

JAZZ SUNDAY AT DUBLIN COMMUNITY CHURCH

By Barbara Summers

February 3rd, at the regular 10:00 am service, the Adult and Children's Choirs of the Dublin Community Church will present their annual service of spirituals and gospel music, accompanied by Scott Mullett and his 5 piece jazz band.

Get ready for Mardi Gras. "Deep River" Sunday -- a "Mardi Gras" will be a celebration of the river of God in spirituals and Christian music. Worship will be followed by a special, expanded coffee hour sponsored by the Board of Outreach, featuring Emily Brnger and Annie Card with slides and a presentation about the work currently being done along the "deep river" in New Orleans.

WINTERTIME FROLIC: WINTERFEST 2008

By Kathy Merrick

Winterfest, the annual frolic in the snow put on by the Dublin Recreation Committee, will be Saturday, February 9th from 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at the Dublin Consolidated School. This is a fun-filled day of "cold" activities and "hot" food!

There will be music to play in the snow by, a bonfire to gather around, and hot chocolate, chili, and hot dogs to drive off the winter chill. The day's activities include a Snow Sculpture Contest, Snowmobile Tow Rides (courtesy of the Dublin Trailbreakers), and the Annual Box Sled Race.

Qualifying heats for the Box Sled Race will start at 1:00 p.m. Rules for the Box Sled Race are as follows:

1. Sleds are to be made of cardboard and duct tape only, to include the sliding surface.
2. Sleds cannot be built on skis, manufactured sleds, snow tubes, cafeteria trays, etc. Again, only cardboard and duct tape.
3. The sliding surface of your sled should only be made of cardboard and ordinary duct tape.
4. Plastic, metal, and wood items may be used only for ornamental purposes.

So, start designing and building your box sled now for the bid race! Come out for a hopefully frosty day of fun. Should there not be enough (or any) snow, we will have indoor activities planned. For more information, call Kathy Merrick at 563-8772.

ST.VALENTINE'S DAY BOOK SALE!!!

By Rosemary Mack

February is "Love Your Library" month so what better time to hold The Friends of the Dublin Library Book Sale then Valentine's Day? We are doing things a little differently this year with a Preview Night on Thursday, February 14 from 5:30 to 7:30 in the Library Meeting Room. There will be an admission charge of \$10 for non-members and \$5 for Friends Members. This will give you the

opportunity to have first crack at this year's large variety of books and still have time to take your sweetie out to dinner.

Saturday morning, February 16, will be our usual free sale beginning at 9:30 and ending at noon. Don't forget—the last 30 minutes books are one dollar a bag.

Please come and join us for one or both days and stock your shelves with treasures.

DUBLIN DOINGS IN THREE...DOTS

By Matt Wagner

Selectmen signed a construction contract with The MacMillin Co. of Keene to do the restoration and construction work on Town Hall...please take great care in entering the parking lot behind Town Hall...park on the upper level, if possible...the recurrent snows have called on the Highway Department at all hours of the day and night...thanks to Roger, Mike, George and Brian for their hard winters' efforts... Dubliners turned out in very large numbers for the Primary as 70% of all registered voters took part in the process...if you are (snowbirding?) away from Dublin and you want to view our fine weather, just go to TownofDublin.org, Dublin's website...click on Current Weather and you will be directed to The Old Farmers' Almanac website where Dublin temperature, humidity and etc. are displayed in real time...then click on the webcam and see Yankee and the Dublin Town Hall... Rebecca ruled the Library as an enthusiastic crowd was regaled by the Yankee humor of author Rebecca Rule...she told great, funny stories and then was told great, funny stories back...and that's where she gets 'em from...

Dates to note: Tuesday, February 5...the last day to file a petition for a warrant article to be heard at the Town Meeting...Town Meeting "voting" is on Tuesday, March 11... years ago, the Town Meeting voted to have the business meeting on the Saturday after the Tuesday, so the business portion of Town Meeting will be convened on Saturday March 15... WinterFest, the annual frolic in the snow put on by the Dublin Recreation Committee, will be Saturday, February 9, 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at the Dublin Consolidated School...this is a fun-filled day of "cold" activities and "hot" food!...The Friends of the Dublin Library Book Sale starts with a Preview Night on Thursday, February 14 from 5:30 to 7:30 in the Library Meeting Room...Peterborough Folk Music Society, with lots of Dubliner involvement has a Chris Smithen concert Sunday, February, 23, check out www.pfmsconcerts.org...The Jaffrey Civic Center's Call of Entry for the Annual Spring Show is now...with the first show of the season opening on Friday, February 22 from 5-7 pm and will run from through March 22, 2008 in the second floor Cunningham Gallery...info is available by calling 532-6527... Dublin artists have a long history of being shown here, including Georgia Fletcher, Betty Glass, and Sheila King...

