

The Dublin Advocate

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Dublin, NH 03444

A Preview of Dublin's 2017 Town Warrant Articles

1. Selectman, Moderator, Town Clerk / Tax Collector, 2 Library Trustees, 2 Budget Committee, Cemetery Trustee, 2 Planning Board, Trustee of Trust Funds.
2. To hear the reports of Agents, Auditors, Committees, heretofore chosen, and to pass any vote relating thereto.
3. Raise the Budget Committee's recommended sum of \$1,955,601 for general municipal operations.
4. Raise \$60,316 to purchase a One-Ton Truck; \$8,000 to come from Private Sale or Trade-in of current One-Ton and to withdraw \$24,815 from the Heavy Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund and to withdraw \$27,501 from the Town's Unreserved Fund Balance.
5. Raise \$7,600 to purchase a Cyclone Blower and to withdraw \$7,600 from the Heavy Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund.
6. Raise \$24,750 to paint the exterior of the Town Hall and to withdraw \$24,750 from the Town Buildings Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund.
7. Raise \$26,000 to construct a maintenance building at the Cemetery.
8. Raise \$5,000 for repairs to the Hearse House and to withdraw \$5,000 from the Town Buildings Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund.
9. Raise \$12,500 to conduct a Broadband Study.
10. Raise \$318,000 to be contributed to the Town Capital Reserve Funds and to withdraw \$100,000 from the Town's Unreserved Fund Balance for this purpose.

a) Heavy Highway Equipment	\$ 63,000
b) Police Cruiser	\$ 15,000
c) Fire Equipment	\$ 80,000
d) Road Construction	\$ 65,000
e) Bridge Repair / Replacement	\$ 55,000
f) Town Buildings Maintenance	\$ 35,000
g) Library Major Maintenance & Repair	\$ 5,000
11. Raise \$4,000 to fund the operation and publication of *The Dublin Advocate* newsletter.
12. Raise \$7,331 to be contributed to the [eight] Agencies, which

- **Tuesday, March 14, vote for candidates** in Article 1 for town offices upstairs all day at the **Town Hall**. *List of candidates on next page.*
- **Saturday, March 18, Town Meeting** will be held on beginning at **9 am** at the **Dublin Consolidated School** to determine all other articles after Article 1.

provide advisory health and welfare services and whose programs have a public purpose.

13. Raise \$7,900 to be contributed to various Expendable Trust Funds (Revaluation, Master Plan).
14. Raise \$825 received from the sale of cemetery lots to add to the Cemetery Trust Fund, with said (\$825) to come from the unassigned fund balance.
15. Shall the town adopt the provisions of RSA 72:61-64 inclusively, which provide for an optional property tax exemption from the property's assessed value, for property tax purposes, for persons owning real property, which is equipped with solar energy systems intended for use at the immediate site. Such property tax exemption shall be in the amount equal to 100% of the assessed value of qualifying solar energy system equipment under these statutes. (Majority vote required)
16. Raise \$9,000 to help fund the operation of the Dublin Community Center. (Petition)
17. In order to ensure that Dublin is a safe and welcoming community for all, employees of the Town shall not enquire about, report, or act upon any person's immigration status under any circumstance while performing their duties. (Petition)
18. The Town of Dublin affirms its commitment to the rights ensured by the First and Fourth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States of America and declares that in the Town of Dublin no person shall be required to declare their religious or philosophical belief or affiliation, nor to sign a registry for any belief or affiliation. (Petition)

Final sums and exact wording subject to changes at Town Meeting.

In keeping with the tagline of The Dublin Advocate, "to encourage and strengthen our community," our newsletter focuses on the dissemination of community information and entertainment. The editor reserves the right to select and edit all editorial and advertising. The views expressed in these issues are not necessarily those of The Dublin Advocate or its staff. — Ed.



DCC Hosts the Annual St. Patrick's Day Dinner



Traditional Corned Beef Dinner will be served with cabbage, potatoes, turnips, onions, bread, drinks, and dessert at the **Dublin Community Church, Saturday, March 18** (Town Meeting Day) from 5:30 to 7 pm. Live Music! Adults: \$8 / Children \$5.

Dublin Public Library

The Story Time activities and display on Tracking Animals in the Library will remain up through March 4, allowing school children on vacation to participate. During the month of February, children commented on finding tracks outside in the snow as well as enjoying the activities inside.

NEW BOOKS

The Sleepwalker
by C. Bohjalian

Pardonable Lies
by J. Winspear

The Hidden Life of Trees
by P. Wohlleben

The Wicked City
by B. Williams

The Bear and the Nightingale
by K. Arden

Burning Bright by N. Petrie
My Life, My Love, My Legacy
by C. S. King

On Wednesday, March 8, children will make their own flannel boards and tell a story to a parent or friend using cutout shapes. Tired of seeing white? We will try growing a little green grass to cure our spring fever. On March 15, we will give everyone a small container with some soil and grass seed – and maybe you will have real grass for your Easter basket this year.

