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Special Forum to Discuss Consolidation of Schools

Takes place Wednesday, February 13, at 6:30 pm, at the DubHub.



The issue of the consolidation of the schools in the ConVal School District (SAU1) has been under discussion for years. This year there were several attempts to address the decline in enrollment and shortfalls of state contributions to local K-12 schools. The final decision resulted in a warrant article that would change the funding formula for the towns from 50/50 to 40/60 in order to bring revenue from towns with higher property valuations. Yet the underlying issues remain:

Can the District afford to keep all the small schools open? Are some of them too small to be educationally viable? What are

possible consolidation models? What is the importance of a local school in a town like Dublin? What would happen to the DCS building if it were no longer an elementary school? What about the Articles of Agreement?

These are some of the thorny questions that will be addressed at a special forum at the DubHub at 6:30 pm on Wednesday, February 13. Please come for a respectful discussion with Dublin's SAU1 School Board Representative Bernd Foecking, members of the DCS PTO, and former ConVal School Board Representative from Sharon, Matthew Craig. The forum will last about an hour.

An Explanation of a Petition Warrant Article

Concerning the proposed ConVal Elementary School consolidation.

BY COREY BOYD

A ConVal Petition Warrant Article reads: "Require that the School Board submit to the ConVal School District voters for their approval a comprehensive analysis and implementation plan detailing the

financial, educational, and social impacts that any school closure might have on both students and towns prior to proposing to the voters any plan for any school closure in the ConVal School District." This

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Update from the School Board Rep

Hope to see you at the forum.

Much has happened since I last communicated with you. After ongoing deliberation and public input, the school board did not move forward with the warrant articles on consolidation or the surcharge for schools under 65 students.

We do have a warrant article to change the funding formula for the district from currently 50% Average Daily Membership (ADM) and 50% Total Equalized Valuation (TEV) to a 40/60 distribution. Should this warrant pass with a 2/3 majority, it would increase the cost to Dublin voters as our ADM is low and our TEV is relatively high.

Some Dublin and Temple community members presented a petition warrant article that asks the school board to present detailed facts before moving ahead with a consolidation plan. This article will be on the ballot and comes with the endorsement of the school board.

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Annual SAU1 Business

Part 1: Annual School District Meeting will be on **Wednesday, February 6, at 6 pm** in the ConVal High School Gym (snow date: February 7).

Part 2: Voting for the School District Budget and the Dublin portion of the School District Office will be held on **Tuesday, March 12**, upstairs in the Dublin Town Hall, from 8 am to 7 pm. Use the back entrance for the elevator.

Candidates for the School District Office shall file their declaration of candidacy in the Office of the Superintendent of Schools, 106 Hancock Rd., Peterborough, NH, before 5 pm on Friday, February 1.

Dublin Public Library

February is the month of Groundhogs, Valentines, Presidents, School Vacations – everyone has something to celebrate! Some books for each occasion: *Ground Hog Weather School* and *Punxsutawney Phyllis*; for Valentine's Day we have: *I Need a Valentine*, *Plum Loving*, *Ollie's Valentine*, and *Brava Valentine*. For Presidents' Day we show: *A Time to Heal*, *Air Force One*, *Off the Record*, and *One Brief and Shining Moment*. In the Vacation category, we offer: *Arthur's Family Vacation*, *Carrie Goes Off the Map*, and *The Vacationers*. There will be lots of books on display.

Book Buddies meets on Tuesday afternoons at 3:30. We will begin talking about different countries and cultures and will read some stories and traditions preceding the celebration of the Chinese New Year. If your child has a particular country they would like to learn more about, we would be happy to help.

We will also have supplies for making Valentine cards, Legos to play with, and a few new activities.

Wednesday morning Story Time continues to meet at 9:30 each week with plenty of new books and activities. On February 7, we will read *My First Chinese New Year* by Karen Katz and create red dragons, the sign of good luck. On February 14, come make a Valentine card for someone special while we read *I'd Know You Anywhere*, *My Love* by Nancy Tillman. We will learn a little Scandinavian folklore, read *The Tomten and the Fox* by Astrid Lindgren, and then create some trolls of our own on February 21.

