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## A Very Silent Night

BY JEANNE STERLING

I'm not clear on the year – 1983 or 1984 – but I distinctly remember the date: December 24.

I had attended the candlelight service that Christmas Eve, alone. The Community Church was welcoming, with the soft, mellow glow of Christmas candles in each window. The church pews filled rapidly this holy eve, as they did each year. I sadly envied those who sat with family members, wishing I could convince my family to join me. There were nods and smiles exchanged with neighbors and friends, and we were all captivated by the beautiful holiday greens and poinsettias adorning the stark white interior.

As I sat waiting for services to begin, several people moved into the pew in



Photo courtesy of her family

Trixie was born in Evanston, Ohio, on April 6, 1900 and died on April 4, 1985.

front of me. I didn't recognize anyone at first, but then caught my breath as I realized the frail elderly woman among them was Beatrix Sagendorph. I hadn't seen Mrs. Sagendorph in such a long time and had no idea that this once formidable, talented, and remarkable woman was now in the clutches of returning to child-like manners. I couldn't take my eyes off her. I watched as she glanced around the congregation, in awe of what she was seeing and needing to be told when to stand, sit, and sing. I thought of my own mother and how I would react if she were ever in the altered world in which Mrs. Sagendorph now lived.

The service continued beautifully, leading up to the lighting of the indi-

vidual candles that had been given to each person when they arrived. As the single flame of the first candle multiplied to many, and the lights overhead were turned off, I watched as this fragile lady looked up to her daughter's eyes and smiled as her own candle, held tightly in quaking hands, was lit. The choir and congregation had started the solemn hymn, "Silent Night."

I think Mrs. Sagendorph and I were the only members not joining them on this blessed night. She, because the glow of the candle was too fascinating for her, and me because of the catch in my throat and the tears in my eyes.

These many years later, it's still difficult for me to sing this Christmas carol without thinking of her.

JEANNE STERLING is advertising coordinator for the *Advocate*.



**Christmas Tree** by Tracy Gillespie, whose cards and prints are available from [kitchentableprinter.com](http://kitchentableprinter.com) and [etsy.com/kitchentableprinter](http://etsy.com/kitchentableprinter). Children may color in the ornaments on this Christmas tree and turn it into their own Christmas card. Or see how the artist colored hers online at [DublinAdvocate.com](http://DublinAdvocate.com).

## Dublin Public Library

December brings colder weather and many celebrations. We'll be busy here at the library, and most likely there will be a lot of extra energy as children join us to talk and craft about the different events in December.

### NEW BOOKS

*Olive, Again*

by Elizabeth Strout

*The Starless Sea* by Erin Morgenstein

*Disappearing Earth* by Julia Phillips

*Stolen* by Richard Bell

*This Land is Their Land* by David Silverman

*The Wolf Connection* by Teo Alfero

Book Buddies continues to be a success. We love to hear all about their school day when the children arrive on Tuesday afternoons. If you aren't aware, every Tuesday at 3:45, K-5th graders come together to listen to stories, have a light snack, enjoy a craft, and play games. Come check us out!

If you have children at home, our young preschool group meets every Wednesday at 9:30 to listen to stories, craft, and play together. It's so

sweet watching these little ones make their first friendships. We'd love to meet you, too!

Some books we'll be reading this month are *Hibernation Station* by Michelle Meadows, *First Snow In The Woods* by Carl R. Sams and Jean Stoick, and *The Little Fir Tree* by Margaret Wise Brown.

The library will be closed December 24, 25, 31, and January 1. Happy holidays.

Be a responsible dog owner.

## Broadband for Dublin

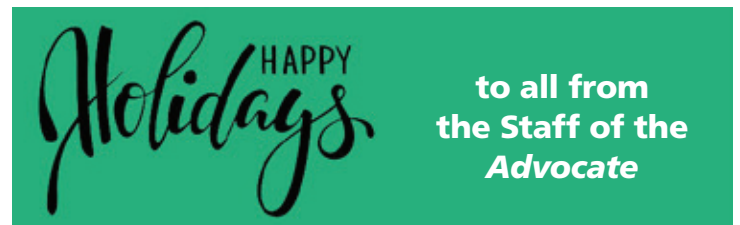
Information session at DPL December 7 at 10 am.

After careful review of the various proposals received, the Broadband Committee has recommended the Town move forward with further discussions with Consolidated Communications. We are working with Consolidated Communications, the Town attorneys, and Bond Counsel on a Contract for the Expansion of Broadband Service and an Operating Agreement. We will be holding an Information Session on Saturday, December 7, at 10 am at the Library. Please come to see how this will affect you, the Town of Dublin, and businesses in Dublin. We want to hear from you and to respond to your questions or concerns.

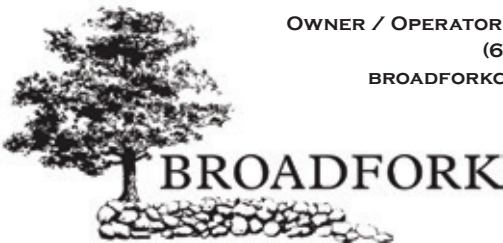
## Transition at the DPL

The Trustees of DPL have hired an interim Library Director, Suzanne Haldane. A search committee has been formed to find a permanent Library Director.

In the interim, it is the intent that the Library will be open regular hours. A big Thank You to the staff and trustees for their time and energy to keep our library operating during the transition.



