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Time to Vote – March 10 and 14

PRE-TOWN MEETING on Tuesday, March 3, Town Hall Lower Level
Refreshments 6:30 pm;
Warrant article review 7 pm

TOWN ELECTION on Tuesday, March 10
Dubliners will elect town officers, vote on the ConVal School District Warrant, and vote on three warrant articles brought forth by the Planning Board.

TOWN MEETING on Saturday, March 14
Voters will consider warrant articles 5-19. (Warrant articles are on pages 3 and 4).

March is local election month. These Dublin residents are candidates for town office:

Select Board (1 position)

Frank Rizzo – My wife, Julie, and I moved to Dublin in 2017. We have found the town to be both beautiful and welcoming and are grateful to have joined this community. I have served as a trustee at the Dublin Community Church for five years and, as chair, have guided the trustees through a \$200K+ preservation project. I have recently completed two terms as a board member for the Dublin



Community Center, serving as vice president, while active on the Finance and Music Committees. I'm a regular at the monthly Open Mic and Coffee House, running sound and playing keyboard.

Now retired, I worked with early-stage and high-growth technology ventures for 40 years, and I founded, grew, and ultimately sold a company in the workflow management space. I have a master's degree in organizational and environmental sustainability.

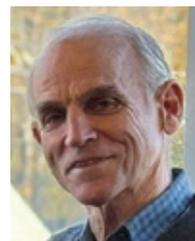
My goals in running for Select Board are to preserve and sustain Dublin's broad sense of community and to support our public schools, while mitigating the rising tax burden on long-term residents and making it possible for younger families to afford to live here. I believe we can do all these things with creative vision, a pragmatic spirit of compromise, and an entrepreneurial mindset.

Moderator (1 position)

Sterling Abram – I am running for reelection to the position of town moderator. I have served for over four years in this position, first appointed and then elected.

The moderator is responsible for the conduct of the annual Town Meeting as well as for federal, state, and local elections that take place in Dublin. I have studiously

applied myself to understanding and adhering to election laws, including the many changes that have lately been adopted. This responsibility has become weightier due to the increased challenges nationwide to our voting systems.



I am committed to the rule of law and democratic governance as demonstrated in our voting process, which includes official balloting for our elected positions, zoning laws, and school operations, as well as in our business sessions at Town Meeting, which determine how much money to raise for our town.

We are fortunate in Dublin to have governance, boards, and committees that take their responsibilities seriously and prepare well for each election. Please support the operation of our town by voting.

Town Clerk/Tax Collector (1 position)

Sarah Wilcox – I am the current town clerk/tax collector in Dublin. I have been serving in that elected position for one year. Prior to that, I served as deputy town clerk/tax collector and interim town clerk/tax collector for a



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little over a year. I would love to continue serving the town in this way. I have greatly appreciated the job and the opportunity to get to know the people in our community. It is a privilege to help where I can.

Library Trustees (2 positions)

Linda Abram – Three years ago, after testing the waters as an alternate, I decided to run for the office of trustee of the Dublin Public Library. It was a good choice for me. My family has been well-served by this welcoming and beautiful library over the past 46 years that we have called Dublin our home.



I have enjoyed the last four years of giving back to this town treasure. I count it a privilege to serve the town and work alongside some great people who are dedicated to making our library a vibrant and extraordinary resource for our community.

Wallace (Waddy) Rowe – I have been a Dublin resident with my wife, Melissa, for 16 years. After 39 years of teaching in Connecticut, I retired to Dublin and wanted to become more involved in the town. As an English teacher, I understand the importance of the role of a library within a community. I have been an alternate trustee for more than a year, and I have seen firsthand the ways in which the Dublin library is involved in the community that extend well beyond books. There are many positive programs that have been developed and many resources as well. I want to be part of that impact moving forward.



Budget Committee (2 positions)

Nancy Campbell – No statement submitted.



Julie Venne (*write-in candidate*) – I am asking for your write-in vote for the Budget Committee. I am deeply invested in our community's future and believe in a budget that

provides excellent services while maintaining a reasonable tax rate. With my background in mathematics and statistics, I will focus on long-term sustainability, ensuring our town departments have the equipment and staffing needed to keep Dublin safe and vibrant. I promise to be an independent voice, an active listener, and to always put the community's best interests first. I am your neighbor, and I want to ensure our town operates with transparency and accountability. I'm committed to securing the resources that preserve Dublin's small-town charm, and I hope you are too.