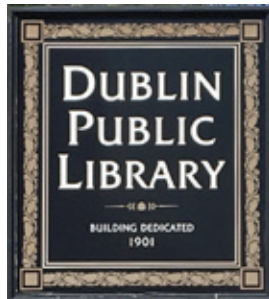
And then, during school vacation week, on Tuesday or Wednesday, come by to make a small lion fleece pillow by learning to tie knots. We will read *The Lion's Share* by Chris Conover to coordinate with the craft.

Take a Survey on DPL's New Website

Provide your feedback for our library.

BY CELESTE SNITKO

A new Dublin Public Library website (www.dublinnhpubliclibrary.org) was developed in August with the help of a ConVal student, Brett Scharmett, and library trustee Nancy Cayford. It provides information on library hours, a calendar with events, interesting facts about the library, and more.



Just like many organizations that want to know how they are doing, we have developed an online survey. We understand many are so busy it is hard to take the time to take surveys, but the survey we developed is easy, anonymous, and available online. We hope you will participate.

To complete the survey, please go to www.dublinnhpubliclibrary.org and find in red the text stating: *Click here for taking an anonymous survey*. The survey will be available to complete for a few months – although there is no time like the present!

Thank you in advance for letting us know how we can work to improve the library services.

CELESTE SNITKO is Chair of Dublin Public Library Trustees.

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



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Dublin Broadband Committee Update

Come to a meeting March 2, 9 am, downstairs in the Town Hall.

BY CAROLE MONROE

After several months of research and with the results of a feasibility study, the Dublin Broadband Committee is completing a report identifying the issues related to a lack of broadband in Dublin.

The FCC definition of adequate broadband is measured as 25 Mbps download speed and 3 Mbps upload speed. Very few locations in Dublin can reach these speeds on a regular basis and most of the premises do not have access to this speed at all.

Certainly there is not universal access to broadband in Dublin. A lack of sufficient broadband has a significant impact on our children's ability to do schoolwork, a small business's ability to maintain their website, access business applications, and communicate by way of web conferencing, and our ability to manage chronic health issues

with online monitoring. Real estate professionals agree that premises that lack real broadband are difficult to sell at any price.

Broadband performance at today's standards and expectations is essential to our daily lives and to our town's viability and continued health.

This initial study identifies the issues and potential solutions. It addresses the potential costs and provider proposals for funding solutions. There are no easy answers and difficult decisions to contemplate. The Committee is preparing a report to be available before Town Meeting. In addition, a presentation of the information is scheduled for March 2, in the lower level of the Dublin Town Hall, at 9 am.

CAROLE MONROE is a member of the Broadband Committee along with Rebecca Landry, Sturdy Thomas, Walter Snitko, and Peter DrakeUnderkoffler.

Town Dates 2019

Town Budget Hearing

Town Hall, downstairs
February 12, 7:30 pm
(snow date February 13)

Pre-Town Meeting on 2019 Budget & Warrant Articles

By the Dublin Women's Club
Town Hall, downstairs
March 5, 7:30 pm
Refreshments at 7 pm
(snow date March 6)

Town Voting

Town Hall, upstairs (elevator at back)
March 12, 8 am to 7 pm

Town Meeting

Dublin Consolidated School gym
March 16, 9 am
Park at Yankee and take the shuttle bus.

Update from the School Board Rep

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Please join other community members on Wednesday, February 13, for a forum during which I can present more findings, hear questions, and give some opinions. It will be held at 6:30 pm at the Dublin Community Center.

This March also marks the end of my first term as the Dublin representative to the ConVal School Board. As you know, I do have some scheduling conflicts that will likely continue through this June, but I still feel that I can be an effective voice for Dublin in the coming three years.

BERND FOECKING is Dublin's representative to SAU1, the ConVal School Board. He can be reached at bfoecking@conval.edu.

SAU1: Annual School District Meeting February 6, 6 pm, ConVal Gymnasium

An Explanation of a Petition Warrant Article *continued from page 1*

Petition Warrant Article has been recommended by the School Board.

An important and far-reaching decision that will be made by ConVal District voters is the possible consolidation of our schools. Many options have been proposed, some with supporting facts and some without. There have been prior incomplete, non-detailed studies done.