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## 2019 Tax Commitments and Rates

BY DALE GABEL

The year 2019 has, thankfully, been a year without significant unplanned town expenses (at least so far) as opposed to last year's repair expenditures for flooding and road washouts. Town tax bills have been mailed, so it's time to look at the 2019 tax commitments and rates.

My view of municipal taxes has "evolved" somewhat in light of this year's revaluation effort. I'm sure many of you are ahead of me on this, but it's clear that tax rates only tell a portion of the story. Valuation tells the rest. And we don't pay our property taxes in tax rates – we pay our taxes in dollars, which are computed by matching required tax commitments with valuations. So this year I'll be more cost-focused in detailing the changes from 2018 to 2019.

The Town's total property tax commitment in 2019 is \$6,648,293, an increase of \$119,270 over the \$6,529,023 commitment of 2018. This commitment breaks down as follows:

Tax Effort	2019	2018	Change
County	\$1,012,122	\$933,138	+8.5%
School	\$3,529,139	\$3,352,339	+5.3%
Town	\$1,651,663	\$1,834,768	-10.0%
State Education	\$493,469	\$445,378	+10.8%
War Service Credits	(\$38,100)	(\$36,600)	+4.1%
Total	\$6,648,293	\$6,529,023	+1.8%

Based on a Town valuation of \$271,767,340 (an increase of \$40,524,934, or 17.5%, over the 2018 valuation), the overall tax

rate is \$24.63 per thousand dollars of property valuation. This represents a 13.4% decrease against the 2018 tax rate of \$28.43 per thousand. (For those who got their calculators out and came up with a different rate than above, it's because the State Education rate is based on a slightly lower valuation which doesn't include utilities.) In comparison with the 2018 rates, the overall tax rate breaks down as follows:

Tax Portion	2019	2018	Change
County	\$3.72	\$4.04	-7.9%
School	\$12.99	\$14.50	-10.4%
Town	\$6.08	\$7.93	-23.3%
State Education	\$1.84	\$1.96	-6.1%

In summary, while the 2019 tax commitment is greater than 2018's commitment (increases in School, County and State Education were only somewhat offset by reduction in the Town's commitment), the tax rates decreased significantly due to the Town's valuation increase. If tax rates were the only measure, it would look like a great year. Because of the valuation changes, however, it's an ok year (the tax commitment increased only slightly) rather than a great year.

DALE GABEL is one of Dublin's three selectmen. He is joined by Walt Snitko and Chris Raymond.

### Transfer Station: Holiday Hours

**Closed** for the holidays, **December 25 and January 1.**

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## Questions about Voting Answered

BY JUDY KNAPP

On or about February 11, 2020, you will have the opportunity to vote in the Presidential Primary. Of course, in order to vote, you must be a registered voter.

A resident can register with the town clerk or at a noticed meeting of the supervisors of the checklist. To be eligible you must be: 18 years or older on election day, a United States citizen, and be domiciled in Dublin. To register, you will need to provide proof of your identity, age, citizenship, and domicile. Proof can be either by documents or by signing a Qualified Voter Affidavit.

When you register you will be asked to designate a party of choice. In NH this can either be Democrat, Republican, or Undeclared (i.e., Independent). The last time you were able to change your party designation, prior to the upcoming Presidential Primary, was October 25. You can no longer change your party designation until after the Presidential Primary.

If you are registered as either a Republican or Democrat, on primary election day you will be given the ballot for the party

in which you are registered. If you are registered as Undeclared you will be given a choice of the party ballot you prefer. Your party affiliation will be changed to that party until such time as you choose to return to Undeclared.

If you are an Undeclared voter, you can return to that status after you have cast your vote. There will be a book listing all Undeclared voters by the registration table. By completing an entry by your name indicating that you want to return to Undeclared that change will be made. If you do not return to Undeclared at the election, you can do so in subsequent days with the town clerk or supervisors of the checklist. You cannot change your party designation at a subsequent election.

JUDY KNAPP is Supervisor of the Checklist.

## Songs for the Holidays

Monadnock Chorus will offer concerts in the Peterborough Town House December 14 and 15 at 4 pm to celebrate musical traditions from around the world. Concerts will feature English Christmas carols, carols from Lithuania and Venezuela, Gospel music, a piece from Asian Mahayana Buddhism, songs from Norway, a Chanukah celebration, a hymn from Russian Slavonic Vespers, and an Old Scots secular folk song celebrating winter solstice. The program will include *Misa Criolla*, a mass based on Argentine and Bolivian folk dance tunes. Tickets are \$20 (students free) from Steele's or the Toadstool, or visit [www.monadnock-chorus.org](http://www.monadnock-chorus.org).



## Clean Out Medicine Cabinets

Even though National Take Back Day was October 26, our Dublin Police Department has a drug collection box in the lobby of the Town Hall. Too often, unused prescription drugs find their way into the wrong hands. That's dangerous and often tragic. That's why it was great to see thousands of folks from across the country clean out their medicine cabinets and turn in – safely and anonymously – a record amount of prescription drugs. Keep them safe. Clean them out. Take them back!

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## Fairwood's Christmas Invitation

All are invited to the annual Christmas Dessert Banquet at Fairwood, on Sunday, December 8, at 6:30 in the evening. Come and experience the beauty and peace of the season as we sing carols, enjoy delicious food, and consider the meaning of Christmas together with friends and neighbors. RSVP to Fairwood at 563-8492 if you wish.

