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Native American History in Dublin

BY ROBERT GOODBY

Dublin sits in the southern part of Nda-kinna, the traditional homeland of the Abenaki people. Like many towns in the Monadnock Region, Dublin's official history book begins with a denial that Native Americans actually lived here. In the first town history, published in 1855, Dublin was described as "...an unbroken forest. It is not probable that Indians ever made it a place of residence, any longer than they were occupied hunting or fishing."

The claim was a convenient one for the first English settlers and their descendants. In fact, the Abenaki, with the support of their French allies in Quebec, fiercely resisted the English invasion of their homeland, and one of the first settlers of Dublin, William Thornton, is said to have "...abandoned his farm through fear of the Canadian Indians."

So, what is the actual evidence that Native Americans lived in Dublin?

Archaeological excavations and historic records show that Native people have lived in the Monadnock region for millennia. Excavations of a Paleoindian site at the Keene Middle School produced artifacts radiocarbon dated to 12,600 years before present, making it one of the oldest sites in all of New England. Evidence from Swanzeey shows an almost unbroken span of Native American occupation beginning more than 12,000 years ago and continuing until the middle of the 18th century.

In Peterborough, Native Americans made repeated visits over 4,000 years to a sandy knoll overlooking wetlands and streams, trapping beaver and collecting different species of turtle. Long-established Indian trails, following the most logical routes to get through this hilly, rocky region, were used by early European

settlers, and eventually became paved highways in the 20th century.

A map of Indian trails published by historian Chester Price in 1967 shows the Minniwawa trail (spelling based on Price's map*) running east-west through Dublin, closely following present-day Route 101, providing a route to many of the ponds and wetlands that would have been attractive to people whose economy was based on the hunting and gathering of wild foods.

The New Hampshire Division of Historic Resources maintains an inventory of archaeological sites, and more than a thousand Native American sites have been recorded to date. Of these, only one is in Dublin. It was discovered along a small

* Chester Price, a historian and a charter member of the NH Archeological Society, published an article in 1967 in *The New Hampshire Archeologist* called "Indian Trails of New Hampshire." It included a large map of NH showing relevant sites. The NHAS holds the copyright, so it cannot be published here.

brook in the northeastern part of town during an Army Corps of Engineers survey of the MacDowell Reservoir impoundment. Only two artifacts were recovered from the site, a small piece of burned bone and a chip of chert, a high-quality stone excellent for tool-making. This stone came from quarries in upstate New York, evidence of the networks that connected Native people across the northeast. We don't know if these finds are part of a larger site, as no additional excavation was ever done.

Most of the Native American sites discovered in New Hampshire were located during studies required by the National Historic Preservation Act, and very few of these have been done in Dublin. The lack of known Native American sites reflects a lack of attention by archaeologists, and the real history of Native Americans in Dublin remains to be written.

ROBERT G. GOODBY, Ph.D., is an archaeologist and Professor of Anthropology at Franklin Pierce University in Rindge. He has lectured throughout the region, as well as at the DPL. He recently moved to Dublin with his family.

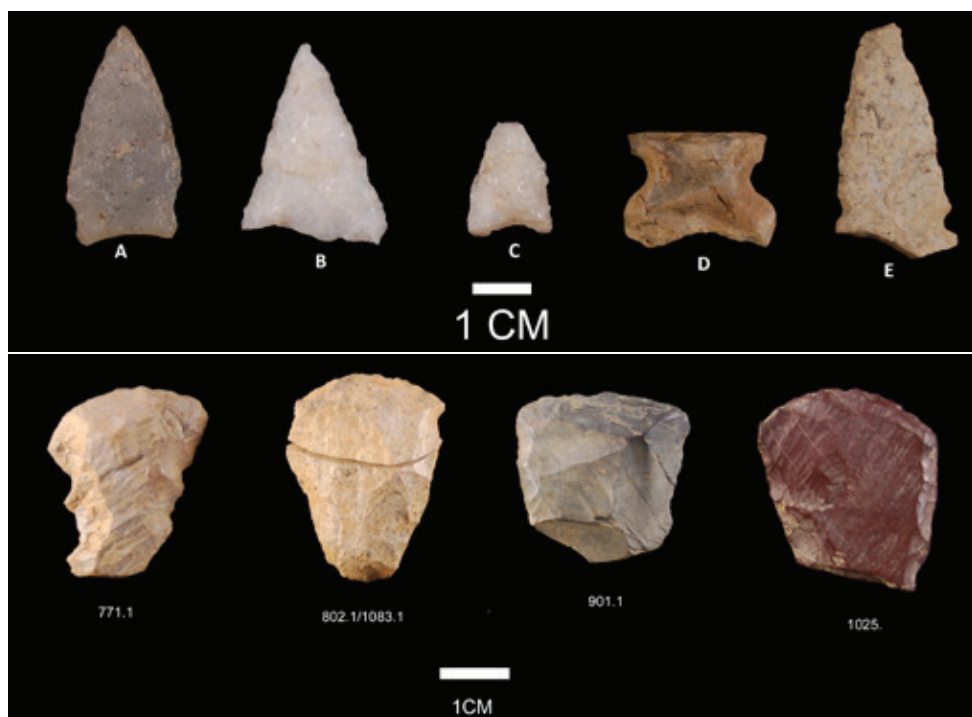


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TOP: Stone Tools from Peterborough, 1000-3000 BC
BELOW: Paleoindian Hide Scrapers, Keene.

