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Dublin BOS Urges Careful Consideration

The impact of the ConVal School District funding formula change.

We, the Selectmen of the Town of Dublin, strongly urge all voters to carefully consider the impact on tax assessments of the proposed ConVal School District amendment to the funding formula.

At present, the towns in the school district are assessed their share of Con-Val annual funding based on a 50/50 split between total equalized valuation (TEV) and average daily membership (ADM). (ADM is the average number of students the town is educating in the school district; TEV is the equalized valuation of the property we pay property taxes on.)

The proposed change to the funding formula would result in a 60/40 split between TEV and ADM – a change that would hit

towns with high property values and low student numbers the hardest; Dublin is one of those towns. The increase in Dublin's share of the ConVal School District's funding would increase significantly should this funding formula change pass.

For the 2018-2019 school year, Dublin's tax assessment share of the School District's costs was \$3,340,326 on an average student population of 148.32 ADM. This equates to a tax assessment of \$22,521 per student. The overall school district tax assessment was \$31,781,485 on an ADM of 2140.73 for an average assessment of \$14,846 per student. As you can see, Dublin is taxed well in excess of the average for every student we send to school in the district.

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Forum Report: ConVal Consolidation & Issues

An overview of the School District articles relating to Dublin.

BY LUCY SHONK

Residents attended a Forum on February 13 at the Dublin Community Center to discuss ConVal consolidation and other school-related issues. To help clarify the upcoming Warrant Articles on the ConVal ballot, we had Bernd Foecking, School Board Representative for Dublin along with Nicole Pease, Teaching Principal of Dublin Consolidated School, and Karen Niemela, Treasurer of the DCS parent Teacher Organization.

They indicated there are five articles that everyone should become familiar with before voting on March 12.

Article 1 addresses the Contoocook Valley School District operating budget, which without other appropriations totals \$48,128,007. Should this article be defeated, the default budget becomes \$46,878,781, which would eliminate numerous positions and programs. It was recommended by the School Board and by many participants at the Forum that we pass the warrant article on the operating budget.

Article 4 would change the funding formula for the district from 50/50 to 40/60, which would significantly raise our tax rate in Dublin, one that is already higher than most. (See the BOS article above.)

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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.*

Update from the School Board

A focus on the School District's proposed operating budget.

BY BERND FOECKING

Before the election [March 12], I want to address the ConVal budget. The Contoocook Valley (ConVal) School Board approved a \$48,128,007 proposed operating budget for the 2019-2020 school year. We are recommending adoption of this budget by the public. This budget represents a "maintenance of efforts" approach in order to meet obligations to our students and staff; no significant new programs have been added.

The 1.8% increase in this proposed budget (compared to the current year) is primarily due to contracted services: health care, retirement, and transportation. If the proposed budget is not accepted, by simple majority, the District and School Board must cut almost \$1.25 million from it to implement the \$46,878,781 default budget.

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Town Dates 2019

Saturday, March 2 Broadband **Meeting**, 9 am, in Dublin Public Library, downstairs.

Tuesday, March 5 DWC Pre-Town Meeting, 7 pm, refreshments; 7:30 pm meeting in Town Hall downstairs; snow date March 6.

Tuesday, March 12 Voting for the School District Budget and the Dublin candidates for town office: Dublin Town Hall, upstairs, 8 am to 7 pm. Use elevator at back door to access Top Floor.

Saturday, March 16 Town Meeting: Dublin Consolidated School, 9 am, to determine all town warrant articles. Park at Yankee to ride the shuttle downhill.

Dublin Public Library

When March arrives and winter begins to wind down, we start to think about spring. Our children's programs will begin with learning about birds of New England and ways to keep them fed until the ground thaws. We will be making bird feeders to hang in our backyards and hand-print cardinals to display.

Later in the month we'll talk about gardening and get our hands dirty painting terra cotta pots and planting seeds to take

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Grateful American by G. Sinise

home. Some books we'll be reading this month are *Our Tree, Winter Birds, Kate and The Beanstalk, Who Knows When Winter Goes*, and *The Gardener*

Book Buddies meets on Tuesdays, after school, from 3:45 to 4:45. Story Time

meets on Wednesday mornings from 9:30-10:30 am. Snacks are provided. Book Buddies will not meet on March 12 due to no school that day.

Everyone looks forward to the beginning of Daylight Savings Time and the first day of spring, but the rest of the month can move quite slowly. Browse through the display of books on inventions and inventors. Alexander Graham Bell was born in March 1847 and invented the telephone. Phones may have improved, but his vision of people talking across distances transformed communication. Ask anyone what Benjamin Franklin invented and they'll probably answer the lightning rod. But did you know he invented something many of you use when you visit the library?