We will round out the month with raindrops, puddles, and umbrellas on March 22, and on the 29th we'll read stories and do

a craft about lions and lambs. Wednesday morning Story Time begins at 9:30 with a story. Singing, refreshments, and a craft follow.

What to read in March? Despite the sunshine, in New Hampshire snow is probably covering the landscape for another month or so, but you can read about all the things you will do in the spring. The library will have on display many books on walks, hikes, and just getting outside.

FDPL Seeks Books

The Friends of the Dublin Public Library welcomes donations of books for the annual book sale, which will be held the first Thursday and Saturday in April. Please leave your books on the lower level of library under (or near) the card table. Also, we would like to remind members that the library has museum passes! Do stop to take advantage of this opportunity.

Candidates for Town Offices

Selectman

Three Years (Vote for One)
Dale G. Gabel
(Write in)

Moderator

Two Years (Vote for One)
Timothy R. Clark
(Write in)

Town Clerk/Tax Collector

Three Years (Vote for One)
Jeannine R. Dunne
Sarah Sangermano
(Write in)

Library Trustees

Three Years (Vote for Two)
Connie Cerroni
(Write in) (Write in)

Budget Committee

Three Years (Vote for Two)
Nancy Campbell
Charles F. Champagne
(Write in) (Write in)

Cemetery Trustee

Three Years (Vote for One)
Loring Catlin, Jr.
Leo V. Plante
(Write in)

Planning Board

Three Years (Vote for Two)
Gregg Fletcher
Donna Garner
Suzan Macy
Caleb W. Niemela
(Write in) (Write in)

Trustee of Trust Funds

Three Years (Vote for One)
(Write in)

Thorne-Sagendorph Art Gallery Winter 2017 Exhibitions, programs, events

OPENING RECEPTION | Friday, February 17, 5–7 p.m.

February 17–March 26 | 2125 Stanley Street/Traces

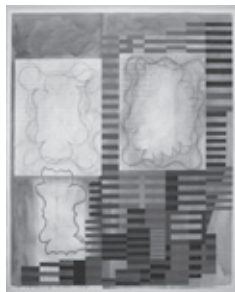
Dahlia Nayar, Margaret Sunghe Paek, and Loren Kiyoshi Dempster

February 9 – March 26 *Sympathetic Vibration: Selected Works by Rachelle Beaudoin, Janet Hulings Bleicken, Sally Bomer, Brian Cohen, Glen Scheffer, and Craig Stockwell*

New and recent work by six area artists who, in various ways, address local and global issues and images.

February 9 – March 26 | *At Home: A Teaching and Learning Installation*

Interactive education installation developed in collaboration with the Horatio Colony Museum & Nature Preserve.



Craig Stockwell

Programs and events supported by New England Foundation for the Arts, Robert P. Hubbard Family Trust, Redfern Arts Center, Horatio Colony Museum & Nature Center, and Keene State College.

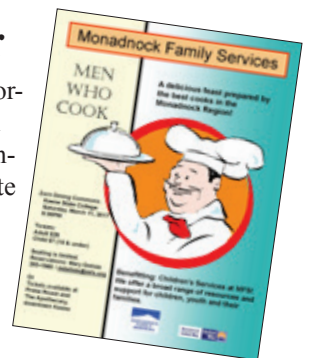
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MFS Annual Fundraiser

Monadnock Family Services is sponsoring the 15th annual Men Who Cook event on March 11 at 6 pm at the Zorn Dining Common on the campus of Keene State College.

Tickets are \$25 per adult and \$7 per child (age 10 and under) and can be purchased at Prime Roast in Keene or the Apothecary on Main Street in Keene or by contacting Mary Delisle (283-1568) or mdelisle@mfs.org.



Peterborough Folk Music Society (an all-volunteer, non-profit organization)

SETH GLIER

Saturday, March 18th at 7:30 PM
Bass Hall, 19 Grove St, Peterborough
\$17.50 advance / \$20 at door

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or online at PFMSconcerts.org
Info: (603) 827-2905 Email: deb@pfmsconcerts.org

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Training Offered by PD to Handle Intruders

Sergeant Jeffers of our Dublin Police Department recently attended instructor training offered by the ALICE Training Institute. This training program assists schools, hospitals, businesses, government facilities, and houses of worship with the development of safety plans for dealing with a violent intruder.

The police department would like to offer this training to any schools, businesses, places of worship, or residents who may be interested in it.



The police department is also interested in developing a monthly police/community informational event, where a variety of topics could be covered that may be useful to town residents.

Please contact Sgt. Jeremy Jeffers at 603-563-8411 or jjeffers@townofdublin.org if you are interested or have any questions. Thank you!

Sergeant Jeremy Jeffers is with the Dublin Police Department, 1122 Main St., 563-8411 or fax 563-5041.

Hancock Woman's Club Scholarship

The Hancock Woman's Club is again offering scholarships for adult women in mid-career. It will be awarded to an adult woman who plans to begin, change, or return to a career after years of family rearing or other responsibilities.

