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Articles on the 2014 Town Warrant

By Ramona Branch

Dublin residents will let their voices be heard at Town Meeting in mid March. The Warrant for 2014 includes 28 articles. Seven articles pertain to zoning ordinance changes /additions and will be voted on by ballot on Tuesday, March 11, at Town Hall. The remaining articles will be voted on at Town Meeting Saturday, March 15, at Dublin Consolidated School. The operating budget presented for 2014 is \$1,841,421. The articles for consideration at Town Meeting include the following:

- 8 – Committee reports and any necessary approvals
- 9 – Elect all officers including Measurer of Wood and Bark and Memorial Day Committee
- 10 – Road construction and complete sidewalks \$500,000
- 11 – Purchase a new tanker fire truck \$375,000
- 12 – Approve operating budget \$1,841,421
- 13 – Purchase a new police cruiser \$39,223
- 14 – Purchase a new body for the 2001 Mack highway truck \$30,000
- 15 – Appropriate from the Capital Reserve Funds and the town's Unreserved Fund Balance the following:
 - a. Heavy highway equipment \$50,000
 - b. Police cruiser \$12,000
 - c. Fire equipment \$80,000
 - d. Road construction \$130,000
 - e. Bridge repair/replacement \$90,000
 - f. Town buildings maintenance \$60,000
 - g. Library major maintenance and repair \$5,000
- 16 – Scrape and paint Post Office exterior \$8,000
- 17 – Repair cemetery's perimeter stone walls \$8,000
- 18 – Install fence and widen entrance to Transfer Station \$2,481
- 19 – New asphalt roof on Library addition and repair chimney \$42,000
- 20 – Publication of *The Dublin Advocate* \$3,200
- 21 – Appropriate funds to seven nonprofit health and welfare agencies \$7,215
- 22 – Expendable Trust Funds contributions \$9,500
- 23 – Accept Cemetery Trust Funds
- 24 – Approve a move forward on a constitutional amendment safeguarding fair elections and preserving constitutional rights of individual Americans
- 25 – Discontinue public utility rights on closed portion of Korpi Road
- 26 – Create a new town job of Public Works Director
- 27 – Develop a long-term plan regarding layout and improvement of the Recycling Center \$2,500
- 28 – Abolish Recycling Special Revenue fund and reroute income to the general fund

Ed. Note: There may be slight changes after the *Advocate* has gone to press.

RAMONA BRANCH is on the staff of the *Advocate*.



Dublin Selectmen (l-r) Sterling Abram, Charlie Champagne, and Sturdy Thomas.

Photo by Sherry Miller, Town Administrator

BALLOT VOTING
Tuesday, March 11
8 am to 7 pm
Town Hall

TOWN MEETING
Saturday, March 15, 9 am
Dublin Consolidated
School (park at Yankee)

Dublin Women's Club Pre-Town Meeting

The Dublin Women's Club invites all interested citizens to attend the annual pre-town meeting forum on Tuesday, March 4, 2014 (snow date is Wednesday, March 5th) at 7 pm in the downstairs meeting room of the Town Hall. Selectmen, Budget Committee representatives and department heads will be available to answer questions on the 2014 budget and warrant.

Refreshments and a short Women's Club meeting will also be held.

Each year this event provides a valuable opportunity for townspeople to become acquainted with the issues before Town Meeting. We hope you will attend this meeting.

Dublin Public Library

Meet your Candidates and discuss issues with them on Saturday morning, March 8th at 10 am.

Feel like you are missing out on the Dublin Public Library's Wednesday morning story time? Well, maybe you are free on Saturday mornings. Beginning March 1 from 10:30-11:30, we will read a book and have our craft table ready for little hands and big helpers. Stop in and enjoy a cup of coffee while your children listen to a story and then make a fun craft to take home. Think of this as a "fun morning" and check out a few books and a movie for the week.