Come solve the mystery. Children's Poetry Day is March 21, and we will have some of our collection on display – as well as books about space.

Dublin BOS Urges Careful Consideration

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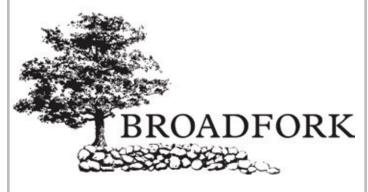
In fact, Dublin's tax assessment is the second highest in the district on a per-student basis.

Using 60/40 TEV to ADM instead of the current 50/50 split, Dublin's tax assessment for the 2018-2019 school year would have been \$3,529,264, an increase of 5.7%. This would push Dublin's per-student assessment to \$23,795 while the district average would remain the same, taking Dublin's tax assessment per student from 151.7% of the average to 160.3%. Future funding years would see a similar increase. Dublin is already assessed well above the district average for each student educated, and this proposed change would further exacerbate that imbalance.

A comprehensive February 2017 study conducted by the Business Administrator of the ConVal School District looked at the funding formula and concluded that the current 50/50 split between ADM and TEV "...appears to be the most equitable way to apportion the costs of the District..." The study recommended retaining the current funding formula.

Since little has changed since 2017, it would seem that the current funding formula continues to be the most equitable way to fund the ConVal School District and voters should carefully consider whether a change is necessary or appropriate.

SUBMITTED BY Dublin's Board of Selectmen: Sturdy Thomas, Dale Gabel, and Walter Snitko.



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March 7 4:30pm Lecture "What's Hiding in the Archives? Jocelyn Brodie, Lewis Mumford, and the Thorne Art Gallery" by Ann Braude

March 20 4pm Marcelo Brodsky 1968: The Fire of Ideas exhibition opening reception and 6:30pm Lecture "Memory Works" with Argentinian photographer, conceptual artist, political exile, and activist and James D. Ewing Public Affairs Fellow Marcelo Brodsky.

ALSO ON VIEW Body Politic: Melanie Baker, Daniel Bejar, Daniel Heyman, Jane Irish, Jayson Musson, John Willis and Mark Hogancamp: Women of Marwencol and Other Possible Histories



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Forum Report: ConVal Consolidation

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Article 5 seeks to raise \$808,000 to add bus routes that allow the middle schools and high school to begin one hour later. (This sum is not included in the operating budget).

Article 12 (renumbered Article 11 on the ballot) directs the School Board to submit to voters a comprehensive analysis and implementation plan detailing 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 (recommended by the School Board).

Article 13, submitted by petition, would call for elimination of the two Middle Schools... so that there are eight elementary schools with grades K-6, and one high school with grades 7-12 (not recommended by the School Board).

Excerpts of these warrant articles were taken from the full ballot; please refer to http://schoolboard.convalsd.net/budget/ for complete details.

LUCY SHONK is reporting on the Dublin Community Center Forum.

Update from the School Board

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This default budget will result in significant cuts in student programming, a loss of 6.5 positions from the high school and middle school, as well as a freeze to important facility improvements.

The ConVal School Board has specified the following programmatic cuts in order to help meet the default budget: Cornucopia program; New Hampshire Dance Institute (NHDI); fresh fruits and vegetable program at the elementary schools; fees for both Advanced Placement (AP) testing and Running Start classes; girls and boys ice hockey, golf, spirit team, and freshman boys basketball; summer programming at both middle schools and the high school; Quest, a week-long summer adventure camp; 5th block at the high school; district arts integration and enrichment — special art opportunities on top of traditional programming.

We feel these losses will be as unpopular in the ConVal community as they are at the SAU and Board levels. There are new statutory requirements limiting the development of the default budget — and there are few places in the budget to trim. Everything that would not significantly affect the education our district children has already been cut in previous years.

Currently, there are no items that can be cut without creating Friendly Folks, uc "Helping seniors with their day-to-day care." Bruce & Sylvia Fox 716 Main Street 3 Dublin, New Hampshire 03444 (603) 563-8911 Is info@FriendlyFolks.org

Is Your Dog Licensed?

Please renew your dog licenses by the end of April and avoid additional charges. Call ahead to see if the Town Clerk's office has a rabies certificate supplied by your dog's

veterinarian.

As long as you provide a copy of the current rabies certificate, licenses can be handled 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 the owner is over 65 years old, the first dog's license is just \$2.

If you have any questions, call the Town Clerk's office.

JEANNINE DUNNE is Dublin's Certified Town Clerk and Certified Tax Collector. She can be reached at 563-8859 or mail to PO Box 62, 1120 Main St., Dublin, NH 03444. Fax (603) 563-9221.

a deficit in our schools. As a result, the ConVal School Board highly recommends adoption of the proposed operating budget.