Dublin Public Library

New Year's Resolution? Bucket List? Things we should all do before we turn 40, 50, 60, die? We have heard it all before, but the Dublin Public Library can help you reach one goal this year, through James Mustich's new book, *1,000 Books to Read Before You Die, a Life-Changing List*. It is on display at the library. All books listed are alphabetized by author's name. We will pull the

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books we have in the collection for each letter of the alphabet and put them on display for two weeks. You simply come in and check one out; by the end of the year you will have read 26 of the listed books!

As we "slide" our way into the New Year, our children's programs will be focused on *Fun in the Snow* and *Animals in Winter*.

Our Book Buddies program

continues to bring exciting energy on Tuesday afternoons as we enjoy open discussions, create crafts, and play games.

Wednesday morning StoryTime gives the younger children a chance to come together to listen to stories, sing songs, and create a craft to bring home. We offer light refreshments with both of these programs.

Dublin Public Library Trustees: Celeste Snitko (chair), Gail Bartlett, Nancy Cayford, Connie Cerroni, Dorsey Flynn, Willard Goodwin, Jane Holmes, Bethe Walker. Alternates, Rusty Bastedo, Marty Smith.

FDPL Event: On Wheels

Come to the lower level of the Dublin Public Library on Saturday, January 26, at 10 am to learn about all things related to mountain biking. Shari LaPierre will share her experiences in a talk entitled "Mountain Biking in the Monadnock Region – Passion, Conservation, and Community" on the technical, physical, and communal aspects of mountain biking. Get a close look at bikes, gear, and learn how mountain bikers in the Monadnock Region build, share, and maintain local trail systems.

Shari is a board member of the Friends of the Dublin Public Library; Secretary of the Brattleboro-Keene chapter of the New England Mountain Biking Association; and spends much of her spare time on a bike year-round.



The River Center Offerings

We have some great programs coming up in January: Tweens and Teens weekly parenting group on Tuesdays, 12 pm to 2 pm with Bonnie Harris; "Jump, Tumble & Roll," weekly starting Thursday, January 10, 9:30 to 11:30 am, at Monadnock Gymnastics in Suite 260, 9 Vose Farm Rd., Peterborough.

On January 15, Katrina Nugent of the Monadnock Center for Violence Prevention will talk with parents and caregivers from 6:30 to 8 pm about "Nurturing Healthy Sexual Development"

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2018 Tax and Equalization Rates

This year's rate brings us back in line with the historical trend.

BY DALE GABEL

After two special town meetings in November to deal with financial aspects of the August 17, 2018, flooding and road washouts, we finally have the second installment of our annual property tax bills in hand. So, let's look at the 2018 rate. In 2018, the overall tax rate was \$28.43 per thousand dollars of property valuation. That represents a 17.4% increase over the 2017 tax rate of \$24.22 per thousand. In comparison with the 2017 rates, the overall tax rate breaks down as follows:

TAX RATE	2018	2017	CHANGE
County	\$4.04	\$3.19	+26.7%
School	\$14.50	\$12.34	+17.5%
Town	\$7.93	\$6.18	+28.3%
State Education	\$1.96	\$2.51	-21.9%

In 2018, the Town tax rate constituted 27.9% of the total tax rate, up from 25.5% in 2017.

The tax rate increased in 2018 for a variety of reasons. The increase in the Town portion primarily reflects the unexpected cost of repairs to Town roads after the heavy rains in August caused significant damage, plus additional warrant articles voted at Town meeting in March with lower offsets from the Town's fund balance. Although disaster relief funds were not available to help defray the cost of road repairs, the Town's insurance policy has provided some reimbursement which will improve the financial picture in 2019. County and School portions also increased significantly in 2018, reflecting a lower equalization rate and higher teacher

salaries for the ConVal School District approved by voters in March 2018.

The Equalization Rate (or Ratio) for 2018 dropped to 98.5% from 108.5% in 2017. The Equalization Rate is the ratio between the assessed value and the market value of all property in the town. Since Dublin's Equalization Rate is below 100%, the assessed value of all property in the town is below actual market value. This rate comes into play when a taxing authority is determining how much a town will pay for a shared public good, such as a school district or county facilities. The Equalization Rate is used to equalize all towns to their actual market value to fairly distribute the shared tax burden.

DALE GABEL is one of the Town's three Selectmen.

Register to Vote

BY JUDY KNAPP

The Supervisors of the Checklist will be meeting at the Town Hall on Tuesday, January 22, at 7 pm to make additions and corrections to the voter checklist.

To register to vote, either at the Supervisor's meeting or with the Town Clerk's office, please bring proof of identity (driver's license or photo ID), age, domicile (lease, utility bill, property tax bill, or driver's license with street address), and citizenship (birth certificate, naturalization papers, or passport).