If you enjoy reminiscing about "back in the day," you will love *Reminisce*, the new magazine that has been given to the library.

March will find promises of spring at the library - even though the ground is still covered with snow. On display will be books with bright covers on such subjects as flowers and spring-cleaning,

NEW BOOKS

Cell by R. Cook

Breaking News by F. Michaels

Still Life with Bread Crumbs

by A. Quindlen

The Monuments Men by R. Edsel

My Life in Middlemarch

by R. Mead

The Signature of All Things

by E. Gilbert

as well as stories of Ireland, and books on hiking, golf and other outdoor activities.

If you haven't been to story time at the Dublin Public Library recently, stop by on Wednesday mornings at 9:30. We encourage children and parents to crawl out of hibernation and enjoy the fun activities we have planned for March. Songs

and books always make the children feel better and who doesn't enjoy watching their child create a special craft to take home? On March 5, the theme is "sunshine makes me happy," and we will read the book *All Around Me I See* and look at nature though camouflage. We will be loving Ireland on March 12 as we introduce the children to St. Patrick and the green grass of a distant country. On March 19, we explore *Spring Arrives Tomorrow!* There will definitely be spring at the library as we make wonderful paper flowers. On March 26, we'll *Hip Hop with a Harp*, make a harp and dance around the library. Refreshments are served.

St. Patrick's Day Festivities

The Dublin Community Church will hold its Annual St. Patrick's Day Boiled Dinner in the church vestry on Saturday, March 15, from 5:30 to 7 pm. Good food, good fellowship, and good music. Please come and bring your friends.



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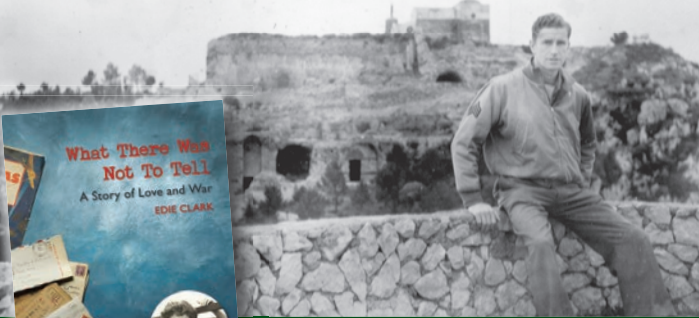
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Planning Board: For Town Consideration

By Bruce Simpson

The Dublin Planning Board has placed a number of proposed amendments to the Zoning Ordinance on the ballot for consideration by the townspeople when they vote on March 11. These proposals would:

- Add a definition of the term "Commercial Use" to the Ordinance, to wit: A business use or activity at a scale greater than a home business involving retail or wholesale marketing of goods or services. This was in response to a request from the Selectmen to define the term so they could better enforce violations involving commercial uses.
- Allow, by special exception from the ZBA, larger accessory living units relative to the size of the principal unit. The ordinance currently allows an accessory living unit to be up to 25% of the finished living area of the primary living unit; the change would allow it be up to 50%, measured after separation. The Board felt the present limitation was unreasonable and that expanding opportunities for accessory units could allow better use of existing housing stock, help owners of larger homes (including older residents) meet expenses, and help Dublin meet its obligation under state law to provide affordable housing. This potential increase in the relative size of accessory living units is subject to special exception approval by the ZBA; if there is good evidence that the increase will have adverse effects on neighboring properties, the special exception can be denied.
- Establish that membrane enclosures must meet setback requirements, and that membrane enclosures of 1,000 square feet or greater shall be considered structures.
- Increase the allowed fence height from five feet to six feet and make other minor changes regarding fences. The rules currently allow up to five feet, and to six feet only with a special exception from the ZBA. The Board felt this was unnecessarily restrictive and that it wasn't likely that a six-foot fence would have considerably greater impact on neighboring property than a five-foot fence. They also considered the fact that pre-constructed fencing generally comes in six-foot heights.