Cemetery Trustee (1 position)

Blake Anderson – I am a current trustee. I am running again because I think everyone living in a small town looks for a way to contribute; this is my way. The Dublin Cemetery is an important community asset. It is a place of quiet reverence, beauty, history, honor, and memory. I'd like to help preserve this.



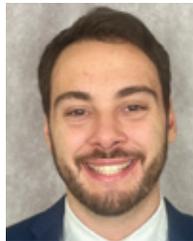
Planning Board (2 positions)

Caleb Niemela – No statement submitted.

Nicholas Patrick (*write-in candidate*) – I have lived in Dublin for over a decade. I graduated from ConVal High School and worked for various local businesses.

I understand the essential role that the Planning Board has in shaping the future of our community. I want to use my education and experience to promote policies that allow for whatever the future may hold for our town's development, while respecting our community's wishes.

My background gives me perspective to ensure the policies we decide on are efficient and effective. I have both my B.A. and M.A. in political science from the University of New Hampshire, with a research concentration in housing policy. I have done state-level legislation and community advocacy work with New Hampshire Youth Movement to tackle issues such as pharmacy accessibility and affordable housing. I also have experience working with constituents, communities,

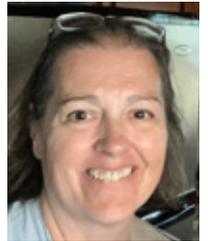


and federal policy from my internship time with Congressman Chris Pappas.

ConVal School Board Representative (1 position)

Mary Armstrong (*write-in candidate*) – I believe strongly in education, which is why I'm running a write-in campaign to represent Dublin on the ConVal School Board.

A Keene High School teacher for many years, I've lived in Dublin since 2002 and have had four children in the ConVal school system. I know how schools and education requirements work from an educator's perspective and have dealt with them from the outside in my role as a parent. These experiences give me a unique appreciation for both the possibilities and the challenges of public education.



I'm a taxpayer, too, so I know that costs are always a factor. I also understand the importance of being a representative, discussing issues with my fellow Dublin residents, and hearing what they have to say. If elected, I would approach the position with dedication, attention to detail, and commitment. I would appreciate your vote on March 10.

Trustees of the Trust Funds (1 position)

Tom Bator – My wife, Pam, and I (and our two unruly dogs) moved to Dublin three years ago, after owning a house in Peterborough for the previous eight years. I want to find a way to help Dublin, and, as being a trustee is my profession, running for Trustee of the Trust Funds seems like a way to be useful. I am a managing partner of Nichols & Pratt LLP, a Boston private trustee office; a member of the firm's Investment Committee; a Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA) charter holder; and a member of the Monadnock Community Hospital Investment Committee.



I was an elected trust commissioner in Weston, Massachusetts, for 15 years. I wrote a book about the history of individual trustees: continued on next page

Town Warrant Articles in Brief

Editors' Note: The following warrant articles have been edited for clarity and brevity. To read the full text of each article, see the Town of Dublin Annual Report 2026.

Article 1: To bring the ballots for town officers.

Article 2: Amendment to the Zoning Ordinance – Short Term Rentals, as follows:

1. Withdraw the existing “Transient Housing” definition and replace it with “Short Term Rental(s)” and to further define “Short Term Rental(s)” as any rental unit in any district with a rental term of 30 days or less.
2. Remove the current requirement for a Conditional Use Permit for Transient Housing and replace it with a Permit for Short Term Rental(s), and amend the Table of Uses and Definitions sections accordingly.
3. Remove “Other Transient Housing” from Commercial Uses and add “Short Term Rental(s)” to Residential Uses on the Table of Use Regulations.
4. Add clarifying language, definitions, and permitting requirements, where necessary, to ensure consistency with other sections of the ordinance.

(Recommended by the Planning Board)

Article 3: Amendment to the Zoning Ordinance – Wetlands Conservation District, to clarify the Planning Board’s jurisdiction over wetlands buffers surrounding Dublin Lake by:

1. Removing Article XIII, Section D, Item 4 (“Dublin Lake, as a well established recreation area, is exempt from this ordinance, but is governed, as all Great Ponds, by RSA 483-B the NH Comprehensive Shoreland Protection Act”) in its entirety.
2. Add clarifying language, where necessary, to ensure consistency with other sections of the ordinance.