If you are not sure whether you are registered to vote, checklists will be posted at the Post Office and the Town Hall or you can check the NH Secretary of State at <https://app.sos.nh.gov/Public/PartyInfo.aspx>.

JUDY KNAPP is chair of the Supervisors of the Checklist.

Town of Dublin PUBLIC NOTICE

Filing Period for Town Offices

Residents interested in declaring their candidacy for the following town offices may do so at the town clerk's office beginning Wednesday, January 23, 2019, and ending on Friday, February 1, 2019. For those residents wishing to file for office on Friday, February 1, the clerk's office will be open from 3 pm to 5 pm.

Selectman	1 position	3 years
Moderator	1 position	2 years
Library Trustee	2 positions	3 years
Water Commissioner	1 position	3 years
Budget Committee	2 positions	3 years
Cemetery Trustee	1 position	3 years
Planning Board	2 positions	3 years
Trustee of Trust Funds	1 position	3 years

Jeannine Dunne, Town Clerk

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From the School Board

A proposed warrant article.

BY BERND FOECKING

It has been very eventful for the School Board and our administration.

I want to thank our administrators and the local PDs for the professional handling of the threat to our High School last month.

At the board level, the tax rates and the pressure to curb the increase in costs is very much at the core of our discussions. Things are moving fast, and by the time this update reaches you, realities may have changed.

Two board meetings ago, the Frances-town representative to the ConVal school board brought forth a warrant article to change the language of the articles of agreement and exclude Temple and Dublin as schools where elementary programs had to be maintained. If the board elects to put this warrant on the ballot, and if it receives a 2/3 majority, the SAU would have the power to close DCS and Temple Elementary Schools.

This proposed warrant article is a result of the board being hesitant to put forth a

warrant with one of the well-developed consolidation plans for ConVal, and – I speculate – the idea that it might be easier to pass a warrant if the district is divided.

I am vehemently against this warrant article. It is not a logical or sound plan; it is a divisive action without much reason behind it. We do not know what savings could come from it, nor does it change the way we teach or deliver services in our district.

I want the voters to have a choice. Our administration has developed several plans for consolidation. While they also close some local elementary schools, they offer an educationally sound alternative. I will continue to work towards giving you the choice between the status quo and a sound alternative.

Several Dublin community members have been attending the meetings and have voiced their concerns. This is the help that is needed to show the school board that we oppose this warrant article.

I wish you a wonderful holiday season and much good health and fortune for 2019.

BERND FOECKING (bfoecking@conval.edu) is the Dublin Representative to the ConVal School Board.

News from the PTO

A pair of children's snowshoes needed.

BY KAREN NIEMELA

We at DCS are busy getting ready for winter activities. The downhill ski program and hiking with an educator from the Harris Center begins January 4. If anyone reading this has a child-sized pair of snowshoes in need of a new home, look no further! We are trying to collect snowshoes to outfit all our students for hikes in the snow. Email us: DCSPTO@gmail.com and someone will gladly take those outgrown snowshoes off your hands.

Our holiday flower sale of poinsettias, Christmas cactus, and cyclamen was a great success and the flowers are gorgeous. Our next flower sale will begin in March — Easter Lilies!

Please know that there is a lot of conversation on the school board level about closing a couple small elementary schools and DCS is one of them. Email our school board rep, or anyone on the school board who you may have a personal connection with, and tell them what you think.

KAREN NIEMELA is a member of the DCS-PTO.



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DCS Today and A Look Ahead

BY NICOLE PEASE

Not surprisingly, December was a busy month, and the highlight was the Winter Concert. Each classroom performed a festive song or skit, and families so loved the show! We were especially fortunate to have the musical accompaniment of Bruce Simpson and DCS' Library Media Specialist, Alex Kendall. A huge thank you to the Fire Department for escorting a special friend clad in red and white all the way from the North Pole! It is always an exciting end to the show.

The last day of school in December holds a beloved tradition, the annual Round Robin Craft Day, planned and prepared by Vicki Brown. Students spend the morning moving through a variety of craft stations where they make holiday crafts to be given as gifts. This time is so special and students love the opportunity to make special things for their families. After lunch and recess, students enjoyed *The Grinch Who Stole Christmas* read by Tim Clark, another treasured tradition.



While we had an early snowfall, the sledding hill has been off limits as it is too icy. After the Winter Break, students will take full advantage of any new snow on "Winter Fun Days" held each Friday. About half of our students will travel to Crotched Mountain for the ski program, and the students at school will have the opportunity to do some winter exploration outside with guidance from Susie Spikol of the Harris Center. Thanks to the PTO for coordinating!

It may be hard to believe but while we are thinking about the New Year, we are also planning for next school year. If you know anyone that will have a child five years old by August 25, please have them get in touch. Kindergarten screenings begin in February, more information to follow.

As always, we welcome visitors; we simply ask that you call first.

NICOLE PEASE is the Teaching Principal at DCS.

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The Chinese New Year

BY GINETTE G. GROOME

According to Chinese zodiac, 2019, the Year of the Earth Pig, begins from the Chinese New Year's Day, which is within a day of the second new moon before the spring equinox moon phase (February 5, 2019 – January 24, 2020).