The School Board and the voters need

an up-to-date, comprehensive analysis taking into account all aspects and impacts of consolidation.

There have been many School Board and committee meetings to discuss this issue, the result being a lack of any clear direction. With this need for information, it is premature to vote on consolidation.

How you decide to vote on a consolidation plan is your decision. The information we are requesting will allow you to make an informed one.

COREY BOYD is a DCS parent and PTO secretary.

Peterborough Folk Music Society presents:

Connie Kaldor

Saturday, March 16th, at 7:30 PM

Bass Hall at the Monadnock Center, Peterborough
Doors open at 7:00 pm.

Tickets: \$20 in advance; \$23 at the door (cash or check only)

Advance tickets may be purchased:

- Online at pfmsconcerts.org
 - The Toadstool Bookshops in Peterborough, Milford and Keene, NH starting two weeks before each show.
- Please call 603-827-2905 for more information.



Dublin Historical Society Annual Potluck Supper

Friday, March 8, 6 pm

Dublin Community Church Hall

Presentation to begin at 7 pm

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A Dream Come True

Chris Parker at home and at work right in town.

BY RAMONA BRANCH

Chris Parker is living in just the place he wants to be. Chris is a licensed water well contractor and owns Chris Parker Enterprises with his home and business in Dublin.

His journey to Dublin began when he was a young boy. Chris was born in Fitchburg, MA. When he was 14 years old, he and his father moved to Jaffrey where he attended summer school at the Lorna Letourneau School. (It became Victory High School after 1995.) He liked the people he met and the quality of life here and made a decision that New Hampshire was where he wanted to work and live.

So, at the young age of 16 years, Chris moved to Dublin and started working for Joel Olson, owner of J.T. Olson Excavating. After a few years Chris wanted to shift his work focus to drilling operations and went to work for Gap Mountain Drilling. When the company was facing a transition, Chris decided to buy the company. He was 22 years old at the time.



Photo by Ramona Branch

The company employed hundreds of people with many repeat customers. “Gap Mountain Drilling was a great business for me,” explains Chris. “It was fast and rewarding work. We drilled water wells, irrigation wells, elevator shafts, telephone poles and grounding rod holes with one rig, approximately a hundred thousand feet a year. It was also extremely stressful handling all that goes with owning a business – multi-state laws, taxes, permitting, and employees. We had an opportunity to unload those unwanted stresses in 2014 and I sold the company to a friend.”

Chris Parker Enterprises, Chris’s new

company, consists of emergency no-water calls, digging water wells, installing pumps and filtration systems, and servicing the equipment once a year. Most of his business is residential within a 50-mile radius, but occasionally he does do a commercial job. He recently installed a new water-filtration system for the Dublin Community Center.

Chris and his wife, Wendy, have four children: Marshall is 15, Caleb is 13, Jack is 11, and Lily is 4. “The Dublin Community has been very good to me,” Chris said. “I am grateful to have found such a good place for my business and family.”

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



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News from Our DCS

BY NICOLE PEASE

The DCS PTO makes many opportunities happen for our students! During January and February, they coordinate the Ski/Snowboard Program at Crotched Mountain. Most years, about half of our students attend this program and the rest of the students enjoy some extra recess. This year, PTO also planned some winter snowshoe hikes with the Harris Center's Susie Spikol to extend the fun for the students who remain at DCS.

We are thankful for all the hard work of our PTO and the many volunteers that make both opportunities available to our students.

As we approach the halfway point in the school year, students also participate in winter benchmarking of academic progress. Students complete AIMSweb probes, which examine fluency in reading and math. All students in Grades 1-4 will participate in computerized MAP (Measures of Academic Progress) testing in February. While this is a lot of assessing, it provides great information for teachers to be able to direct their instruction to build their students' knowledge base.



A handful of the DCS staff (L-R), and the years they have worked in SAU1: Jo-Ann Hopkins (17 years), Mitzi Turgeon, RN (9 years), Vicki Brown (18 years), Nicole Pease (19 years).

We have some other events planned in February. We will continue to focus upon our motto "DCS Cares" by planning ways we can



Photo by Susan Ellingwood

DCS schoolchildren in a recent snowy hike in the woods with Susie Spikol from the Harris Center.

show caring to each other. Our annual Movie Night will be held on a date yet to be set. Students and their families love the chance to get together for pizza, popcorn, and of course a movie!