- Allow drive-through windows in the Neighborhood Commercial District and by special exception in the Village or Rural Districts. The Board has heard differing opinions from a number of citizens on this issue. Some feel that this would benefit older people, handicapped people, people with small children, etc., and would have no major adverse impact on the character of Dublin. Others felt it would destroy the character of Dublin. The Board came to the consensus that the townspeople, rather than the Board, should decide the issue, and that it would be appropriate to place the questions on the ballot for the townspeople to vote on.

- Allow gas stations to have up to three gasoline pumps (instead of the two currently allowed) and allow, by special exception, gas stations to have pumps that dispense both gasoline and diesel fuels, which is currently not allowed. The Board felt that this was called for due to the current level of traffic on Rte. 101 and the frequent lines at the gas pumps of the town's only gas station.

Tabled: After consideration of input at a public hearing on the proposed amendments, a proposed reduction of the size of the wetlands buffer from 100' to 50' from the edge of water bodies or wetlands was tabled for further study, and a change to the special exception requirements regarding accessory living units was dropped. The exact wording of the proposed amendments is on file at the Town Office.

BRUCE SIMPSON is Chair of the Dublin Planning Board.

Town Calendar

March 4th at 7 pm: Dublin Women's Club Pre-Town Meeting downstairs at Town Hall (snow date March 5th)

March 10th by 5 pm: Deadline to return absentee ballots in person to the Town Clerk's office. (Mailed absentee ballots must be received by Election Day.) The Town Clerk/Tax Collector's office will be open from 9 am to 5 pm only on Monday, March 10th.

March 11th from 8 am to 7 pm: TOWN ELECTION DAY. Voting is on the top floor of Town Hall.

March 15th at 9 am: Town Meeting at Dublin Consolidated School. Park at Yankee Publishing's lot and take shuttle (from 8:30 on) provided down to DCS.

Candidates for Town Positions

Selectman - Three Years

(Vote for One)
Paul Delphia
(Write in)

Library Trustee - Three Years

(Vote for Two)
Connie Ceroni
(Write in, 2)

Supervisors of the Checklist - Six Years

(Vote for One)
Sarah Sangermano
(Write in)

Town Clerk / Tax Collector - Three Years

(Vote for One)
Gretchen Ann Noe
Jeannine R. Dunne
(Write in)

Budget Committee - Three Years

(Vote for Two)
(Write in, 2)

Planning Board - Three Years

(Vote for Two)
John Morris
Steven A. Baldwin
Gregg W. Fletcher
Suzan Macy
(Write in, 2)

Cemetery Trustee - Three Years

(Vote for One)
Loring Catlin Jr.
(Write in)

Trustee of Trust Funds - Three Years

(Vote for One)
Willard Goodwin
(Write in)

Just the Facts

By Ed Germain

Among the articles to be voted on Tuesday, March 11, is the proposed ordinance in Article 6:

"Add the following as a permitted use in the table of uses in Article X, Section E: Commercial Drive-Through, indicating that such use shall be permitted in the Neighborhood Commercial District, allowed by special exception in the Village and Rural Districts, and not permitted in the Mountain District."

The State of NH (RSA 674.2) requires that every town have a Master Plan. This ensures "legal standing" for all ordinances as long as they "result in preserving and enhancing the unique quality of life and culture of New Hampshire" as set forth in the Master Plan.

In 2004, Dublin's Planning Board began an update of our 1996 Plan by appointing a Master Plan Committee, which I chaired. Two years of work followed. When the idea of a drive-through in Dublin was introduced at one of the many public meetings, it received a definite "No."

The NH Office of Energy and Planning publishes "The Planning Board in New Hampshire, A Handbook for Local Officials," which applies to our current situation:

If zoning amendments are being proposed that are at odds with the master plan, something needs to be done. Either the master plan needs to be updated to reflect new circumstances, or the zoning amendments should be considered inconsistent with the goals of the master plan.

