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Fitting tribute

World War I memorial highlights town's Memorial Day services

By JUSTIN GRAEBER, CLIPPER EDITOR
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A large crowd turned out for Duxbury's Memorial Day services on Monday morning. Despite a smoky haze in the air — a result of brush fires in distant Quebec — Depot Street was packed with on-lookers waving American flags as members of the American Legion post, town officials, Boy Scout and Girl Scouts and the Duxbury High School band marched by.

The highlight of the day

was the official rededication of the World War I Monument. The monument, shattered in an accident decades ago and all but forgotten in the woods behind Mayflower Cemetery, was recently restored. Joe Shea, who discovered the pieces of the monument, led a committee of dedicated residents in the restoration efforts. After voters at the 2009 Town Meeting approved the use of Community Preservation Act funds, the committee raised

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Eagle Scout Pat McCloud from Troop 62, Fred Stevens from the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States and Cub Scout Ian Sovick from Duxbury Pack 1776 prepare to lay a wreath at the base of the newly-restored World War I monument on Memorial Day. For more photos see page 15.

Inspiring young minds

Duxbury, doing business as ... Blue River Montessori

By DEBORA BABIN KATZ, CLIPPER CONTRIBUTOR

The 1870's journalist and Harvard professor Henry Adams once said: "A teacher affects eternity; he can never tell where his influence stops." For Sonia Kelly, teacher, mother, and the "spark-plug" of the Blue River Montessori School in Duxbury, educational influence begins with the creation of an environment that encourages the freedom to explore.



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Sonia Kelly reads to one of her students at the Blue River Montessori School.

"I want to get them to wonder; this is the biggest gift I can

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War of words over Merry Village

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The war of words between the Zoning Board of Appeals and the developers for the Merry Village 40B project is escalating.

John McCluskey, an attorney working with the project, sent an e-mail to Zoning Board Chairman Dennis Murphy, carbon copied to the Board of Selectmen, asking that Murphy recuse himself from the hearing process, based on public comments Murphy has made about 40B affordable housing projects in general. McCluskey claimed

in his e-mail, read by Murphy at Thursday night's Zoning Board meeting, that the comments showed that Murphy was biased against such projects and therefore should step down.

Murphy said he consulted with the state ethics commission and was told there was no reason he couldn't continue as a voting member of the board.

"I was advised I had no basis for recusal," Murphy said. He said he had made a full disclosure of his role in the project to the Board of Selectmen as the appointing

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