Promotions: The Dublin Police Department's longtime Officer Dana Hennessy from Sergeant to Lieutenant...Officer Quimby to Master Patrolman...the Highway Department's George Jantti to Heavy Equipment Operator...

Thanks to many for getting these tidbits for us...Please submit 'doings...etc' to me at neonwalrus@gmail.com

PETER'S PONDERINGS: PLAYER PIANOS

By Peter Hewitt

I never knew of a business that crashed as suddenly and completely as that of player pianos. Time was when player pianos were all over. There were even Steinway player pianos, and their owners valued them as if they were Packards or Pierce Arrows. All kinds of famous people made player piano rolls, from Fats Waller to Paderewski.

The machinery was quite complicated. It was sold under the trade name "Duo Art" Most of the player pianos I've seen had "Duo Art mechanisms.

Then along about the mid 1920's they stopped making player pianos. It was as if someone had flipped a switch. My guess is that electrical recording, which was introduced about 1925, drove the nails in the coffin of the player piano. All of a sudden pianos sounded like real instruments instead of tinny imitations, as they did on the old acoustical records. While records may not have been all that much less expensive than a piano roll, a good record player cost a whole lot less than a player piano, and consumed a lot less space.

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WELLNESS CENTER

“HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL” COMING TO DUBLIN SCHOOL

By Anne Mackey

In February, Dublin School will be presenting a production of the stage version of “Disney’s High School Musical,” the popular movie that has captured the hearts and imaginations of millions of ‘tweens and teens across the nation over the last two years, and has been seen on television, video, a national tour, and this winter, as an ice show.

The cast and crew of thirty-five students are highly motivated and excited according to director, Jan Haman. “Many of the students already knew the show by heart, having viewed it multiple times with their families – particularly younger siblings. When I arrive at rehearsal, often the stage is packed with students singing and dancing to the music. It’s infectious!”

Haman says she chose the play because of its “immense popularity, but I had no idea it was such a phenomenon.” “The original movie centers on the men’s basketball team and, of course, we are using that team’s leading players,

but I thought we should highlight our women players as well, so we are!” Says Haman

A number of local Dublin School students are involved in the production, which features a special musical/basketball number, an audience favorite called “Get Your Head In The Game!” The Dublin show uses actual members of the school’s basketball teams, including two stars of its women’s team, Nicole Smith and Erika Bullock both from Rindge.

Dublin’s Athletic Director and basketball coach, Rico Marino, plays the team’s coach, Mr. Bolton, in the show.

Students James Kirk of Keene, and Gabby Germain of Bedford, NH, will perform the leads, Troy and Gabriella, while the nemesis twin team of Sharpay and Ryan will be portrayed by Jessica Sota and Julian Lind of Lawrence, MA. Other students in the cast include Spenser Horgan of Dublin, Caroline Sarles of Rindge, Jennifer Zakrewski of

Marlborough and Alison Coney of Rindge.

Dublin music teacher Jessica Harrison is the musical director, and Tom Martin of Dublin will lead the orchestra of professional musicians. Angela Achille Brening of Peterborough is the choreographer and, set design is the collaboration of Earl Schofield and Christopher Clauss of Dublin, and Scott Gardner of Rindge.

The Dublin School production will open on Thursday, February 14, and will run through February 17. Shows on February 14, 15 and 16 will begin at 7:00 p.m. The show on February 17 will be a matinee at 1:00 p.m. “Disney’s High School Musical –The Show” will be held in the Louise Shonk Recital Hall and admission will be \$5 for all. Reservations can be made by calling Anne Mackey at 563-1223.



DUBLIN AREA DINING

By Judy and Matt Wagner

It was the January thaw; the pols had headed to South Carolina or Nevada, and some, just home. New Hampshire was free, again. So, we decided to live and took a drive up to Walpole. To LA Burdicks. The restaurant. The chocolatier.