The applicant must have been a resident in the ConVal School District for at least two years.

Applicants must provide official confirmation of acceptance or enrollment in an educational program such as a college, university, technical, or other training school or professional organization.

An essay of no more than two pages is required along with the application. Please direct questions to Joyce Perry at 525-3304,

or request an application by writing to the Hancock Woman's Club, PO Box 366, Hancock, NH 03449. Application must be received no later than March 31, 2017.

Notification of Scholarship Committee's choice will be in early May. The scholarship award will be sent directly to the academic institution.

Spring Hospice Volunteer Training

Hospice at HCS is offering a volunteer training program for those who are interested in becoming volunteers. The training will begin on March 14 and continues on Tuesdays from 1 pm to 4 pm through April 25 at the agency's Keene office at 312 Marlboro Street.

Volunteers are members of the hospice care team, providing support to the patient and to family members. After complet-

Dog Licenses Due by April 30

BY JEANNINE DUNNE

Please be sure to renew your dog licenses by the end of April to avoid additional charges. Bring your dog's current rabies certificate or call ahead to see if the town clerk's office has a copy supplied by your dog's veterinarian. As long as you provide a copy of the current rabies certificate, licenses can be done by mail. Please include a check and self-addressed envelope. If dogs are not neutered or spayed, licenses are \$9.00. For puppies 4 to 7 months old, neutered males and spayed females, licenses are \$6.50 each. If one of the owners is at least 65 years old, the first dog's license is just \$2.00.

If you no longer have your dog or if you have any questions, please call the Town Clerk's office at 563-8859. Thank you!

JEANNINE DUNNE is the Town Clerk/Tax Collector of Dublin.



The Town Clerk/Tax Collector's office will be open only on **March 13 from 9 am to 5 pm**, the last day to **return absentee ballots in person**.

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ing the training, volunteers can assist hospice patients with their interests and provide respite to family members. The training program is free; pre-registration is required. To register, contact Lorraine Bishop, Hospice at HCS Volunteer Coordinator at 352-2253 or lbishop@HCSservices.org.

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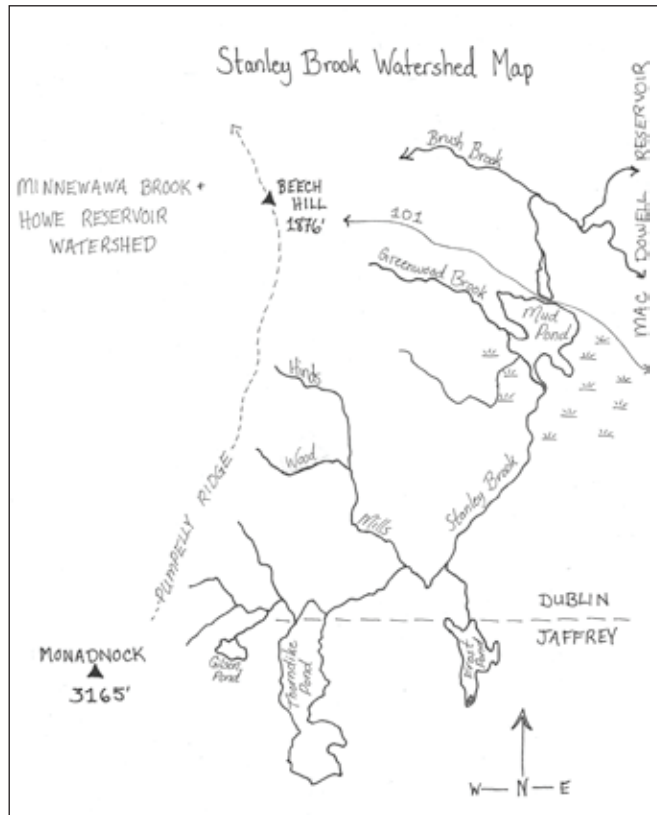
Part V: Stanley Brook in the East and Southeast

BY TRACEYMAY KALVAITIS

The two most impressive things about the Stanley Brook Basin are the sheer miles of waterways and the drop in elevation, from the highest springs on Monadnock down to the flat water of MacDowell. To simply read about 19 miles of streams may or may not raise your eyebrows. Think about driving from town center to the far side of Keene, however, or circumnavigating around the entire boundary of our town; either will give a useful reference for the great length of running water in this basin.

As for the elevation drop, consider that the elevation difference between Carr's Store and the Fire Station is 440 feet. The waters of Stanley Brook fall three times that far, a total of 1300 feet. The basin itself is the largest in our town, draining 15 square miles of area that begins at the peak of Monadnock (3165') and includes the eastern slope of the three-mile-long Pumpelly Ridge. There are six

feeder streams that flow down the steep slopes of Pumpelly Ridge and their waters eventually converge to feed the large aquifer that sits beneath the body of water we know as Mud Pond.