Just before midwinter break (February 25-March 1), we will hold our school-wide Science Night, at which students will showcase their science learning this year.

Please be aware that the first session of the Annual School District Meeting will be held February 6, at 6 pm at the ConVal Gym. There are many aspects of the budget about which you should be informed.

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

NICOLE PEASE is the Teaching Principal at DCS.



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FDPL Announces Sculptor Talk

The Friends of the Dublin Public Library announce an artist talk by Shepherd Ndudzo, award-winning figurative sculptor from Zimbabwe and Botswana, on Wednesday, February 20, from 6 to 8 pm at the Library.

Shepherd, who works in ironwood and stone, will then offer two woodcarving workshops on Saturday, February 23, and March 2, with further details to be announced.

There are limited seats available. For more information, please email Kimberly Kersey-Asbury at kkasbury@anselm.edu.

Shepherd Ndudzo, who will be serving as Artist-in-Residence at Saint Anselm College and residing in Dublin with a studio at 1127 Main Street, will also hold Open Studio hours throughout the duration of his eight-week stay in Dublin (February 1–March 31).

Inquiries are welcome. Use contact information above.



A Chorus Line at Dublin School

Come enjoy one musical number after another.

Dublin School will present the Tony Award-winning Broadway musical *A Chorus Line* on Thursday through Saturday, February 21-23, at 7 pm, and on Sunday, February 24, at 2 pm. All performances will be in the Fountain Arts Theater.

A Chorus Line is a stunning concept musical that captures the spirit and tension of a Broadway chorus audition. The play departs from the usual glossy backstage musical by presenting a true picture of what it's like to be in the theatre: glamorous at times – but also tough, heartbreaking, and sometimes even tragic.

The characters share their stories of how they came to a career in show business, and reveal common themes of coming of age, the search for identity, validation, and love. The show features one powerhouse musical number after another.

The production is led by director Jenny Foreman, musical director Patrick Marr, and stage manager Sophie Luxmoore. The cast of 25 includes many local students: Alexandra Catlin '22, Nora Rogers '21, Otto Vogel '20, and Rohyn Contreras Schofield '20 of Dublin; Erin Meiklejohn '21, Thomas Meiklejohn '20 and Cliff O'Rourke '22 of Peterborough; Willow Morrison '22 of Keene; and many more. The cast will be joined onstage by accomplished local musicians, including local pianist Tom Martin. (Some material may not be suitable for children. Parents use discretion.)

Tickets are free, donations are welcome, and reservations are suggested. Please call 563-1285 or email Donna at dstone@dublinschool.org. For more information, please visit Dublin School at www.dublinschool.org.

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Dublin Village Park

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BY BRIE MORRISSEY

For the last three years the Dublin Village Park, previously owned by Tom Judd (Ragged Edge Realty), has been under the new management of Monadnock Holdings LLC, owned by lifelong Dublin resident Chris Raymond (Eastern Slope Construction) and former Dublin resident Keith McLellan (Monadnock Auto Glass).

The two buildings that were previously High Standard before being converted to office and retail space in 2004 are located right on Main Street in downtown Dublin.

Chris and Keith partnered in buying the Dublin Village Park to help encourage local businesses to stay or come to Dublin instead of migrating to Peterborough, Keene, or surrounding towns.

With a large variety of rental spaces available, they are able to offer a lot of flexibility for almost any type of business.

Some of the current tenants include the Dublin Community Preschool & Infant Care; Amaryllis Beauty Hair Salon; a photography studio; the headquarters for Bad Sister brand; social workers and therapists; metal fabricators; and construction offices.

After recently getting fast fiber-internet service installed, Chris and Keith are in the beginning stages of creating a co-working space with short- or long-term rentals of varying sizes (100 sq. ft. to 5000 sq. ft.) to give locals the ability to have an office, retail, or meeting space outside their home or other place of business.

With more than 5000 square feet of bright, finished space currently available in many different sizes, there is potential for almost any type of business to create a

perfect workspace in a comfortable, clean, and private environment without having to travel outside of Dublin.