## Mountain View Bible Church

Christmas provides a wonderful time for making warm memories with family and friends as well as enjoying familiar traditions. Mountain View Bible Church invites you to join us for some special Christmas events. We will present a Christmas choir program on Sunday, December 15, at 5:30 pm. On Wednesday evening, December 18, we plan to provide some caroling to our neighbors. If any of our Dublin neighbors would like us to come and carol, please call Pastor Kyle Wilcox at 563-8069. On Christmas Eve, December 24, we will enjoy a brief service starting at 7 pm. For information about any of these events, please visit [mtnviewbible.org/christmas](http://mtnviewbible.org/christmas).

## Candlelight Vigil

On Saturday, December 21, at 5 pm, the Monadnock Area Transitional Shelter (MATS) will hold its annual candle-

Dublin Christian Academy students sing to honor local veterans.

light vigil on the steps of the Town House in Peterborough. This commemoration of those New Hampshire residents who have died while homeless over the past year will be held on the Winter Solstice, the shortest day of the year. The ceremony includes prayers and songs, a proclamation from Governor Sununu, and the acknowledgement of the individuals we have lost to this sadly persistent problem.

## Christmas Vespers at DCA

Dublin Christian Academy invites the community to its annual Christmas Vespers on December 21 at 11 am. Students from kindergarten through 12th grade will present the story of The Best Christmas Pageant Ever through music and drama. This holiday classic will delight guests of all ages. Christmas Vespers is free and open to the public. For more information, call 563-8505.

## Festival of Carols and Lights

The Dublin Community Church will present its Christmas Festival of Carols and Lights on December 24 at 7:30 pm. The service will feature choral versions of Christmas music and end in candlelight with everyone singing "Silent Night." It will run less than an hour, children of all ages are welcome, and the whole community is invited.

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## Dublin Community Preschool and Childcare Center



BY SHEENA BALDWIN

In November we reflected on what we are thankful for: from grandparents to kitties, from new shoes to friends, lunchboxes, parents, and houses. It seems we have quite thankful children!

Miss Jaime from the Harris Center came to teach us all about chipmunks. Once the students “earned” their ears and whiskers they were transformed into chipmunks, making chipmunk sounds, hunting for winter food to store, and creating warm beds for safety.

In December, the children will learn about the different holiday traditions that are celebrated this time of year. Children will learn about giving to others, and

we will host a food drive for local food pantries.

Our annual Holiday Family Night will be on Wednesday, December 18. Families come together to enjoy a soup supper and performance by the children. If you are interested in joining us for Family Night or donating to our food drive, please email [info@dublinpreschoolandchildcare.org](mailto:info@dublinpreschoolandchildcare.org) for more information.

Happy holidays from all the teachers, children, and families of Dublin Community Preschool and Childcare Center! May 2020 bring you health, wealth, and happiness.

SHEENA BALDWIN is the Director of the Dublin Community Preschool and Childcare Center, or call her at 563-8508.

## Come Ski at Dublin School

BY AGGIE MACY

Looking for a way to stay warm on a snowy winter day? Take out your skis and visit the Dublin School Nordic Center!

Located on Beech Hill, the center has nine kilometers of groomed trails and 20km across Dublin Road, which connects Dublin School to Yankee Publishing trails.

We welcome the public to enjoy our trails free of charge when they are not being used for school and regional events. We’re hoping to have snow all winter due to our new snowmaking system.

Trail conditions and events are posted on the Dublin School Nordic Center site ([www.dublinschool.org/dublin-school-nordic-center](http://www.dublinschool.org/dublin-school-nordic-center)). We also ask that you complete the online waiver at that same link before you venture out.

AGGIE MACY is a senior at Dublin School and has won many awards in her ski career.



## DCS Students Joined the Circus

*Circus arts spread joy and inspire dreams.*

BY MARGARET GURNEY

In mid-November, the Arts and Enrichment department of SAU1, with support from the Dublin Community Foundation, helped the circus come to town! All DCS schoolchildren participated fully in the physically active and fun-filled circus performance enjoyed by parents and teachers alike.

In one week alone, Troy Wunderle of Big Top Adventures ([bigtopadventures.com](http://bigtopadventures.com)) taught stage presence and tricky skills through the circus arts. Schoolchildren from Kindergarten through grade 5 learned stunts, received individualized encouragement, and grew in self-confidence.

At the end of the week, a Circus Performance showcased the skills students had learned: juggling, feather balancing, devil sticks, plate spinning, hula hooping, jump roping, lassoing, and diabolo manipulation. They also balanced on pogo sticks, stilts, pedalos, rola bolos, and rolling globes.

Children created human pyramids, were thrilled to be chosen as volunteers, and cheered one another on to greater success each time.

MARGARET GURNEY is editor of the *Advocate*.





Our thanks to Dublin's Chief Suokko for making sure students safely crossed the highway in the Walk to School Day.

## News from DCS

BY NICOLE PEASE

How is that we have already moved into December? Possibly the year is flying by because there is so much going on in our special school. In the short month of November, the Circus came to DCS under the guidance of Troy Wonderle. Thanks to Arts Enrichment and the Dublin Community Foundation for their support; it was a tremendous time!

Our Morning Meeting theme this month has been about citizenship - in our school, town, and greater community. One of the ways we defined citizenship was to be part of a community. In this spirit, and in honor of Veteran's Day, students wrote letters to many local veterans. We were moved when a staff member reported that one veteran framed the letter we sent to be hung on their wall.

