwanis luncheon, and more bridge playing! We are so thankful to our patrons, trustees, friends, volunteers, and community.



Laura Elcoate, Wayne Thomas, and Emaline Bergeron with the illuminated globe donated to the Library by Dee and Wayne Thomas

A patron commented last week on how much they loved seeing the school bus pull up in front of DPL. "The longest line of kids got off and came walking down the walkway to you!" As I soothe the butterflies in my belly and brace myself for the most stimulating and sticky hour and a half of my day, I am overwhelmed with gratitude for getting to know these incredible humans in all their wiggly and spill-inducing ways. They bring the light to DPL – from collaborating and problem-solving to pulling apart the program room to play "hotel" and getting Pam Bator and me up onto chairs to finish their Magna-Tiles build. They are like lighthouses guiding the way to silliness and hope.

December balances two identities: one of warmth and nostalgia and one of cold and storm. It is a month that asks us to plan and prepare for celebrations ahead while comparing and reflecting on the traditions of the past. We are asked to lean into the joy of the season while many hold grief during the holidays – a season that boasts magic and ignores the labor, lists, and lost sleep that go into creating holiday cheer. It is a season of exhaustion, worry, and sadness wrapped up in twinkle lights.

As a deep-thoughts diver, I consider ways I can approach this holiday season with presence, levity, and thoughtfulness. I look for ways to create a tradition of sustainability for my mind, my wallet, and the environment, leaning into the true magic of the season as we make our way to the longest night and usher in more light. Perhaps we need to enter December with a fresh approach.

Perhaps we celebrate this season like a Viking! Now, I am not suggesting we pillage or entertain with ritual sacrifice. Like any tradition, we must take what feels intuitive to us and leave the rest behind. What I am saying is that we feast, we tell stories, and we strengthen bonds with community, family, and friends. We embark upon the world with warmth and goodwill. We become the sun, the light. We celebrate the winter solstice – or Yule, a Germanic midwinter festival welcoming the return of light.

The Dublin Public Library loves to celebrate community and light. As a house of enlightenment, we invite you inside to warm up with a cup of coffee and a good book. We offer the brilliant glow of resources, opportunities, and support for you to stay cozy throughout the darkest and longest days.

December in the stacks will be awash with light as we welcome the brilliant and beloved author Jerry Pallotta to talk about his popular *Who Would Win?* books. This is an incredible free program for the community that cannot be missed! DPL will also hold "Evergreen" thrift gift crafting programs this month to inspire patrons to think sustainably about gifting this holiday season. Thoughtful handmade items paired with thrifted treasures become mindfully gifted favorites. In addition, the Friends of the Library Book Sale is always open for shoppers who want to find that perfect book for their holiday gift list.

Finally, we will celebrate the winter solstice with shared food, crafts, and merriment on Saturday, December 19. Come make a lantern to leave at DPL and one to take home. DPL will then display all the lanterns outside on Monday, December 21, to light up our beautiful house of enlightenment on the shortest, darkest day.

EMALINE BERGERON is the director of the Dublin Public Library.

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A Sincere Thank You to All Election Officials

BY MEGAN SUOKKO

The Supervisors of the Checklist want to thank all the election officials, poll workers, volunteers, and staff who worked so hard to make our election possible. Your dedication, long hours, patience, professionalism, and commitment to serving our community do not go unnoticed.

Special thanks go to Hank Campbell for preparing the polling place and to Judy Knapp and Sterling Abrams for assisting voters and ensuring every vote is handled with care. We also want to thank our counting teams that worked late into the evening to hand count each and every vote. One strong team of two counted 200 ballots all on their own! Your hard work plays an essential role in our democracy.

We know it takes countless hours and tremendous effort behind the scenes, and we are truly grateful for everything you do. Thank you for your commitment and dedication to our town!

MEGAN SUOKKO is a Supervisor of the Checklist.

Town Board and Committee Openings

Residents interested in declaring their candidacy for an elected town office may do so at the Town Clerk's office beginning Wednesday, January 20 and ending Friday, January 29. For those residents wishing to file on Friday, January 29, the clerk's office will be open from 3-5 pm. Please consider whether you can spare some time in the new year to contribute to the necessary work of our town and community. As of press time, the following positions on town boards and committees will be open:

- 1 Select Board member for a 3-year term
- 2 Library Trustees for a 3-year term
- 1 Library Trustee for a 2-year term
- 2 Budget Committee members for a 3-year term
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- 1 Cemetery Trustee for a 3-year term
- 2 Planning Board Members for a 3-year term
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- 1 Trustee of Trust Funds for a 3-year term



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Town Hall will be closed Monday–Friday, December 21–24.

The Transfer Station will be closed Christmas Day and New Year's Day.

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Jenn Sutton, Science Educator of the Year

POSTED ON OCTOBER 23, 2026, BY THE CONTOOCOOK VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Congratulations to Jenn Sutton, grade 5 teacher at South Meadow School, who recently received the Elementary Science Educator of the Year Award from the New Hampshire Science Teachers' Association (NHSTA). This award is presented annually to an outstanding K–6 science educator who demonstrates strong subject understanding, shows exceptional enthusiasm for teaching, and has an established record of leadership in the field. Among several other qualifications for the award, honorees must integrate NH Science Standards effectively into daily lessons and use innovative, accessible methods to engage students.

"Jenn brings science to life through place-based learning and hands-on inquiry, seamlessly integrating Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS) into daily



lessons in math and literacy," Principal Rachel Hill observed in her award nomination letter last year. "By constructing arguments to solve real-world problems, her students explore ideas about ecosystems and life cycles as active investigators."

Hill also emphasized the close collaboration between the Harris Center for Conservation Education, where Sutton serves on the Board of Trustees, and the ConVal School District: "Jenn's commitment is explicitly visible through her partnership with the Harris Center, where students engage in raising and releasing painted turtles. Whether tracking bird migration patterns or observing local habitats, Jenn ensures that her students see science not as a subject in a book but as a connection to their own community."

Tiffany Thompson, president of the NHSTA, noted in her award letter that Sutton's "outreach to the students in the education community of New Hampshire is truly remarkable and epitomizes the spirit of the Elementary Science Educator of the Year Award."

Sutton was presented with the award during a ceremony at the annual NHSTA conference in Concord on October 8.

Dublin XC Winter Cross-Country Ski Programs

BY HOLLY MACY

Enjoy time outdoors in Dublin during the winter months by joining one of Dublin XC's ski programs! Dublin XC is a not-for-profit organization in the Monadnock Region dedicated to building an active, inclusive outdoor community through Nordic skiing. From first-time racers to regional competitors, we provide coaching and a welcoming team environment for athletes of all ages. Our programs run out of the Dublin School Outdoor Center.