For further understanding of school budget development and taxpayer contributions, please visit http://schoolboard.convalsd.net/ budget. We are in the process of posting detailed articles that further explain this process and how our budget is where it is today.

As always, we welcome public attendance at all of our meetings. Taxpayers were all invited to attend District Meeting Part I, Deliberative Session, which was held on February 6, in the high school gymnasium. Thank you all.

BERND FOECKING (bfoecking@conval.edu) is the Dublin School Board Rep.

Peterborough Folk Music Society presents:

Connie Kaldor Saturday, March 16th

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

Lula Wiles Friday, March 29th

Tickets: \$20 in advance; \$25 at the door (cash or check only) Bass Hall at the Monadnock Center, Peterborough 7:30 pm. Doors open at 7:00 pm.

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DWC Pre-Town Meeting

The Dublin Women's Club invites all interested citizens to attend the annual pre-town meeting forum on Tuesday, March 5 (snow date March 6), at 7:30 pm in the downstairs meeting room of the Town Hall. Refreshments will be served before the forum at 7 pm.

Selectmen, Budget Committee representatives, and department heads will be available to answer questions on the 2019 warrant and budget.

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

Registering to Vote

BY JUDY KNAPP

The Supervisors of the Checklist will meet at the Town Hall on Saturday, March 2, from 11 am to 11:30 am to make additions and corrections to the voter checklist. This is the last time you can register to vote prior to the Town Election on March 12.

To register to vote at the Supervisor's meeting, please bring proof of identity (driver's license or photo I.D.), 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 are posted at the Post Office and the Town Hall or you can check the NH Secretary of State web page at https://app.sos.nh.gov/Public/PartyInfo.aspx.

JUDY KNAPP is chair of the Supervisors of the Checklist.

Candidates for Town Offices 2019

Selectman

Three Years (vote for one)

Brooks F. Johnson

Allan "Geoff" Pinney

(Write in)

Moderator

Two Years (vote for one)
Tim Clark
(Write in)

Library Trustee

Three Years (vote for two)
Gail Bartlett
Celeste K. Snitko
(Write in) (Write in)

Budget Committee

Three Years (vote for two)
Steven A. Baldwin
Suzanne Vogel
(Write in) (Write in)

Water Commissioner

Three Years (vote for one) **Arthur H. Susmann**(Write in)

Cemetery Trustee

Three Years (vote for one)
Christine "Kiki"
Sangermano
(Write in)

Planning Board

Three Years (vote for two)

Allen L. Hearn

(Write in) (Write in)

Trustee of Trust Funds

Three Years (vote for one)

Frederick W. MacMillan

(Write in)

Representative to the ConVal School Board

Three Years (vote for one)

Bernd Foecking
(Write in)

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Non-Profits Serving Dublin Residents

Cast your vote at Town Meeting March 16.

BY MAY CLARK AND LUCY SHONK

This past year, each of the seven agencies listed here served many of our Dublin residents at associated total costs of \$272,192.00.

At Town Meeting we will vote on the Non-Profit Warrant Article, which will amount to \$6,371.00 for all the agencies: Big Brothers Big Sisters (BBBS); CASA, Court Appointed Special Advocates; Southwestern Community Services (SCS); Monadnock Family Services (MFS); End 68 Hours of Hunger (providing meals on weekends for food-insecure students);

AGENCY	# DUBLIN CLIENTS	COSTS ASSOCIATED	REQUESTED 2018
BBBS	8 Children	\$9,600	\$500
CASA	16 children served by Jaffrey Court*		
scs	157 Units	\$68,518	\$685
MFS	301 appts	\$16,108	\$1,996
End 68 Hours	provided 970 meals	\$9,280	\$500
HCS	392 nursing appts, 206 PT appts, 273 hours chronic care	\$162,726	\$1,690
The River Center	35 residents 45 times	\$4,500	\$500

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

Home Healthcare, Hospice and Community Services (HCS); and The River Center.

Here is a summary of services rendered to Dublin residents for 2018 and the agency funding attributed to Dublin residents:

We strongly believe that the benefits to our Dublin residents far outweigh the investment the town makes to these agencies.

MAY CLARK and LUCY SHONK are two Dublin residents whose careers span decades of education administration and nonprofit management.

New Website for Town of Dublin

After months of hard work and dedication, the town has launched a new and improved website at townofdublin.org.

For improved communication, the homepage features recent posts, calendar events, along with two new features that allow residents to search within postings and subscribe to receive emails when public notices, updates, or meeting minutes are posted.