(Recommended by the Planning Board)

Article 4: Amendment to the Dublin Zoning and Land Use Regulations, Article XVI Sign Ordinance:

1. Add to Prohibited Signs – Signs placed closer than 5 feet from the edge of the travel way on town roads and closer than 10 feet from the travel way on Rtes. 101 and 137 and signs that impede visibility and safety of the road.
2. Agriculture Signs – such as maple syrup available, eggs for sale, fresh produce available are permitted.
3. Changes to Temporary Signs include:

- a. Limit of a total of 36 square feet for all signs on a lot for a duration of four weeks per topic.
- b. All temporary signs must include contact information – a website, email, and/or phone number.
- c. One banner or banner flag per commercial business, two per commercial property permitted as temporary signs.
- d. Temporary signs for specific events must include a time frame for the event, may be erected not more than four weeks prior to the event, and must be removed two days after the event.
- e. Construction (residential service) signs may be displayed on the premises where the service or construction is occurring during the duration of the service or construction.
- f. Temporary signs that are in violation will be removed, held at Town Hall for one week, and then disposed of at the Transfer Station.

(Recommended by the Planning Board)

Article 5: To raise and appropriate **\$2,856,386** for general municipal operations. This article does not include appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately. Majority vote required.

(Recommended by the Select Board and Budget Committee)

Article 6: To raise and appropriate **\$620,000** to be contributed to the Town Capital Reserve Funds, previously established, and for **\$120,000** to come from Unassigned Fund Balance and the remainder of **\$500,000** to come from taxation. Majority vote required.

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| a. Heavy Highway Equipment | \$ 85,000 |
| b. Police Cruiser and Equipment | \$ 40,000 |
| c. Fire Equipment | \$155,000 |
| d. Road Construction | \$250,000 |
| e. Town Owned Infrastructure Maintenance and Repair | \$ 5,000 |
| f. Town Buildings Maintenance | \$ 75,000 |
| g. Recreation Trust | \$ 5,000 |
| h. Library Major Repair and Maintenance | \$ 5,000 |

(Recommended by the Select Board and Budget Committee)

Article 7: To raise and appropriate the sum of **\$225,000** to chip seal or pave town roads, to come from the Road Construction Capital Reserve Fund. This article is non-lapsing until 2028. Majority vote required.

(Recommended by the Select Board and Budget Committee)

Article 8: To raise and appropriate the sum of **\$8,734** to upgrade the Highway Barn Fire Alarm System, to come from taxation. This article is non-lapsing until 2028. Majority vote required.

(Recommended by the Select Board and Budget Committee)

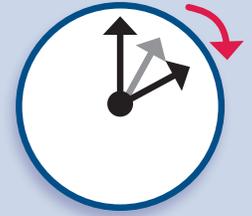
Article 9: To raise and appropriate **\$23,800** for the purchase of two new computer servers, one for the Police Department and one for Town Offices, to come from taxation. This article is non-lapsing until 2028. Majority vote required.

(Recommended by the Select Board and Budget Committee)

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Daylight Saving Time Starts March 8

Turn the clock **forward** one hour.



Time to Vote

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The Boston Trustee: The Lives, Laws, & Legacy of a Vital Institution (2015). I am also a practicing trusts and estates lawyer, licensed in Massachusetts, and a Fellow of the American College of Trust and Estate Counsel (ACTEC). I was the secretary for the Massachusetts Prudent Investor Act committee, the Massachusetts law regarding trust investments. It would be a privilege to serve the town.

Supervisor of the Checklist (1 position)

Sarah Sangermano – No statement submitted

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Article 10: To raise and appropriate \$25,000 to replace the HVAC system at the Police Department, to come from the Town Building Maintenance Capital Reserve. This article is non-lapsing until 2028. Majority vote required.

(Recommended by the Select Board and Budget Committee)

Article 11: To modify the provisions of RSA 72:35 for an optional Veteran's tax credit of \$5,000 for a Service-Connected Total Disability on residential property. Majority vote required.

(Recommended by the Select Board and Budget Committee)

Article 12: To raise and appropriate \$20,500 for the purpose of repairing the historic stone walls at the Cemetery and to create a forestry plan and perform tree maintenance, to come from Unassigned Fund Balance. This article is non-lapsing until 2028. Majority vote required.

(Recommended by the Select Board and Budget Committee)

Article 13: To raise and appropriate \$50,000 for the purpose of excavating, evaluating, and stabilizing the sink hole in the Library lawn with \$50,000 to come from Unassigned Fund Balance. This article is non-lapsing until 2028. Majority vote required.