Check out our winter Thursday afternoon youth program (K–8) for all ski abilities, as well as a 3-day-a-week train-to-race option for experienced skiers. These programs are run by an amazing group of volunteer coaches who are passionate about skiing. High school skiers with experience can join the DXC junior program, which is coached by former World Cup skier Kathy Maddock. Masters (adults) can join us for our biweekly evening community race series "The Headlamp Hustle." Learn more about and register for these opportunities by visiting dublinxc.com. Scholarships are available.

HOLLY MACY is president of Dublin XC.



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News from Dublin Consolidated School

BY NICOLE PEASE

In mid-November, our school community gathered for our annual Veterans Day Assembly. It was a truly special event dedicated to honoring the service and sacrifice of our local veterans. Students shared songs, readings, and artwork to express their appreciation, creating a thoughtful and moving morning for all who attended. We are deeply grateful to the veterans and families who joined us, as well as to the staff who worked hard to put together such a meaningful tribute. Special thanks to Volkert Volkersz for his accompaniment in our songs. Our students participated in a coin collection to support the Wounded Warrior Project. Students engaged in a variety of activities to gather extra coins and donations, and we raised $645, which will be matched by USAA Bank!

As we move into December, we are already busy planning some of our favorite winter traditions. Preparations are underway for our annual Holiday Craft Day, when students will spend time creating handmade seasonal decorations. We are also getting our voices ready for a holiday concert as well as an upcoming community caroling event to spread some holiday cheer at local nursing homes. Giving to others continues to be a focus for our school. We wish all our Dublin neighbors a lovely holiday season!

NICOLE PEASE is principal teacher at Dublin Consolidated School.



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Dublin School Outdoor Center Invites Women of All Ages to Learn to Ski

BY KATE ANDERSON

Women of all ages and skill levels are invited to come together, experience the beautiful outdoors, and learn to ski on February 14, 2027, when the Dublin School Outdoor Center hosts the New England Nordic Ski Association's (NENSA) 26th annual Women's XC Ski Day.

Lindsey Burkhardt, director of the Dublin School Outdoor Center and vice president of Dublin XC, a local cross-country skiing club, has been volunteering with NENSA for Women's XC Ski Day for over 20 years. "There is something so magical about a bunch of women getting together to learn how to ski that has really hooked all of us instructors," Burkhardt says.



In addition to the opportunity to learn from incredible female coaches – including many former Olympians – Women's XC Ski Day will include event raffles, sponsor expos, demonstrations, and a lunchtime speaker presentation in Dublin School's Louise Shonk Kelly Recital Hall.



"There's something for everybody," says Mackenzie Rizio, NENSA's Youth and Introductory Program director. "We have a full slate of clinics that are appropriate for any level, no matter where you're at. [We also] really want to attract other endurance athletes. If folks are really jazzed on biking or running in the summer months, we're excited to welcome those folks to the Nordic community."

Rizio shared, "Dublin School and Dublin XC have been longtime partners of NENSA. The mission of the Outdoor Center itself is extremely aligned with our mission. We feel really happy and excited to support that through bringing events to the community."

In addition to being the home course for Dublin School's and other local Nordic Ski teams, the Dublin School Outdoor Center is available to the public year-round at no cost. "[Locals] have something right in their area that can get them outside in the winter or all year long. Our trails are so hidden, and this will bring awareness of what is out there for people to take advantage of," Burkhardt says.

Registration is now open at skireg.com/womensday for NENSA Women's XC Ski Day on February 14 2027. Registration caps at 250 attendees. If you aren't able to attend the event, don't worry – the Dublin School Outdoor Center is available to you all year long.

KATE ANDERSON is content and engagement coordinator at Dublin School.

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Religious Services continued

mas program on Sunday, December 13, at 6 pm, followed by cookies and cocoa.

- Christmas Eve Candlelight Service on Thursday, December 24, at 6 pm, with carol singing and Scripture readings, a perfect tradition for celebrating the reason for this season.

Congregation Ahavas Achim (CAA), 84 Hastings Avenue, Keene.

- Chanukah begins at sundown on Friday, December 4, and ends at nightfall on Saturday, December 12.
- Annual "Great Latke Blowout Chanukah Celebration on Sunday, December 6, from 5-7:30 pm; bring a menorah, candles, and a potluck dish to share. Celebrate with singing, dancing, and Chanukah music by CAA's own klezmer-style band.

Local Holiday Events continued

tern yourself! Rain/snow date is Sunday, December 6.

Dublin Christian Academy *Gingerbread Christmas*, Monday, December 7, at 1:30 pm, and Tuesday, December 8, at 6:30 pm.

DCA's junior high students perform in an original Christmas production for all ages. *Gingerbread Christmas*, written and directed by Sarah Katka, is a lighthearted look at the joys and frustrations of the season and about how community makes the joys a little more joyful and the frustrations a little easier to endure. Admission is free, though donations to the DCA Fine Arts Department are gratefully accepted.

Before the Tuesday evening performance, the DCA junior class will host a spaghetti dinner for $10 per person with a family cap. Bring the whole family for a family-friendly, kid-approved evening out. For more information or to RSVP for the spaghetti dinner, email skatka@dublinchristian.org.



A Christmas Carol at DubHub and The Park Theatre

A Christmas Carol, Friday, December 18, at 7 pm, at the DubHub; Sunday, December 20 at The Park Theatre, Jaffrey

Project Shakespeare brings its festive annual holiday production of Charles Dickens's classic play. (See article on page 11.)

Winter Solstice Celebration, Saturday, December 19, 10 am–1 pm, at the Dublin Public Library. (See article on page 2.)

MATS Vigil for National Homeless Persons Memorial Day, Monday, December 21, at 4 pm, on the Peterborough Town House steps.

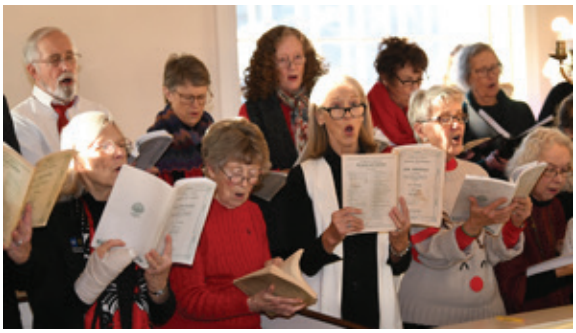
Organizers read the names of individuals in New Hampshire who died in 2026 while experiencing homelessness. For many, this will be the only public remembrance of their lives.

Joyful Sounds of the Season continued

Handel's *Messiah*, conducted by James Sharrock. Participants attend an afternoon rehearsal before the concert. Want to sing? Contact friendsofmessiahptbo@gmail.com for more information and to register. Free admission for singers and the public.

Ashuelot Concert Series, *The Power of Partnership: Violin Sonatas* on Friday, December 11, at 7:30 pm, at Stonewall Farm in Keene.