The town office will be constantly updating its content with helpful information and announcements.



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A Preview of Dublin's 2019 Town Warrant Articles

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

- **1.** Selectman, Moderator, Library Trustee, Budget Committee, Cemetery Trustee, Planning Board, Trustee of Trust Funds.
- **2.** Raise the Budget Committee's recommended sum of \$2,001,959 for general municipal operations. This article does not include appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately.
- **3.** Raise \$37,500 to purchase and equip a Police Cruiser and to withdraw same from the Police Cruiser Capital Reserve Fund.
- **4.** Raise \$6,000 to paint the exterior of the Police Station and to withdraw same from the Town Buildings Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund.
- **5.** Raise \$7,000 to replace the carpet in the Police Department and to withdraw same from the Town Buildings Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund.
- **6.** Raise \$85,000 to replace the Town Hall roof and to withdraw same from the Town Buildings Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund.

- **7.** Raise \$10,000 to purchase and equip a vehicle for the Highway Department and to withdraw same from the Heavy Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund.
- **8.** Raise \$148,615 to purchase a Loader; \$10,000 to come from the trade-in of the current loader, to withdraw \$25,000 from the Recycling Fund, and to withdraw \$113,615 from the Heavy Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund.
- **9.** Raise \$10,000 to complete a study and prepare plans for improvements to the Highway Barn and facility.
- **10.** Raise \$84,710 to purchase 12 Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) and to withdraw same from the Fire Equipment Capital Reserve Fund.
- **11.** Raise \$16,700 to purchase and install a new heating system at the Post Office and to withdraw same from the Town Buildings Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund.
- **12.** Raise \$15,000 to replace the carpet in the Library and to withdraw same from the Library Major Maintenance & Repair Capital Reserve Fund.
 - **13.** Raise \$2,500 to paint the function

- room and downstairs entrance to the Library and to withdraw same from the Library Major Maintenance & Repair Capital Reserve Fund.
- **14.** Raise \$3,500 to purchase a lawn and garden tractor to be used primarily by the Cemetery.
- **15.** Raise \$200,000 to be contributed to the Town Capital Reserve Funds, previously established: Heavy Highway Equipment (\$30,000), Police Cruiser (\$15,000), Road Construction (\$130,000), Bridge Repair / Replacement (\$15,000), Town Buildings Maintenance (\$10,000).
- **16.** Raise \$4,000 to fund the operation and publication of *The Dublin Advocate* newsletter.
- **17.** Raise \$6,371 to be contributed to [seven] agencies that provide advisory health and welfare services and whose programs have a public purpose.
- **18.** Raise \$7,400 to be contributed to various Expendable Trust Funds (Revaluation, Master Plan).
- **19.** Raise \$825 received from the sale of cemetery lots to add to the Cemetery Trust Fund, with same to come from the unassigned fund balance.

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RAYLYNMOR OPERA 24th Season Continues

Songs of Spain

With Jazimina MacNeil and Ben Robinson

March 31, 2019 6:00 p.m.

Reynolds Hall; Peterborough, NH

The Barber of Seville

May 17, 2019 7:30 p.m.

May 19, 2019 2:00 p.m.

Peterborough Players; Peterborough, NH



2019 Town Warrant Articles

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- **20.** Discontinue the Remediation Expendable Trust Fund, with said funds and interest transferred to the Town's general fund. (Majority vote required).
- **21.** Amend the exemptions adopted in 1978 to "...provide for an optional tax exemption from the assessed value...which is equipped with solar energy systems..." (Majority vote required).
- **22.** Raise \$8,000 to help fund 44 percent of the Program Coordinator's salary at the Dublin Community Center (Submitted by Petition).
- **23.** Vote to move the Recycling Special Revenue Fund into the Town's General Fund (Ballot vote and 2/3 vote required) (Submitted by Petition).
- **24.** To hear the reports of Agents, Auditors, Committees, heretofore chosen, and to pass any vote relating thereto.

The original of the above shortened draft was submitted in full by the Dublin Board of Selectmen: Peter S. Thomas, Chairman; Dale Gabel, and Walter Snitko.

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Broadband Meeting Saturday, March 2

Begins at 9 am in the lower level of the Dublin Public Library.

As reported last month, the Dublin Broadband Committee has completed research and will present a report identifying the issues related to a lack of broadband in Dublin.

Very few locations in Dublin can reach the speeds required (25 Mbps download speed; 3 Mbps upload speed) on a regular basis. Many premises do not have access to this speed at all.

Certainly there is not universal access to broadband. A lack of sufficient broadband has significant impact on education, commerce, health, and real estate, not to mention cultural activities. In sum, broadband performance at today's standards and expectations is essential to our daily lives and to our town's viability and 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 some difficult decisions to contemplate. A presentation of the information will be on March 2, in the lower level of the Dublin Town Hall, at 9 am.