As DCS students embraced the theme of citizenship, they identified a way to be better citizens in our school. Through student planning and preparation, they created an Environmental Club. It will meet weekly after school to care for our school and to identify ways in which our students can be better citizens by caring for our world.

As we look forward to the holiday season, we are planning for the DCS Holiday Concert, which will be held on Friday, December 13, from 6 to 7 pm. A variety of performances include individual classroom and school-wide songs and plays. This is always

a lovely evening in which we showcase the talents of our students as we welcome winter and celebrate the season.

The DCS Staff wishes you a happy and healthy end of 2019 and welcoming in of the New Year.

NICOLE PEASE, M.Ed., is Teaching Principal at DCS. Call her at 563-8332.

## BBBS at DCS

BY KAREN BROOK

For many years Dublin Consolidated School has set aside a bulletin board in the hallway for Big Brothers Big Sisters (BBBS) to decorate. Thanks to the Monadnock United Way day of caring, BBBS has been able to put up some very beautiful boards. This month the message says "Big and Littles give thanks."

At a recent lunch at school, the "Littles" were asked what are they thankful for about their "Big" or the program. Some answers were very specific: they are thankful for getting to play soccer, build with Legos, and learn how to play new games. Others said they are thankful for everything, including the experience and getting to know their "Big."

BBBS offers ongoing enrollment and serves children ages 6 through 18. Our mission is to create and support one-to-one mentoring relationships that ignite the power and promise of youth.

For information on how to enroll a child or how to become a volunteer, please visit [bbbsn.org](http://bbbsn.org) or call 352-9536.

KAREN BROOK is a Program Coordinator who has been serving the western region of Big Brothers Big Sisters of NH for 16 years.





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## December Events at the DubHub

### Small Treasures Art Show

The third annual Small Treasures Art Show will run from December 6 through 9. A fundraiser for the DubHub, it will feature small works (5" by 7") by 40 local artists. In addition to paintings, there will be origami and pottery. The Small Treasures opening reception will be held on Friday, December 6, from 5 to 7 pm. Refreshments will be served. The Art Show, a wonderful opportunity for holiday gift buying, will then be open from December 7 through 9: Saturday



(10 am–3 pm), Sunday (12:30 pm–3 pm), and Monday (9 am–3 pm).

### New Mothers & Babies Group

New mothers and babies, newborn to 18 months, are invited to come enjoy meeting other new mothers and their little ones. This will be a chance to talk about new baby surprises and problems. There will be coffee and snacks, music, and a clean blanket for the floor. You do not have to be Dublin residents. Grandmother Nancy will be available to hold a baby! Join in on Friday mornings (starting December 13), from 10 -11:30. For more info, call 563-8021. Closed on ConVal snow days.

### Art Show & Sale, Compliments of the Bunches

An Art Show and Sale featuring 17 paintings previously owned by Les and Karen Bunch will begin with an opening on Thursday, December 12, from 5 to 7 pm. Refreshments will be served.

The Bunches, formerly of Dublin, contributed the paintings to the Dub Hub upon their permanent move to Florida this fall. The sale will be a silent auction format with the proceeds supporting the ongoing programs of the DubHub. The sale is open to the public and free of charge.

The original watercolors, oils, and pastels are of New England scenes, landscapes, and some still-lives. All are framed and ready to hang.

"Summer Green," a watercolor by Betty Giroux, is one of many paintings available at the art auction December 12.



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## Holiday Sing-Along

The 3rd annual Holiday Sing-Along, hosted by the Monadnock Ukulele Group and the DubHub Song Circle, will be held on Friday, December 13. Admission is free, and donations are welcome. Doors open at 6:30 pm, music starts at 7. Light refreshments will be served. Attendees are encouraged to bring instruments, voices, and treats to share. (Snow date is December 14.)

## Movement Classes Continue

The Holiday Session of Dance Fit continues through December 30. The classes, which meet on Mondays from 5:30 to 6:30 pm, consist of low-impact aerobic dance routines set to a variety of music and rhythms. Please bring clean, supportive shoes to wear in the meeting room. For costs and information, please call Deb Giaimo at 563-8648 or email her at [fredebg@myfairpoint.net](mailto:fredebg@myfairpoint.net).

Qigong classes meet on Wednesdays from noon to 1 pm. Instructor Ginnette G. Groome is a Nationally Certified Massage Therapist. Qigong is based on Traditional Chinese Medicine. For information, please contact Ginnette at [ammatwirl@aol.com](mailto:ammatwirl@aol.com) or call 313-9828. (Note: Class on December 4 will relocate next door due to art show.)

## Community Lunch/ The Nurse In

Join us for a delicious home-cooked meal on Tuesday, December 17, from 12 to 1 pm. The menu this month is chicken/rice soup with half egg-salad sandwich, sweets, and drinks. Cost is \$3. A Nurse In wellness clinic will be offered during lunch by Home Healthcare, Hospice and Community Services (HCS). The nurse will check

blood pressures and answer questions about home care and health concerns. Free, no appointment necessary.

## Open Mic every Fourth Friday

The monthly Open Mic will be Friday, December 27, at 7 pm. Doors open at 6:30. This is an acoustic open mic with no PA, encouraging a more intimate feeling. Performers should come prepared to do three songs or 15-minute sets. Attendees are encouraged to bring a snack to share and BYOB. Coffee and tea will be available. Admission is \$5. Sign up by email at [info@dublincommunitycenter.org](mailto:info@dublincommunitycenter.org), or at the door.