Violin and piano become equal partners in a compelling musical conversation, from Tchaikovsky's nostalgic lyricism and Beethoven's taut classical drama to the uncompromising intensity of Shostakovich's late style. General admission is $35; students are free; tickets may be purchased at bit.ly/ashuelotpartners.



Messiah Sing, December 5 at 4 pm, Peterbrough UU Church.

Monadnock Chorus's *Glorificamus*, on Saturday, December 12, at 4 pm, at the Peterborough Town House.

Sandra Howard, artistic director, leads the chorus in works for choir and brass. Repertoire includes compositions by Rutter, Lauridson, Hassler, Mendelssohn, Trotta, and Praetorius. Tickets are $25 for adults; free for students. Can be purchased at monadnockchorus.org.

Noel on Norway Pond: *Looking for the Light*, on Saturday, December 19, at 1 and 4 pm.

This Music on Norway Pond presentation features the Norway Pond Festival Singers and Jr. Mints. The concert will be anchored by Bob Chilcott's cantata *Wenceslas*, and special guests include Broadway veteran Philip Themio Stoddard as King Wenceslas (he starred as Harold Hill in the Music on Norway Pond production of *The Music Man*) and internationally known soprano Shan Hai. Tickets are $25 at musiconnorwaypond.org. Students and kids are free, but please get a free ticket for them.

Thoughtful Ways to Give continued

generosity in every form, including volunteering, advocacy, kindness, community-building, skill sharing, and more. In 2025, 13.5 million Americans made donations, and 11.1 million people volunteered – proof that showing up looks different for everyone.

Three-Day Book Sale & More, Friday and Saturday, December 4 and 5, 9 am–5 pm, and Sunday, December 6, 1–3 pm, in the fully accessible Dublin Community Church hall.

Previously loved books and other "novel" items, including music, movies, vintage calendars, maps, puzzles, and brainy games, will be available for pur-

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Thoughtful Ways to Give continued

chase. Come sip a free beverage and listen to relaxing music as you browse. Proceeds benefit church outreach programs.

Small Treasures Art Show, Friday, December 4 to Monday, December 7, at the DubHub.

Shop small-format artwork from over 40 local artists. (See article on page 10.)

Christmas Boutique, Saturday, December 5, from 10 am–2 pm, at the Dublin Community Church boutique on the east side of the church.

Shop for holiday décor and gifts.

Holiday Cookie Market, Saturday, December 5, from 11 am–2 pm at the DubHub.

Purchase a delicious assortment of homemade cookies to enjoy or share with your family and friends. All proceeds will benefit area food pantries this holiday season.



***Old Farmer's Almanac* Store**, online at **store.almanac.com**.

Shop for gifts from the center of Dublin, from the 2027 *Old Farmers Almanac* itself to kitchen goods, trinkets, books, garden tools, and more.

Dublin Food Pantry, open 24 hours a day, seven days a week, at 1283 Main Street, Unit 8B.

Operating on a neighbor-to-neighbor honor system with no paperwork, registration, or questions asked, the Dublin Food Pantry primarily serves residents of Dublin and Harrisville, though anyone visiting is asked to take only what is needed for immediate use. It is stocked with nonperishable pantry staples (cereal, pasta, canned goods, paper products, hygiene items, and pet food), with limited refrigerator and freezer space for perishable and holiday items. Donations of food and essentials are gratefully accepted, and monetary donations can be made at dublinfoodpantry.org/donate.

Operation Santa, give online at GrandMonadnockRotary.org/donate.

For 40 years, Grand Monadnock Rotary Club (GMRC) has distributed gifts to children in need who live in the Monadnock Region. The families are selected by schools and area agencies. Parents request items their children want (toys) and things they need (usually clothing). Twenty area businesses participate in gift drives on behalf of Santa. Corporate elves and Rotary members shop for gifts for over 220 children.

Mountain Shadows School supports Operation Santa with a children's read-a-thon. Students contribute a penny a page for books read. This year, they contributed $2,900. Over the years, they have contributed more than $85,000 to Operation Santa!

211 NH Cold Weather Line at 2-1-1 (or 1-866-444-4211).

If you or someone you know needs immediate shelter placement outside regular intake hours, or needs transportation to a warming center, dial 2-1-1 (or 1-866-444-4211) anytime to connect with New Hampshire's coordinated housing crisis line.

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Dublin Cemetery, Part 2

BY TOM SILEO

Dublin Cemetery is our most accessible outdoor museum. Last month's article highlighted the history of its physical features, but New England graveyards are more than slate and granite. Our cemetery preserves and shares the lives of those men and women who have given Dublin its character and history, and so shouldn't we celebrate these lives? A fine book might be written that chronicles the life beneath each stone, but here, at least, is a biographical sketch of some former Dublin residents, with the year of their death, who now reside forever in this beautiful place.





Hiram Carey, portrait and gravestone.

John A. Gleason, 1934
Gleason ran a general store in town until he sold it to the International Grocers' Alliance chain. Afterward, he devoted all his time to real estate and insurance. He was the local agent for the Western Union Telegraph Company, postmaster, representative to the General Court from Dublin, town clerk, and road agent.

Charles Appleton, 1943
Appleton was born on the only farm in town to have come down in the same family since its settlement by Appleton's grandfather, Francis Appleton, in 1784. He was a selectman, spent two years in the State Legislature, and in 1899 organized the first electric light company for the town using available water power at the site of the former Phelps Mills.

Marine Corporal Abner S. Black, 1958
Dublin's first Korean War casualty, Black wrote a letter to his parents saying that he was at the front lines and that conditions were terrible, with bunkers caving in due to heavy rains. He was in F Company, 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines, 1st Marine Division, FMF. Black went to Japan and was assigned guard duty at a prison camp.

Hiram A. Carey, 1960
Holder of the Boston Post Cane, presented to the oldest male citizen of the town, Carey died at age 99. (Women were not eligible to hold the cane until 1930.) He was the proprietor of the livery stable in Dublin during the town's heyday as a resort. He often drove Mark Twain on his visits. In 1917, he won first prize at the Grange's masquerade dressed up as "Uncle Sam." On February 16, 1959, Selectman Arthur Appleton phoned Hiram Carey, then age 98, in the first dial telephone call made in Dublin.

Katharine Mitchell Jackson Lee, 1961
A state senator and prominent conservationist, Lee represented Dublin in the Legislature for two terms, was president of the NH Resources Council, and was a member of President Eisenhower's Nature Resources Advisory Commission. Locally, she helped develop Putnam Park in Peterborough and was a corporate member of MacDowell Colony.