The Pig is not thought to be a smart animal in China: it likes sleeping and eating and becomes fat. Thus, it usually features laziness and clumsiness. On the positive side, though, it behaves itself, has no plan to harm others, and can bring affluence to people. In Chinese culture, pigs are the symbol of wealth, and their chubby faces with big ears are signs of fortune as well.

All 12 Chinese zodiac signs of the lunar calendar can expect 2019 to be a good year to make money; a great year to invest. It is a time of joy, a year of friendship and love, and an auspicious year because the



Pig attracts success in all the spheres of life. The atmosphere is festive and relaxation widespread. Everyone can succeed in the 2019 Earth Pig year, recognizing given opportunities and making the most of them.

So, to welcome in the New Year, you can enjoy the benefits of a joyous year if you wear red clothes, adorn windows and doors with red decorations, buy flowers to signify a new beginning, clean the house, and offer oranges as gifts for luck and wealth. It is also a good time to visit friends and family and enjoy special foods like spring rolls, oranges, long noodles, sweet rice cakes, fish, and chicken.

Wishing you all a very Happy New Year; and according to the Pig, a year of fortune and good luck!

GINETTE G. GROOME, LMT, the QiGong Instructor at the DubHub, welcomes newcomers to her Wednesdays at noon class. Cost is \$12 / class for a full month. Come for an hour of renewal each week and learn lifestyle habits that will promote continued health and longevity; no experience necessary.



Welcome to Twins

Twins Nora Jane (4 lbs., 2 oz.) and Emmett Albert (4 lbs., 11 oz.) were born on November 12, 2018 (6 weeks early), to parents Clare Taylor Gallagher and Gary Charles Gorski of Washington, DC. Grandparents are Jane Holmes and Chris Gallagher of Dublin and Mary and the late Gary Albert Gorski of Pittsburgh, PA. The babies were born on the birthday of their paternal grandfather, who died just one year ago.

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The Thorne's two ongoing exhibitions link to two other cultural events: Mark Hogancamp's Marwencol, the subject of a new Steve Carrel film due out December 21; and the first major Warhol exhibition in New York since 1989, which just opened at the Whitney Museum of American Art.

Both exhibitions will continue through the winter; information about upcoming exhibitions is coming soon.

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Stay Safe on the Ice

NH Fish & Game posts warnings, and our Fire Chief concurs: six inches of ice is nice.

In winter, before you venture out onto any frozen pond or lake to ice fish, snowmobile, skate, ski, or snowshoe, play it safe by following some important guidelines for ice safety.

It is not advisable to drive vehicles onto the ice.

If on foot, carefully assess ice safety before venturing out by using an ice chisel or auger (or cordless drill) to determine ice thickness and condition. (Continue to do this as you get further out on to the ice, because the ice thickness will not be uniform all over the body of water.)

Our Dublin Fire Chief Tom Vanderbilt (562-6960) concurs: "We never say it is safe due to springs. Ice varies. Good solid clear ice is very different than ice with entrapped snow or air. Ice that is six inches thick in one spot can only be a windowpane thick in another spot due to currents, springs, and culverts adding warm/salty water."

Though all ice is potentially dangerous, the U.S. Army Cold Regions Research & Engineering Laboratory in Hanover, NH,

offers a "rule of thumb" on ice thickness: There should be a minimum of six inches of hard ice before individual foot travel, and 8 to 10 inches of hard ice for snow machines or ATV travel. Other guidelines:

- Don't go on the ice during thaws.
- Thick ice does not always mean safe ice. Ice can be thick but not strong, because of varying weather conditions. Weak ice is formed when warming trends break it down, then the slushy surface re-freezes.
- Be especially careful of areas with currents such as inlets, outlets, and spring holes, where the ice can be thin.
- Stay off the ice along the shoreline if it is cracked or squishy.
- Watch out for thin, clear, or honeycombed ice. Dark snow and ice also indicate weak spots.
- Small bodies of water tend to freeze



A set of ice picks.

thicker. Rivers and lakes are more prone to wind, currents, and wave action that weaken ice.

- Don't gather in large groups or drive large vehicles onto the ice.
- If you do break through the ice, don't panic. Move or swim back to where you fell in, where you know the ice was solid. Lay both arms on the unbroken ice and kick hard. This will help lift your body onto the ice.

- Carry a set of ice picks; they can help you pull yourself out if you do fall through the ice; wear them around your neck or put them in an easily accessible pocket. Once out of the water, roll away from the hole until you reach solid ice.

Ice safety is also very important for snowmobilers. Don't assume a trail is safe just because it exists; ask about trail conditions at local snowmobile clubs or sporting goods shops before you go.

OUR LOCAL SNOWMOBILE CLUB is the Monadnock Trailbreakers; it is handled by Brie Morrissey (562-6564) or Chris Raymond (398-8029). Most updated information can be found on www.facebook.com/monadnocktrailbreakers. You can also visit www.monadnocktrailbreakers.com or e-mail info@monadnocktrailbreakers.com.



