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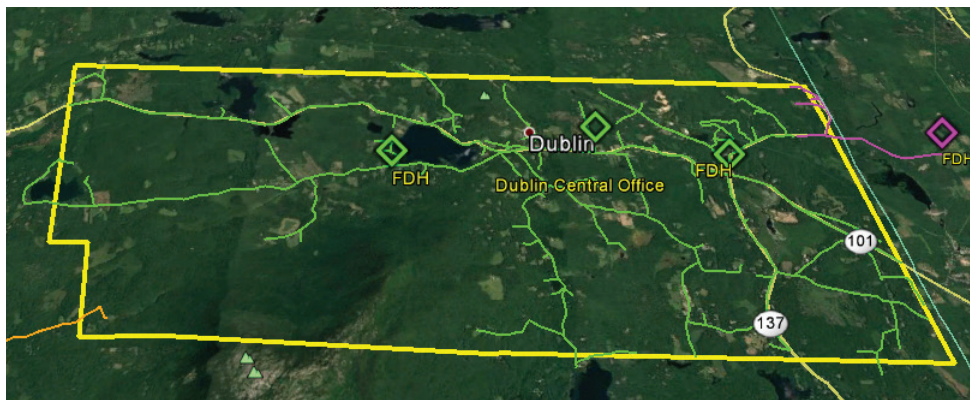
## Broadband Bond Requires a 2/3 Vote at Town Meeting

*The prospective funding model repays the bond with subscriber infrastructure fees, not property tax funds.*

BY CAROLE MONROE

The proposed fiber-to-the-premise (FTTP) broadband network to all Dublin premises is getting closer every day. The Broadband Committee, Select Board, and our telecommunications attorney are working on the Consolidated Communications Construction and Operating agreements. We are preparing the bond request for New Hampshire Bond Bank for \$1.35 million for our share of the construction costs, attorney fees, and project management costs. This is a public-private partnership with Consolidated Communications (CCI).

The aging copper plant in Dublin causes many of the issues with outages and inconsistent service. Optical fiber is a much more reliable infrastructure and is what Dublin needs today and into the future. Fiber is often said to be ‘future-proof.’ Internet traffic flows at the speed of light. The only limiting factor is the equipment in the home called an optical network terminal (ONT) or the equipment in the hub, optical line termination (OLT). Both can easily be replaced as the needs of the town change. At this time, both devices will be capable of a gigabit connection (1 GBPS = 1,000 Mbps). Dublin residents will have



This map from CCI shows the proposed fiber broadband network planned for Dublin. It is meant to show that all residents will be served — including those who currently served through Peterborough or Marlborough.

options from a 50 Mbps service to 1 Gbps service. I, personally, am looking forward to it; today I can receive 10 Mbps at my home and it is not enough to do my work.

In order to make this happen, Dublin needs your participation.

Dublin’s share of the cost is \$1.35 million and will be obtained by a municipal general obligation bond. The prospective funding model repays the bond with subscriber infrastructure fees, not property tax funds.

During the first few years where subscriber fees may not cover the payment, CCI will subsidize the difference. The CCI

share of this project is at least \$1.1 million, including the end-user installation costs.

A bond such as this requires a 2/3 vote at Town Meeting. Keep in mind that broadband infrastructure will make it possible for you to take advantage of telehealth options, educational services, small business applications, work from home options, and, of course, high definition streaming of your favorite entertainment (including the Red Sox!).

Please plan to attend Town Meeting and vote so that we can move forward.

CAROLE MONROE is on the Broadband Community Outreach, works for ValleyNet, and is a Dublin resident. The other Broadband Committee members appointed by the Select Board are Sturdy Thomas, Rebecca Landry, Walter Snitko, Peter DrakeUnderkoffler, Peter Imhoff, and Larry Rau.

### Please make time to attend these sessions on broadband:

**Wednesday, February 12:** Town Budget Hearing, Town Hall, 7:30 pm. The Bond will be discussed.

**Saturday, February 15:** Second Broadband Informational Meeting at the Dublin Community Center at 10 am to discuss the network and the costs. You can also see the equipment that will be placed on the pole and the home.

**Friday, February 28:** Third Broadband Informational Meeting at Dublin School, time and building to be announced.

**Tuesday, March 3:** Pre-Town Meeting, Town Hall, downstairs, 7 pm

**Saturday, March 14:** Town Meeting, Dublin Consolidated School, 9 am

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.

## Dublin Public Library

Don't have time to read a book? Dublin Public Library has a fix for you.

We have a short story collection. Check out an anthology such as *The Best American Short Stories, 2019*, edited by Anthony Doerr (author of *All the Light We Cannot See*) or *The Best American Mystery Stories, 2019*, edited by Jonathan Lethem (author of *The Feral Detective*). Also, a few authors have published collections of their own stories.

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If you prefer digital reads, download the Libby app, a collection of ebooks and audio books. Ask the library for access.

### LIBRARY PROGRAMS THIS MONTH

**Wednesday, February 5:** Louisa May Alcott/*Little Women* Tea, 6 pm

**Friday, February 14:** FDPL will hold a program in honor of Valentine's Day, 6 pm

**Thursday, February 20:** Tech Guru will share his tech knowledge, 6:30-7:30 pm

**Tuesday, February 25:** Dessert with Authors: meet with nationally recognized local authors, 6:30-7:30 pm

**Saturday, February 29:** Author Talk – Stacia Tolman: local author will discuss her new novel, *The Spaces Between Us*, 10:30-11:30 am.