## Observatory Open to the Public

Erik Schmitt at the Perkin Observatory on the campus of Dublin School plans to open the observatory for public viewing on Sunday evenings when the weather is clear (about every 3-6 weeks).

Check the weekly Hubbub from the DubHub emailed newsletter, or the online calendar at [dublincommunitycenter.org](http://dublincommunitycenter.org).

## Save Dates: Upcoming Events

**January 3** Dublin Smartphone Photo Contest Reception 5-7 pm

**January 31** Dublin Folk Show: Tribute to the Great American Folk Revival (Benefit Concert for MATS) 7-9:30 pm

## Hundred Nights' 6th Annual Holiday Auction

On Saturday, December 14, a combined live and silent Holiday Auction will be held in the Dining Hall at the United Church of Christ on Central Square in Keene, with parking and the entrance on Vernon Street, in back. It is a benefit for the Hundred Nights shelter. A preview of available items and registration will begin at 8 am. Live bidding will begin at 9 am.

However, starting December 8, you can preview all of the donated items, services, and gift certificates online ([hundred-nightsinc.org](http://hundred-nightsinc.org)), and if you see an item you would like to bid on email Mindy ([mcambiar@hundrednightsinc.org](mailto:mcambiar@hundrednightsinc.org)) with your name, phone number, the description of the item, and the amount you would like to bid. The initials of the highest current bidder with the amount of the bid will be listed on the website next to the description of the item — so keep checking or just arrive on December 14 for the live auction.

Please call Mindy at 352-5197 if you have any questions or would like to donate an item or help in some way. Hundred Nights Inc is a Monadnock United Way Partner Agency.

Don't forget your flu shot.

## DubHub Hours in December

The DubHub is open for Coffee and Conversation on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 9 am to noon. On Mondays the DubHub remains open until 5 pm. On Wednesdays the Hub is closed from noon to 1, but then is open again from 1 to 4 pm. The DubHub will be closed on December 4 and 6; and December 25 (Christmas Day) and January 1 (New Year's Day). Call 563-8080 with questions.



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## ConVal School District 2020 Budget Update

BY ALAN EDELKIND

On Saturday, November 2, the ConVal administration presented the budget for the 2020-2021 school year to the School Board. The budget presentation and related documents provided insights into the needs of our students while maintaining a conservative approach to discretionary expenses (of which there are few).

What needs to be understood is that 100% of the budget is used to provide the environment and services required to educate our students. Some of the expenses are direct. For instance: teachers' and professionals' salaries and benefits, supplies, etc. Some of the expenses are what are called indirect. For instance: costs of buildings, maintenance, heat, payroll and finance personnel, furniture etc. The budget details these and many other expense items. Again, all are in support of our students.

School Board members spent many hours questioning the administration on budget items and expressing our support (or lack thereof).

A subsequent meeting was held on November 13 to continue the review of the budget with revisions made from the November 2 meeting, and there are more meetings scheduled to further refine the budget and also to develop the warrant articles that will be presented at the Deliberative Session and voted on in each town in March. Please note that the continuing refinement of the budget and the acceptance or rejection of warrant articles can/will have an impact on the final budget.

It should be also noted that the impact on the district assessment, which is the basis for the funding formula (whose

end calculations will be reflected on tax bills), is currently projected to be an increase of 6.86% from \$32,957,959.75 to \$35,217,458.85 for an increase of \$2,259,499.10.

This does not mean that everyone's school tax will increase 6.86% because different towns are assessed at different rates. The funding formula used to determine a town's percentage of the total district assessment is not a straight-line calculation. As the budget is revised through the budgeting process this percentage of

increase will also be adjusted. (Hopefully it can be adjusted down.)

This increase is in part due to the continued decrease in other revenue sources while expenses rise.

We are also working on providing an online overview and more detailed communication about the budget for those who want to learn more than can be put into an article.

More updates to come in the next issue of *The Dublin Advocate*.

ALAN EDELKIND is Dublin's representative to the ConVal School Board (SAU1).



The annual drawdown of Howe Reservoir – as seen from Route 101 – is once again complete, awaiting snows and the eventual spring runoff to refill.

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## The Woman I Knew—

*Five stand-out qualities learned from Candy Walker.*

BY WENDY WALKER

• **Fun and Serious.** Work hard. Keep a checklist. Enjoy laughing (even snort laughter). Plan and take responsibilities seriously. Stay youthful, playful and spontaneous. You're never too old for . . . and ice cream is never a bad idea.

• **Amazing Friend.** She lived the motto 'Enter as Strangers. Leave as Friends.' She was first to cheer you on. Hold on to your friendships. Friends can be family.

• **Genuine Person.** Stay open-minded, especially with what is 'different.' She embraced and enjoyed the qualities of so many things. Accept, if not embrace, changes and differences. See the best in each other, and embrace what each person, each generation has to offer. We are better together.



• **A True Leader.** Forward-looking, encouraging, respecting others as the adults they are, and enabling them to do their best. A natural collaborator before it was leadership best practice, she was famous for saying "this is what 'I' would do" as guidance and another perspective. Keep growing and evolving.

• **Generous of Spirit.** Live the Golden Rule. Be humble and build people up. It's important to see and acknowledge people's unique skills. Say it. Words matter. She was readily open to sharing knowledge, ideas, or splitting a meal to enjoy a piece of cake with you. She invested in her relationships and was happy when others would shine.