Entering the building we were greeted with a decorous winter display of greenery, feathers, and festivity. It set the table for the array of choices for our dinner: The wine list was extant from sparkling to rose, rouge to port; the coffee list, too, was long (eggnog latte was the night’s special). Despite our passing on either most other diners obviously were enjoying ‘the beverages’. On to the appetizers, which included mixed organic greens, arugula salad, a trio of pates, warm goat cheese salad, a charcuterie plate, and more. These were starters. They were part of a delightful overall presentation.

The entrees included omelets, mussels, pan

fried salmon, rabbit tenderloin, and more. We three (our daughter joined us) ordered and shared a Gruyere omelet, a cod fishcake, and a wine based beef stew. They came with broccoli rabe, winter vegetables, frites, and mashed (with the stew). As we sampled each other’s entrees we had a grand mix of very different textures and tastes, all served up for maximum palate pleasure.

This left dessert. But this created a dilemma, because of the seemingly endless choices. Chocolate mousse cake, Harvard Square, Zugar Kirsch, Burdick’s birthday cake, rich chocolate cake layered with raspberry Grenache, and a score more of pastries. It was a tough decision. Too tough. So tough we passed right through them all – and went directly to the adjoining chocolate shop. There, chocolate mice, chocolate covered nuts, and white chocolate went (almost all the way) home with us.

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HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL DUBLIN
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MONADNOCK TRAIL BREAKER NEWS

By Kim Bergeron

Hello from the Dublin's snowmobile club. We are experiencing the best snow conditions in five years! Now that MacDowell Lake has frozen over the MacDowell Trail has been groomed to perfection. Starting on Route 101 near Carr's store this 15 mile trail ends at the Bennington Rail Bed. Once in Bennington you can head toward Hillsborough or Wilton. There are many places to eat and great scenery along the way. We invite all enthusiasts (cross country skiers, hikers, horseback riders, etc.) to enjoy this trail which is maintained by the volunteers of the Monadnock Trail Breakers.

If you would like to try snowmobiling or have a teenager with time on their hands consider becoming a part of this growing winter outdoor recreation club!

This club offers you the following:

1. Strength in numbers and in an organization.
2. Continued ability to utilize local trails.
3. A groomed trail from CARR's Store to the Hancock rail bed
4. The ability to link a trail from your home to the trail system.
5. A sense of satisfaction: volunteering time for Dublin community events
6. A sense of satisfaction part 2: appreciation by others for our groomed trails

We look forward to the giving free Snowmobile Rides at the Dublin Winter Festival (again) this year. We plan on running two snowmobiles with two tow along sleds which will keep the lines moving quickly.

For those of you who are looking for something to do in the winter months I invite you to introduce yourselves to our organization.



Trailbreakers get ready to head out on the trail

If you need to register your Snowmobile don't forget that you can purchase registrations at Steve's Sport Shop (563-8692) right here in Dublin.

Finally, I invite you to join us at our monthly meeting held at 6:30 PM on January 3rd, 2008 in the basement of the Dublin Public Library. Please come in and see what we are all about.

Remember, think snow and be safe!



DHS ANNUAL POTLUCK DINNER/WINTER MEETING: FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 15

By Rusty Bastedo

This year's Potluck Dinner takes place as usual in the Dublin Community Church Vestry, beginning at 6:30 PM.

The snow (or flood, hurricane, or other disaster) date is Friday, February 22. Guests are asked to bring a main dish, salad or dessert as their entry fee.

Dublin Historical Society president Rusty Bastedo and Treasurer Bill Goodwin will report briefly at 7PM on the year just past; then architect Dan Scully will give an illustrated talk about the current work to renovate/restore Dublin's 1882 Town Hall. The landmark building has been the headquarters for town offices for 126 years, and Dan Scully's work will help ensure that the Town Hall will continue to serve the community for decades to come. Please call 563-8545.

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NEWS FROM THE DUBLIN CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL:

By May Clark, Teaching Principal

We've had such beautiful snow this year! Our children have been enjoying the DCS snowshoes frequently during recess. The students made these beautiful wooden and rawhide snowshoes a number of years ago, thanks to the inspiration of Dave Rollins and the help of the Harris Center. So children and teachers get to wander around in the woods enjoying nature and the crisp air. What a wonderful break in the middle of the day! Let's hope the snow sticks around for Dublin's WinterFest, happening Saturday Feb. 9. Thanks go to Dublin's wonderful Recreation Committee for organizing and sponsoring this event, which is held at DCS each winter.