This is the situation we are in: The Article 6 proposal is at odds with Dublin's Master Plan as well as with our Land Use Regulations that specifically deny "drive-through" restaurants. If passed, Article 6 may not have legal standing.

The Planning Board is required to update the 2006 Master Plan in the next few years. If people think drive-through facilities would be good for Dublin, they should come to the public meetings.

ED GERMAIN is a former Planning Board Chairman and a former Selectman.

Town Election and Changes to the NH Voter ID Law

By Jeannine Dunne

Dublin voters may remember that the New Hampshire Voter ID Law (RSA 659:13) went into effect in 2012. The legislature made some changes to this law effective July 24, 2013, and supplied an explanatory document to help educate the public about the law's requirements.

This document is available at the Dublin Town Clerk/Tax Collector's office, and you can also view it on the NH Secretary of State's website, at www.sos.nh.gov by clicking the link on the Home page that says Voter ID Explanatory Document. The document will also be posted at the Town Election on March 11, 2014. We hope to see you there!

JEANNINE DUNNE is Dublin's Town Clerk/Tax Collector. She can be reached at 563-8859.

Drive-Through Zoning Amendment Affects All Areas of Dublin

Dublin voters should be aware that the proposed zoning change to allow drive-through restaurants is not limited to Carr's Store (T-Bird Citgo). If passed, it would allow drive-through restaurants in 70% of Dublin including the entire lengths of state highways Route 101 and 137 (except next to Dublin Lake). This is because the zoning amendment allows, by special exception, building these in the entire rural district, which is the majority of town.

The Dublin Master Plan, last revised by town residents in 2007 and then adopted by the Planning Board, stresses the importance of preserving Dublin's rural, scenic beauty and strengthening the Village District with locally owned businesses serving Dublin residents. Currently there are no drive-through restaurants from Wilton to Brattleboro on Routes 101 and 9.

Please carefully consider your vote on this proposed zoning amendment. This vote takes place by ballot on March 11th, 2014 at the Town Hall.

Bill Barker, Miriam Carter, Andy Freeman, Joan Griffin, Suzan Macy, Rosemary Mack, John Morris

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Time to Vote!

By Fiona Tibbetts

After months of Board deliberations, it's time for the voters to weigh in. On February 6th the deliberative assembly approved the budget as proposed. The total proposed operational spending for 2014-2015 is just slightly higher than last year's budget, only 0.8% higher. Of course, given the size of the total budget, that represents \$345,209 more spending.

The administration deserves credit for holding steady or reducing spending in about two-thirds of the budgetary line items, mainly in maintenance and supplies. Increases were primarily in salaries, transportation, equipment, and purchased services. Salary (including benefits) represents close to 75% of the total operating budget, and despite savings in benefits this year and a small drop in total teacher population, proposed spending in this area is up \$133,140. Transportation is always a challenge in a district our size, and costs in this area are budgeted to increase 6.4%.

The budget for new and replacement equipment represents the largest percent increase. The primary driver is a proposed program to upgrade and expand the district's information technology, including the purchase of new Chromebooks and iPads for middle and high school students. The technology upgrade in the proposed budget amounts to \$249,375.

You, the voter, now need to decide whether to support this budget; if the budget fails, the district will operate under the default budget. That default budget is \$770,961 less than the proposed budget. The difference is \$168,062 in salary spending earmarked for curriculum development, the money for the technology upgrade, the

\$40,000 for the new summer camp I wrote about a few months ago (January 2014 Advocate, p. 7), and money for various maintenance and equipment upgrades. These numbers (and many more!) can be found in the Annual Report.

Finally, you will also be asked to decide on several additional spending items offered as warrant articles including money

for a new tractor, resurfacing the high school track and parking lot upgrades at SMS and ConVal. The parking lot saga has been covered here and elsewhere. The other articles are fairly self-explanatory.