Henry Darracott Allison, 1963
Allison was born in Dublin and died here at age 94. He was a representative of the General Court, a candidate for governor on the Progressive ticket, the postmaster of Dublin during the Wilson administration, a selectman, and a superintendent of the Dublin Cemetery. He won prizes for his photography in exhibitions in New York and Chicago and published a book of photographs. For many years, he ran a general store and a real estate business, which handled summer homes for many prominent people, including Mark Twain and Admiral Richard E. Byrd. In 1906, Mark Twain presented him with a complete autographed set of his writings. In 1952, Allison published *Dublin Days, Old and New*. He was given the Boston Post Cane in 1960 when he was 91 years old.

Henry N. Gowing, 1968
Gowing was a descendant of Henry Strongman, the original settler of Dublin. He was a farmer and president of the Cheshire County Farm Bureau, a specialist in the production of maple products, and a promoter of a research program testing maple trees for sweetness. He was trustee of the Dublin Public Library for 50 years. Gowing lived at the farm on the north side of Main Street where Henry Strongman had lived.

Dr. Harvy C. Hayes, 1968
Hayes was a prominent physicist. As director of the Sound Division of the Naval Research Laboratory for 30 years, he was considered the "father of sonar," credited with perfecting the technique that rendered German U-boats less effective during World War II. The underwater sound detection technique developed under his direction has been used for mapping the bottom of the ocean and its depth.

Gene Gowing, 1968
Gowing was a nationally known square dance authority and a former Hollywood movie set designer during the early days of the movie industry. He wrote several books on square dancing, and in 1957, the Dublin Inn off of Old County Road held square dances twice a week, with Gowing calling the figures.

Addison "Sonny" Collins, 1976
World War II veteran and jazz musician (French horn), he was on NBC's *Victor Borge Show* in 1946, and played with the Glenn Miller and Benny Goodman bands. He played with saxophonist Charlie Parker and was featured on Miles Davis's album, *Birth of the Cool*.

Hopefully, these sketches will encourage anyone interested in our history to stroll through this outdoor museum, so accessible and so well cared for, and get to know the fine people who reside here.

TOM SILEO is a financial advisor and writer.

December 2026 Events at the DubHub

Ongoing Weekly Activities

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

Adult Yoga, Mondays, 3–4:15 pm

Early AM Yoga, Tuesdays, 6:30–7:30 am

Open Hours, Tuesdays & Thursdays, 9 am–3 pm

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

Qigong, Wednesdays, noon–1 pm

Mahjong Group, Thursdays, 1–3 pm

Knit with Nancy, Fridays via Zoom, 10 am



Small Treasures Art Show & Sale, Friday–Monday, December 4, 5, 6, and 7

Small Treasures showcases the artwork of local artists who exhibit two- and three-dimensional pieces that are no larger than 5 x 7 inches. All items will be available for purchase over a four-day period at the DubHub, with a portion of the proceeds to benefit the center. An average of 40 area artists participate each year in one of our largest fundraisers. The opening reception will be held on Friday, December 4, from 5–7 pm, and the show and sale will continue on Saturday, December 5, from 10 am–3 pm; Sunday, December 6, from noon–3 pm; and Monday, December 7, from 10 am–3 pm. For more information, email info@dublincommunitycenter.org.

Holiday Cookie Market, Saturday, December 5

Please stop by anytime from 11 am–2 pm to purchase a delicious assortment of homemade cookies to enjoy or share with your family and friends. All proceeds will benefit local food pantries this holiday season.

Holiday Singalong, Sunday, December 6

Please join us to "Deck the Halls" with song at the Holiday Singalong starting at 3 pm. Bring your instrument and/or your voice to join in on familiar holiday favorites! Hot beverages and holiday treats will be available. If you would like a song list ahead of time, please contact David Mueller at dmueller55146@gmail.com.

Herb Class, Wednesday, December 9

Join herbalist Katherine Gekas at 6:30 pm as she teaches about herbs for sleep. 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 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.

Building Community, Monday, December 14

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.

Songwriters Group, Tuesday, December 15

For all the songwriters out there, we host a Songwriters Group from 6:30–8:30 pm on the third Tuesday of every month. For more information, contact Volkert Volkersz at volkertv@mac.com.

Art Reception for December/January Exhibit, Friday, December 11

From 5–7 pm, the public is invited to attend an opening reception for a two-month exhibit of paintings by April Claggett in the North Room and by Phil Bean in the South Room. The exhibit runs December 11–January 28 and is available for viewing during DubHub open hours and by appointment.



April Claggett (A) has lived in Dublin since 1999. She has an art studio in Wilton and is a professor of art at the Savannah College of Art and Design in Savannah, Georgia, where she was recently awarded a Presidential Fellowship. For this exhibit, Claggett was inspired by the domesticity of gift-giving, especially in wintry climates when so much time is spent indoors.



Primarily self-taught, Phil Bean (B) works both in the studio and *en plein air*, where he draws on his inspiration from the effects of light and shadow on the natural landscape. His paintings of New England reflect the unique qualities of that landscape and its classic architecture. His oils and watercolors have been included in both national and regional exhibitions.

Storytelling & Spoken Word, Wednesday, December 16

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.

A Christmas Carol, *Friday, December 18*

Project Shakespeare brings their festive annual holiday production of Charles Dickens's classic holiday play, *A Christmas Carol*, to the DubHub. Adapted and directed by Deborah Shakespeare Thurber, this year's production features 34 students (ages 4–18) singing, dancing, and bringing their engaging storytelling to this time-honored story of love, family, and redemption (and of course a ghost or two). The play begins at 7 pm. Tickets are $15 for adults and $5 for children and are available at the door. Project Shakespeare will also hold a Holiday Quilt Raffle. For reservations and quilt tickets, email projectshakespeare@gmail.com.

Holiday Craft Workshop for All Ages, Saturday, December 19

From 10 am–noon, let's enjoy the holiday season with a merry morning of creativity and cheer! Create holiday swags, tree ornaments, holiday cards, and more – each station offers something fun and festive to make and take home. Choose your craft station, or visit them all. We'll provide the materials and some snacks. Bring your holiday spirit to this free event! Email info@dublincommunitycenter.org to sign up.

Coffee House & Open Mic, Saturday, December 19

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 prior.

This month, we are pleased to feature Gwir and Abhai Raj Llewellyn who are known for their sacred music. With more than a dozen albums (see Sat Purkh on



your favorite streaming service) ranging from bluegrass to classical and folk arrangements, their live combos are built around banjo, guitar, and vocals. Joined by some local musicians and friends, their set will be built around originals and covers.

Email info@dublincommunitycenter.org to reserve a spot on the open mic sign-up, or just show up and find 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).

Red Cross Blood Drive, Saturday, December 26

A blood drive is being conducted at the center from 9 am–2 pm. To sign up, visit their website, redcrossblood.org/give, or call 1-800-RED CROSS.

Smartphone Photo Contest Call for Photos

We are very excited to hold our Annual Smartphone Photo Contest featuring images caught over the course of 2026 by those who live, work, or go to school in the Monadnock Region. The deadline for photo submissions is January 17. The contest is open to photographers in three categories: amateurs, professionals (defined as anyone who has received remuneration for their photography), and children (age 12 and under).