The Broadband Committee is composed of Carole Monroe, Rebecca Landry, Larry Rua, Sturdy Thomas, Walter Snitko, and Peter Drake Underkoffler.

The River Center

Back by popular demand on March 5 at 6:30 pm is *Screenagers*, a film about the impact of modern technology on our kids' brains.

Safe Sitter is on March 9 at the Bond Wellness Center from 9 am to 3 pm. Advance registration required, \$65/student.

Also of note, on March 19, Bonnie Wallace will be joining us at 6:30 pm for a free discussion on autism.

The River Center, a family and community resource center, provides community connections, parenting support, tax assistance, and money coaching to strengthen individuals and families in the Eastern Monadnock Region. We are located at 9 Vose Farm Rd., Suite 115, Peterborough. For more information, call 924-6800 or RSVP at www.rivercenter.us/register.



Autism Services for Children

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Raylynmor Opera's 24th Season

Focusing on the Spanish influence in opera.

BY RICK MACMILLAN

For its 24th Season, Raylynmor Opera continues its focus on the influence of Spanish culture in opera with an intimate recital entitled *Songs of Spain*, to be produced at 6 pm on March 31 at Reynolds Hall in Peterborough. This diverse and probing program will include highlights from Spain's finest composers, several of their Latin American counterparts, and several selections from non-Spanish composers who have been inspired by the alluring Spanish culture.

Songs of Spain will seek to air of some of these neglected masterpieces by marrying song and history, performed by Jazimina MacNeil and Artistic Director Ben Robinson, accompanied by noted guitarist Jose Lezcano.

For our season finale, Raylynmor returns to Seville, or rather, to a ritzy spa and health club named "Seville." Set in the 1990s in Miami's South Beach, this production will mark the premiere of a new English libretto by Artistic Director Ben Robinson that places Rossini's opera *The Barber of Seville* in a contemporary setting.

While adhering to Rossini's music and the original tale by the playwright Pierre Beaumarchais, this modern setting will keep the madcap pace and farce of the original opera. This fully staged production with orchestra will be presented May 17–19 at the Peterborough Players. We aim to entertain the whole family with vocal pyrotechnics and the antics of opera's most famous barber and his friends.

Tickets at www.raylynmor.com or at the Toadstool Bookshop. RICK MACMILLAN is President of Raylynmor Opera.

Annual Awards Ceremony Honors Local Musician

In mid-January, at the Capitol Center for The Arts in Concord, the New Hampshire Theatre Alliance recognized Dublin musician Tom Martin, pianist and musical director, for his work at the Peterborough Players.

Tom was awarded Best Musical Direction of a Professional Production for *The Drowsy Chaperone*, which was presented by the Players last summer. This is one of 23 categories in which productions are adjudicated for the NHTA by member adjudicators. Awards are given in each category in three divisions – Youth Theatre, Community Theatre, and Professional Theatre.

This year, the Players had finalist nominations in 23 categories in the two eligible plays from the summer: *An Inspector Calls* and *The Drowsy Chaperone*. They received awards in eight of the categories, including Best Professional Production of a Musical, and Best Professional Production of a Comedy/Drama.

Tom is Director of Music for the Dublin Community Church, musical director for Keene State College Department of Theatre and Dance, pianist for the Keene Jazz Orchestra and other ensembles, private instructor of piano and voice, freelance pianist, and very active in musical theater as musical director and keyboardist. He is also a composer and arranger.

Recent productions for Tom included *A Chorus Line* at Dublin School (February 21-24) and *Newsies* at Monadnock Regional High School in Swanzey.

Tom returns to the Peterborough Players this summer to musically direct their production of *She Loves Me*.





Winter News from DCS

BY NICOLE PEASE

February brought a variety of activities to DCS. Our students continued to participate in the Friday Winter Fun Days and either attended the Ski/Snowboard Program at Crotched Mountain coordinated by our wonderful PTO, or they stayed at school for some extra recess and indoor fun. The PTO had planned for us to be able to snowshoe and explore with Susie Spikol from the Harris Center, but Mother Nature worked against us. We hope to be able to have Susie lead some spring hikes for the whole school.

The middle of the month was really busy with an afternoon filled with Science learning provided by Jesse Marcum. Lots of hands-on learning makes for happy students!

DCS staff decided to celebrate Valentine's Day and the 100th Day of School on February 14. We kicked off the fun with buddy reading. Our students were challenged with reading 100 books. They readily met and easily surpassed the goal! We ended the month with a whole school Science Night where students showcased their learning with their family.