Election Day is March 11th. Please get out and vote!

FIONA TIBBETTS is Dublin's representative to the ConVal School Board.

News from the DCS

By May Clark

February was a short but busy month for us; the last week of it is our vacation week, and we had a couple of snow days in there, but there was lots of activity nonetheless. Our building and playground were used for WinterFest on 2/8, the Dublin School brought a circus to town on 2/14, and the Dublin Police Department arrived to run an emergency training session on 2/15. All the students in grades 2-5 completed a pilot program on opinion writing using a set of writing strategies that teachers have recently been trained in. Our results were excellent, as the children showed great improvement in organizing their thoughts and supporting their opinions with examples and explanations.

February also brought the end of our annual ski program at Crotched Mountain, organized and supervised by Dr. Lara Scheinblum. Unfortunately, due to extreme cold and a snow day, the program was cut short by one week, but our students learned a lot and improved their skills tremendously.

Our PTO is sponsoring an evening of Zumba on March 7 from 5:30 to 7:30 pm.



A couple of our skiers having fun.

The fee of \$5 goes to support the PTO. Come and join in the fun! Children are welcome. You might also see notices about the DCS-PTO selling tickets for the Manchester Monarchs game on April 12. This is a neat way to raise some money for our school, while enjoying some special events for the kids at the Monarchs game. Plus, our wonderful PTO will be selling baked goods at Town Meeting on March 15.

We'll be sending home report cards for the second trimester this month, and teachers have two professional development days on 3/20 and 3/21. We will be continuing our work on curriculum mapping, working towards a guaranteed, consistent curriculum for grades K-12 that is aligned with Common Core State Standards. Though the NECAP state-testing program is ending, next spring will bring the new tests on the Common Core, called Smarter Balanced. We are gradually getting acquainted with these tests too.

Finally, here's a sneak preview: the DCS annual Talent Show is April 4, and this year the show will also be the kick-off for our Read-a-thon. Stay tuned!

MAY CLARK is Teaching Principal at DCS. Contact her at 563-8332 or mclark@conval.edu.



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Making Memories on the Sledding Hill

By Cathy Carabello

On Saturday, February 15th, many Dublin Community Preschoolers and their families gathered together for some winter fun. The event was hosted by Judy and Alan Edelkind of Dublin, whose four-year-old grandson currently attends DCP.

The depths of snow covering their immense field reached the tops of many little legs but the trek to the top proved worthwhile for the long ride down.

We caught a few snowflakes on our tongues, laughed a lot and enjoyed the fresh air and time together outside the classroom.

DCP accepts ongoing enrollment for preschool as well as before- and after-school care. Registration for fall enrollment will be

open to the community at the end of March. Please contact us at 563-8508 or check for updates at www.dublinpreschool.org.

CATHY CARABELLO is the director/lead teacher of the Dublin Community Preschool.



Quinn Boyd on sledding day at his grandparents' house.

DCA Open House

By Eric Moody

Dublin Christian Academy is hosting a school-wide Open House on Friday, March 7, from 6 to 8 pm. Each of the elementary classes will feature special displays in their rooms. Mr. Setzler's 5th and 6th graders will be presenting science fair projects; the 3rd and 4th graders will be doing state reports and missionary biographies in Mrs. Fletcher's room; and Mrs. Radford will be "clowning around" with her students in 1st and 2nd!

We will also have exhibits highlighting many high school activities including art, physics, TARC, Winter Bible Conference and more. The classroom building will be open to visitors, and tours of the campus will be available.

Throughout the evening, several award-winning music and drama selections will

be presented by both junior high and high school students.

The spring Open House is also the kickoff for DCA's yearly fundraising auction. The silent portion of the auction will take place during this event, and many items will be available for you to view and bid on. In addition, the application fee will be waived for any new student who applies for the 2014-2015 school year during Open House on March 7. So spread the word, come and join us, and bring some friends! Call 563-8505 with any questions.