Each entrant may enter up to three photos taken between December 2025 and December 2026 of a person, a place, a detail shot, or an event anywhere in the Monadnock Region. Prizes will be awarded at a special reception at the DubHub in February, with more details to be announced. The fee for entering the contest is $10 per photo, which will cover the cost of printing an 8" x 10" glossy copy that you may keep. Email info@dublincommunitycenter.org for payment options and more information.

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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Granny D, Our Local Legend

BY CHRIS GALLAGHER

I have been involved in reform fights through most of my adult life, but I have saved the most important one for last – the fight to establish true political democracy in this country. –Doris Haddock

"Granny D" Haddock was born Ethel Doris Rollins on January 24, 1910, in Laconia. She attended Emerson College in Boston to study acting. One summer, she worked on Nantucket Island and met the love of her life, Jim Haddock. They got married in 1930, but since Emerson did not allow married students, she was forced to leave school after three years.

Life was difficult during the Depression years, but eventually, both Doris and Jim had business careers – Jim as an operations director at a power company and Doris as a production cost estimator at Bee Bee Shoes. They had two children, daughter Betty and son Jim.

In 1972, Jim and Doris retired and built a new home next to their son, Jim, and his wife, Libby, on Cobb Meadow Road in Dublin. Doris became involved in town business, including the Planning Board and the contentious Dublin bypass issue.



Doris's life would change dramatically through membership in the Tuesday Morning Academy in Francestown. The Academy was a study group of local women who met at the home of Bonnie Riley and dove deeply into a wide range of topics.

One day, the group discussed the news that the U.S. Senate had failed to pass the McCain-Feingold Campaign Finance Reform Bill. Doris was distressed. What could she do about it? It had recently been a very difficult time for her. Husband Jim had died after a 10-year battle with Alzheimer's Disease, and she had also lost her best friend, Elizabeth. Bonnie Riley gave her the challenge: "What *are* you going to do about it, Doris?"

Challenge accepted. She began with petition drives but quickly realized that her elected representatives were not listening.

In February of 1998, Doris and son Jim drove to Florida for a vacation and to visit Doris's sister, Vivian. While driving on a back road in the Everglades, they saw an old man walking alone. The sight brought Doris back to 1960 when she and her husband, Jim, had campaigned to stop nuclear testing at a remote Alaskan village. Was this man somehow a ghost from that time? On the spot, Doris told Jim that she would like to walk across America for campaign finance reform.

Jim was taken aback but, being a good son, finally agreed to think about it. After several days, he said he would support her if she was able to meet several challenges: walking 10 miles a day with a 25-pound backpack and sleeping on the ground in a sleeping bag. Challenge accepted again. Back in Dublin, she walked the local roads toting her backpack, covering over 800 miles, while she developed plans for her trip.



Photo by Paul Tuller

Doris Haddock, "Granny D," in her signature straw hat.

On January 1, 1999, 88-year-old Granny D began her trip at the Rose Bowl parade in Pasadena, California. Through deserts, mountains, rain, and snow, she walked 10 miles per day. Soon national media began to cover her journey with stories and live interviews.

Towns and cities anticipated her arrival and arranged for speeches and social events in her honor. For 14 months, she traveled more than 3,200 miles, some of them on cross-country skis. Hundreds of people chose to walk with her, including many friends from the Monadnock Region.

On February 29, 2000, Granny D walked into Washington, DC, and stopped at Arlington National Cemetery, the Lincoln Memorial, and finally the steps of the U.S. Capitol. Over 2,200 people participated in her welcome that day, including dozens of legislators and supporters from all over the country.

She returned to Dublin for a joyous welcome home celebration. After 70 years, Emerson College finally gave her a degree! She continued her advocacy throughout the country, including a run for a New Hampshire U.S. Senate seat in 2004. She was the founder of New Hampshire–based Open Democracy, a nonprofit that still carries on her work.

On March 9, 2010, Doris died at home at the age of 100, surrounded by her family. New Hampshire and the nation bid farewell to Doris "Granny D" Haddock, a beloved friend and legendary reformer. She was remembered by presidents, governors, senators, members of Congress, the media, and countless friends and admirers across the United States and the world for her uplifting rhetoric, her feisty down-to-earth spirit, and her unflinching commitment to the cause of democracy for all.

CHRIS GALLAGHER is a member of the Dublin Historical Society.

Let us choose life and love, and happily use our selves up in loving service to one another. –Doris Haddock

Everyone Lives Downstream

BY KATIE FEATHERSTON AND TRACEY MAY

"Imagine flying like a bird headed northward over Monadnock. Hover there, over the summit with the conical mass of the mountain beneath you; picture the face of a clock, hands anchored on the summit and the 12, over in Harrisville, corresponding to North.

"Now, to fully grasp the area we will explore, begin with the hour hand on 10 o'clock and trace its arc all the way over to 1 o'clock. We have just covered one-quarter of the area of Monadnock, and the hour hand, at 1, is running directly over the highest points in town (from the summit of Monadnock, down Pumpelly Ridge, across 101 by Lake Road, and over to Beech Hill).

"This pie-shaped wedge of land, covering 10.5 square miles of area, is etched with 13 miles of streams that spread out like the five fingers of a hand reaching in from Chesham in the northwest. The five small feeder streams, called tributaries, carry raindrops from the highlands of Monadnock, Beech Hill, and the entire northwest corner of our town. The waters come to rest in a series of ponds you can see on the map.



Map of Minnewawa Brook watershed

"In three-dimensional space, the ponds are like stairsteps. Dublin Lake, at the highest elevation of 1,479 feet, is sounded to a depth of 113 feet and covers 239 acres. Dark Pond, its closest neighbor, is 90 feet lower in elevation and on a separate tributary. Moving downstream and another 100 feet lower, the waters rest once again in the three ponds that comprise Howe Reservoir. The reservoir's total surface area in summer months is 258 acres, just 19 acres more than Dublin Lake. From Howe, the waters cross our town line before entering Russell Reservoir and the Minnewawa Brook (in Marlborough). The Minnewawa empties into the Ashuelot (Keene) and from the Ashuelot into the mighty Connecticut River (our state's western boundary), where it eventually meets the salty waters of Long Island Sound."

Thus begins a description of the Minnewawa Brook headwaters as written by Tracey May 10 years ago in a series of articles for *The Dublin Advocate*. Each article in the series is beautifully written and vividly describes each of four important watersheds that flow through our town. *Headwaters* is a term used to describe the source and upper part of a stream, its smallest beginnings high in the watershed. The watershed is an area that separates waters flowing to different rivers or basins. Some watersheds begin on the steep rocky slopes of a mountain, like Monadnock, others from marshy wetlands or bubbling springs.