We are looking forward to March with the onset of Spring. The unpredictable winter weather made for a lack of sledding despite our awesome playground hill. We are also planning for the return of the FACTS (Famous Artists Come to School) program where local residents teach our students about different artists. Thanks to Vance Finch for coordinating and the volunteers for bringing the artists to life.

The annual Movie Night will take place on March 22 (5:30 pm for pizza, movie begins at 6 pm). It is such a treat to have families come together to enjoy pizza, popcorn, and a movie! Thanks to the DCS PTO and all that volunteers do for our students.

Art Day on March 15 is sponsored by the Arts Enrichment Program in coordination with Art Teacher Andy Schultz. Students engage in many different artistic activities.

We welcome visitors to our wonderful school, please just give a call first at 563-8332.

Kindergarteners are wanted. If you know of a child that will be 5 years old before September 30, please have their family contact our school.

Please don't forget to vote on March 12 and come to Town Meeting on March 16.

NICOLE PEASE is the Teaching Principal at DCS.





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March Events at the DubHub

Jibe Man Co. on Open Stage

An acoustic Americana duo featuring Jim Coburn and Beth Mangano, and forming Jibe Man Co., will be the featured performers at Open Stage on Friday, March 1. Doors open at 7 pm and performance begins at 7:30 pm. (Snow date is Sunday, March 3, at 5:30 pm.) Admission is \$5, and we will pass the hat for the feature.

Nine open mic slots are available before the feature. Performers are encouraged to sign up at info@dublincommunitycenter.org. Slots fill up fast. Attendees are encouraged to bring a beverage and snacks to share. Coffee and tea will be provided.



Artwork on View by the Winchester Sisters

Recent drawings and paintings by
Liz Winchester-Larson and Harriet
Winchester will be in the gallery through
March 26, with an opening reception
Friday, March 1, from 5 to 7 pm.

Elizabeth and Harriet Winchester began drawing and painting as youngsters, first in New Ipswich, and then in Hollis, NH. By the early '70s, each had earned BFA degrees, Liz from Pratt Institute in Brooklyn, NY, and Harriet from Rhode Island School of Design, in Providence, RI. Since 1995 they have enjoyed showing their art together.

Liz Winchester-Larson (at right), an artist and printmaker for more than 40 years, enjoys using colored pencil. Applying many layers, she achieves rich color and intricate detail. She is a member of the Colored Pencil Society of America,



the Monadnock Area Artists Association, and the Saxtons River Art Guild.

Harriet Winchester began exhibiting her art in 1985, winning many awards. For more than 20 years, she worked with pastels before switching to oil painting. Working in a realistic style, she enjoys both still-life subjects and New England landscapes. Harriet is a member of the Nashua Area Artists Association.

Dance Fitness Winter Session

The winter session of Dance Fitness with Deb Giaimo continues through March 25. Classes meet every Monday from 5:30 to 6:30 pm. It is a moderate intensity, low-impact aerobic dance workout done to popular songs from the '50s to the present. A diversity of different rhythms keeps participants moving and burning calories. No dance experience is necessary. Deb encourages newcomers to try a complimentary class to see what it's all about. Bring clean workout shoes with you. The cost for four classes is \$28; and \$10 drop-in. For more information, call Deb at 563-8648 or email her at fredebg@ myfairpoint.net.

Qigong Classes

The main intent of Qigong, an Eastern exercise discipline for restoring and balancing the body, is to promote good health and longevity. The exercises and structured forms use repetition as a means of relaxing and opening the body and mind, so it is easy to follow along. New participants may join at any time, no experience necessary. Wear comfortable clothes and supportive shoes.

Single classes are \$15 and payment for 4 weeks in March is \$48. Classes meet on Wednesdays from noon to 1 pm. Feel free to come try out a class for free.

For information, contact Ginnette Groome, LMT, at 603-313-9828 or email her at ammatwirl@aol.com.

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 partici-

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pants ahead of each meeting and the member must bring their 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 through advanced uke players are welcome.

Enjoy a Community Lunch

Join neighbors for a delicious home-cooked meal on Tuesday, March 19. The menu will be pea and beef, barley and mushroom soups with rolls, salad, sweets, and drinks. Cost is \$3. Lunch is served from noon to 1 pm.

Song Circle

The monthly Song Circle meets on Friday, March 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 further information, contact Bruce at bruce_simpson@msn.com.

Dublin Business Fair & Newcomers' Reception

The March Community Forum will be in two parts on Saturday, March 23. The Dublin Business Fair starts at 4:30 pm followed by a Newcomers' Reception at 5:30. Local businesses (including nonprofits) are invited to come and share what they do. Tables will display materials from businesses, and residents (newcomers and old timers alike) are invited to circulate and chat with business owners.