ERIC MOODY is Director of Operations at Dublin Christian Academy.

Dublin, Get to Know Kiwanis

The Kiwanis Club of Peterborough, a regional service club that raises funds for children's causes and scholarships, is hosting a membership drive luncheon for prospective members Wednesday, March 5, from noon to 1:00 pm at the Monadnock Country Club, 49 High Street, Peterborough.

The luncheon will introduce prospects to the club, the format of weekly lunchtime meetings, and the friendship and conviviality to be found at Kiwanis meetings. Following lunch, trivia, and the joke of the day, the meeting's guest speaker, Jim Grant, will talk about "Grit, Mindset, and Determination." Grant will explore why some people persevere during setbacks and disappointments and will offer "grit" tips and strategies.

Dublin residents are warmly invited to consider joining our region's only Kiwanis club. If you plan to attend, please RSVP by noon on March 3 to Faye Sargent at fayesargent1@gmail.com or to Karen Dudra at kdudra@comcast.net.

Since its founding in 1991, the Kiwanis Club of Peterborough has given more than \$100,000 to regional children's causes and scholarships. Kiwanis is an international service organization whose members stage nearly 150,000 service projects and raise nearly \$100 million every year for communities, families and projects.

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The Community Center Nears Completion

By Bruce Simpson

After several years of dreaming, planning, fundraising, and hard work, the new Dublin Community Center is nearly completed. As this is being written, the 'punch list' contains the following items: the flooring, installation of kitchen and bathroom cabinets and appliances, lighting fixtures, trim work and finish painting. These should all be finished early in March.

The Board is planning to invite the Town to a Grand Opening, which will be announced as soon as we are sure of the completion date, and will likely entail food prepared in our brand new kitchen. The Board has begun planning social and cultural activities for the Center, including senior yoga classes that will begin soon after opening. The facility will also be available for rent for private functions. Anyone interested in hosting groups, functions, or activities should contact us about scheduling.

At the same time, extensive work is taking place upstairs where

the old living quarters were taken down to the studs, reinsulated, rewired, and replumbed to become two brand-new apartments, the income from which will help support the Center. The apartments should be complete around the same time as the downstairs.

Thanks to everyone who has supported this project. We are still raising funds to finish the work, buy furnishings, equipment, etc. Any donations would be greatly appreciated.

Watch for the signs announcing our opening. We hope to see you there soon!

BRUCE SIMPSON is President of the Board of the Dublin Community Center. Members of that board include JERRY BRANCH, NANCY CAYFORD, EDIE CLARK, VIRA ELDER, NANCY JACKSON, SUSAN PETERS, BRUCE SIMPSON, and DAVID WOLPE.

Peter's Pondering

By Peter Hewitt

What is it about wheels that is so interesting to boys, whether 5 or 50?

Could it have to do with getting someplace faster than by foot? While retaining some control over where you're going?

Whatever it is, I've been hooked since childhood.

First there was my tricycle, then my scooter, then my roller skates, then my bicycles, and — finally — my automobiles.

I couldn't wait to get my driver's license. When I applied for it one week after I turned 16, the examiner asked me how I had learned to drive so quickly, suspecting some hanky-panky on my part. I replied that I had grown up in the country with a long drive-way. (Actually, we lived in the city and didn't even have a garage.)

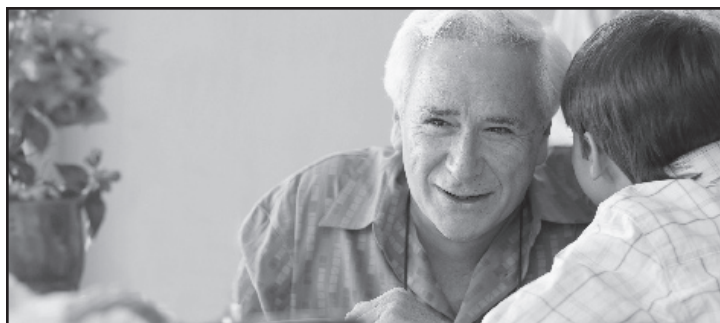
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Peter M. Hewitt

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MUW Campaign Results for 2013

By Barbara Summers

"Be Part of the Magic" was the slogan for the Monadnock United Way campaign in 2013-14, and it was magical. So far, we have raised in excess of \$1,938,000 (85% of our goal of \$2,270,399).