Tracey May also writes, "Consider for a moment the value of the contribution Dublin waters offer. How clean must they be, with their origins in the mossy springs of our highlands? How important are our intact forests for ensuring purity of our waters? Are zoning regulations that protect the filtering wetlands and call for 100-foot buffers really necessary? It's a long way from here to Long Island Sound, yet our waters here in Dublin are linked to those ocean waters, molecule-to-molecule."

Have you ever heard the expression "everyone lives downstream"? The water that reaches us from the slopes of Mt. Monadnock may be well protected, but threats to the purity of that water begin as soon as it leaves the boundary of the park. We are a rural area that depends on wells and aquifers for drinking water and well-designed and regulated septic systems for proper treatment of waste. We can never take these things for granted or fail to protect what can never be replaced.

The articles describing Minnewawa Brook, Howe Reservoir, Brush Brook, and Stanley Pond/Mud Pond can all be found in the *Advocate* online archives from 2016 at dublinadvocate.com.

KATIE FEATHERSTON is a member of the Conservation Commission. TRACEY MAY is the pastor of the Dublin Community Church.

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December Creativity at MAXT

MAXT Makerspace in Peterborough and the Ceramics Center in Dublin host a wide range of classes and events where people can meet, learn, and have fun. There are hands-on workshops in woodworking, ceramics, electronics, metalworking, and 3D printing, in addition to creative meetups, collaborative projects, and open studios.

There's still time to fashion some handmade gifts at MAXT this month – or even create a magnificent "ugly sweater" to wear to your holiday party. Some of the possibilities include custom signs made with the CNC router, resin keepsake jewelry, watercolor winter cards, felt holiday garlands, wood-turned gnomes and pens, modern holiday stockings, basket woven ornaments, and stained glass for beginners. For more information, go to maxtmakerspace.org.



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Born to Be a Weatherman

BY MARY LOFTIS

Mark Nichols says he has been a weather nut since birth. As a tiny child, he would press his nose to the window to monitor what was happening outside his home in South Hamilton, Massachusetts. Throughout his childhood and teenage years, he kept an illustrated and annotated daily log of the country's weather conditions. His father, an airline pilot, brought him weather briefings from Logan Airport with official codes and symbols. Every day, Mark drew a map of the United States by hand and filled in the weather systems. An inches-thick stack of these records, which include penciled notes, are preserved in Mark's Greenwood Road home as an archive of his lifelong passion.

Mark remembers being thrilled by dramatic weather events such as hurricanes and blockbuster snowstorms. He recalls walking on Crane Beach in Ipswich, Massachusetts, with the waves crashing and the snow and sand blowing with equal power.

When Mark enrolled at Lowell Technological Institute, his academic path was obvious. In 1976, he received a B.S. in meteorology. His course of study included mechanical engineering, which, it turned out, would be useful later in his varied career. Although he joined the Air Force ROTC during college and anticipated becoming a pilot, those plans changed during the fuel crisis of 1976. Instead, Mark took a job with Weather Services Corporation, which did private forecasting for entities like the Department of Public Works in Boston and Logan Airport. His job included plotting the country's (as well as Canada's and Mexico's) weather. The work had to be completed quickly and involved rapid conversions of Celsius to Fahrenheit readings – something he can still do 50 years later!

In 1978, Mark's younger brother was killed in a motorcycle accident. He describes being inconsolable – and in need of a life change. Westinghouse Corporation was contracted by the Shah of Iran to deploy a giant telecommunications balloon in Zaboli, a rural area in the southeast corner of the country. The balloon, the size of a 747, was tethered to the ground and raised to 7,000–10,000 feet every day. Mark was hired as the meteorologist, part of a team from around the world. His year in Iran, which included trips home every three months, had a powerful impact on him. He was moved by the hospitality of his guide, Nouri, who took Mark to his family's home. He recalls bringing American blue jeans back as gifts to his friends in Iran after one of his breaks. Mark's Iranian friends loved all things American – but there was also resentment brewing from the government. He left the country right before the Islamic Revolution in 1979.



Photo by Kathy Nichols

Mark Nichols holding weather charts he created as a teen.

Returning to the United States, Mark became a TV weatherman, first at WNNE in Vermont, then WFLA in Florida, and finally as the weekend weatherman at Channel 7 in Boston, where his colleagues were Harvey Leonard and Dick Albert. Mark's final stop in the meteorology field was back where he started, with Weather Services Corporation. His job was to make weather forecasts for 210 U.S. cities every morning, which were published in *USA Today*. In 1986, tired of the pressure, Mark decided to quit weather as a profession – and reclaim it as an avocation.

He was on to a new career as a physics and chemistry teacher, where his college background in mechanical engineering served him well. He taught for 15 years at Mt. Greylock Regional High School in Williamstown, Massachusetts. In 1992, he was named Teacher of the Year and promoted to assistant principal. Later, he spent three years as an administrator and a teacher in the North Adams, Massachusetts, school system.

Mark's wife, Kathy, in her career as a nursing home administrator, finally brought the couple to Dublin in 2007. Mark answered an ad for assistant postmaster in Harrisville. There, as well as in Peterborough and Jaffrey, he sorted mail, sold stamps, and minded the counter until 2021.

Now finally retired, Mark can look out the windows of his lovely Dublin home to monitor the weather and cheer on a nor'easter. One of his favorite pastimes is snowblowing his driveway!

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

Dublin Remembers

Emily Harris Jones
1957–2026

December at the Harris Center

Easygoing Hike at Mosquitobush
Thursday, December 17, 9–11:30 am.
Exact meeting location provided with registration.

From the mid-1800s through the 1930s, Nubanusit Brook turned the machinery for small woodworking mills in the Harrisville hamlet known as Mosquitobush. Today, that land is protected by Historic Harrisville and is under conservation easement with the Harris Center. Join Harris Center ecologist Brett Amy Thelen and John Knight of Historic Harrisville to explore the natural and cultural history of Mosquitobush and environs – at a time of year when its namesake won't be a bother! Visit what remains of the mill, enjoy scenic views of Great Meadow and surrounding hills, and search for signs of beavers, otters, and other wildlife that has reclaimed this once-industrial landscape.

The exact route may vary depending upon conditions but will not exceed 2.5 miles and 200 feet of elevation gain on a combination of trails and dirt roads. After the hike, warm up over tea at the home of two current-day Mosquitobush residents. Space is limited, and registration is required at harriscenter.org/events/easygoing-hike-at-mosquitobush.

53rd Annual Christmas Bird Count
Saturday, December 19

Every winter for more than 50 years, volunteers have searched for birds in a 15-mile-diameter circle in the Peterborough–Hancock area as part of the Christmas Bird Count (CBC) – the largest and longest-running community science project in the world.

Since 1900, the Christmas Bird Count has become one of the world's most important records of environmental change. Each year, thousands of people come together to count birds within designated local areas called counting circles. What begins as a single observation becomes part of something far greater: scientific data that reveal population trends, community connections, and conservation action.