We are pleased to announce that we have subscribed to Ancestry.com. Unlike EBSCOhost that can be accessed remotely – from home, school, or work, Ancestry must be used in the library. So do your own "Finding Your Roots." We'll assist, if you like.

Children in Dublin are a big part of library activities. Rebecca Oja will work her Story Time magic based on the following themes: "Love Your Pet," "Friendships," "Whales," and "Healthy Me." Those topics will be accompanied by books such as *McDuff Moves In* by Rosemary Wells and Susan Jeffers, *A Friend Like You* by Tanja Askani, *Ocean* by Britta Teckentrup, and *Glasses for D.W.* by Marc Brown.

We have a special event for the Book Buddies crowd. On Tuesday, February 18, children will get off the school bus and enter

DPL for Stories 'round the Campfire. We'll read or tell stories, sing camp songs, and have snack around the 'fire.'

Books, magazines, databases, movies on DVD, and friendly faces – come check us out.

### ATTENTION LOUISA MAY ALCOTT FANS!

Please come for a fun night in celebration of the 150th anniversary of *Little Women*, with all of Alcott's books on display. On Wednesday, February 5, at 6 pm, we revisit our favorite 19th century foursome, Meg, Jo, Beth and Amy. Bring a throw and curl up by the fire while you sip a warm beverage. Enjoy a treat prepared from *The Little Women Cookbook* and create a Marmee-inspired craft. Consider which sister your style resembles most.

## Valentine Stories at the Library

On Friday, February 14, at 6 pm, the Friends of the Dublin Public Library will celebrate Valentine's Day. All are invited to share stories of love and remembrance. Enjoy an evening with friends and neighbors, and learn more about the special ties that bind. We'll share our own experiences, family, friends, and pets, past and present.

## Veterans Seeking Veterans

Please reply ASAP.

A Veteran's Committee has been formed in Dublin. It is looking for the names of Veterans who served during the Korean Conflict (June 25, 1950 — January 31, 1955) and the Vietnam Conflict (December 22, 1961 — May 7, 1975).

The Veteran's home of record must have been Dublin, NH. If you, a friend, or relatives fall into this category, please contact Brian Barden (bardenbm@yahoo.com) or Wayne Thomas (wayne-anddeethomas@gmail.com) as soon as possible.

The Veterans Committee consists of veterans Brian Barden, Hank Campbell, Dale Gabel, and Wayne Thomas.



### CORRECTION

On page 1 in the January 2020 issue, it is the Isaac Appleton house that Caleb Niemela owns. Thanks to the Archives for pointing out the error.

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## Update from the Budget Committee

Budget preview is February 12 at 7:30 pm;  
vote at Town Meeting on March 14.

BY CHARLIE CHAMPAGNE

Your budget committee is hard at work attempting to finalize the town's 2020 operating budget and warrant article recommendations. At this point our review and voting is not complete but I can say with some certainty that we are expecting to present a larger than normal increase in the operating budget primarily due to increases in salaries, health insurance, library, highway-oiling projects, and ambulance costs.

The budget committee endorses the compensation plan for employees that was proposed by the Select Board. This plan incorporates a COLA component as well as

a longevity component and market adjustments to more appropriately place employees in line with 2019 salary survey benchmarks. We are attempting to recognize and reward the high-quality work our employees provide with a comprehensive salary program.

The rising cost of health insurance has been addressed by the Select Board with the inclusion of a new plan with higher deductibles and lower cost to the town and town employees. This plan was effective



1/1/2020 for all new employees, and any current employee grandfathered under the old plans has the opportunity to switch to the new offering.

Library restructuring has led to increased costs in 2020. The increase in ambulance service seems to be unavoidable at this point and, although alternative solutions were considered, none proved to be workable. Oiling projects in the highway department are up over last year to cover planned projects on Perry Pasture Road and Valley Road.

Our recommended budget for 2020 will be presented for a vote at Town Meeting on March 14. For those of you who would appreciate an earlier preview, we invite you attend our budget hearing on February 12, at 7:30 pm in the lower level of Town Hall. Both of these presentations provide for the public to participate and ask any questions they may have.

CHARLIE CHAMPAGNE is Chair of the Budget Committee. Other members include Nancy Campbell, Co-Secretary; Judy Knapp, Co-Secretary; William Gurney, Susanne Vogel, Steve Baldwin; and Dale Gabel, Select Board Representative.

### Important Town Dates

- Tuesday, February 4:** Last Day to submit Warrant articles
- Wednesday, February 12:** Budget Hearing in Town Hall 7:30 pm
- Tuesday, March 3:** Annual Pre-Town Meeting in Town Hall, 7 pm
- Tuesday, March 10:** Warrant & School District Voting in Town Hall, 8 am-7 pm
- Saturday, March 14:** Town Meeting at DCS, 9 am (park at Yankee, take shuttle bus)

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Saturday, Feb 1st at 7:30 pm.

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- Online at [pfmsconcerts.org](http://pfmsconcerts.org)
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## Winter Storms and Voting in Elections

BY JEANNINE DUNNE

New Hampshire has introduced new election laws in an attempt to provide a solution for people who may have a hard time voting in person when a winter storm is expected.