Look for green registration postcards at the Dublin General Store, Carr's Store, the DubHub, and the Post Office. You



Art Demonstration by the Winchester Sisters

In an event that is free and open to the public, our featured artists in March will demonstrate their techniques. Liz Winchester-Larson will share her colored pencil techniques, and Harriet Winchester (above) will discuss her work in oils on Wednesday, March 20, from 10 am to noon.

can also register your business by calling Balmeet Khalsa at 203-6673 or email balmeetkkhalsa@gmail.com. There will be refreshments and other surprises!

Coffee & Conversation and Open Hours

The DubHub is open for Coffee & Conversation on Mondays and Wednesdays from 9 am to noon. The Hub 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.

Call the Hub at 563-8080 with inquiries.

Hike Hiroshi's Land

The Harris Center for Conservation Education is sponsoring a moderately strenuous, two-mile roundtrip hike in Dublin on Friday, March 1. This hike through the Hiroshi Land is led by Lee Baker and Rich Taylor. Bring a lunch (and snowshoes, if necessary, depending on conditions), and meet at 10 am at the gas station at the intersection of Routes 101 and 137 in Dublin. Back by 2:30 pm.

For more information, call Lee at (603) 525-5262 or Rich at (603) 827-4105.

March Rotary Speakers

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

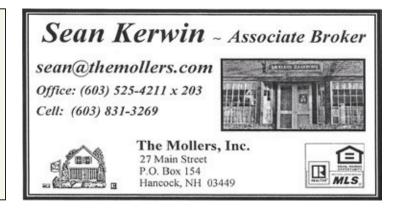
On March 5, Jerry Branch, Chairman MRC Membership Committee and Bob Vecchiotti will discuss membership. On March 12 is a Club Assembly. On March 19, Ed Walker, the Fire Chief of Peterborough, will speak. On March 26, Max Mitchell of the Jaffrey Chamber of Commerce will present.

RSVP Seeks Volunteers

Monadnock RSVP Volunteer Center's Neighbors-In-Deed program is looking for volunteers to provide assistance and companionship to those in our community who are struggling to stay in their homes. To learn more about our program, and to see the profiles of some of those looking for help, you can visit www.Monadnock-VolunteerCenter.com.

For information, contact Jazmin Belcoure at jbelcoure@mfs.org or call 357-6893.





Historical Society to Host Humorist

Rebecca Rule will speak at annual potluck supper.

Rebecca Rule, a full-time writer, humorist, and storyteller will be the guest speaker at the Dublin Historical Society's Potluck Supper on Friday, March 8, in the Dublin Community Church Hall. The supper begins at 6 pm, the program at 7 pm. All are welcome.

Rebecca's book, Moved and Seconded: New Hampshire Town Meeting the Present, the Past, and the Future, will be the basis of her talk – a timely presentation as the Dublin Town Meeting is March 16.

Town Meeting, a sacred institution in



New Hampshire, has rituals, traditions, and a unique history. For three years, noted New Hampshire author Rebecca Rule has been gathering stories, attending town meetings, and writing this book.

You'll meet the characters who keep the drama cracking, from silent knitters to rabble-rousers, from deeprooted hoary historians to transplants, from across-the-board cutters to homespun philosophers. You'll dip into the literature — poems, nov-

els, short stories, and essays — some by famous writers and some by writers who may be new to you.

You'll sample the legendary dry humor as well as the down-home wisdom, which inspires well beyond the walls of the Olde Meeting House.

Rebecca will have books available for purchase after the presentation.

All are welcome at this free Potluck Supper and presentation. Bring a main dish, side, salad, or dessert to share. Should the weather be inclement, the snow date is the following Friday, March 15, at the same time and location. If you are uncertain about the conditions, please call 563-8545 to hear the recorded message on Friday.

Dublin Christian Academy hosted 24 ESL students from China for two weeks. The group consisted of students in grades 7th-11th and nine adults. Their visit was packed with different activities including college trips, attending DCA classes, decorating cookies, celebrating Christmas, skiing, and taking a trip to Boston.











Owls Begin Nesting

BY TOM WARREN

A 7 ith spring six weeks away, two bird species have already begun domestic responsibilities. In the Monadnock Region, owls are the first to begin building nests, incubating eggs, and feeding young.

Both the Barred Owl and the Great Horned Owl select nest sites in February. Males generally select a territory in late autumn and a nest site in February. Mated pairs remain in the same territory all year. The male selects the nest site. Hooting of both species occurs in late February and early March.