I always feel a twinge of regret when I write that name, Mud Pond. Perhaps I do not fully appreciate the attributes of mud, but I can't help thinking it deserves a more poetic name. Surely there is a monumental amount of mud under all those wetland plants, but what we actually see is a highly variable landscape of water, plants, and trees that shift their positions of dominance more than any other area I can recall.

Remember how vividly crimson the maples glow along the edge in the autumn weeks? And how the water hyacinth slowly grows throughout the summer months to almost completely obscure the water from view along 101?

My personal favorite is the dramatic change that alters the waterscape overnight; with the first hard freeze, every single water plant freezes, sinks from view, and opens up the entire waterway

for the first time in months. The shifting lines of the boundary between ice and water are constant this time of year and it will not be long until the first migratory waterfowl are seen in the rippling water between ice sheets.

It's difficult to fully appreciate the expanse of this basin. The next time you pass Mud Pond headed west into Dublin, scan the terrain on your left, to the south, as you travel up through the hills. If you make it as far as the library, you are still viewing Stanley Basin to your left, but not for long. Take a left turn onto Upper Jaffrey road and you can literally traverse the eastern slopes of Pumpelly Ridge, all along the headwater basin, driving across most of the feeder streams.

On the map, these streams are listed as Greenwood, Hinds, Woods, Mills, and perhaps Snow, which was Thoreau's preferred route up Monadnock. These feeder streams fill Gilson Pond, Thorn-dike Pond, and Frost Pond before overflowing into Dublin. The waters are filtered by acres and acres of wetlands and stored for a time in what may well be our largest aquifer beneath Mud Pond.

Thanks to the long-range collective vision of the Conservation Commission decades ago and support from town and state, surrounding parcels were purchased over a four-year period and now the area is owned by our town in a permanent conservation easement.

The next article in this series will focus on the Stanley Brook Dam and the series of industries powered by the water dating as far back as 1781.

TRACEYMAY KALVAITIS is on the Conservation Commission.



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News from Dublin Consolidated School

BY NICOLE PEASE

DCS is pleased to welcome Heather Fletcher to the DCS staff as our new 2nd grade teacher! She is a longtime resident of Dublin, and she brings lots of experience and unique talents to our building!

The end of February brought many fun events to DCS; FACTS with Wendy White presenting the artist Louis Comfort Tiffany; Winter Fun Days; and another amazing community connection: Paws to Read! The director of the Dublin Community Center, Bridget McFall, contacted DCS to discuss the possibility of the students walking up the hill to spend some time reading to a therapy dog. Once we worked out the logistics of insurance and permission slips, we embarked upon this awesome adventure. On a cold a windy morning, the first graders gathered their

reading books, hiked up the hill and took advantage of the opportunity to practice their reading skills with a nonjudgmental four-legged friend, Meg. It was so sweet to watch the excitement build as students waited for their chance to read their book to Meg. The students loved the experience and look forward to their next visit. We thank the Community Center for making this happen for our students.

February also brought Kindness Month



where many of our district schools will be focusing upon acts of kindness. It is a wonderful opportunity for us to develop our sense of community at the ConVal School District. Students created cards for many different local groups.

Our February vacation is late this year, ending as March begins, and we all hope this means signs of spring! What is for sure is that March is another month of educational adventures: a trip to the Colonial Theater to see the show African Kora, the TIGER presentation through Plymouth

State designed to support students in dealing with challenging social issues; as well as Art Day coordinated by Arts Enrichment. What a busy place!

Kindergarteners are wanted! If you know of a child that will be 5 years old before August 25th, please have them contact our school.

NICOLE PEASE, principal of Dublin Consolidated School, is also the SAU1 District Math Coach.

Update from the School Board Representative

BY BERND FOECKING

Due to a few snow days and cancelled meetings, we have had slightly interrupted months at the School Board. However, it was still a month with some significant events to mention:

The search for a new high school principal has begun. To find the best possible candidate, the board endorsed the request to hire a search company to help with this process.

On February 8, the Deliberative Session was held in the high school gymnasium, and all articles passed in record time of less than half an hour. This is significant as it is a good indicator how reasonable,

tight, and well developed the budget for the coming year is.

I want to reiterate that I fully endorse and support the budget for next year, and I hope that you will come out on March 14 to vote in favor of it. A vote for the budget, especially a flat budget such as this, is a strong show of support for your school district, for Dublin Consolidated School, for our teachers, and it shows that the education of our students is important to us as a town.

As you may have read, our Selectmen voted to not endorse the school budget. According to the minutes, the premise for their decision is that the Board feels that the School Administration is not doing

enough with declining enrollment to warrant adding or filling positions.

We do have a declining enrollment. I also hear that a majority wants to keep our school district with its small community schools. Part of our challenge is to attract new residents with families to our district.

As you may know, we are forming a Dublin Consolidated School Community Committee. Alan Edelkind, Karen Niemela, and Corey Boyd are heading it up. If you are interested in joining the conversation, please contact them. For now, you can use my e-mail and I will forward the messages.