The Christmas Bird Count welcomes everyone, from experienced birders to those just beginning to notice the natural world around them. No expertise is required – just curiosity and a love of birds. Whether you join a field group, monitor your backyard feeder, or help compile data, local circle leaders will guide volunteers. First-timers are often paired with experienced counters. For more information and to join the fun, please contact John Ranta at john.f.ranta@gmail.com.



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Time to Bury the Hatchet?

BY JULIE RIZZO



To *bury the hatchet* means "to come together after a disagreement, resolve an argument, or make peace with an enemy." It comes from a centuries-old Native American tradition of literally burying a hatchet in the ground as a gesture of peace. An Iroquois legend tells of the chiefs of five nations burying their weapons beneath an oak tree to be washed away by an underground river. French Jesuits in the mid-1600s recorded that when the Iroquois visited Quebec, they wished to "unite all the nations of the earth and to hurl the hatchet so far into the depths of the earth that it shall never again be seen."

Two days after the November midterm elections, I was with a friend who lives in the town of Lewes, Delaware. "It's Return Day in Suffolk County," she observed, to my puzzlement. It turns out Return Day is celebrated every two years in Georgetown, Delaware, the Suffolk County seat, two days after the elections. Historically, voters made a trip to Georgetown to cast their votes and then returned two days later to hear the results read aloud.

Since 1792, Return Day has been celebrated with a holiday, a parade, and a ceremony where political party chairs bury a hatchet in sand. Other activities include an ox roast, games, and opportunities to shake hands and exchange views with newly elected officials.

The parade features high school and college bands, civic organizations, businesses, sports teams, and dance groups. Most notably, political opponents for state and local offices ride together in horse-drawn carriages, antique cars, or convertibles, with the loser facing backward and the winner facing forward!

The 2026 midterm elections have come and gone, but it seems to me this tradition of "burying the hatchet" could be a meaningful ritual to turn our attention away from our differences and toward our shared regard for our community, neighbors, and natural environment. We now have a peace pole planted right in the center of town, waiting for new traditions to form around it. Anyone got a hatchet?

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

Stories to Share: Rachel Sawyer



On Friday, December 4 at 5 pm, Jaffrey Civic Center's "Stories to Share" will host local farmer Rachel Sawyer, speaking on "Farming in Jaffrey: Pumpkins, Hay, Sugar, Beef." Rachel and her husband Alfred raise pumpkins, squash, sweet corn, hay, and beef on the Sawyer Farm in Jaffrey. They sell their produce and maple products from a farm stand on Turnpike Road. Rachel's talk is offered in conjunction with the current Civic Center Show, "For the Love of the Land: A Tribute to the Agricultural Way of Life" which runs until December 19.

The program is offered free of charge, but donations are appreciated to help support this event and others like it. The program will be recorded. To register for in-person attendance please go to jaffreyciviccenter.com/stories or call JCC Executive Director Hallie Driscoll at 603-532-6527. Those who wish to attend are encourgaed to reserve their seat ahead of time.

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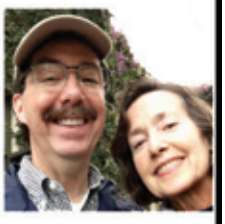

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What a Waste!

BY JEANNE STERLING

Gazillion tons of paper collect every minute of the day, all year long, forever.

I can't imagine the actual tonnage worldwide. I think I'll just focus on my own private world.

We just survived an election season. A daily delivery of slick, larger-than-post-card-size political advertisements appeared in my mailbox. I'm an old lady, and senior citizens love to receive mail – and I said "mail," though, not the four or five candidate ads I got each day. It was beginning to be a happy moment when even an electric bill was tucked in among the junk.

I now receive my newspaper online. This might save paper, but it also might lead to the newspaper going belly up if everyone goes online. A venerable publication would be no more, and loyal employees would be out of work. What to do; what to do?

I tried to cut back on reports from my investment firm, opting to receive them by email. Well, now I receive them both ways! The annual reports are larger than a Sears catalog. Who, in God's name, is going to sit down and read that tome? Not me.

Some of my mail consists of pertinent information I need to read, along with five pages of the same message in five different languages. I guess I should bone up on my Farsi to compare notes.

I try to do my part to reduce paper waste. I use cleaning cloths and dish cloths, hopefully cutting back on my paper towel use. I use the backs of envelopes for grocery lists and scrap paper. After Christmas, I re-read the cards and then cut off whichever half has a blank side (and no glitter) – more scrap paper for my desk and end table.

I think the winner of frugal paper use would go to a former employer of mine. A small box was placed behind and underneath the tape roll of my adding machine. When the day was over, I was told to rewind the used tape, enabling me to print on the clean side the next day. "Penny-wise and pound-foolish." Was it worth paying me an extra hour to save the price of a new roll of tape?

I think not.

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

End 68–Happy Birthday!

Thanks to a generous donor, End 68 Hours of Hunger has a new bonus: At the beginning of each month, every child in our program who has a birthday that month gets a special Birthday Cake Bundle. (Summer birthdays are recognized in June.) The DIY birthday-cake package includes a cake mix, frosting, birthday-cake candles, and a can of Sprite. The Sprite replaces the egg, oil, and water typically added to a cake mix – who knew?



Of course, our regular deliveries to schools and homes continue; we're serving just over 150 children each weekend. And that means that your food donations, left at the Dublin Community Church, are still greatly appreciated. It's the time of year when we start to worry about foods freezing, so this month, we ask that folks focus on non-freezable items like ramen, dry pasta, and nutrition bars. As always, thank you so much for your support!



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Coming Up at The Park Theatre

Please join us for a **retirement celebration honoring Steve Jackson**, celebrating 11 years as CEO/Managing Director of The Park Theatre, **Thursday, Dec. 3, 4–6 pm**. All are welcome.

Dickens Fest starts Dec. 4! Check out the programs below, and for more details go to **theparktheatre.org**.