On the Monday immediately prior to the election you may vote by absentee ballot:

- If you cannot appear at your polling place on election day because the National Weather Service has issued a winter storm warning, blizzard warning, or ice-storm warning for the election day applicable to your city, town, or unincorporated place and either:

- ▶ You are elderly or infirm or have a physical disability, and would otherwise vote in person but have concerns for your safety traveling in the storm.
- ▶ You anticipate that school, child care, or adult care will be cancelled, and would otherwise vote in person but will need to care for others.

State law says that any person who votes or attempts to vote using an absentee ballot

who is not entitled to vote by absentee ballot shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

Absentee ballots for the Presidential Primary taking place on February 11, 2020, are available now and must be returned by Election Day. If you have any questions about elections in Dublin, please call the Town Clerk's office at 563-8859.

JEANNINE R. Dunne (townclerk@townofdublin.org) is Certified Tax Collector and Certified Town Clerk. She can be reached at PO Box 62, Dublin, NH 03444; fax is 603-563-9221.

## Register to Vote

BY JUDY KNAPP

The Presidential Primary will be held on Tuesday, February 11, at the Town Hall from 8 am to 7 pm. In order to vote, you must be a registered voter. If you are not sure if you are registered, checklists are posted at the Town Hall and the Post Office. The checklist will also show whether you are registered as a Democrat, Republican or Undeclared (Independent).

To be eligible to register on election day you must be: 18 years or older, a United States citizen, and domiciled in Dublin. 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 designate your party of choice. You can register either as a Democrat, Republican or Undeclared.

If you are registered as either a Republican or Democrat, 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 either Democrat or Republican. Your party affiliation will be changed to that party until you choose to return to Undeclared.

If you are an Undeclared voter, you can return to that status after you cast your vote. There will be a book listing all Undeclared voters next to the registration table in the Town Hall. 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.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 563-8176.

JUDY KNAPP is Supervisor of the Checklist.

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# ConVal School District: The '20-'21 Budget

The expanded article with live links can be read at: [dublinadvocate.com/2020/01/conval-district-budget/](http://dublinadvocate.com/2020/01/conval-district-budget/)

BY ALAN EDELKIND

The School District Budget is finalized and — along with warrant articles — voted upon by the School Board. There is so much information about the budget, in different levels of detail, that it is impossible to put it all in one article. This article will summarize high-level areas of the budget, give information as to meetings that will be held to discuss the budget, show the dates to vote on the budget, and most importantly, provide you with a way to access the links on the ConVal website where complete information is available. (Those links will be posted on the *Dublin Advocate* website by March 1; see below.)

By law, there are two important days for the voting public pertaining to the ConVal School District:

**1. The Deliberative Session.** This meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 4, at 6 pm, in the ConVal High School Gymnasium. (Snow date: Thursday, February 6, also at 6 pm). The proposed budget and other warrant articles that will be on the March ballot are presented and the public is provided an opportunity to comment, ask questions, and propose amendments to any warrant article, whether it was initiated by the Board or by registered voters in the district.

**2. Voting.** Voting for Dublin residents on the School District Budget will be on Tuesday, March 10, at the Dublin Town Hall from 8 am through 7 pm. The proposed (as amended) budget is always one of the

warrant articles on the ballot. Other typical warrant articles may include proposed contracts (e.g., teachers), allocations to the district trust funds, School Board stipends, etc. There may be one or more voter-initiated warrant articles as well. This year we will be also voting for Dublin's School Board Representative (a two-year term).

**Important information on the warrant.**

The first warrant article is the proposed budget (\$50,565,102.85) and does not include the other warrant articles that will be voted on. What this means is that the proposed budget plus affirmative voted-on special warrant articles and other appropriations will be the TOTAL budget.

**SOME DATA POINTS ABOUT THE SCHOOL BUDGET:**

- 2020-2021 Gross Budget, 1.87% increase of \$927,909.85 to \$50,565,102.85. Gross budget includes all expenditures.
- 2020-2021 District Assessment 5.11% increase of \$1,692,302.31 to \$34,825,262.56. This is the figure that is used as the basis for calculating the local education tax on the tax bill developed through the funding formula.
- Revenue decreases are -4.63% of -\$764,392.96 to \$15,739,840.29.

**Categories of expenses:** There are many expense categories that comprise the budget that won't fit in this article. Since the details are on the ConVal website, I have compiled them in an easy-to-access page that the *Dublin Advocate* has been kind

enough to post as a source of these links, and from there you can link to whichever article you want to pursue further. This will make it easier to get to the actual article you want to review without having to navigate an entire general-use site. Thank you, *Dublin Advocate*.

We are trying to give you as much information as possible in the detail you need to make an informed decision. If there are questions you would like me to answer directly, please email me at [aedelkind@conval.edu](mailto:aedelkind@conval.edu).

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

## DWC Holds Annual Pre-Town Meeting 2020

The Dublin Women's Club will hold its Annual Pre-Town Meeting Forum on Tuesday, March 3, at 7 pm for refreshments; the meeting begins at 7:30 pm (snow date: March 4).

All interested citizens are invited to attend in the downstairs meeting room of the Town Hall. Selectmen, Budget Committee representatives, and department heads will be available to answer questions on the 2020 warrant and budget. A brief Women's Club meeting will also be held.

Each year this event provides a valuable opportunity for townspeople to become acquainted with the issues before Town Meeting on March 14. We hope you will attend this meeting.