Autism Services for Children

Crotched Mountain's *Ready, Set, Connect!* program has opened an autism clinic at the Greenfield campus. *Ready, Set, Connect!* provides ABA therapy for young children in a group setting, offering an environment of fun and learning and a path to a bright future! Locations also in Manchester and Concord, NH.



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January Events at the Hub

Rick Drost at Open Stage

Rick Drost, a singer/songwriter/record-making artist from Cambridge, MA, is the featured performer at the Open Stage on January 4.

Doors open at 7 pm and performances begin at 7:30 pm. (Snow date is Sunday, January 6, at 5 pm.)

Rick Drost writes and sings songs with depth and heart, that convey a long love of classical music, natural wonders, and poetry. He sings at coffeehouses, house

concerts, small festivals, and Folk Alliance events from New England to Colorado and the Southeast.

Admission is \$5, but we will pass the hat for the performer. Nine open-mic slots are available before the feature. Performers are encouraged to sign up at info@dublincommunitycenter.org as slots fill fast. Attendees are encouraged to bring a beverage and snacks to share. Coffee and tea will be provided.

Rick Drost on his guitar.



Jane Thorne Featured Artist in January

During January, the DubHub will feature a partial retrospective of the late artist Jane Thorne. Jane, the daughter of

Rob and Beatrix Sagendorph, who were the founders of *Yankee Magazine*, was born in 1930 and grew up in Dublin and spent some of each year here throughout most of her life. Her mother

Beatrix Sagendorph created original art for the covers of *Yankee* for many years — so Jane was exposed to art making throughout her childhood.

Jane studied art at Smith College before graduating from Radcliffe College in 1952. Later she continued her studies at Rhode Island School of Design and Brown University. Jane died in 2001 and is buried in the Dublin Cemetery.

Jane's paintings are vivid and expressive. In a painting titled "White Towels," a pile of laundry is shown in a mountain-like silhouette. She said she painted it during a snowless winter in Dublin.

In another painting of a view of Mount Monadnock, a corner of the canvas is unpainted. Jane said she decided the painting was finished when her easel blew over on a windy afternoon.

The paintings we have gathered for this display at the Hub are culled from various private collections in and around the Monadnock Region.

There will be an opening reception on Friday, January 11, from 5 to 7 pm. Light refreshments will be served.



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Bring Your Own Ukulele

The Monadnock Ukulele Group meets on the third Friday from 7 to 9 pm. A \$5 contribution to the DubHub is appreciated. Song lists will be emailed to participants ahead of each meeting so you can bring your own copy. No lessons given, but easy two- and three-chord songs are included each month. Please email Nancy at thoreaucottage@gmail.com or call 603-785-9857 to request a song list or to be put on the monthly email list. Beginners and advanced uke players are welcome.

Song Circle

The monthly DubHub Song Circle meets on Friday, January 25, from 7 to 9 pm. Bruce Simpson leads this informal group. Bring your own beverage and songs to share (if you want others to play along). Listeners and singers are welcome. For more information, contact Bruce at bruce_simpson@msn.com.

Coffee & Conversation and Open Hours

The DubHub is open for Coffee and Conversation on Mondays and Wednesdays from 9 am to noon. The Hub remains open until 5 pm on Mondays; at 5:30 Dance Fitness begins. On Wednesdays it is closed for Qigong at noon and is open again from 1 to 4 pm, at which time Gentle Yoga begins.

January Forum: Dublin Town Government

The Community Forum at the DubHub, scheduled for January 12 at 4:30 pm (snow date January 13), will focus on the structure of Dublin Town Government.

Small communities like Dublin thrive because of the involvement of citizens with different skill sets and world views, and this forum, moderated by Neil Sandford, will demystify the work and relationships of the various boards and committees.

Neil will provide a flow chart of Dublin's Town Government, showing elected positions (Board of Selectmen, Planning Board, Budget Committee, Library Trustees) and appointed boards (Zoning Board of Adjustment, Conservation Commission), and representatives from those groups will be available to answer questions.

Town Government exists to enhance the lives of Dublin citizens. The members of these boards and committees make decisions about tax dollar expenditures, land use, and natural resource protection.

Come to this forum to learn about your Town and the people who make it tick. Perhaps you'll consider running for an open position on one of the boards or committees (filing period is January 23 – February 1) or volunteering for an appointed position. The forum will last an hour and refreshments will be served.

Ongoing: Dance Fitness, QiGong, & Yoga

Dance Fitness with Deb continues on Mondays at 5:30 pm. For more information call Deb Giaimo, instructor, at 603-563-8648 or email her at fredebg@myfairpoint.net.

Qigong classes meet on Wednesdays, from noon to 1pm. For further information, please contact Ginnette Groome at ammatwirl@aol.com or call 313-9828.

A Gentle Yoga class meets at 4 pm on Wednesdays; email margaretsurney@gmail.com with questions.

Local Businesses Invited to Submit Contact Info

Calling all Dublin businesses! To participate in our February (changed from January) Community Forum, which will showcase local businesses, send your contact info to the DubHub at info@dub-

lincommunitycenter.org. No fees required and not necessary to be present.