The goal of Monadnock Holdings LLC is to have a variety of businesses that would make the Dublin Village Park a destination to stop at in town. The day-to-day management is primarily done onsite by Monadnock Holdings LLC, which enables prompt solutions for their tenants and allows for meeting and talking with the various people who stop by to check out what's in town.

The whole team at the Dublin Village Park is very grateful to be a part of this wonderful community and would like to invite anyone to share their ideas.

BRIE MORRISSEY is a professional photographer and graphic designer based in Dublin. She can be reached at www.dublinvillagepark.com or call her at 562-6564.



Ready, Set, Connect!

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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February Events at the DubHub

Tom Horsky at Open Stage

Tom Horsky, a Boston-based singer and finger-style guitarist, has selected our February 1st Open Stage for his latest CD release. His featured set will be the final performance of the evening. Doors open at 7 pm and performances begin at 7:30 pm (snow date Sunday, February 3 at 5:30 pm.) Admission is \$5, and we will pass the hat for the feature. Other performers may sign up at info@dublincommunitycenter.org. Please bring a beverage and snacks to share; coffee and tea provided.

Tom grew up in the Los Angeles music scene of the 1970s, where he developed a modern acoustic guitar sound influenced by Ry Cooder, Steve Mann, and Joe Pass.



He performs finger-style original compositions, as well as classics of the country blues, ragtime, and folk traditions.

Jill Fischman is Featured Artist

Oil paintings by Jaffrey artist, Jill Fischman, will be displayed in the gallery during February. The opening reception will be on Friday, February 1, from 5 to 7 pm (snow date Sunday, February 3, from 3 to 5 pm).

Fischman studied Commercial Art at the School of Visual Arts in NY. Her bold designs led her to a 20-year business career in publishing, appearing in the pages of several prominent magazines. Jill has pioneered the technique of "Paper on Paper," 3-dimensional vases, where color tissue paper is her palette.

Her recent exhibitions include Jaffrey Civic Center, Ash Hill Arts Center in Swanzey, and the Banks Gallery in New London, NH.



Dance Fitness in Winter

The next session of Dance Fitness with Deb Giaino begins January 28 and runs through March 25. The classes, which meet Mondays from 5:30 to 6:30 pm, are a moderate intensity, low-impact aerobic dance workout done to popular songs from the 1950s to the present. Different rhythms keep participants moving and burning calories, and no dance experience is necessary. Try a free class but bring clean workout shoes.

Gina Wright, Zumba instructor at Monadnock Fitness LLC, will be the guest instructor for part of the Winter Session.

The cost for 9 classes is \$40; 4 classes are \$28; and \$10 drop-in. For more information, please call Deb at 563-8648 or email fredebg@myfairpoint.net.

Qigong in the New Year

In February Qigong is a four-week series. Single classes are \$15 and payment for the month is \$48. Classes will meet on 2/6, 2/13, 2/20, and 2/27 from Noon to 1 pm. New participants are welcome to join in anytime! Chinese New Year begins on Tuesday, February 5; classes in February will explore the traditions of the New Year of the Yin Earth Pig.

Special Forum: Come Discuss ConVal Consolidation

The possible consolidation of the elementary schools in ConVal District towns has been an issue for years. Recently several attempts were made to address the decline in enrollment combined with shortfalls of state contributions to local K-12 schools. Warrant articles were proposed that would increase revenue from towns

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Carol King-Along to Benefit DubHub

A Carole King-Along: tribute sing-along concert featuring the songs of Carole King will be held on her birthday, Saturday, February 9. Doors open at 6:30 pm and the show starts at 7 pm. Tickets are available for \$10 each at eventbrite.com. A link is also available on the DubHub Facebook page.

A group of well-known Monadnock area musicians will perform 25 hit songs from the huge catalog of material written over more than half a century. This celebration, which will feature Wendy Keith, Volkert Volkertsz, Bruce Simpson, Jane Ross Fallon, Diane Ammons, Lisa Greenleaf, the Monadnock Ukulele Group, and many others, will benefit the Dublin Community Center. An intermission with refreshments will be provided by members of the Dublin Community Center board.



with higher property valuations, like ours. Many underlying issues are the focus of a special forum focusing on Dublin's situation: come to the DubHub at 6:30 pm on Wednesday, February 13, to hear Dublin's SAU1 School Board Representative Bernd Foecking, members of the DCS PTO, and others present their views (see p. 1 for fuller description).