CANDY'S DAUGHTER, WENDY, continues her tradition of proactive communications and being better at making reservations than a home-cooked meal. When not writing from her laptop in Dublin, taking care of her kitty, or spending time with her father, Dave, you may just find her on the slopes up north.

## Welcome to Children's Dentistry of Dublin

BY JULIE RIZZO

Dr. Nilfa Collins is all smiles about opening a new pediatric dentistry practice in Dublin. She and her husband John Collins are working hard to get Children's Dentistry of Dublin ready to open in February 2020. They are renovating a former manufacturing space at Dublin Village Park on Route 101, and look forward to inviting the community to an open house when they are up and running.

Nilfa and John ran Collins Dentistry for Children in Pelham, NH, for 15 years, a thriving practice that kept them busy six days a week. They recently sold the business, looking for a balanced lifestyle. Now, they look forward to starting a child- and family-friendly practice here in the Monadnock Region.

The Collinses discovered the area on a weekend getaway several years ago. They stayed at the Hancock Inn and attended a Peterborough Players performance, and they were hooked. They bought a house in



Hancock they escaped to whenever they could, and moved in full-time last summer with their six Yorkshire terriers.

They want the office to be fun and educational, and the Yorkies will be part of the fun. They have also invested in equipment like the Solea Laser that makes the experience at the dentist comfortable for children. With the laser, children can have their teeth repaired without numbing, which can be frightening for little ones.

"Parents are often so busy they don't have time to pay attention to their children's teeth. We want to be a place where families learn about taking care of their teeth as an important part of their overall health," says Dr. Collins.

Children's Dentistry of Dublin is located at 1283 Main Street in Dublin. Appointments can be scheduled at 563-9969.

JULIE RIZZO is on the staff of the *Advocate*.

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## Christmas in Dublin

*From the Dublin Historical Society.*

The holidays in Dublin are filled with traditions found in many small New England towns – a Christmas Tree lighting in the center of town with cookies and cocoa and a Christmas Eve service at the Community Church. For much of the 20th century, a Christmas celebration was held at the Dublin Town Hall.

In his memoir, *So Well Remembered*, Hildreth M. Allison, 1896–1990 (*at right*), shared his memories of Dublin Christmases in the early 1900s:

“The annual celebration at the Town Hall brought out townspeople from all sections. There were usually two trees, whose heights appeared enormous to me, filled with Christ-



mas gifts and well decorated. Strings of popcorn were used then as well as silver and gold tinsel. John E. Baldwin was sometimes the Santa Claus, and he must have roasted, appearing as he did in a buffalo coat. Before calling off the presents, he gave a little talk reciting incidents concerning his trip down from the North Pole; and after going off stage when

his labors for the evening were completed, there was heard the jingle of sleigh bells as his reindeer undertook the beginning of his homeward flight.

No boy or girl needed go without a present at the town Christmas Tree celebration as the question “Is there any child here who has not received a present?” was put at the end of the evening; and if one was found, he or she was supplied with one.

It was the custom to canvas the houses up and down the village street for funds to buy candy for the Christmas celebration. This was a mixture of many varieties served in striped paper bags to all present. Several times, I was one of those soliciting these funds and almost everyone was willing to contribute a quarter. In later years, too, I became the Christmas Santa Claus.”

## Peterborough Players: Winter Season

Opening night of the upcoming Winter Season is December 5, and the Players bring audiences a comedy, a musical, and a beloved play, to warm frosty winter evenings.

*A Tuna Christmas* is an irreverent comedy with Players’ favorites Tom Frey and Kraig Swartz, who play more than 20 characters. Running December 5–15.

In January, the Players welcomes Patsy Cline back in *Always . . . Patsy Cline*. After performing the role at the Players in a different take on Patsy’s life, *A Closer Walk with Patsy Cline*, Bridget Beirne returns in this story of Patsy Cline’s friendship with

her fan, Louise Seger. Another audience favorite, Lisa Bostnar, appears as Louise. The show is packed with hits like *Crazy*, *Walking After Midnight*, *I Fall to Pieces*, and more. It runs from January 16–26.

The final show of the Winter Season is the perfect marriage between a treasured American poet and a beloved actor. Emmy-winner and Tony-nominee Gordon Clapp returns for an encore performance as Robert Frost in A.M Dolan’s *This Verse Business*. It runs from February 6 to 16.

Find out more at [www.peterborough-players.org](http://www.peterborough-players.org) or by calling the box office at 924-7585.

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## Susan Phillips Hungerford, Architect

*She describes her work as "Client focused, environmentally sound design."*

BY RAMONA BRANCH

Susan Phillips Hungerford is an architect and has lived in the heart of Dublin behind Yankee Publishing for ten years in the former Allison house that she and her husband have renovated.

Her pathway to becoming an architect is interesting and serendipitous. Her father was in the Coast Guard and the Phillips family was stationed in many different places.

One of her father's assignments was in Chesapeake, Virginia, near Colonial Williamsburg, a designated U.S. National Historic Landmark depicting the life of 18<sup>th</sup> century colonists of Virginia. Because they lived so close to this famous living-history museum, the family frequently visited the park to eat lunch at one of the restaurants. Experiencing the striking architecture of early America made a lasting impression on young Susan.

A second life event influencing Susan's decision to become an architect was the family's move to Corpus Christi, Texas. As fate would have it, the family moved into a home that was designed and built by an architect who had moved to the house next door. The contemporary house was different from all the other homes Susan had lived in. So it was in Corpus Christi, at the tender age of 12, that Susan decided to become an architect.