Performers Invited to Participate in February "Carole King-along"

We have a great lineup of singers signed up for our upcoming "Carol King-along" on February 9. If you're interested in performing, email Volkert at info@dublincommunitycenter.org. He is maintaining a master list so there will be no duplication of songs.

The DubHub, located at 1123 Main Street in Dublin, is open every Monday and Wednesday, with Coffee & Conversation from 9 am to noon. Closing time is 5 pm on Mondays, and 4 pm on Wednesdays. For more information, email info@dublincommunitycenter.org or call 563-8080.



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The Jaffrey Civic Center (JCC) and NuDay Syria, a New Hampshire nonprofit relief organization, are partnering in a humanitarian drive for the 2019 National MLK Day of Service.

In keeping with the theme for the JCC's *Celebrating Martin Luther King, Jr. 2019*, "We are all one humanity," the Day of Service project reaches out to people in Syria caught in one of the worst humanitarian crises of our time to provide critically needed goods to displaced families.

Donation place and times: Jaffrey Civic Center, January 11-26, Monday through Friday from 9 am to noon and from 1 to 5 pm; also Saturday from 10 am to 2 pm.

Sorting and packing: Jaffrey Civic Center, Saturday, January 26, from 10 am to 4 pm (rain date Sunday, January 27, from noon to 4 pm).

Volunteers are needed! For questions, to volunteer, or to arrange for pickup of large items, please call or text Jodi at 562-7033 or email mlkjaffrey@gmail.com.

See list below for needed items.

Items Being Collected for NuDay Syria Relief Organization

- Non-perishable foods
- Fabric and sewing supplies
- New/gently used clothing, shoes, bedding, sleeping bags
- Toys and games such as crayons, Play-doh, puzzles, stuffed toys, soccer balls
- Toiletries and hygiene (diapers, feminine pads, soap, detergent, toothbrushes)
- Non-prescription medications (especially for pain) and vitamins
- Medical equipment (walkers, wheelchairs, canes, crutches) and supplies (bandages, etc.)
- Cookware and utensils (no dishware or other breakables)
- Bicycles in any condition (they will be restored by a volunteer)
- Tools and building supplies

Monadnock Rotary Speakers in January

The public is invited to hear speakers scheduled by the Monadnock Rotary Club during breakfast meetings from 7:30 to 8:30 am on Tuesdays, downstairs in the Church Hall at the Dublin Community Church.

On January 8, Rick Van Wickler, Superintendent, Cheshire County House of Corrections, Keene, will discuss "What is Corrections?"

On the 15th, Timothy Suokko, Chief of Police, Dublin, will hold an open forum Q&A session.

On the 22nd, Jerry Branch, Chairman MRC Membership Committee, and Bob Vecchiotti will discuss membership in Rotary.

On the 29th, Max Mitchell, Executive Director, Jaffrey Chamber of Commerce, will discuss "Challenges and Opportunities of a Small Community."

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The Roots of Kindness Matter

BY MARGARET GURNEY

I bought this piece of art from the artist in 2014, and love it, the style, the color, but most of all, the message. I began to wonder where Heather Stockwell got the idea for this art, so we met at the DGS to discuss it.

Susan Ellingwood asked Heather to make these signs for her classroom at Dublin Consolidated School years ago. But the expression has been around much longer than that, as Heather explained. "Just google it" (but don't use quotes).

It turns out there are many ways to think about kindness but perhaps the easiest to apprehend is this: "Kindness is the language which the deaf can hear and the blind can see." Not sure who to attribute that to, but it is there, online, for all to see.

We do live in a time when kindness does matter, but in the general bustle of things, we can lose sight of this.

It comes as no surprise then, that Heather attempts to live by this credo. Her business card reads Grassroots Organizer; and indeed she is, for a non-partisan organization called Rights & Democracy (www.radnh.org), a nonprofit based out of Manchester, NH, and Rights & Democracy Education Fund (www.rights-democracy.org), which are 501-4c and 501-3c organizations respectively.

"It's a positive message," Heather explains. "Even though we may disagree, we all have similar concerns about our community, about people overall."

In fact, Heather is becoming a registered lobbyist, to represent working families and

individuals in this state. She has lived in Dublin almost all of her life, now over 50 years. Her mother, Frona, who died a few years ago, was a music teacher, tutor, and terrific chef. Many remember her lovely singing voice at the Dublin Community Church and other local events. Heather's father, Stephen Avery, also deceased, was a Republican State Representative in Concord. He worked at Yankee Publishing in marketing and advertising sales. He was also well known



as the executive commissioner of the NH Highland Games at Loon Mountain for over 40 years. Before their divorce, they ran a restaurant at the west end of Dublin called Deacon Brodie's Tavern. It was named after one of Steve's Scottish ancestors and Heather shares her middle name, Brodie, with that ancestor.