Here in Dublin, we raised \$6,999 (93% of our goal) thanks to the team efforts of Judy Knapp, Margaret Flick, Nancy Jackson, and Margaret Gurney.

Like the previous two, it was another economically difficult year. So kudos and appreciation to all of those businesses in town that supported the campaign, listed alphabetically: Dave's Chassis and Body Work, Dublin School, Farmer John's Plot, Francis McKenna Woodworking, Gammy Bird Consulting, Harvest Thyme Herbs, Hedge House, MEI Search Consultants, Moose Maple Nursery, Route 137 Auto Repair, She's So Fine Hair Design, Simpson Landscape Co., The Friendly Farm, Windmill Hill Cabinets and Design, Window Master and Yankee Publishing.

Special thanks and appreciation go to the employees, our friends

and neighbors at Yankee Publishing, for their support and generosity, and for their company match.

As part of the magic, the residents of Dublin used the MUW funded agency programs 302 times in 2012. (We do not have the 2013 information yet.) Some of the agencies include the Monadnock Family Services (MFS), Home Healthcare Hospice and Community Services (HCS), Big Brothers /Big Sisters of Western NH, Monadnock Worksource and MAPS Consulting Services.

It never ceases to amaze us that the money donated to the Monadnock United Way does come back to the residents of the town(s), our neighbors, our friends and our families. That is why the campaign is so important for the Monadnock Region — and Dublin. Thank you everyone!

For more information about the Monadnock United Way, its services or agencies, please visit www.MUW.org.

BARBARA SUMMERS served as Division Chair for Towns III (Jaffrey, Rindge, Dublin, New Ipswich, Mason, Greenville, Temple). She was Dublin's Team Captain.

Monadnock Rotary Club

The Monadnock Rotary Club invites you to its weekly breakfast meetings, open to the public, at 7:30 am most Tuesday mornings at the Dublin Community Church, on Rt. 101 (Main Street). Guests are invited to attend free of charge, eat a delicious breakfast, and enjoy one of the presentations below.

On March 4, Hunt Smith, a Nelson-based violinmaker and performer, will present "The Violin Story." He brings more than 40 years of experience in the fine, decorative, and performing arts. He is a respected maritime artist, and has done restoration work for major museums and collections. As a skilled fiddler, his playing reflects traditional styles from Appalachia to New England.

On March 18, 2014, Dr. Tammy Lenski will speak on "7 Common Negotiation and Conflict Resolution Myths Exposed." Come learn some of the most common myths and how to avoid them at the negotiating table. For more than 15 years, Dr. Lenski has ignited radical problem-solving shifts, inspired individuals to fine-tune their persuasive voice, and untangled complex conflict.

On March 25, Robin Christopherson, Executive Director Monadnock Center for Violence Prevention, will speak on "Domestic Violence Related to Children."



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WinterFest 2014 a Great Success

The Dublin Recreation Committee's annual WinterFest celebration was held on Saturday, February 8th, at Dublin Consolidated School. It was a perfect day with lots of sunshine and snow! Everyone enjoyed hot dogs, chili, cocoa, coffee, music and the warmth of the bonfire.

The Monadnock Trail Breakers Snowmobile Club once again provided free snowmobile tow rides, always a crowd pleaser. Riders got the unique opportunity to take a beautiful cruise through the woods. Thank you Trail Breakers.