(Recommended by the Select Board and Budget Committee)

Article 14: To raise and appropriate \$4,000 to fund the operation and publication of The Dublin Advocate newsletter for the period April 1, 2026, to March 31, 2027, to come from taxation. Majority vote required.

(Recommended by the Select Board and Budget Committee)

Article 15: To raise and appropriate \$7,999 to be contributed to the following Agencies which provide advisory health and welfare services and whose programs have a public purpose, to come from

taxation. Majority vote required.

- a. Monadnock Region Child Advocacy Center \$ 400
- b. CASA \$ 470
- c. Southwestern Community Services \$ 857
- d. Monadnock Family Services \$2,034
- e. Home Healthcare, Hospice and Community Service \$1,690
- f. The River Center \$ 500
- g. Community Volunteer Transportation Company \$ 400
- h. Peterborough Food Pantry \$ 500
- i. End 68 Hours of Hunger \$ 500
- j. Cornucopia Project \$ 100
- k. Monadnock Center for Violence Prevention \$ 292
- l. Keene Community Kitchen \$ 256

(Recommended by the Select Board and Budget Committee)

Article 16: To raise and appropriate the sum of \$13,000 to be contributed to various Expendable Trust Funds, previously established, as follows to come from taxation. Majority vote required.

- a. Revaluation \$10,000
- b. Master Plan \$ 3,000

(Recommended by the Select Board and Budget Committee)

Article 17: To raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000 for the purpose of renewing the Town Master Plan, with \$15,000 to come from the Master Plan Capital Reserve Fund and \$10,000 to come from taxation. Majority vote required.

(Recommended by the Select Board and Budget Committee)

Article 18: To raise and appropriate \$1,500 for the support of 2026 Dublin Community Day.

(Submitted by Petition)

Article 19: To hear the reports of Agents, Auditors, Committees, heretofore chosen, and to pass any vote relating thereto.

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March Happenings at DPL

BY KAREN MADIGAN

As you probably know, the Dublin Public Library is celebrating its 125th anniversary with numerous programs and events this year, illuminating the long history of our library. Eliza Farnham would be thrilled to see the library thriving and growing 125 years after she gave her money and time to it in honor of her husband. Eliza still makes her presence known to us in mysterious ways. Sometimes, we mention to each other “we need *this* for the library,” and it magically appears: the DVD collection, shelving, equipment, specific books donated out of the blue. It’s happened consistently since we arrived, and whatever the reason, we’re grateful and frequently say a quiet thank-you to Eliza.

A group of Dubliners gathered recently to open the lead-coated cigar box time capsule buried beneath the cornerstone in 1901. The contents included newspapers, Horace Farnham’s obituary, school records, the town report and tax record, a program of events for the day of the cornerstone ceremony, coins, and a letter from Eliza regarding the library. That’s the item we wanted to see the most, but due to the condition of the contents, it needs to dry out before we can read it.

March will be busy. Stories & Songs with Volkert Volkorsz is Wednesday, March 4, at 10:30 am. If you haven’t brought your children lately, please join us – we usually have about 30 enthusiastic participants. We continue our traditional joint event with the Dub-Hub: their pancake breakfast beginning at 9 am on Saturday, March 28, followed by DPL’s Spring Has Sprung Egg Hunt. Hop across the road with the bunny at 10:30 for an egg-stra special event, and



The contents of the time capsule

check out some books and DVDs while you’re here. Our Friends of the Library and staff spend a lot of time stuffing eggs with candy and stickers and hiding them for our guests. Sometimes, we hide them too well and encounter stray eggs months later!

In case you haven’t noticed, there are two bookcases filled with a multitude of classical music CDs to check out. They’re near the coffee bar, and Lawrence Graves graciously donated them to us from the Francis L. Galvin Memorial CD Collection.

DPL will host a Ukrainian children’s art display titled “The Ideal House,” courtesy of the Fermata Arts Foundation. Please come take a look from March through May.

On a sadder note, our staff is truly a family, so it was quite difficult to say goodbye to Victoria Reynolds last month. She is now a library assistant at an elementary school in Londonderry, a stepping stone to her hopefully long library career. Victoria did so much for DPL. We wish her great success and already miss her terribly.

As you’ve probably heard, I’m headed back to Wyoming in

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A Message from the Library Trustees

In March, we are ramping up to celebrate the 125th anniversary of the opening of our library in July 1901. Ask at the front desk for a pamphlet describing our proud history.