Heather and her husband, Dan Stockwell, have a son, Woody, who is a senior at ConVal and hopes to pursue studio art in college. His photo and a quote were recently in the local paper which shows him sitting in Eric Bowman's "Revolution Ethics" class. He is also passionate about original theater at Andy's Summer Playhouse where he not only acts in plays, but participates in many other aspects of the craft from sets, lighting, sound, projections, film making,



and play writing. He is also quite a film buff and has an incredible memory for the years, performers, and directors of a wide variety of movies.

In addition to Heather's work in

advocacy for equal rights for all people, she is an artist, and has completed several community projects; one of her large community mosaic works can be seen on the back of the Toadstool building in Peterborough, under Bodyworks Studio. It shows flowers in mosaics that children and community members crafted all along the street level, and was designed to beautify an otherwise dull parking lot. It was done as part of the 2012 Children & the Arts Festival. She is currently working on a series of paintings that will make their debut at the NH State House on January 2, 2019, at a press conference she is organizing for Rights & Democracy.

Heather is working hard in all aspects of her life, and we wish her the best. After all, we are all in this together.

MARGARET GURNEY is editor of the *Advocate*.

The River Center Offerings

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in children; and don't forget the monthly Grandparents Parenting Grandchildren group with Wendy Hill (313-8660) and Carol Lunan (588-2620).

To RSVP or learn more, call The River Center at 924-6800 or www.rivercenter.us register.



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Thanks to the generosity of many individuals and businesses, in the last nine months this new space has attracted 12 people who have started new businesses in our facility. Total membership has grown from 50 individuals to 75.

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tors to a space that enhances productivity, connectedness, and showcases all that is good in the Monadnock Region.

Please send inquiries or contributions to Roy Schlieben at info@monadnock-artxtech.org, call 554-2459, visit www.maxtmakerspace.org, or write MAXT Makerspace, 49 Vose Farm Rd., Suite 110, Peterborough, NH 03458.

Celebrating MLK: Let Freedom Ring

All are invited to the Jaffrey Civic Center's 2019 Celebrating Martin Luther King, Jr. on Monday, January 21, from 5 to 6 pm at the United Church of Jaffrey, 54 Main St., followed by a reception at the Civic Center, 40 Main St.

The event brings people together to remember the life and work of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and to renew the values he stood for. This year's theme, "We Are All One Humanity," is inspired by Dr. King's frequent reflection "that all life is interrelated."

Governor-commendee Dr. Dottie Morris, Associate Vice President of Institutional Diversity and Equity at Keene State College, will provide the keynote, and

guest refugee speakers who are clients of the International Institute of New England will share their experience.

Winners of the MLK Student Art Contest will be announced and Jaffrey-Rindge school choirs will provide music. The event is heralded at 4:45 pm with the ringing of the United Church's Revere bell as part of the "Let Freedom Ring: Choose Non-Violence" National Bell-Ringing Ceremony and followed by a reception at the Jaffrey Civic Center featuring the MLK Student Exhibit.

Event and reception are free and open to the public. For more information or in case of questionable weather, please check for the notice at www.jaffreyciviccenter.com.

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A Place for Wildlife

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BY KATRINA FARMER

The Monadnock Conservancy, a land trust for southwestern New Hampshire, is pleased to announce the completion of a conservation project in Dublin, near Mount Monadnock.

Thanks to the generosity of willing landowners David and Louisa Birch, who worked in partnership with the Conservancy, 364 acres along Old Marlborough Road in Dublin are now permanently protected and will always be maintained for wildlife habitat.

"The critters will have the land," David said, in sharing why he was committed to conservation. "It's wonderful to have habitat like this where the animals feel comfortable."

The Birches have had a connection to this area of Dublin since the late '60s, when Louisa's father purchased the first parcel (100 acres). Through the years, they have acquired additional parcels to create a sizeable tract of undisturbed habitat. The Birches have been especially delighted to observe American kestrel, deer with their fawns, bear, and moose.

But, best of all, the American porcupine. The Birches have observed four generations of porcupines, discovering their dens and ensuring that they have the space they need to breed and thrive.

The land is primarily forested, with an 8-acre meadow that is mowed once a year so that ground-nesting birds like bobolinks have a chance to fledge their young. There are also two streams and about 25 acres of wetland as part of this forest block.

A half-mile section of the Monadnock-Sunapee Greenway Trail crosses the woods, and the Birches are happy to continue to allow pedestrian public access that respects the plants, animals, and scenic beauty of the place.

The 2008 Town of Dublin Open Space Plan identifies seven priority areas for protection, with this property falling squarely within the area described as "The Monadnock-Sunapee Trail and related unfragmented space in western Dublin."

Many in town as well as other locals and visitors will also benefit from the emphasis on the natural world, rather than man-made development, with pleasing views of trees and ferns lining unpaved Old Troy and Old Marlborough roads. Sweeping views of woodlands dotted with open meadows and wetlands can be had from the nearby summit of Mount Monadnock.



Wetlands on the conserved Birch property in Dublin are great habitat for moose, turtles, and mink.

Looking down from the mountain top, says Louisa, "shows how our property is connected ... together there are now 12,000 conserved acres in this area." That will remain so in perpetuity, so that future generations standing on the summit will also enjoy the beautiful views of today.