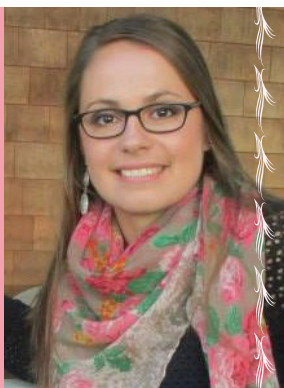
BERND FOECKING is Dublin's rep to the ConVal School Board. He can be reached at bfoecking@conval.edu.

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Final in the Series on Nonprofits Serving Dublin Residents

BY LUCY SHONK AND MAY CLARK

This past year, each of the eight agencies listed below wrote articles for the *Advocate* explaining the services they provide, the numbers of Dublin residents they serve, and the amount of funds used in that support.

- Big Brothers Big Sisters (BBBS)
- CASA, Court Appointed Special Advocates
- Southwestern Community Services (SCS)
- Community Kitchen
- Monadnock Family Services (MFS)
- CVTC, Community Volunteer Transportation Committee
- Home Healthcare, Hospice and Community Services (HCS)
- The River Center

Last year a total of \$7,679 was awarded by the Town in Warrant Article 19 to these agencies. A secret ballot was called for and passed by four votes. A number of us in town wanted to be sure all voters had the facts about how critical these agencies are to the health and welfare of our residents.

At right is a summary of services rendered to Dublin residents and the agency funding attributed to Dublin residents.

We hope Dublin residents will find the above information helpful in making an informed decision.

LUCY SHONK and MAY CLARK are Dublin residents.

Agency	# Dublin Clients	Costs associated	Requested 2017
BBBS	19 children	\$22,800	\$500
CASA	18 children served by Jaffrey Court*	\$1,460 per child	\$500
SCS	72 Households	\$64,524	\$645
Community Kitchen	1,710 meals	\$2,171	\$1,000
MFS	293 appts	\$10,494	\$1,996
CVTC	50 hours of driving	\$750 (\$15/hour)	\$500
HCS	501 nursing appts, 177 PT appts	\$333,409	\$1,690
The River Center	86 services	\$4,000	\$500

* Due to privacy issues, Dublin numbers are not separated from those served by the Jaffrey Court.

Pre-Town Meeting By the Dublin Women's Club
February 28, 7:30 pm, Town Hall, downstairs
 Refreshments begin at 7 pm

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A Winter Hike: Simplicity and Synchronicity

BY CATHY CARABELLO

Our friendship began with a painting and a hike.

Early last winter, while the McGill-O'Rourke's 200-year-old post and beam barn was being renovated into a house, the original sketch for a painting of the barn was uncovered. The barn, which had been somewhat of a landmark on Upper Jaffrey Road, sometimes referred to as "the barn that stands alone in the field," had captured an artist's eye almost 30 years ago. The painting hangs in our dining room. The artist was my dad.

I knew that the sketch would someday be my gift to the then-unknown owners of the barn – a part of the history of their new home. At the end of the summer of 2016, the opportunity arose and my dad's sketch became the ticket to meeting the woman who has become a great neighbor and friend, and the best hiking buddy I could ever have asked for.

And so our hikes began, first as a way to introduce Andrea to the beauty of her new surroundings and then, as our friendship grew, the hikes became the highlight of our weeks. (Andrea McGill-O'Rourke, PhD, is an Assistant Professor of Health Care Administration at Franklin Pierce University). We began to crave the sense of adventure and challenges these hikes brought to our lives. We made sure to clear our calendars because they engendered a 'nothing is more important' kind of feeling.

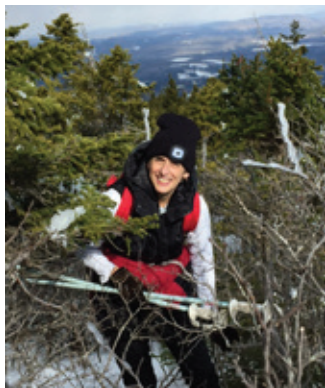
The seasons changed and we continued to hike with new levels of preparedness.

With every hike we learned something new about hiking and about ourselves. We bought guidebooks, gaiters, micro spikes, and better backpacks. We did whatever it took to keep the Zen going as every hike took on a life of its own.

As we continued to scope out new mountains to hike, we realized the one closest to our hearts was looming right in our back yards; it was the one that called to us. So, at the end of January, not sure if we would even be able to access the parking lot of Mount Monadnock's Dublin Trail, we set out as prepared as we knew how to be, to hike our 13th mountain. It would be the tallest and, by far, our most challenging hike.

Though we were prepared with poles and micro spikes, we quickly realized as we approached the last quarter of the hike, the amount of ice coverage on the trail above tree line far exceeded our abilities – and we promptly aborted the hike.

We underestimated the challenge of the descent and, after a few unexpected rides down some icy chutes, found ourselves in a somewhat frightening predicament. It was that moment when three experienced hikers began their descent from the summit. They graciously loaned us their helping hands, calmed our fears, and passed on some trail wisdom for future hikes.