Please 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 and the member must bring their own copy. No lessons given, but easy two- and three-chord songs are always 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 through advanced uke players are welcome.

Community Lunch & The Nurse Is In at the Same Time

Join us for a delicious home-cooked meal on Tuesday, February 19. The menu this month is butternut/leek and cream of broccoli soups with crusty bread, salad, sweets, and drinks. Cost is \$3. Lunch is served from noon to 1 pm.

During the community lunch, Home Healthcare, Hospice and Community Services (HCS) is offering a Nurse Is In wellness clinic. The nurse will check blood pressures and be available to answer questions about home care and any health concerns you may have. This screening is open to residents of all area towns and is offered free of charge. No appointment necessary.

Song Circle Ongoing

The monthly Song Circle meets on Friday, February 22, 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, email Bruce at bruce_simpson@msn.com.

Coffee & Conversation and Open Hours

The DubHub is open for Coffee & Conversation on Mondays and Wednesdays from 9 am to noon. It remains open until 5 pm on Mondays. On Wednesdays it is closed for Qigong at noon and is open again from 1 to 4 pm, at which point gentle Yoga begins.

Business Fair & Newcomers' Reception Now in March

The March Community Forum will be in two parts on Saturday, March 23, with a Dublin Business Fair starting at 4:30 pm and followed by a Newcomers' Reception from 5:30 to 6:30 pm. Local businesses (including nonprofits) are invited to come and share what they do. Tables will be set up to display materials. Dublin residents (newcomers and old timers alike) are invited to circulate and talk informally with business owners. Look for green registration postcards at the General Store, Carr's, the DubHub, and the Post Office. Fill them in and mail to address given.

Call Balmeet Khalsa at 203-6673 to register your business (or email her at balmeetkhalsha@gmail.com).

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Help Repair the Trails Groomer

Seeking volunteers and assistance.

The local snowmobile club, Monadnock Trail Breakers, volunteers many man hours each season grooming trails for all sorts of recreational users including walkers, hikers, cross-country skiers, snowshoers, as well as snowmobilers who use the trails in and around town.

These same group members described their work at the Community Center last winter. At the end of last year, the club was only able to patch their main groomer to get it through the season. Now it needs a complete motor swap in order to groom this year. It will cost thousands of dollars and take many volunteer hours.

If interested in helping, Monadnock Trail Breakers (www.monadnocktrailbreakers.com, which has lots of information) has set up a GoFundMe page (click the "Donate to Groomer" button on the website). Otherwise, donations can be mailed to Monadnock Trail Breakers, PO Box 338, Dublin, NH 03444.

The Trail Breakers are always looking for new members, even if you don't snowmobile, as well as volunteers for trail maintenance.

Brie Morrissey, spokesperson, can be reached at 562-6564.

Monadnock Rotary Speakers

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

On February 5, come hear Dr. Tomas Andrew, formerly Chief Medical Examiner for NH, speak about Forensic Science.

On February 12, Ed Walker, Fire Chief, Peterborough Fire & Rescue, will provide an overview of Fire & Rescue in the eastern Monadnock Region.

On February 19, Eileen Fernandez, Director of Operations, Center for Population Health Cheshire Medical Center and Jane Skantze, Substance Misuse Prevention Coordinator, will speak about a "New Hub & Spoke Program for the Monadnock Region."

On February 26, Kim Mooney, the President of Franklin Pierce University, will give an update on Franklin Pierce University.

The Monadnock Rotary Club is dedicated to community service, with a focus on youth development and health advocacy for people of all ages, locally and internationally.