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## Kelly Blanchette Feels Good about Giving

BY JULIE RIZZO

Longtime Dublin resident Kelly Blanchette cares deeply about the well-being of people in the Monadnock Region, and uses her energy and organization skills to rally support among her fellow employees for the Monadnock United Way.

Since 2014, she has been the point person for the United Way Campaign at Filtrine Manufacturing in Keene, and she has been active in training others to lead successful campaigns as well. In 2019, Blanchette led an effort that raised more than \$27,000 and earned Filtrine an Enterprise Award for a campaign “with an exceptional level of creativity and enthusiasm.”

“I work with a great team,” said Blanchette. “Peter Hansel, the president of the company, wants us to do as much as we can, and the company matches every dollar the employees give.”

Blanchette was a ‘loaned employee’ to



the MUW – which means Filtrine donated the time she spent on the campaign, on training, and on visiting the organizations the United Way supports so she can talk about their needs.

“I want to make a difference, and I wish I could give more myself. I’m not shy about asking other people to pitch in, whether it’s to donate money or something we can use in a raffle.”

Blanchette lived in Dublin as a child, then moved to Florida with her mother but continued to spend summers here. She

returned to Dublin after she graduated from high school, drawn back by the lake, the mountain, and the beauty of the area. She met her husband Steve, now the owner of Straight Edge Siding and Painting and Steve’s Sport Shop on Monument Road.

Over the years, Kelly has been active in the schools and on the town Recreation Committee, where she honed her fundraising skills supporting Dublin Days.

Blanchette wants the people of Dublin to know they can find out more about the Monadnock United Way and how to help by visiting [www.muw.org/volunteer](http://www.muw.org/volunteer). “If you can spend a couple of hours volunteering at a phonathon or a couple of weeks working on a campaign, it just makes you feel good.”

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

### Public Service Announcements

As is customary in publishing, the *Advocate* prints public service announcements (PSAs) from relevant nonprofits or cultural / regional opportunities as space permits. Were it not so, the issue would end up with a page or two full of nothing but ads.

Over the last decade, such PSAs have included Hospice & HCS, the River Center, Cornucopia, CASA, JCC, MUW, Hundred Nights, MATS, CVTC, The Peterborough Players, and more.

Space is allocated as pages permit, once the editorial quotient has been filled, and no preference is given one to another. Please direct your questions to [DublinAdvocate@gmail.com](mailto:DublinAdvocate@gmail.com). Thank you.

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## News from DCS

BY NICOLE PEASE

January brought not only the annual winter thaw, but also the Star Lab from the Vermont Institute of Natural Science (VINS) to our school. This mobile planetarium allowed our students to take a guided tour of the night sky right in our own gym. This wonderful experience deepened our students' understanding of the world around them.

January brings the start of our Winter Fun Days. The DCS PTO plans and coordinates the Ski/Snowboard Program at Crotched Mountain Ski & Ride area. Thanks in large part to Corey Boyd and Karen Niemela for all their efforts to make this happen. We are also thankful to the many parent volunteers that support this program. About half of our students attend this program, and the rest of the students enjoy some extra recess and other activities. We hope to have the snow to take our students out for a snowshoe trek!

Please be aware that the School District Deliberative Session will be held Tuesday, February 4, at 6 pm at the ConVal Gym. There are many aspects of the budget about which you should be informed and this is one of the opportunities to gain a deeper understanding of the budget.

This month DCS will be focusing on our motto of "DCS Cares" by seeing how many different ways we can show caring and kindness to each other. Later in the month we will be traveling to ConVal High School to tour the Applied Technology Center (ATC). This is a wonderful opportunity to learn about the programs that happen at the



high school. February closes out with the winter break to rest and rejuvenate for the months ahead before spring comes.

Kindergarteners are wanted! If you know of a Dublin child who will be 5 years old before August 25, please have their parents contact our school by calling 563-8332.

NICOLE PEASE is the Teaching Principal at Dublin Consolidated School.

## DCS PTO

BY COREY BOYD

As a PTO continue to encourage your involvement at DCS and beyond at the School Board level. With the help of our new School Board Representative, we were able to secure 5th grade at DCS for the next six years! This is huge for our school as it allows our students to stay local for an extra year while benefiting the school community by increasing population and diversity. We would like to remind everyone that ConVal families, regardless of resident town, are allowed to petition for school choice anywhere throughout the district (parents are responsible for transportation). Please encourage families to visit our small schools around the district and consider where their child would be best served.

COREY BOYD is communications coordinator for the DCS PTO. Other members are Serena Berube, president; Erin Nolan, VP; Lisa Budzik, secretary; and Karen Niemela, treasurer.

## DCA Student Wins First Place

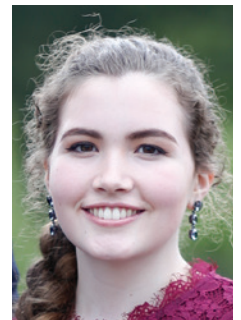
BY BETHANY PAQUIN

Dublin Christian Academy's student Olivia Rogers, a senior from Northfield, MA, won first place in original oratory for her speech on legalization of marijuana in a national competition of Christian high school students in Greenville, SC, in November.