Her professional training includes a BS in Environmental Design from the University of Massachusetts and a Masters in Architecture from the University of Colorado. Susan has been working and practicing in the Monadnock area since 1981.

She describes her work as "client focused, environmentally sound design."

Susan helped raise funds and designed the outdoor pavilion in the park at Depot Square along the river in Peterborough.



The architect and her husband in Dublin School's renovated Michael Cornog library, which Susan designed.

Throughout the years she has completed several projects for the Dublin School, including renovations /additions to the recital hall, three dormitories, and the gymnasium. The gymnasium and two dormitories were collaborations with other local architects.

This photo of Susan and her husband of 38 years, Andy Hungerford, who has been the Facilities Director for Dublin School for the last 25 years, was taken in the recently renovated Michael Cornog library, which Susan designed. Other projects in the works for Dublin School

are an extension to the dining hall and a new kitchen.

The couple has three children: Molly, 37, an engineer with three patents, lives in Somerville, MA; Taylor, 32, a space architect, lives in Houston, Texas; and Witter, 32, a welder, who recently moved to Portland, Oregon.

An avid walker, Susan and a friend often hike Pack Monadnock. The two recently hiked Dingle Peninsula in Ireland for a whopping 113 miles.

Susan's personal interests include volunteering. She is currently a member of Dublin's Zoning Board of Adjustment and is a member of the Board of Directors for the New Hampshire American Institute of Architects. She mentors students at the Dublin School and is proud that at least one former student is now a practicing architect.

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



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## Help Wanted: Dublin Fire Department

*Odd hours. Little to no pay. Can be dangerous.*

BY KIM ALLIS

The Dublin Fire Department has a spiffy new UTV, outfitted with a stretcher and tracks for the winter, for going into rough terrain to rescue the injured skier or hiker. This is courtesy of an anonymous donor, explained Fire Chief Tom Vanderbilt as he showed off its finer points, including the “Help Wanted” sign propped in its windshield.

Yes, there are firefighters needed in Dublin, which is an “on-call” department, depending on civic-minded people who want to contribute their time to being trained to fight fires in their town. About 80% of all fire stations in New Hampshire are volunteer, on-call fire departments. And apparently, fire chiefs nationwide are facing the same problem. Volunteers are aging out, and it’s getting harder to recruit new volunteers from a population increasingly working more than one job and having less free time and fewer sympathetic bosses who will let them leave their jobs to go to a fire.

In an effort to recruit the next generation, some high schools have programs that will introduce young people to some firefighting training in class for credit. ConVal has such an “Explorer” program. Students who participate can graduate with a solid foundation for further training -- and a fast track to an actual paying job as a firefighter or an EMT. It’s a good start for a future volunteer, who with a little more training could get their commercial driver’s license and pumps training enabling them to operate a fire truck.

“It’s definitely a calling,” says the Fire Chief. If someone is



Photo by Kim Allis

going to pursue firefighting professionally they’d have to leave town. If someone wants to be a volunteer firefighter for the Town of Dublin, they will get the appropriate training they need, the gear that will protect them, and in return they will have the satisfaction of serving the community they live in.

Anyone interested in applying, please contact Fire Chief Tom Vanderbilt, pictured above, at 563-8137.

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## Wind Turbines & Birds

BY TOM WARREN

Wind energy has been regarded as one of the most beneficial alternatives to the fossil fuel industry as a major source of energy. In nearby Antrim there is a major wind farm.

Many scientific studies have been conducted in the U.S. and Canada to identify the impact of wind farms on bird mortality rates. Studies in Europe consider mortality from turbines to be insignificant. Also, the small amount of noise generated by the turbines does not deter birds from nesting near them. In a major Ontario survey of birders, a majority of respondents, about 60 percent, supported wind energy development, but agree that thorough environmental review of the proposed wind farms is critical.

Over the past two decades, the federal government has prosecuted hundreds of cases against oil, gas, and electricity producers for violating wildlife-protection laws such as The Migratory Bird Treaty Act and Eagle Protection Act. Yet administrations have yet to prosecute the wind turbine industry for widespread bird kills by turbines.

Near Oakland, CA, the turbines at Altamont Pass have killed some 2,500 raptors and 7,500 other birds. About 70 Golden Eagles are killed at Altamont every year. In Pennsylvania more than 10,000 bats were whacked by turbines in 2010. However, mortality rates from wind farms are far below those from buildings, vehicles, and cats.

Birds killed at wind farms, such as Tree Swallows, Bobolinks, Purple Martins and Turkey Vultures, are flying at lower elevations than birds which collide with large



Photo courtesy American Bird Conservancy

buildings. Thrushes and warblers fly at much higher elevations than wind turbines.

Collisions with buildings kill hundreds of millions of birds (365 to 988 million birds annually).

Another 50 million birds are killed by antennas.

Humans have introduced 110 million outdoor cats in the U.S. and Canada.

In summary, new wind farms should be encouraged but not in Important Bird Areas (IBA) or migratory corridors.

TOM WARREN is Dublin's resident ornithologist. Article resources available on request.