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The Monadnock Conservancy, founded in 1989, is the only land trust dedicated exclusively to the 35 towns in the Monadnock Region of southwestern New Hampshire. Its mission is to work with communities and landowners to conserve the natural resources, wild and working lands, rural character and scenic beauty of the region. Based in Keene, NH, the Conservancy is an accredited organization that has protected 20,000 acres of forest, farmland, shoreline, wetlands, wildlife habitat, and recreation trails in the region. For more information or to sign up for the monthly e-newsletter, visit www.Monadnock-Conservancy.org or call 603-357-0600.

KATRINA FARMER is the communications manager for the Monadnock Conservancy, and is honored that her 8-year-old son describes her work as "saving nature." She is passionate about people, place, and culture and how they intersect. Formerly of Dublin, she now lives near the historic town line in Harrisville village.

TOP: This view from Mount Monadnock shows how conservation efforts by people like David and Louisa Birch are maintaining areas with more woods and meadows than man-made development, ensuring places for wildlife and scenic views for future generations.

BELOW: David Birch walks through the woods on the property he and his wife recently put into permanent conservation with the Monadnock Conservancy.



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Winter Finch Forecast: 2018-2019

BY TOM WARREN

Every few years, we observe what is called an irruption of birds from our Canadian neighbors to the north. Most commonly, the species involved are winter finches and Red-breasted Nuthatches as well as the Snowy Owl.

They come to the Mount Monadnock Region not because of the cold, but due to the lack of food such as cones, birch, and berries such as mountain ash and crabapples.

Predicted birds for our region are based on research by distinguished Canadian ornithologist Ron Pittaway of Toronto.

Because cone and birch seeds are in short supply in Ontario, Quebec, and northern New England, the finches we may see at our feeders include the following:

- **Pine Grosbeak:** A large beautiful gray/pinkish finch, this bird will frequent feeders with black oil sunflower seeds and any fruit-bearing bushes. They also like the seeds of Ash trees.
- **Red Crossbill/White-winged Crossbill:** Some have already been seen frequenting

Spruce, Larch, and Hemlocks, especially along Troy Road. They will also appear at feeders, especially during snowy days.

- **Pine Siskins:** Already being seen in large numbers, in this area, Pine Siskins prefer Nyjer seeds in tube feeders. They are also being seen in eastern Canada and Western Canada where the seed crop is excellent.
- **Redpolls:** A winter finch from the far north. They are circumpolar birds with wide geographical ranges. One banded in New Hampshire was caught in Siberia six weeks later. Some birds will fly a long distance for a good spruce seed meal!



Some redpoll subspecies can be identified as coming from Greenland or Baffin Island in the Canadian Arctic. They sometimes appear at Nyjer feeders in the hundreds and are good predictors of coming snowstorms.

- **Purple Finch:** New Hampshire's state bird, they prefer sunflower seeds especially the black oil type.
- **Evening Grosbeak:** A large yellow finch that has been in decline in recent years, is now being reported at many feeders. They prefer platform feeders on poles and consume large numbers of sunflower seeds. One Saskatchewan sunflower farmer in one winter fed more than a ton of seeds to his local Evening Grosbeaks.
- **Non-Finch Birds:** Also, being seen in large numbers locally are Blue Jays, Red-breasted Nuthatches, and expected later this winter are Bohemian Waxwings, close cousin to our Cedar Waxwings.

Last winter you may recall the Snowy Owl that wintered in Keene. This winter is expected to be a great winter for the Snowy Owl and our own local owls due to the very large numbers of mice and squirrels.

TOM WARREN is Dublin's resident ornithologist.

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6	7 HUB Open 9-5 pm; Dance with Deb 5:30-6:30 pm	8 DCC MRC 7:30 am; DPL Book Buddies 3:45 pm; HillTop Group 6:45 pm	9 HUB Open 9-noon & 1-4 pm; QiGong noon; DPL StoryTime 9:30 am; Trustees 7 pm	10 DPL Book Group 6:30 pm	11 HUB Art Opening Jane Thorne 5-7 pm	12 HUB Community Forum on Town Government 4:30-6:30 pm
13	14 HUB Open 9-5 pm; Dance with Deb 5:30-6:30 pm	15 DCC MRC 7:30 am; HUB Community Lunch 12-1 pm; DPL Book Buddies 3:45 pm; HillTop Group 6:45 pm; FDPL 6 pm	16 HUB Open 9-noon & 1-4 pm; QiGong noon; TH Conservation Commission 7 pm; DPL StoryTime 9:30 am	17	18 HUB Ukelele Group 7-9 pm	19
20	21 Martin Luther King's Birthday HUB Open 9-5 pm; Dance with Deb 5:30-6:30 pm; Jaffrey United Church MLK Celebration 5-6 pm	22 DCC MRC 7:30 am; DPL Book Buddies 3:45 pm; HillTop Group 6:45 pm; TH Supervisors of Checklist 7 pm	23 HUB Open 9-noon & 1-4 pm; QiGong noon; TH Residents declare candidacy until Feb. 1	24 TH ZBA 7 pm	25 HUB Song Circle 7-9 pm	26 DPL FDPL Program 10 am
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