Rogers delivered the award-winning speech at Bob Jones University's 47th annual High School Festival, a four-day event featuring competitions in music, art, preaching, teaching, and speech and drama. In her address, Rogers argued against legalization of marijuana for recreational purposes but argued for protecting medicinal use of the drug. She took first place, advancing against 10 other high school students who also researched, wrote, and delivered their own speeches.

After Rogers graduates from DCA in May, she will continue her education at Keene State College, where she will pursue a degree in education.

BETHANY PAQUIN is Development Assistant at DCA (dublinchristian.org).



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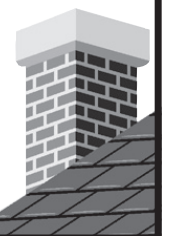
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## February Events at the DubHub

### Knit Over Coffee

Starting on Friday, February 7, from 9 to noon, the DubHub will offer “Knit with Nancy.” You can also bring your favorite craft. Coffee will be on. Nancy Cayford is an expert knitter and loves to share her craft.

### Dublin Photo Winners

Blue ribbon winners for the first Dublin Smartphone Photo contest were Carla DrakeUnderkoffler, Stephanie Park, and Bill Gurney. A red ribbon was awarded to Augusta Petrone. The winners received gift certificates from Dublin General Store, DelRossi’s Trattoria, and Peterborough Camera.

Honorable Mentions were given to Bruce Simpson, Carla DrakeUnderkoffler, Margaret Blackburn, Margaret Gurney, Ramona Branch, Rosemary Moran Weidner, Stephanie Park, and Stephanie Young.

Our judges were Susan Bird, Brie Morrissey, and Anya Thomas. Plans are under way to host the contest again next year. Stay tuned.

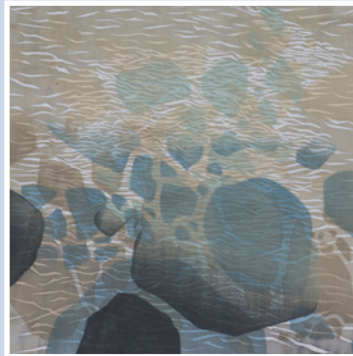
### Song Circle

The Song Circle, an informal gathering of musicians, singers, and listeners

### Art Opening & Reception

In February, the Dublin Community Center presents “Nature and Inspiration: the art of Jessie Pollock and Erika Radich.” Both artists take inspiration from events in the natural world and this exhibition showcases the various mediums and techniques they use to express their themes.

The opening reception will be on Friday, February 7, from 5 to 7 pm. Refreshments will be served.



Jessie Pollock works in encaustics, which she describes as the oldest form of painting, used by the ancient Egyptians to paint images on their sarcophagi.

Erika Radich says of her relief woodcut patterns are incised onto a wood plate and printed as relief images, with several incised plates printed over each other, each one unique.

“Force of Nature” by Erika Radich

enjoying a variety of folk, pop, blues, and Americana, will meet on Friday, February 7, at 7:30 pm. Songwriters are welcome. For information, email Bruce\_Simpson@msn.com. Admission is free, donations are welcome. BYOB and snacks.



An encaustic by Jessie Pollock

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**Dance Fitness**

Dance Fitness with Deb Giaimo meets on Mondays from 5:30 to 6:30 pm through February 24. DFWD is a moderate-intensity, low-impact aerobic dance workout done to popular songs. For information, call Deb at 563-8648 or email fredebg@myfairpoint.net.

**Qigong**

Qigong classes are held on Wednesdays, from noon to 1 pm. Please contact Ginnette Groome at ammatwirl@aol.com or call 313-9828 with questions.

**Code Club Continues**

Code Club continues its Winter Session on Thursdays, meeting weekly through February 20, from 3:30 to 4:30 pm. The club is open to any Dublin students, grades 2 through 8, as long as they can read. Interested people may email dubhubcodeclub@gmail.com with questions.

**Moby Dick Game**

Come explore the high seas in demo games of Moby Dick at Game Night on Monday, February 10, at 7 pm. This one-of-a-kind two- to four-player card-and-dice game – adapted from the classic novel by ConVal '01 grad Joel Clark – was

The DubHub is open for Coffee & Conversation on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 9 am to noon. On Mondays the DubHub remains open until 5 pm — except on President's Day, February 17, when it will close at noon. On Wednesdays, the Hub is closed from noon to 1, but then is open again from 1 to 4 pm.

a popular item at the Small Treasures Art Event. Refreshments will be served.

**Broadband Information Meeting**

A Broadband Information Meeting will be presented by the Broadband Committee on Saturday, February 15, starting at 10 am. Carole Monroe and Sturdy Thomas will conduct the meeting so people can learn why broadband is important to our town, ask questions, and make an informed decision at Town Meeting on March 14.

**Community Lunch/  
The Nurse Is In**

Join us for a delicious home-cooked meal on Tuesday, February 18, of baked beans (with or without franks), coleslaw, steamed brown bread, sweets, and drinks. Lunch is served from noon to 1 pm. A \$3 donation is welcome.

During the 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 health concerns. Free, no appointment necessary.

**Forum: History of DHS & Centennial Plans**

The past and future of the Dublin Historical Society, which is celebrating its Centennial in 2020, will be presented on Saturday, February 22, from 4:30 to 5:30 pm. The history of the Society, the formation of the Archive building, the current collection, the Schoolhouse Museum, and the plans for the Centennial Celebration will all be covered.