## Monadnock Rotary Club

BY PEGG MONAHAN

Monadnock Rotary Club hosted its first annual *Community Walk for Recovery from Substance Use Disorder* on October 20, 2019, from Dublin School to Historic Harrisville (three miles). One hundred people walked and then attended presentations about recovery. The eight exhibitors were Monadnock Voices for Prevention, The Doorway (Cheshire Medical Center), Phoenix House (Dublin), Monadnock Family Services, Maps Counseling Services, Reality Check, Keene Serenity Center, and Better Life Partners.

After the event, the Monadnock Rotary

Club resumed its weekly community speakers: Daniel Guillou of Phaze Welding Center, spoke about his welding training program; and staff from Grapevine in Antrim presented information about their services, focusing on Avenue A, teen and Community Center programs.

Monadnock Rotary Club meets on Tuesday mornings at Dublin Community Church (Church Hall) at 7:30 with breakfast and speakers. Its charitable focus is on children and health.

For details about the Monadnock Rotary Club, contact Pegg Monahan, President, at 827-3139 or 852-8166, or Harry Wolhandler can be reached at 827-3139, c. 852-8026.




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<b>1</b> Del Rossi's closed until 12/3	<b>2</b> <b>HUB</b> Coffee 9-noon, Open 12-5 pm; <b>DPL DLPC</b> 6:45 pm; Raylynmor meeting 6 pm; <b>TH BOS</b> 4 pm	<b>3</b> <b>DCC MRC</b> 7:30 am; <b>DPL</b> BookBuddies 3:45 pm; HillTop Group 6:45 pm	<b>4</b> <b>HUB</b> closed; <b>DPL</b> StoryTime 9:30 am; <b>DCC</b> TwoHat Group 7 pm	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> <b>HUB</b> Small Treasures Opening 5-7 pm	<b>7</b> <b>HUB</b> Small Treasures 10-3 pm; <b>DPL</b> Public Meeting on Broadband 10 am; Windborne at Nelson Town Hall 7:30 pm
<b>8</b> <b>HUB</b> Small Treasures 12:30-3 pm; <b>Dublin Tree Lighting</b> , 4 pm, Yankee lot, light refreshments provided; Fairwood Dessert Banquet 6:30 pm	<b>9</b> <b>HUB</b> Small Treasures 9-3 pm; <b>TH BOS</b> 4 pm	<b>10</b> <b>DCC MRC</b> 7:30 am; <b>DPL</b> BookBuddies 3:45 pm; HillTop Group 6:45 pm	<b>11</b> <b>HUB</b> Coffee 9-noon; QiGong 12-1 pm; Open 1-4 pm; <b>DPL</b> StoryTime 9:30 am; Trustees 7 pm; <b>DCC</b> TwoHat Group 7 pm	<b>12</b> <b>HUB</b> Art Reception 5-7 pm	<b>13</b> <b>HUB</b> Open 9-noon; Sing Along 7-9 pm; <b>DCS</b> Holiday Concert 6-7 pm	<b>14</b> Monadnock Choir Concert P'bro Town Hall 4 pm; Hundred Nights Holiday Auction Keene 9 am
<b>15</b> Monadnock Choir 4 pm; <b>MVBC</b> Church Choir 5:30 pm	<b>16</b> <b>HUB</b> Coffee 9-noon, Open 12-5 pm; <b>TH BOS</b> 4 pm	<b>17</b> <b>DCC MRC</b> 7:30 am; <b>HUB</b> Community Lunch/Nurse is In 12-1 pm; <b>DPL</b> BookBuddies 3:45 pm; HillTop Group 6:45 pm	<b>18</b> <b>HUB</b> Coffee 9-noon; QiGong 12-1 pm; Open 1-4 pm; <b>DPL</b> StoryTime 9:30 am; <b>DCP&amp;CC</b> Family Night; <b>DCC</b> TwoHat Group 7 pm; <b>TH</b> Conservation Commission 7 pm	<b>19</b> <b>DPL</b> Recycle Meeting 6 pm	<b>20</b> <b>HUB</b> Open 9-noon	<b>21</b> <b>DCA</b> Christmas Vespers 11 am; MATS Candlelight Vigil 5 pm P'bro Town Hall
<b>22</b> <b>Hanukkah</b> begins at Sundown	<b>23</b> <b>Hanukkah</b> <b>HUB</b> Coffee 9-noon, Open 12-5 pm; <b>TH BOS</b> 4 pm	<b>24</b> <b>DCC MRC</b> 7:30 am; <b>DCC</b> Christmas Festival of Carols & Lights 7:30 pm; <b>MVBC</b> Candlelight Service 7 pm; <b>DPL</b> closed	<b>25</b> <b>Christmas Day</b> Transfer Station closed	<b>26</b> Transfer Station open; <b>TH ZBA</b> 7 pm	<b>27</b> <b>HUB</b> Open 9-noon; Open Mic 7-9:30 pm	<b>28</b> 
<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> <b>HUB</b> Coffee 9-noon, Open 12-5 pm; <b>TH BOS</b> 4 pm	<b>31</b> <b>New Year's Eve</b> ; Transfer Station closed, open Thursday	<b>1</b> <b>New Year's Day 2020</b>	<b>BOS</b> Board of Selectmen <b>DCC</b> Dublin Community Church <b>DCS</b> Dublin Consolidated School <b>DPL</b> Dublin Public Library <b>DS</b> Dublin School <b>DWC</b> Dublin Women's Club <b>HUB</b> Dublin Community Center <b>MRC</b> Monadnock Rotary Club <b>TH</b> Town Hall, Dublin <b>ZBA</b> Zoning Board of Adjustment		

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