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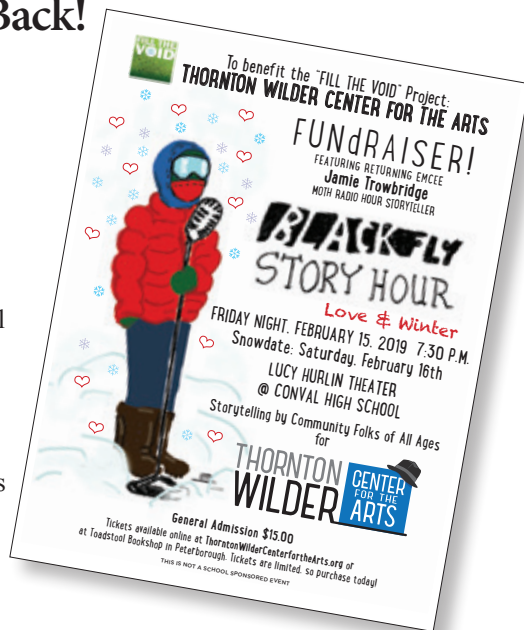
Black Fly Story Hour Is Back!

A great fundraiser for the Thornton Wilder Center for the Arts (aka Fill the Void).

Back by popular demand, Fill the Void presents the eighth Black Fly Story Hour, *Love & Winter Edition*, on Friday, February 15, at 7:30 pm (snow date February 16) at the Lucy Hurlin Theater, ConVal High School, Peterborough, NH.

The lineup of talented storytellers, led by *Moth* storyteller and emcee extraordinaire, Jamie Trowbridge, features stories told without notes by community members of all ages and backgrounds. Tickets (\$15) must be purchased in advance.

With its new name, *Thornton Wilder Center for the Arts*, the organization continues to pursue its goal to support high-quality education in the arts, and a performance venue for the use of school and community members. The nonprofit organization was established by a grassroots group in 2014. For more information about *Thornton Wilder Center for the Arts*, visit ThorntonWilderCenterfortheArts.org, or write to REichler@ThorntonWilderCenterfortheArts.org.



To be a part of this exciting project, attend the Black Fly Story Hour! Bring friends and family to support the local storytellers who will bravely step onto the stage at the Lucy Hurlin Theater on Friday, February 15.

Tickets are available at the Toadstool Bookshop in Depot Square in Peterborough, or online at www.ThorntonWilderCenterfortheArts.org.

About RSVP's Tax-Aide

Help prepare taxes, we provide IRS certification.

BY NICOLE HENRY

AARP Foundation Tax-Aide is looking for caring individuals to join its team of local volunteers this upcoming tax season to offer free tax-filing help to those who need it most. There is no experience necessary to volunteer; training and continued support will be provided.

If you have a knack for organization, and can manage volunteers to help operations run smoothly, you can help ensure taxpayer data security and provide technical assistance to taxpayers and help them with their paperwork.

To find out more about AARP Tax-Aide, contact the Monadnock RSVP Volunteer Center at 357-6893 or send an email to rsvp@mfs.org.

Monadnock RSVP is a program of Monadnock Family Services, a Monadnock United Way Agency.

NICOLE HENRY is the America Reads Program Coordinator and the Monadnock RSVP Volunteer Coordinator, which is located at 64 Main St., Suite 212, Keene, NH 03431; 283-1686 or visit www.monadnockvolunteercenter.org.

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The next vigorous winter hike will access the site of active timber harvesting at the Heald Forest Reservation in Wilton on February 9. Pre-registration is required. (The hike to Forest Society Monadnock Reservation in Jaffrey was in mid-January.)

Hikes include off-trail hiking in mid-winter conditions. Appropriate warm winter clothing and waterproof footwear is mandatory, as well as traction and snowshoes. Access to parking on timber landings require 4WD. Distances include minimum of one-mile hike to approach timber harvest areas.

Come to visit the Heald Forest Reservation in Wilton on Saturday, February

9, from 10 am to 2 pm; parking (4WD required) at hiking trail parking area on Heald Road (snow date: February 16).

A mechanized timber harvest on a total of 200 acres of the Heald Forest Reservation will feature a mix of patch cuts, thinning via individual tree and small group selection to create smaller forest openings, and cutting to re-open fields and former apple orchard to create early successional habitats for wildlife.

A timber harvest on 40 acres is a canopy-thinning operation designed to regenerate layers of mountain laurel in the understory to create thickets for rabbit habitat. See prescriptions that will inform the reintroduction of New England cottontail rabbits in other areas of NH.