Another fantastic experience for DCS students is coming up this month. The Dublin School is bringing a portion of their show, "High School Musical," to us on Feb. 12. We're so grateful to the Dublin School for their generosity in sharing this experience with our children.

In January we had a parent night for families to learn more about our

ABCs at DCS. We watched fifth graders perform skits demonstrating respectful behavior in various situations. Parents played ABCs Jeopardy with their children, and listened to their children read essays they had written about respect. Our families enjoyed refreshments provided by our PTO, and everyone witnessed the amazing learning shown by our students about Acting Responsibly, and Being Respectful, Careful and Cooperative.

The excitement of the New Hampshire Primary Election is behind us, but our local voting is yet to come. Voting Day is coming up on March 11, when we will elect town officers and decide on the ConVal School District budget. Voting will likely take place at DCS in March, which is an exciting prospect for us. It's a terribly important lesson for our children in the responsibilities of citizenship. In the meantime, come and visit us if you get a chance. Come for lunch, or bring some snowshoes and join us at recess.

Just call (563-8332) or email before you come - we'd love to see you.

**APPLE HILL CHAMBER PLAYERS
AT DUBLIN SCHOOL**

Dublin School's Humanities Program will host the Apple Hill Chamber Players in the Louise Shonk Kelly Recital Hall in the school's administration building on Friday, February 8 at 7:00 p.m. The Brass Quartet will play selections from Beethoven and Ravel.

Dublin School is especially honored to present this program in the Louise Shonk Kelly Recital Hall, as it brings together both The Players and the School – two of Ms. Shonk's favorite groups.

The Dublin community is welcome to attend his event, but due to space considerations, please call Anne Mackey, Assistant to the Headmaster, at 563-1223, if you plan to attend.

**FEBRUARY
DUBLIN SCHOOL BASKETBALL**

- 2/2 Girls vs. Vermont Academy 2:00 p.m.
- Boys vs. Tilton 3:30 p.m.
- 2/8 Girls vs. Stoneleigh Burnham 5:00 p.m.
- 2/20 Girls vs. Kimball Union Academy 4:30 p.m.
- 2/23 Girls vs. Tilton School 2:00 p.m.

WINTER POEMS FROM DCS

I love a "Snow Day"
But too bad they're not in May



-Robie Hebert

One day I went ice skating.
I walked out to the pond.
I sat on a rock.
Then I put on my skates.
I stood up and took off skating.
I guess the ice was not ready for me.

-Theresa Edick

It was a cold windy day.
I went outside to sled.
My mom made me wear a big coat.
It was red and made me feel huge.
My dad got me a snow tube.
I did pop it; I was crushed.



-Megan Buydos



As I sled down t he hill,
I'm going fast.
As I fall down in my sled,
O'm having a blast.
I think I will do it again.
CRASH! CRASH! I can't feel my face!

-Robie Hebert

It was one snowy day.
I wanted to go outside.
I got my super sled out.
My sister was watching.
I took a running leap,
And landed on my face.

-Olivia Thomas



PERSON OF THE MONTH: DICK SEVATSON

By Anne Anable

Although he grew up on an Iowa farm without running water or electricity, Dick Sevatson was not destined to spend his life as a farmer. For a while it looked as if he might have a career in the military.

“When I graduated from high school in 1946, I enlisted in the Army Air Force. I was an amateur radio operator, and there was a great need for radio operators. I was a flight radio mechanic on a C- 47. . We were based in Denver, Colorado, in a facility that is now turned into a village. They built solid housing for the military in those days. It was an easy conversion to civilian housing.

“The war hadn’t been officially declared over, so I was able to be included in the GI bill and go to college, even though I didn’t see action. The GI bill was a great thing, and gave subsidies to students who wouldn’t be able to afford college otherwise.” Dick chose to attend the University of Iowa. While in college, he met his wife Nancy, a fellow student,

On summer vacations during his junior and senior years, he had a Civil Service job. “By then we were in the Korean War. I was assigned to a Victory class freighter; converted to a troop ship, delivering troops to the Far East.” he said. “I’d never been on the ocean before. Fortunately I don’t get seasick.”