Two weeks later, with a couple smaller hikes sandwiched in between, we set out anew; both of us silently determined to ascend Mount Monadnock's summit in winter. This time, in between two significant snow storms, we set out on the White Cross trail from Monadnock State Park, feeling it to be the safest option.

Three and a half hours later, we successfully reached the summit on snowshoes – a proud moment for both of us! We quickly switched out our footgear for the descent, but I didn't realize that I had no way to safely secure the snowshoes to my pack. As the summit winds were fiercely blowing and we were getting colder as we struggled to find a solution, once again, we were blessed by the sudden appearance of five great guys who quickly came to the

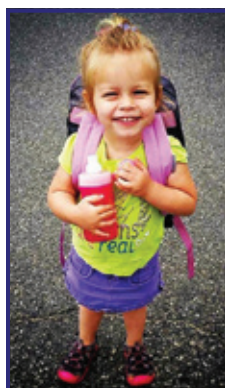
rescue. They joined us on the descent and we spent time laughing as we slid down much of the mountain on soft snow with child-like reckless abandon.

Our hikes have provided us with many lessons. We have learned about our strengths and weaknesses and the kindness of people we met on the trail. We have

learned, too, how important it is to always pay it forward.

And though my dad has been gone for over 20 years, I still feel his presence daily in my life. I am forever grateful for the painting that hangs in our dining room.

CATHY CARABELLO is a Special Ed. Paraprofessional at Peterborough Elementary School for the past two years. Prior to that she was the Lead Teacher/Director of Dublin Community Preschool for over 20 years. In addition to children, Cathy's passions are hiking, paddle boarding, and gardening.



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March at the Hub



Mother & Daughter Show

Jane and Paige Simpson collaborate on an exhibit featuring one-of-a-kind garments sewn from hand-printed fabric.

Paige, a Fine Arts graduate of Keene State College, grew up in Dublin and currently lives in Hudson, New York. Her printmaking technique involves several steps – Paige carves, inks, and prints each design element individually, thereby creating a larger overall pattern. Her prints are colorful and the subject is close-at-hand. Paige's inspiration comes from believing that "lending someone a hand is the most

powerful catalyst for building community."

Jane typically works with found paper, making collages that often include an element of sewing. In addition to her role as seamstress in this collaboration, Jane has a picture-framing business in Peterborough and lives in Dublin.

There will be a reception for the artists on Friday, March 3, from 5 to 7 pm. Light refreshments will be served.

Craft Night

Mountain View Bible Church (MVBC) is sponsoring a monthly craft night on Tuesday, March 7, from 7 to 9 pm; it is open to everyone in the community. This month we will be having a crochet class. Whether you have never crocheted before or you need a refresher course, this is a great opportunity to learn from someone who is experienced at the craft. Snacks and drink will be provided. If you have any questions, please email Liz Ogden at secretary@mtnviewbible.org.

Irish Cheese Tasting

Whether you have Irish blood in your veins or not, come celebrate St. Patrick's Day, the Dublin Community Center

Way on March 10, from 4 to 5 pm. We will be pairing cheeses from the Emerald Isle with refreshments.

If ever a place was designed for cheesemaking, Ireland must be it: composed almost entirely of lush green farmland, moist foggy air for happy animals, and cheerful folk who believe in a bit of magic. Come join us to sample these delicious cheeses and decide on your personal favorites. All are welcome. This is a free event, although donations are always welcome.

Dublin Community Forums

Please join us for the first in a series of Community Forums Saturday, March 25, from 4:30 to 5:30 pm on topics of inter-



Jud Hale

est and concern for Dublin residents.

Why do we call Dublin home? Each of us has our own personal story about why we live in Dublin. Some were born here, others came for summer recreation, some came to work, some

chose it for the art

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The Dublin Community Center

(aka **The Hub**) is in the heart of the village, 1281 Main Street. Call 563-8080 or email info@dublincommunitycenter.org with questions. Better yet, view current events at www.dublincommunitycenter.org and sign up to be added to the mailing list for monthly email announcements of all events.

In the Paws to Read program being held at the Hub, young Gabe read to Meg, the therapy dog, and her handler Ann Richards.



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Bruce Fox

and culture, and many are here for the draw of the woods and mountain.

Let's tell our stories and celebrate our love for our town! Three multigenerational panelists – some of our local favorites – Jud Hale, Bruce Fox, and Grace Aldrich – will kick it off by intriguing us with their own stories. Refreshments will be provided.

This Forum launches a yearlong series covering Dublin's history, families, services, and topics such as gardening, hunting, and water quality.

A Free & Fun Lunch

The next community lunch will be Tuesday, March 21, from 12 to 1 pm. This month's menu is cheddar-broccoli soup and cream of cauliflower soup served with cornbread, salad, coffee, and sweets. Everyone is welcome.

Sugar on Snow Potluck Dinner

As we enter maple-sugaring season, there is nothing like the sweet smell of boiling sap as you walk into a sugar house or the sweet and earthy taste of some warm freshly boiled maple syrup.