Four-wheel drive vehicles are required to reach the timber landing. We will hike off-trails for a minimum distance of a half-mile to reach multiple timber harvest areas. Traction required. Hiking distance 1.5 miles. Co-sponsored with Meadowsend Timberlands and UNH Cooperative Extension.

Please address your queries to Steven

E laina DelRossi, who takes many long walks like other Dubliners we know, says she thinks of herself as "the little litter lady," all while making our roadsides more attractive.



Roberge, Extension Forester in Cheshire County, UNH Cooperative Extension, 33 West St., Keene, NH 03431; 352.4550. Visit www.nhwoods.org or email steven.roberge@unh.edu.



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The Goshawk

BY TOM WARREN

A product of millions of evolutionary years, the Goshawk is a raptor killing machine. The Goshawk is an accipiter, a true hawk with short rounded wings, a long tail usually with three flaps and a sail. They are widespread but uncommon and secretive. The global population is estimated at 400,000.



This bird is agile, mobile, and hostile. It kills birds of all species, especially grouse and pheasants and will frequent bird feeders during the winter months. Another favorite food prey are rabbits and squirrels. Its hunting technique involves speed and maneuverability in a forest setting, selecting larger birds as prey. Edward Howe Forbush called its attack swift, furious, and deadly. Other victims include Blue Jays, Crows, and Mourning Doves. They use a plucking perch near their nest in June.

Goshawks prefer large forested areas and are affected by forestry and logging activities. Falconers have trained Gos-

hawks for 2,000 years but this is not considered to have a major impact on their numbers. Falconers favor the bird for its ruthless efficiency and ferocity. It hunts for long periods of time.

It is larger than a Crow with a bluish-gray back, gray-whitish breast, and a blood red-orange eye. It builds a large stick nest, usually in a white pine, and many a fisherman or hiker has made a trip to the Emergency Room for stitches after coming near the nest and being attacked by the female. One Dublin resident encountered one flying through

an open door to attack a chicken seeking refuge in the kitchen!

The female lays 2-4 eggs, which hatch in 30-35 days. Young remain in the nest for 35 days.

Goshawks often return to the same nesting territories each year.

Here in Dublin, it is found in heavily wooded forests near Dark Pond, Howe Reservoir, and on Mount Monadnock. In some winters, when snowshoe hares are in short supply in Canada, Goshawks appear in large numbers.

Occasionally a Goshawk meets its match in combat. A group of foresters once saw a huge bird with 4 wings flying past. The "bird" dropped into the snow and it turned out to be a Goshawk and a Barred Owl, talons locked together, both dead.

TOM WARREN is Dublin's resident ornithologist.

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NH Audubon Needs Your Help on Statewide Bird Survey

What's happening with the birds this winter? Some species are missing, others may be back. Help NH Audubon track our bird populations by taking part in the annual Backyard Winter Bird Survey on Saturday, February 9, and Sunday, February 10. Biologists need assistance from citizens all over the Granite State to get a clear picture of what's been happening with our winter birds. Find more information about the survey at www.nh Audubon.org under Get Outside-Birding.

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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	HUB Dublin Community Center MRC Monadnock Rotary Club MVBC Mtn. View Bible Church TH Town Hall, Dublin TRC The River Center				1 HUB Art Reception 5-7 pm; Open Stage 7:30-10 pm	2 TH Broadband Committee Meeting 9 am, lower level
3 Nelson Town Hall, Julie Vallimont concert 3 pm, \$15/\$12	4 HUB Open 9-5 pm, Coffee 9-12; Dance with Deb 5:30-6:30 pm	5 DCC MRC 7:30 am; DPL Book Buddies 3:30 pm; HillTop Group 6:45 pm	6 HUB Open 9-noon & 1-4 pm, Coffee 9-12; Qigong 12-1 pm; Yoga 4-5:15 pm; DPL StoryTime 9:30am; Annual School District Meeting ConVal 6 pm (snow date Feb 7)	7 DPL Republicans 6 pm	8 Thorne-Sagendorph Gallery, Keene State College, <i>Body Politic</i> opening reception, 5-7 pm	9 HUB Carole King-along 7 pm; Backyard Winter Bird Survey, NH Audubon
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