We are creating a *125th Anniversary Overview* page on our website. It will be updated regularly with programs, events, improvement projects, patron roles, and other information.

An Open House is planned for the last week in March to celebrate Karen Madigan, our director, who is retiring. In April, we hope to introduce our new director. Over the summer, we will host two scavenger hunts, with awards for the

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School Board News

BY BILL GURNEY

The deliberative session for the proposed school district budget was held in February, and was well attended by residents of Dublin.



There was little comment from the public during the hearing, and the proposed budget of **\$63,100,834** was approved along with the default budget of **\$62,324,303**. The default budget is a combination of the 2025–26 budget and any contractual obligations made by the district.

On March 10, Dublin residents will vote at our Town Hall. The polls will be open from 8 am–7 pm. Decisions made by the voters will affect us all, so please make every effort to cast your vote.

Voters will be asked to approve a total of 11 articles, including:

- Several articles addressing setting aside

additional money in capital reserve funds

- Withdrawal of Frankestown from the district
 - A modest increase in school board member stipends
 - Election of school board members
 - Approval of an Open Enrollment policy as mandated by recent state legislation (SB101), allowing students from neighboring districts to enroll in ConVal High School and participate in our German language program, and prohibiting ConVal students from transferring to other districts
- Families with children who will be 5 years old by September 30, 2026, are invited to register their child for kindergarten on Tuesday, March 17. Registration will be held from 8 am–3 pm at Peterborough Elementary School. Preregistration is required, and an appointment may be made by calling 603-924-7503, ext. 2032. More information may be found on the district website.

BILL GURNEY is Dublin's representative on the ConVal School Board.

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winners. Common to both is an appreciation for Dublin town history – one hunt will highlight historic houses, and the other will feature people in the cemetery who shaped the town we love. Mark July 25 for Dublin Community Day and our 125th Cornerstone Ceremony. This celebration will focus on the theme of illumination and promises to be memorable.

Keep our library young

Beyond events, we are committed to our architectural town treasure. We will continue to preserve its historical beauty while providing a 21st-century experience. We'll also introduce a set of projects that will help us deliver the kinds of services that you have come to expect from DPL. Whether upgrading our multipurpose room, adding an outdoor venue, or improving the historical beauty of our library, there is a lot we look forward to. Check out the list, and volunteer to help the project committee at the front desk.

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April. My husband spent most of 2025 there caring for his father, and he continues to do so. Our son's family is there, and our daughter's family in Hancock will also return to Wyoming soon. Those are pretty clear signs to us that it's time to go.

I cannot adequately express my gratitude and love for this library, our staff, and patrons. My experience here has been a huge and unexpected gift. Never have I received such a warm and friendly welcome, such support, and kindness. A big part of my heart and soul will remain with all of you. DPL is such a special place; I trust the town will honor it and help it meet

the needs of Dublin for another 125 years.

Over the past two-plus years, DPL has enjoyed huge increases in visits, programming, and materials. We've fought battles we shouldn't have to fight, and we've spoken out against problematic legislation that would limit your access to materials. The struggles will continue, but public libraries, guided by their duly elected trustees, Friends of the Library, and dedicated staff members, will always support patron needs and always push for enlightenment and freedom to read. I think Eliza would be proud of what we've accomplished.

KAREN MADIGAN is the director of the Dublin Public Library.

Help fund our future

We are setting up a *Give to the Library* page on our website, where you can donate to the 125th Anniversary Fund. This funding will support projects that improve our patrons' experiences and go beyond the operational funding the town provides.

To make it easy to give, we will offer a number of options. You can support these projects, honor specific individuals, make required minimum distributions, plan your giving, and more. You can use Venmo, PayPal, and other payment methods.

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News from DCS

BY NICOLE PEASE

February at Dublin Consolidated School is always a time to focus on caring, kindness, and connection. Throughout the month, students participated in activities that encouraged empathy, generosity, and respect for others, reinforcing the school's commitment to building a supportive community. DCS celebrated the 100th day of school with a food drive to collect 100 food items to donate to the local food pantry. The food collection was coordinated by Deb Lang, and the response from the community was overwhelming. Donations quickly exceeded expectations. Students took pride in contributing, making the experience both a celebration of learning and an opportunity to give back.

Another moment of great pride occurred when some DCS students presented to the school board about DCS's recognition as a Granite Stater of the Month award recipient. They spoke confidently and thoughtfully about the honor. I could not have been more impressed by our students as they shared their experiences and represented the school with such maturity and enthusiasm.