Maple syrup is not only high in antioxidants, but can be used in an abundance of recipes. On March 31, from 5 to 6 pm, we will have a Maple Potluck Dinner and would love for all to come, bring a dish using your favorite maple syrup, and enjoy the sugaring season!

After the potluck, all are invited up to the Dublin School sugar shack to see maple syrup being made.



Grace Aldrich

Elsie R. Pratt

Elsie Pratt, 89, of Dublin, died July 23, 2016, at the Good Shepard Nursing Home after a period of failing health.

Born in Peterborough, June 2, 1927, she was the daughter of Albert and Mildred (Morris) Wilson. She attended schools in Peterborough and was a 1945 graduate of Peterborough High School.

Elsie married John Pratt of Jaffrey on August 29, 1948, at the St. Peters Catholic Church. They built their home in Dublin in 1959.

She enjoyed community life and was an active member of the Dublin Women's Club, Women's Beach Club, a Girl Scout leader, and was a Dublin Preschool founding member. She was active in the church for many years and especially enjoyed working on rummage sales with her friends.

In 1962, she was part of the first American Red Cross Volunteer Nurse's Aid class at Monadnock Hospital and began her career caring for the elderly. She was employed at Scott Farrar Home for 15 years and then for many years as an at-home provider.

She is survived by her children, Daniel Pratt and wife Catherine of Colchester, CT; Martha Steele of Dublin, Nancy Pratt of Keene, and Kenneth Pratt of Farmingdale, NH; grandsons Justin Pratt and wife Catherine of Cromwell, CT; Brendan and fiancée Madeline Ames of Chaplin, CT; Jared Pratt of Bolton, CT; and Curtis Steele of Little Rock, AR, along with many nieces, nephews, and friends.

Her husband of 59 years, John Pratt, died March 1, 2008. Her brother Ervil Wilson is also deceased. Graveside services for both Elsie and John will be held at the family lot in Dublin at a later date.

Memorial contributions may be made to Dublin Fire Department, PO Box 370, Dublin, NH 03444 or Dublin Public Library, Main St., Dublin, NH 03444.



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The Pileated Woodpecker

BY TOM WARREN

The Pileated Woodpecker is the largest woodpecker found in North America – unless the Ivory-billed Woodpecker still survives, which is unlikely.

It has a large black body and a red crest with a white line extending from its cheek down its neck and a large white marking under its wing during flight.

It requires large dead trees to build nests in and for roosting at night. Our large sugar maples, some in Dublin are 230 years old, provide perfect habitat. A pair will defend its territory all year and if one dies, the surviving mate will continue to defend the territory.

It has a strong chisel-shaped bill perfectly adapted for cutting decayed wood. Its diet consists of weed-dwelling ants, especially carpenter ants and their larvae as well as wood-boring beetles from both live and dead trees. It will also eat fruits and berries, especially wild cherries and suet in winter. The woodpecker's carpentry work provides many homes for mammals such as flying and red squirrels.

The call of the Pileated Woodpecker is a loud "cuk" "cuk" "cuk" often used for background effect in old jungle movies.

Both males and females excavate the nest cavity, but males do most of the heavy excavation, which requires three to six weeks.



Painting by Anne Marie Warren

The depth of the cavity is 12"-30" and the entrance hole has a diameter of 4". The nest cavity has an excellent insulative quality to keep young birds warm during the months of May and June.

Four white, glossy eggs are laid and young birds hatch in about 16 days and leave the nest 28 days later. They are fed by regurgitation by both parents. After leaving the nest, young birds remain with their parents until September.

Pileated Woodpeckers are subject to predation by Goshawks, Red-tailed Hawks, and Great-horned Owls as well as men with rifles; nonetheless there has been a significant increase in Pileated Woodpeckers in Canada and Eastern North America in recent years.

It has keen sight and hearing and can easily hear the approach of man and quietly slip away before it is observed. Here in Dublin they are more common than people realize.

TOM WARREN is Dublin's resident ornithologist, and serves as a trustee of both the Harris Center and the Audubon Society.

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Summary of Christmas Bird Census

BY TOM WARREN

This year's Christmas Bird Census was postponed by two weeks due to bad weather, so numbers of birds and participants were lower. To many participants it seemed it was a quiet day.

We counted 4,407 individuals of 38 species and no waterfowl or seabirds as all ponds and lakes were iced over.