The next professional direction took him to law school, but as he put it, “lawyers starved to death in those days. Eventually you might earn a living wage, but it took a long time to get established. And I thought it wouldn’t be much of a challenge to spend all my time drawing up people’s wills.”

He stayed long enough to get a law degree, but never practiced. Instead, he thought he would try Business School. But before he got to class, a scout from AT & T found him; he was hired, and stayed with the company for 30 years. He not only had a variety of jobs within the company, but moved all over the country. Nancy became adept at all aspects of transfer.

“The company paid all your moving expenses, put you up in a hotel until you



Dick Sevatson

found a house, and covered a couple of trips back to your former area. Our children got used to frequent school changes.”

The Sevatsos lived in San Francisco in the 1960’s, Kansas City, Missouri in the 70’s, New York and Connecticut in the 80’s, with postings along the way in New Mexico, New Jersey, Illinois, Minnesota, and Texas. “I traveled a good deal on business too.” Dick commented. Nancy collected American antiques, and soon turned her hobby into a business.

Dick retired twenty years ago. Asked why he picked New Hampshire to retire, having no relatives or close friends here, Dick said Nancy liked the antiques and he liked the lower taxes. Dick has been on the Library Board of Directors for the past four years.

“We’ve owned a lot of houses,” said Dick. “Nancy’s father still has some farmland. You used to be able to grow enough for your family and make a profit with 160 acres, but that isn’t the case now.”. The couple kept a winter house for nine years, in Cambria, California, but sold it in 2001, when traveling from coast to coast became too complicated

“Our son had lots of Frequent Flyer miles and was very generous with them, so that’s how our cross country venture began,” he said. “Now we’ve only this house and that suits us.”

PRESIDENT’S DAY

By Matt Wagner

George Washington? Sure. Abraham Lincoln? Why not? What about the ‘would-be’ presidents who recently descended upon our area and wintered in Peterborough and Keene, while doubtlessly passing through our town? But if it’s President’s Day and it’s Dublin then it is William Howard Taft.

On August 28, 1910, the 27th President of the United States, William Howard Taft, while week-ending with Dublin summer resident, friend, and Secretary of the Treasury Franklin MacVeagh, attended services at The First Congregational Church in The Village. This was one of two stays by President Taft. Memorably, he also welcomed all to the home (now owned by the Petrones) where he personally shook hands and greeted ‘all comers’, some 500 or so.

President Gerald Ford motorcade through Dublin more than 30 years ago. Does anyone know of any additional presidential visits to our village?

This article was sourced by the Dublin Historical Society, The History of Dublin by Leonard and Seward, and Village on a Hill by Hyman.

JUST FOR FUN

1. Light travels faster than sound. This is why some people appear bright until you hear them speak.
2. A fine is a tax for doing wrong. A tax is a fine for doing well.
3. He, who laughs last, thinks slowest.
4. A day without sunshine is like, well... night.
5. Change is inevitable, except from a vending machine.
6. Nothing is foolproof to a sufficiently talented fool.
7. The 50-50-90 rule: Anytime you have a 50-50 chance of getting something right, there's a 90% probability you'll get it wrong.
8. If the shoe fits, get another one just like it.
9. Flashlight: A case for holding dead batteries.
10. The shin bone is a device for finding furniture in the dark.

REBECCA RULE: STORYTIME

By Rick MacMillan



A packed house of some 75 people filled the lower level of the Library January 9 to hear and tell "Noo Hampshah" stories, an event sponsored by the Friends of the Dublin Public Library.

For more than an hour, with animation and quiet energy, Rebecca Rule held sway, reminding us the best stories are those that happen in our midst. "I'm a purveyor of other people's stories," she confessed, "and what makes them interesting is that they tend to grow and grow." Quickly slipping into the local vernacular, Rebecca...or Becky, as she prefers...went on about spending 40 days and 40 nights in Berlin, (Noo Hampshah, of coss), Roland Obie's hoss puillin' contest trophy, and Grace the waitress's view of the moose head on the wall. The audience was asked to chime in, and did...a few stories about town meeting, and Rosemary James...Becky dutifully made notes for future reference.

For her finale, Ms. Rule read from her collection of stories a favorite, "Perly got a Dump Stickah", which is also the title of one of her CDs...a must for long drives and out of state visitors.