**Open Stage on Fourth Friday**

Open Stage, hosted every month by Volkert Volkersz, will be on Friday, February 28, starting at 7 pm. Doors open at 6:30. This is an acoustic open mic. Performers should come prepared to do three songs or 15-minute sets. Bring a snack to share and BYOB. Coffee and tea will be available. A \$5 donation is welcome. Sign up at the door or in advance by email at info@dublincommunitycenter.org.

**Dublin Community Center Board Grows**

The DubHub Board grew by two members recently. The board now consists of June Brening; Phil Cayford, Treasurer; May Clark, Vice President; new member Denise Frankoff; Jim Guy; Deb Jameson; Balmeet Kaur Khalsa; Mary Loftis, Secretary; new member Frank Rizzo; Susan Stover, President; Heidi Thomas; and Tom Warren. Feel free to contact any of them with your questions or suggestions for the DubHub.

**Help in the Statewide Winter Bird Survey**

Help NH Audubon track our bird populations by taking part in the annual Backyard Winter Bird Survey on Saturday, February 8, and Sunday, February 9. Biologists need assistance from citizens all over the Granite State to get a clear picture of what is happening with our winter birds. For details, call NH Audubon at 224-9909 or go to www.nh Audubon.org and click on Birding.



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## Makerspace Offerings

Peterborough's Monadnock Art X Tech, aka Makerspace, a 501(c)3 non-profit organization, is offering an eight-week program, starting February 16, on traditional boat making and woodworking skills taught by Mill Hollow Works' instructor Wade Smith. A beginner's overview will include the effects of shape and construction on the building process and the performance of a boat powered by paddle,

oar, sail, or motor. We will decide what we want our class boat to do best, we will design it with a scale model, then build a simple full-size small boat to our design — using materials available from any local home improvement store or lumberyard.

In a second February offering, Dublin resident and master Japanese-style woodworker Paul Tuller will teach the Japanese Workbench on February 22 and 29. This introductory class is on the use of Japanese hand tools and joinery techniques. Students

will work on traditional sawhorses used to create two Japanese workbenches, one that will be used in the MAXT Makerspace shop, and a second that will be raffled off to a class participant. Students will learn use of Japanese saws, chisels, and planes, all supplied by the instructor, and how to use these hand tools to create mortise and tenon joints.

The Makerspace ([monadnockartxtech.org](http://monadnockartxtech.org)) is located at 49 Vose Farm Rd., Peterborough, NH 03458.

Photo courtesy MAXT Makerspace



## Cross-Country Ski on Old Troy Road

On Saturday, February 8, join Tom Warren for a 2-mile cross-country skiing excursion on scenic Old Troy Road and the Brook Trail. Meet at 10 am at the "Road Closed" sign on Old Troy Road in Dublin, coming from the direction of the Dublin Lake Club Golf Course. Back by 1 pm. RSVP to Tom Warren at 563-7190 or email [ttassociates@myfairpoint.net](mailto:ttassociates@myfairpoint.net).

This event is sponsored by the Harris Center for Conservation Education ([harriscenter.org](http://harriscenter.org)), which is dedicated to promoting understanding and respect for our natural environment.

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## A Tip from the Dublin Conservation Commission

BY JAY SCHECHTER

One of the goals of the Dublin Conservation Commission is to bring to the attention of our residents opportunities to improve and / or conserve their properties.

The Cheshire County Conservation District is offering the Conservation Opportunity fund. The mission of this fund is to provide funding for owners of small tracts

of land who are interested in improving the wildlife habitat on their property. This program is an annual opportunity to support environmental stewardship and the ecological integrity of Cheshire County, NH.

Proposals are requested from landowners of small tracts, less than 25 acres, who seek funding to make meaningful long-term impact on wildlife habitat and

biodiversity. This can include individuals, businesses, farmers, and/or forestland owners. All applications are due to the CCCD by March 1, 2020.

Further information can be obtained by visiting [www.cheshireconservation.org/conservation-opportunity-fund](http://www.cheshireconservation.org/conservation-opportunity-fund). You can also contact Amanda Littleton at 603-756-2988 ext. 4 or email her at [amanda@cheshireconservation.org](mailto:amanda@cheshireconservation.org).

JAY SCHECHTER is Vice-Chair of the Dublin Conservation Commission. John Morris is Chair, other members are Rusty Bastedo, Sue Bird, Peter DrakeUnderkoffler, Katie Featherston, Thomas Hulslander; Miriam Carter and Wendy White are Alternates; and Chris Raymond is from the Select Board.

## 2020 Census

Here's what to expect.

BY RAMONA BRANCH



Every 10 years the federal government conducts a census of people living in the United States. The 2020 Census in New Hampshire will formally begin March 12. It is expected that most residents will fill out their census forms online depending on their access to the Internet

Here's what you can expect in our town: In mid-March postcards including a link will be mailed to residents inviting them to fill out census form online. If there is no response, a reminder card will be sent a few days later.

Beginning in April, persons with less access to broadband will be mailed a paper census form. Persons who have not responded online will also be mailed a paper census. An 800 telephone number will be printed on the census form if a resident needs to complete their census form by telephone. In mid-May, addresses that have not responded will be contacted in person by a census taker.

All information shared with the U.S. Census Bureau is completely confidential and is not shared with any other U.S. agency. (Note: Information obtained through the Office of Strategic Initiative, NH State Data Center.)