There were very few winter finches, no redpolls, and only two Pine Siskins. Finch irruptions usually occur every other year so next year should be a banner year. Among the highlights:

3 Evening Grosbeaks	116 American Crow
1 Mockingbird	27 Raven
179 White-breasted Nuthatches	962 Black-capped Chickadee
4 Barred Owl (tied the previous record)	235 Tufted Titmouse (a record)
84 Eastern Bluebird (a record)	70 Red-breasted Nuthatch
4 Ruffed Grouse	179 White-breasted Nuthatch
260 Wild Turkey	5 Brown Creeper
1 Coopers Hawk	2 Carolina Wren
4 Bald Eagle	6 Golden-crowned Kinglet
6 Red-tailed Hawk	104 Robin
132 Mourning Dove	272 Starling
22 Red-bellied Woodpecker	118 Cedar Waxwing
91 Downy Woodpecker	1 Snow Bunting
55 Hairy Woodpecker	84 Tree Sparrow
13 Pileated Woodpecker	189 Junco
536 Blue Jay	4 White-throated Sparrow
	62 Cardinal

30 House Finch
28 Purple Finch
2 Pine Siskin

460 Goldfinch
3 Evening Grosbeak
144 House Sparrow

TOM WARREN graciously supplied the above results in his birding column this month.

Two Exhibits End Early March at JCC

The Jaffrey Civic Center will host a group exhibit featuring the works of three Monadnock area artists: Elizabeth Dinowitz, Alicia Drakiotis, and Anne Ward. "The Three Palettes" will show how contemporary oil paintings combine techniques of realism and impressionism to represent many local and regional themes, including landscapes – urban and rural – people, places, flora and fauna. The show runs through March 8 in the Auditorium Gallery.



Painting by Elizabeth Dinowitz

In a second show, the Jaffrey Civic Center is hosting a group Encaustic Art Exhibit through March 11 in the upstairs Cunningham Gallery. This exhibit features the work of Joan Barrows, Barbara Danser, Marsha Hewitt, Kenneth Kraft, Danielle Le Bris, Jessie Pollock, and Linda Widstrand. Admission is always free.

The Jaffrey Civic Center is at 40 Main Street, Jaffrey, next to Library, parking in rear. For information, call 532-6527, email info@jaffreyciviccenter.com or visit www.jaffreyciviccenter.com.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
BOS Board of Selectmen DCA Dublin Christian Academy DCC Dublin Community Church DCS Dublin Consolidated School DPL Dublin Public Library	DS Dublin School HUB Dublin Community Center (Open Mon & Weds 9:30-5:30) MRC Monadnock Rotary Club TH Town Hall		1 DPL StoryTime 9:30 am; KnitWits 10 am; HUB Coffee & Conversation 9-12 pm; QiGong 12-1 pm; Yoga 4-5:15 pm; DPL Dublin Republican Comm. 6:30 pm; DCC TwoHat Group 7 pm	2	3 HUB Art Opening Jane Simpson and Paige Simpson 5-7 pm	4 HUB Teenius Genius 10-11 am
5 HUB Art Class 3-5 pm	6 HUB Coffee & Conversation 9-12 pm; Paws to Read 9-10 am; Zumba 5:30-6:30 pm; TH BOS 4 pm	7 DCC MRC 7:30 am; HUB Adult Exercise 11-12 pm; Craft Night 7-9 pm; DPL HillTop Group 6:45 pm	8 DPL StoryTime 9:30 am; KnitWits 10 am; Trustees 7 pm; HUB Coffee & Conversation 9-12 pm; QiGong 12-1 pm; Yoga 4-5:15 pm; DCC TwoHat Group 7 pm	9	10 DPL Council for Healthier Community 8 am; HUB Irish Cheese Tasting 4-5:30 pm; Open Mic 7-9 pm	11 Men Who Cook 6 pm Keene State College; DPL Meet the Candidates 10 am
12 Daylight Savings Begins HUB Art Class 3-5 pm	13 HUB Coffee & Conversation 9-12 pm; Zumba 5:30-6:30 pm; Town Clerk open 9 am-5 pm, last day to return absentee ballots in person	14 DCC MRC 7:30 am; TH VOTE Polls open 8 am-7 pm; HUB Adult Exercise 11-12 pm; DPL HillTop Group 6:45 pm	15 DPL StoryTime 9:30 am; Knit Wits 10 am; HUB Coffee & Conversation 9-12 pm; QiGong 12-1 pm; Yoga 4-5:15 pm; DCC TwoHat Group 7 pm;	16 DPL Book Group 6:30 pm	17 St Patrick's Day	18 DCS Town Meeting 9 am; DCC Annual St. Patrick's Day Corned Beef Dinner (\$8, \$5) 5:30-7 pm
19 HUB Art Class 3-5 pm	20 HUB Coffee & Conversation 9-12 pm; Paws to Read 9-10 am; Zumba 5:30-6:30 pm; TH BOS 4 pm	21 DCC MRC 7:30 am; HUB Community Lunch 12-1 pm; Adult Exercise 1-2 pm; DPL HillTop Group 6:45 pm	22 DPL StoryTime 9:30 am; Knit Wits 10 am; HUB Coffee & Conversation 9-12 pm; QiGong 12-1 pm; Yoga 4-5:15 pm; DCC TwoHat Group 7 pm	23	24 HUB Ukelele Group 7-8 pm	25 HUB Dublin Community Forum: Jud Hale, Bruce Fox, and Grace Aldrich 4:30-5:30 pm
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