Dec. 1, 6:30 pm *The Nutcracker* from The Royal Ballet & Opera, London

Dec. 4, 7:30 pm Heather Pierson Trio *A Charlie Brown Christmas*



Dec. 5, 7:30 pm *Dickens' America* one-man play

Dec. 6, 1:30 pm *The Nutcracker* from The Royal Ballet & Opera, London

Dec. 6, 1:45 pm *The Nutcracker and The Mouse King* from Operahaus Zurich

Dec. 9, 1:30 pm ArtsCinema Series: *The Mystery of Picasso*

Dec. 9, 6:30 pm Open Mic Night

Dec. 11, 6:30 pm Charles Dickens' *Nicholas Nickleby* (movie)

Dec. 12, 10 am–4 pm Currier & Ives Cookie Tour

Dec. 12, 1 pm Annual Santa Party with *Home Alone 2: Lost in New York* (free)

Dec. 12, 4 pm A Swinging Yuletide Band Holiday Show featuring the NH Jazz Band

Dec. 18, 6:30 pm *It's a Wonderful Life* Jimmy Stewart classic

Dec. 19, 7:30 pm Coming Home, a New England Christmas, featuring music of James Taylor, by James Gedeon

Dec. 20, 4 pm Project Shakespeare *A Christmas Carol*

Celebrate MLK Jr. in 2027

Tuesday, January 19, 5–6 pm, at The Park Theatre in Jaffrey *Love in Action: A Celebration in Song* – featuring music and student presentations

Sunday, January 24, 2 pm, at Cathedral of the Pines in Rindge
Keynote address: *Beloved Community in the Making: Performance, Radical Hope, and Repair* – Professor Andre de Quodros, Boston University, conductor, artist, human rights advocate, international peacemaker

All events are free and open to the public. Please join us!

Presented by the Jaffrey-Rindge MLK Committee, **jaffreyrindgemlk@gmail.com.**



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DECEMBER 2026 Calendar

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
DCA Dublin Christian Academy **DCC** Dublin Community Church **DPL** Dublin Public Library **HUB** Dublin Community Center **JCC** Jaffrey Civic Center **MVBC** Mountain View Bible Church **PUT** Putnam Park, Peterborough **TH** Town Hall, Dublin **TS** Transfer Station		1 **GIVING TUESDAY**; **HUB** Early Yoga 6:30-7:30am; Open 9am-3pm; **DPL** Monadnock Bridge Club 12:30pm; Middle Grade Book Club 3-4:30pm; NH GOP Meeting 5:30pm	2 **HUB** Coffee/ Conversation 10am-noon; Qigong noon-1pm; **DPL** Story Time; Stories and Songs w/Opa 10:30; Homeschool Gathering 11:30am-12:30pm; Jr Book Club 3:30-4:30pm	3 **HUB** Open 9am-3pm; Mahjong 1pm; **TH** Planning Board 6pm	4 **DCC** Book Sale 9am-5pm; **HUB** Zoom Knit/w Nancy 10am; Small Treasures 5-7pm; **JCC** Stories to Share 5-6pm	5 **DCC** Book Sale 9am-5pm; Boutique 10am-2pm; **HUB** Small Treasures 10am-3pm; Cookie Market 11am-2pm; **DPL** Jerry Pallotta 1-3pm; **PUT** Children/Arts Parade 6pm
6 **MVBC** Services 9am, 10am, noon; **DCC** Advent Service 10:30am; Book Sale 1-3pm; **HUB** Small Treasures 12-3pm; Holiday Singalong 3pm	7 **HUB** Coffee and Conversation 10am-noon; Small Treasures 10am-3pm; Yoga 3-4:15pm; **DCA** *Gingerbread Christmas* 1:30pm; **DPL** Jr Book Club 3:30-4:30pm; **TH** Select Board 4:30pm	8 **HUB** Early Yoga 6:30-7:30am; Open 9am-3pm; **DPL** Monadnock Bridge Club 12:30pm; Middle Grade Book Club 3-4:30pm; WRRC 5pm; **DCA** *Gingerbread Christmas* 6:30pm	9 **HUB** Coffee and Conversation 10am-noon; Qigong noon-1pm; Herb Class 6:30-8:30pm; **DPL** Story Time 10:30am; Homeschool Gathering 11:30am-12:30pm; Jr Book Club 3:30-4:30pm; FDPL 5pm	10 **HUB** Open 9am-3pm; Mahjong 1pm	11 **HUB** Zoom Knit w/Nancy 10am; Art Reception 5-7pm	12 **DPL** Dublin Dems 10am
13 **MVBC** Services 9am, 10am, noon; Christmas Program 6pm; **DCC** Advent Service/Christmas Pageant 10:30am	14 **HUB** Coffee/ Conversation 10am-noon; Yoga 3-4:15pm; Building Community 6:30-8pm; **DPL** Jr Book Club 3:30-4:30pm; Dublin Historical Society 4:45pm; **TH** Select Board 4:30pm	15 **HUB** Early Yoga 6:30-7:30am; Open 9am-3pm; Songwriters Group 6:30-8pm; **DPL** Monadnock Bridge Club 12:30pm; Middle Grade Book Club 3-4:30pm; Tech Night w/Liz 6pm	16 **HUB** Coffee and Conversation 10am-noon; Qigong noon-1pm; Storytelling Circle 6:30-8:30pm; **DPL** Story Time 10:30am; Homeschool Gathering 11:30am-12:30pm; Jr Book Club 3:30-4:30pm; **TH** Con Com 5pm	17 **HUB** Open 9am-3pm; Mahjong 1pm	18 **HUB** Zoom Knit w/Nancy 10am; A Christmas Carol 7pm	19 **DPL** Winter Solstice Celebration 10am-1pm; **HUB** Holiday Craft Workshop 10am-noon; Coffeehouse 6pm-9pm
20 **MVBC** Services 9am, 10am, noon; **DCC** Advent Service 10:30am;	21 **TH** CLOSED; **HUB** Coffee and Conversation 10am-noon; Yoga 3pm-4:15pm; **DPL** Jr Book Club 3:30-4:30pm; Lantern Installation 4-6pm;	22 **TH** CLOSED; **HUB** Early Yoga 6:30-7:30am; Open 9am-3pm; **DPL** Monadnock Bridge Club 12:30pm; Middle Grade Book Club 3-4:30pm; Trustee Meeting 5pm	23 **TH** CLOSED; **HUB** Coffee and Conversation 10am; Qigong noon-1pm; **DPL** Story Time 10:30am; Homeschool Gathering 11:30-12:30pm; Jr Book Club 3:30-4:30pm	24 **TH** CLOSED; **HUB** Open 9am-3pm; Mahjong 1pm; **DPL** CLOSED; **MVBC** Christmas Eve Service 6pm; **DCC** Christmas Eve Service 7:30pm	25 **CHRISTMAS DAY** **TS** CLOSED	26 **DPL** CLOSED; **HUB** Red Cross Blood Drive 9am-2pm
27	28 **HUB** Coffee and Conversation 10am-noon; Yoga 3-4:15pm; **DPL** Jr Book Club 3:30-4:30pm	29 **HUB** Early Yoga 6:30-7:30am; Open 9am-3pm; **DPL** Monadnock Bridge Club 12:30pm; Middle Grade Book Club 3-4:30pm	30 **HUB** Coffee and Conversation 10am-noon; Qigong noon-1pm; **DPL** Story Time 10:30am; Homeschool Gathering 11:30am-12:30pm; Jr Book Club 3:30-4:30pm	31 **HUB** Open 9am-3pm; Mahjong 1pm; **DPL** CLOSED	1 **TS** CLOSED	

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