LENTEN LUNCHES AT DCC

By Teresa Imhoff

The Dublin Community Church will hold its annual Lenten Lunches again this year during Lent. Each Wednesday, from February 13 through March 19, a choice of piping hot soups and home made luncheon bread will be served in the church vestry beginning at 12:00 noon.

All are welcome!

DUBLIN LIBRARY HAPPENINGS: FEBRUARY 2008

By Betty McIntyre

Bear with the Winter Storytime during February at 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday mornings with crafts and stories all about bears. On February 13th Valentine's Day will be celebrated during Story Time.

Join the group gathered in the West Room in front of the fireplace for an hour of knitting and chatting. Meeting on Monday evenings 7-8:00p.m.

Looking for a book ??? All adult fiction books in the library have been bar-coded and now can be found on the library computers under Card Catalog. Have you tried locating a title or author of a book by accessing the card catalog from any of the library computers? Come in and give it a try. Just sit down at a computer double click on the card catalog icon, at the search screen type in title of book, press enter,

the screen will show if the book is in the collection.

Have you written a will? The library has added some new books to the collection, on writing a will. These and others regarding finances and taxes will be on display this month. So come in and check them out!

Set aside these March dates: March 1, Cabin Fever Brunch; March 8, Meet the Candidates; March 22, Easter Egg Hunt.

New Books:

You've Been Warned by J. Patterson

The Woods by H. Coben

Vineyard Stalker by P. Craig

Marco Polo by L. Bergreen

Zig Zag by B. Nicholas

Father and Sons by A. Waugh

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY BOOK SALE NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

By Rosemary Mack

The Friends of the Library will be holding their book sale in mid-February. But we need help to pull it off with the same success we have had in past years. If you can help out an hour or two during any of the following times:

Feb. 13, Wednesday morning from 9 until noon: this is when we need the most help to pull all the sorted (not sordid) books out of the Gowing Room and arrange them on tables in the Meeting Room.

Feb. 14, Thursday evening from 5 to 8 p.m.: Something new this year! We will be holding a preview night from 5:30 to 7:30 when people will pay to get first crack at the books. (\$10 for non-members; \$5 for Friends members and FREE for anyone who helps with the book sale.) We'll need people to collect the money, keep the refreshments refreshed as well as help the customers, straighten books and work the check-out table. From 7:30 to 8 we'll scramble to get the remaining books back in place.

(Fri., the 15th is the Snow Date which will conflict with the H.S. Potluck but hopefully we won't have to worry about this.)

Feb. 16, Saturday morning from 9 until 1: Our usual Free For All book sale from 9:30 to noon. We probably have enough people for the sale but we'll need people from noon to 1 o'clock to pack up the leftovers and throw them in my truck.

We are hoping you can help us out—a little or a lot. Please email me at Friends03444@yahoo.com or call me at 563-5070.

Hope you can help us out!

Thank you,

Rosemary Mack



DUBLIN'S NEW ASSISTANT TOWN ADMINISTRATOR: KATHY MERRICK

By Anne Anable

Kathy Merrick began life conventionally enough, being born in Washington, DC into a military family. That she was destined for an unusual life was established when the ship her family was taking to her father's new post in Germany became quarantined in mid-ocean. Baby Kathy, 9 months old, had managed to contract Typhoid, German measles and Pneumonia. In these early post-war years, our government was taking no chances, so the ship was forbidden to dock.

Eventually landing permission was given, and Kathy's earliest memory of home is of Germany.

"We spoke German and French as well as English at home," she commented, "but then, my Grandfather, who served in the Tsar's Navy and had to flee Russia in 1917, spoke 9 languages. He was a wonderful story teller."

By the time she reached college age, she had lived in Germany, Okinawa, Texas, California, Virginia, and New York. She began her college studies at the University of Texas, leaving after her freshman year, and her professional career as a secretary for the Southeast Asia Trade Organization in Okinawa.

The family had moved to California where Kathy completed college at the University Of San Francisco. While still living in California, Kathy met and married a Green Beret Officer. The couple had two children, Missy and Jonathan. For the last two years of the decade-long marriage she worked as an

EMT dispatcher for the Carmel Fire Department.

That career was cut short when she was on call and rushing to her post at the Fire Department, tripped and badly damaged her knee. "I was flat on my back for 15 months, through three knee surgeries," she said.