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

## Positions at U.S. Census

BY SALLY E. KELLY

People can apply for a position with the U.S. Census at [2020census.gov/jobs](http://2020census.gov/jobs). We are offering \$20/hour and 0.58 cent a mile. Also, anyone who receives benefits from the state of NH may work for the U.S. Census and not lose their benefits.

SALLY E. Kelly is Clerk, Concord, NH, Field Division of the U.S. Census Bureau. She can be emailed at [Sally.E.Kelly@2020Census.gov](mailto:Sally.E.Kelly@2020Census.gov) or call 603-369-5605.



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## Rotary Club News

BY PEGG MONAHAN

Monadnock Rotary Club inducted its newest member, Dr. Tammy Long, an educational consultant, former elementary principal and teacher, and member of the Long family who own and restored Aldworth Manor in Harrisville. Her induction was on **January 6** at the annual Rotary party held at the Manor.

On **January 14** Balmeet Kaur Khalsa spoke to the club about a community project (to be announced soon) asking for our volunteer help.

On **January 21**, Steve Jackson spoke on the Park Theatre in Jaffrey.

On **January 28**, Nora Fiffer presented about the Firelight Theatre in Peterborough.

**February 4** meeting is a club assembly to discuss future plans; **February 11** Jim Rousmaniere will talk about his new book, *Water Connections, What Fresh Water means to us and what we mean to the water.*

On **February 18**, John Hoffman will talk about his experience freeing the Iran hostages in the 1970s and to reflect on Iran today.



Roger and Tammy Long with Pegg Monahan

The Monadnock Rotary Club meets on Tuesday mornings, at 7:30 downstairs at the Dublin Community Church meeting room. All are welcome to inquire.

PEGG MONAHAN is 2019-2020 President of Monadnock Rotary Club (monadnockrotary.org). Contact Pegg Monahan, at 827-3139, or email pegg@accelara.com.

## The Secret Garden at Dublin School

Dublin School will present the Tony Award-winning Broadway musical *The Secret Garden* from Thursday through Saturday, February 20-22 at 7 pm, and a matinee on Sunday, February 23 at 2 pm. All performances will be in the Fountain Arts Theater on the Dublin School campus.

Tickets are free, donations are welcome, reservations suggested, seating is limited. Call 563-1285 or email [dstone@dublinschool.org](mailto:dstone@dublinschool.org).

*The Secret Garden*, a children's book written in 1911 by Frances Hodgson Burnett, blossoms anew in this enchanting musical by Pulitzer Prize-winner Marsha Norman and Lucy Simon. When young Mary Lennox loses her parents to a cholera outbreak in India, she is sent to live with her uncle, hermit Archibald Craven, who lives in an imposing, secluded manor on the Yorkshire heath. Here Mary discovers her Aunt Lily's hidden garden, and determines to revive its beauty. Surrounded by spirits from the past, who both warn and welcome her, and with the guidance and companionship of some of the servants who live on the estate, Mary begins to peel away the layers of sadness that cover the house and the garden, showing us the healing power of nature and friendship.

The production is led by Dublin faculty, director Jenny Foreman, musical director Patrick Marr, and stage manager Sophie Luxmoore. The cast of 25 includes six Dublin students: Rae Harrison '23, Daisy Ober '23, Nora Rogers '21, Otto Vogel '20, Erin Meiklejohn '21, and Thomas Meiklejohn '20. Many other acting students from beyond Dublin will also be participating. The cast will be joined onstage with live music by accomplished local musicians and a Dublin School student.

For more information, please visit [www.dublinschool.org](http://www.dublinschool.org).





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# DHS Turns 100, Share Your Story at the Celebration

BY VAL MULVERHILL

The Dublin Historical Society is marking its 100th anniversary this year! Although the August celebration event is still a ways off, the Society is beginning to collect submissions for its Centennial exhibition called “My Dublin Story,” which will be displayed in the Schoolhouse Museum.

## Dave Walker Hot Rods!



Dave has already recorded his story.

We invite all to share a story about their relationship to the Town of Dublin. Whether you are new to town or 5th generation, young or old, a resident of Dublin

or not, we welcome your story. It can be anything that you'd like to share — including memories about a town event, a special place or person, or perhaps a bit about your experience here in Dublin.

Stories must be under 125 words, include a photograph, and be submitted to val@dublinhistory.org. Photographs can be emailed (1024 x 768 pixels minimum) or brought to the Archives for scanning.

If you would like to participate, but are not quite sure where to begin, please contact us at 563-8545 and we will arrange for a volunteer to assist you.

Or, join us for our annual potluck supper on Friday, March 20, at 6 pm downstairs at the Dublin Community Church. After enjoying the potluck dishes, we will have a presentation at 7 pm by Jenna Carroll, Director of Education at the Cheshire Historical Society. She will lead the group in a storytelling activity.

This event is open to all!

VALERIE MULVERHILL is the Dublin Historical Society's administrator.

## A Gift to the Library

The Dublin-based nonprofit, Friends of the Oglala Lakota, has given new American Indian books to the Dublin Public Library. Founder and president of the organization, Nancy Cayford, is also a trustee of the Library. She noticed that the American Indian collection needed more books, especially non-fiction and history of the many tribes of our country.