The Great Horned Owl in this area uses tree nests of other birds such as hawks. crows, squirrels, and Great Blue Herons, but will also use tree cavities, snags of broken trees and wood platforms, and occasionally a building or barn. The most commonly used nest is that of the Redtailed Hawk. Barred Owls often use holes in trees or owl boxes.

Neither species builds its own nest but they will spruce up an old nest. Nests are lined with bark, feathers, animal fur, and leaves. By the end of the nesting



season, the nest deteriorates to a few sticks and therefore, few nests are used in the next season.

The normal clutch has 2-3 eggs and are laid 2-4 days apart. The eggs hatch in about 33 days. The female incubates the eggs while the male brings food to her at the nest.

In the case of the Great Horned Owl, skunk is their favorite food – so it is not unusual to smell the scent of a skunk near a nest this time of year. Mice and birds are preferred by the Barred Owl.

Females can incubate eggs at 35 degrees below zero and eggs have survived at 25 degrees below zero for up to 20 minutes

while the female takes a break from incubation duties.

Young birds rapidly increase their weight from 35 grams at birth (0.77 lbs.) to 1000 grams (2.2 lbs.) for females and 800 grams (1.76 lbs.) for males in 25 days. Females brood the young for two weeks. Food is brought to the nest by the male. The female will tear it apart into small pieces. If one adult owl dies, the remaining adult can successfully take over to raise the young. At seven weeks, young owls the young. At seven weeks, young owls are capable of short flights. They leave the nest in about 50 days. In the Monadnock Region, they leave the nest around May 15.

By late October and November, urged by the adults, young owls have left their natal territory.

In years of low mouse or squirrel populations (not this year), many eggs do not hatch and many young do not survive. About every third year females decide that motherhood requires a rest and do not lay eggs.

The Barred Owls you see on gray snowy days in February and March are males seeking prey for incubating females. Great Horned Owls are totally nocturnal predators, and thus more difficult to view.

TOM WARREN is Dublin's resident ornithologist.







MARCH 2019 Dublin Town Events

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
BOS Board of Selectmen DCC Dublin Community Church DCS Dublin Consolidated School DPL Dublin Public Library HUB Dublin Community Center MRC Monadnock Rotary Club TH Town Hall, Dublin				1 HUB Winchester Sisters Art Opening 5-7 pm; Open Stage Jibe Man Co. 7:30- 10 pm	2 DPL Broadband Presentation, 9 am, downstairs; TH Supervisors of the Checklist 11-11:30 am	
3	HUB Open 9-5 pm; Coffee 9-noon; Dance with Deb 5:30- 6:30 pm; TH BOS 4 pm; DPL Raylynmor Opera 6 pm	DCC MRC 7:30 am; DPL BookBuddies 3:45 pm; HillTop Group 6:45 pm; TH Pre-Town Meeting 7 pm refreshments; meeting 7:30 pm (snow date 6th)	Ash Wednesday DPL StoryTime 9:30 am; Republicans 6 pm; HUB Open 9-noon & 1-4 pm; Qigong noon-1 pm; DCC TwoHat Group 7 pm	7	Supper 6 pm; Speaker Rebecca Rule 7 pm (snow date March 15)	9 DPL Meet Your Candidates 10 am
Daylight Savings Time Begins	1 1 HUB Open 9-5pm Coffee 9-noon; Dance with Deb 5:30-6:30 pm; TH BOS 4 pm	12 DCC MRC 7:30 am; DPL HillTop Group 6:45 pm; TH VOTE School District Budget/ Dublin Town Offices, 8 am-7 pm	13 DPL StoryTime 9:30 am; Trustees Meeting 7 pm; HUB Open 9-noon & 1-4 pm; Qigong noon-1 pm; DCC TwoHat Group 7 pm	14	15 HUB Ukelele Group 7-9 pm; DCS Art Day	16 DCS Town Meeting 9 am. Park at Yankee, take the shuttle
17st. Patrick's Day	18 HUB Open 9-5 pm; Coffee 9-noon; Dance with Deb 5:30-6:30 pm; TH BOS 4 pm	19 DCC MRC 7:30 am; HUB Community Lunch 12-1 pm; DPL BookBuddies 3:45 pm; HillTop Group 6:45 pm	20 First Day of Spring DPL StoryTime 9:30 am; HUB Open 9-noon & 1-4 pm; Winchester Sisters Art Demo 10-noon; Qigong noon-1 pm; DCC TwoHat Group 7 pm	21 DPL Recycling 6 pm	22 HUB Song Circle 7-9 pm; DCS Movie Night 5:30 for pizza, movie at 6 pm	23 FDPL Board Meeting 6 pm; HUB Forum: Business Fair & Newcomers' Reception 4:30- 6:30 pm
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