Kathy had felt called to ministry from her childhood. "I kept insisting I would be a priest," she remembers, "but women could not be ministers when I was a child, so I put it in the back of my mind."

But once her knee was repaired, she went to a seminary in Kentucky, having secured a full scholarship. Upon graduation she served at two Presbyterian churches in Western Kentucky, in addition to being pastor at the local women's prison. Her next post in 1990 took her to Duke University Medical Center where she was pastor in the Emergency Room and Intensive Care Unit.

Looking for ways to balance her demanding, often sad work, Kathy attended every Duke Basketball game possible, and there met Curt Merrick. The two were married in 1995. For a while it was a commuting marriage. Curt worked in Maryland and Kathy was appointed to a church in Bangor, Maine. Eventually Curt transferred to Markem in Keene, Kathy secured a post in Jaffrey, and they could set about serious house hunting.

"We found this house – the 1845 School House #2 – on the Internet, loved it, and have been working on it ever since. Old houses need a lot of attention," she said with a sigh,



Kathy Merrick

as with a sweeping gesture she indicated the drop cloths covering her furnishings in the dining and living rooms, With the exterior repairs nearly complete, (Some previous owner put on vinyl siding,) the work on the inner walls begins. The couple's three Norwegian Forest cats are as eager for things to return to normal as the Merricks.

Kathy's newest position is aiding Town Administrator Bill Raymond at Town Hall.

"I had worked for a town before, when in Carmel"; she said, "And I felt I could give back to the town to some degree. We have loved Dublin immensely."

IN REMEMBRANCE: DOUGLAS HARRIS

By Rick MacMillan

Somewhat belatedly we remember the life of Douglas Harris, a 40 year resident of Dublin, who passed away November 27, 2007. Mr. Harris grew up in Peterborough, and was active in that community. He attended the Beauty Academy of Boston, and operated a beauty shop in Peterborough. He was a veteran of WWII, a charter member of the Peterborough Lions Club, as well its past president and

treasurer. He was a member of the Congregational Church of Peterborough.

He is remembered by neighbors as an independent man, but extraordinarily kind. He moved to Rivermead in September, 2006. He is succeeded by brothers Donald of Concord, NH; Eugene of Ogdensburg, NY; and Mason of Peterborough, NH. Mr. Harris was 91

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LOOKING AROUND TOWN



Our Editor - snowshoeing to Dark Pond



Molly, Lucy, and Sally Shonk snowshoeing after big snow, 1/15/07.



Mick Induni, Christina Newell, Sarah Newell, Laura Huffheimer, Mary Hoffheimer, Joelle La Freniere (Swanzy), and Full Monty (dog)-winter fun on the golf course (above). Valentine's Day storm (right)



FEBRUARY 2008 — Town Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
DCA: Dublin Christian Academy DCC: Dublin Community Church	TH: Town Hall DCS: Dublin Consolidated School DPL: Dublin Public Library				1 Last day for Town Office Filing	2
3 10 am Deep River Sunday at DCC 10 pm PATSVIN!	4	5	6 9:30 am StoryTime	7 6:30 pm Trailbreakers	8 7 pm Apple Hill Chamber Players at Dublin School	9 1:30 pm Book Discussion - DPL 11 am Winterfest at DCS
10	11 6:30 pm Family Night at DPL	12	13 9:30 am StoryTime 7:30 pm Library Trustees 12 pm Lenten Lunch at DCC	14 5:30 pm Evening Book Sale at DPL VALENTINE'S DAY 7 pm "High School Musical" -Dublin School	15 7 pm "High School Musical" -Dublin School	16 9:30 am Book Sale - DPL 7 pm "High School Musical" -Dublin School
17	18 PRESIDENT'S DAY Library Closed	19 6:45 pm Dublin Hilltop Group at DPL	20 9:30 am StoryTime 6:30 pm Friends of DPL Board at DPL 12 pm Lenten Lunch at DCC	21	22	23 1:30 pm Book Discussion - DPL
24	25 7 pm Knitting at DPL	26 6:45 pm Dublin Hilltop Group at DPL	27 9:30 am StoryTime 12 pm Lenten Lunch at DCC	28 5:30 pm Trout Unlimited at DPL	29 SADIE HAWKINS DAY	

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