Although the library already has a good selection of American Indian novels such as *There, There* by Tommy Orange, and *Round House* by Louise Erdrich, now the Library will have the beginnings of an informative collection. If you want to read about the Mound Builders of Mississippi, or Captives of New England, those books are now available in the Dublin Library. The gift includes books about Indians for children as well.

After 27 years of service to the Lakota people, the Friends of the Oglala Lakota will be dissolving its nonprofit over the next two years. The board extends thanks to the many Monadnock area residents who have lent their support in the past.



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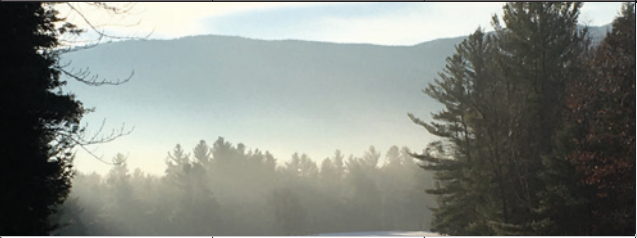
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## FEBRUARY 2020 Dublin Town Events

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
<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				
<b>2</b> <b>DCC</b> Snow date Benefit Concert 7-9:30 pm	<b>3</b> <b>HUB</b> Coffee 9-Noon; Open-5 pm; Dance w/ Deb 5:30 pm-6:30 pm; <b>TH BOS</b> 4 pm	<b>4</b> <b>DCC MRC</b> 7:30 am; <b>DPL</b> Book Buddies 3:30 pm; <b>TH</b> Last day to submit Warrant articles; ConVal Gym School District Deliberative Session 6 pm (snow date Feb. 6)	<b>5</b> <b>HUB</b> Coffee 9-Noon; Qigong 12-1 pm; Open 1-4 pm; <b>DPL</b> StoryTime 9:30 am; Louisa May Alcott/Little Women Tea, 6 pm; <b>DCC</b> Two Hat Group 7 pm	<b>6</b> <b>HUB</b> Code Club 3:30-4:30 pm	<b>7</b> <b>HUB</b> Coffee 9-Noon; Art Reception 5-7 pm; Song Circle 7:30-9:30 pm	<b>1</b>	
<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> <b>HUB</b> Coffee 9-Noon; Open 12-5 pm; Dance w/ Deb 5:30 pm-6:30 pm; Moby Dick Game Night 7-8 pm; <b>TH BOS</b> 4 pm	<b>11</b> <b>TH VOTE:</b> NH Presidential Primary Election 8 am-7 pm; <b>DCC MRC</b> 7:30 am; <b>DPL</b> Book Buddies 3:30 pm	<b>12</b> <b>HUB</b> Coffee 9-Noon; Qigong 12-1 pm; Open 1-4 pm; <b>DPL</b> StoryTime 9:30 am; DCC TwoHat Group 7 pm; <b>TH</b> Budget Hearing 7:30 pm	<b>13</b> <b>HUB</b> Code Club 3:30-4:30 pm; <b>DPL</b> GOP 6-8 pm	<b>14</b> <b>HUB</b> Coffee 9-Noon; <b>DPL</b> FDPL Valentine's Day Open Mic 6-7:30 pm	<b>15</b> <b>HUB</b> Second Broadband Informational Meeting 10-noon	
<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> <b>Presidents Day</b> <b>HUB</b> Coffee 9-Noon; closes at noon; Dance w/Deb 5:30 pm-6:30 pm; <b>TH BOS</b> 4 pm; <b>DPL</b> closed	<b>18</b> <b>DCC MRC</b> 7:30 am; <b>HUB</b> Community Lunch/Nurse Is In 12-1 pm; <b>DPL</b> Book Buddies "Campfire" 3:30 pm	<b>19</b> <b>HUB</b> Coffee 9-Noon; Qigong 12-1 pm; Open 1-4 pm; <b>DPL</b> StoryTime 9:30 am; <b>TH</b> Conservation Commission 7 pm; <b>DCC</b> TwoHat Group 7 pm	<b>20</b> <b>HUB</b> Code Club 3:30-4:30 pm; <b>DPL</b> Tech Guru 6:30-7:30 pm; <b>DS</b> Secret Garden performance 7 pm	<b>21</b> <b>HUB</b> Coffee 9-Noon; <b>DS</b> Secret Garden performance 7 pm	<b>22</b> <b>HUB</b> Forum 4:30-5:30 pm; <b>DS</b> Secret Garden performance 7 pm	
<b>23</b> <b>DS</b> Secret Garden performance 2 pm	<b>24</b> <b>HUB</b> Coffee 9-Noon; Open 12-5 pm; Dance w/ Deb 5:30 pm-6:30 pm; <b>TH BOS</b> 4 pm	<b>25</b> <b>DCC MRC</b> 7:30 am; <b>DPL</b> Dessert with Local Authors 6:30-7:30 pm	<b>26</b> <b>HUB</b> Coffee 9-noon; Qigong 12-1 pm; Open 1-4 pm; <b>DCC</b> TwoHat Group 7 pm	<b>27</b> <b>HUB</b> Code Club 3:30-4:30 pm; <b>TH ZBA</b> 7 pm	<b>28</b> <b>HUB</b> Coffee 9-Noon; Open Stage 7-9:30 pm; <b>DS</b> Third Broadband Informational Meeting (TBA)	<b>29</b> <b>DPL</b> Author Talk: Stacia Tolman 10:30-11:30 am	

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