Jason Bergeron (age 10 from Dublin) on his X-Fire 800 Snowmobile Box Sled. Next to Jason is his sister Amanda's box sled.

The main event at every WinterFest is the famous Box Sled Race, with 20 racers participating in their box sleds that came in all shapes, sizes, colors and themes. After four heats, the final race results were:

1. Dublin's own Lily Albert and Turner Knightingale, both age 5, in their sled "Speedy"
2. Megan Millbauer, age 6, of Peterborough in "Hello Kitty"
3. Drake Bay, age 8, and Mia Schwab, age 7, from Greenfield in "The Bullet"

Winners in the creative sled category were as follows:

1. "The Piano" by Gabrielle Oja of Dublin
2. "Mr. Pencil" by Calvin Aldrich
3. "Red Jetski" by Jack Parker

Congratulations to all racers and their "pushers" for a great job! Each year we are impressed with the amazing designs and originality of the box sleds! Thank you to everyone who helped make WinterFest 2014 possible. We'd especially like to thank John Albano for providing the sound system and music, Chrissy Kastner

for assisting in the kitchen, the DCS staff, and the volunteers from Dublin School. We couldn't have done it without all of you!

THE DUBLIN RECREATION COMMITTEE consists of Vira Elder, Chair; Dan Albert, Jen Bergeron, Kelly Blanchette, Mike Caron, Ken McAleer, Becky Stapleton, and Winnie Sundstrom.

Monadnock at Home Visits Dublin

Monadnock at Home, a nonprofit 501(c)(3) membership organization giving folks age 62 and over the practical means and the confidence to live their lives to the fullest while remaining in their own home, is holding an informational session in Dublin on Wednesday, March 12, from 10 am to 11:30 am at the Town Library.

If you or a loved one is interested in learning how Monadnock at Home provides independence, peace of mind, social and community opportunities, and more for our members, join us. Coffee and refreshments will be served.

Please call Sandra Faber at 371-0809 for more information, or visit www.monadnockathome.org.



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MARCH 2014 — TOWN EVENTS

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
BOS Board of Selectmen DCC Dublin Community Church DCS Dublin Consolidated School DPL Dublin Public Library	DS Dublin School DWC Dublin Women's Club MRC Monadnock Rotary Club TH Town Hall					I "Trail Breaker Challenge" at Engine Meet Field, all-day family fun
2	3 TH BOS 4 pm	4 DCC MRC 7:30 am; DPL HillTop Group 6:45 pm; TH Budget Comm. 7 pm; DWC Pre-Town Meeting 7 pm refreshments; 7:30 discussion	5 DPL Story Time 9:30 am; DCC Two Hat Group 7:30 pm; (TH Snow date for DWC Pre-Town Meeting 7 pm)	6 DPL Trail Breakers 6:30 pm;	7 DCA Open House 6-8 pm; DCS Zumba 5:30-7:30 pm	8 DPL Meet Your Candidates 10 am
9 Daylight Savings begins	10 TH BOS 4 pm; Deadline for absentee ballots in person by 5 pm	11 Town Election Day: VOTE 8 am-7 pm (mailed absentee ballots due); DCC MRC 7:30 am; DPL Trail Breakers 6 pm; HillTop Grp 6:45 pm; TH Budget 7 pm	12 DPL Story Time 9:30 am; Monadnock At Home 10 am; Trustees 7 pm; DCC Two Hat Group 7:30 pm	13	14	15 DCS Town Meeting 9 am (park at Yankee, shuttle to DCS starts at 8:30 am); DCC Annual St. Patrick's Day Dinner & Music 5:30-7 pm
16	17 TH BOS 4 pm	18 DCC MRC 7:30 am; DPL HillTop Group 6:45 pm; TH Budget Committee 7 pm	19 DPL Story Time 9:30 am; DCC Two Hat Group 7:30 pm	20 DPL Trout Unlimited 6:30 pm	21	22
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