March is a month that often brings more consistent learning time, as spring is on the horizon and snow days move into the rear-view mirror. DCS has taken on the One School, One Book event. Teacher Heather Fletcher spearheads this experience in which all families and students read the same book. Classrooms can then build upon the story in the ways most meaningful for their students. It is such fun as the teachers kick off the book with a skit and record the chapters, so families can listen



DCS students enjoy their "reading room."

to us read to them if they choose.

On March 17, it is likely that Lucky the Leprechaun will visit the students at DCS, bringing a bit of magic to the classrooms and hallways. Students use their engineering skills to build traps in hopes of catching the prankster. For some reason, no one has been able to catch him. Students search for clues and share theories about where he

might appear next. The annual visit is a favorite tradition, sparking excitement, laughter, and plenty of curiosity among students. Traditions like this help create lasting memories and contribute to the warm, connected school culture at DCS.

Remember to vote on March 10 and come to Town Meeting on March 14 beginning at 9 am. Please park at Yankee, and take

the bus to DCS. There will be coffee and a bake sale.

Kindergartners are wanted! Anyone who has a child who will be 5 years old before September 30, can contact DCS (603-563-8332) or the SAU (603-924-3336). We welcome visitors to our wonderful school – please just give a call first.

NICOLE PEASE is principal teacher at Dublin Consolidated School.

Photos by Nicole Pease

Alice by Heart at Dublin School

BY AIMEE LORD

Dublin School will present the 2019 off-Broadway musical *Alice by Heart* on Friday and Saturday, March 6–7 at 7 pm, and Sunday, March 8 at 2 pm. All performances will be in the Fountain Arts Theater on the Dublin School campus. Tickets are free, donations are welcome, reservations are suggested, seating is limited!

Alice by Heart is a touching musical inspired by *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland*. In the rubble of the London Blitz of World War II, Alice Spencer's budding teen life is turned upside down, and she and her dear friend Alfred are forced to take shelter in an underground tube station.

When the ailing Alfred is quarantined, Alice encourages him to escape with her into their cherished book.

The production is led by Dublin faculty: director/choreographer Jenny Foreman, musical director Zach Redler, and technical crew director Sophie Luxmoore. The cast and crew includes 15 local students as well as boarding students from around the world, with live music by local musicians.

For more information, please visit dublinschool.org, or contact Aimee Lord at Dublin School at 603-563-1283 or email alord@dublinschool.org.

AIMEE LORD is the associate director of advancement at Dublin School.



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Women's History Month: A Wake Island "War Widow"

BY JULIE RIZZO

My grandmother Luella was an odd woman to me as a child in the 1960s in California. She seemed stuck in a different era, with her orthopedic shoes and cloying little voice. She kept her family close, remembered our birthdays, baked in industrial volume, and watched roller derby and Billy Graham on television.

Recently, I received a vintage shoebox stuffed with carefully preserved letters, most of them written by my grandfather Ernest to Luella and their children in 1941. Discouraged after years of Depression unemployment, 54-year-old Ernest had left his family behind to take a civilian job at Pearl Harbor in Honolulu. His daily updates reveal his love for Luella and his longing to be part of the children's day-to-day lives.

In November 1941, Ernest made a fateful decision to transfer to a military base on Wake Island in the middle of the Pacific. Only six weeks later, on December 7, Wake Island was attacked by the Japanese. For over two weeks, the 1,700 military and civilian personnel on the island held out against daily bombing runs. Captured at last by the Japanese, most of the prisoners were sent to POW camps in China and Japan for the duration of the war.

That box of letters set me on a journey through old newspapers, history books, and interviews with other survivors to discover what had happened to my grandfather, a family story that had been buried in silence for decades. I set out to learn about Ernest, but along the way, I got to know Luella as well. The last few letters in the box were hers, desperately trying to learn her husband's fate. Their postmarks reveal they were never delivered, eventually finding their way back to her, unopened.

"Womanpower" campaign

Luella's story was typical of many women during World War II – with no news of her husband, she was a "war widow," although her husband was not a soldier. With the base on Wake Island destroyed, her allotments from Ernest's salary ended. Luella had three children to feed and clothe, debts to settle, and a mortgage to pay. Her meager earnings as an Avon representative couldn't begin to cover their needs.



Luella in 1926 with her oldest son, the author's father.

With the war ramping up, the need for military equipment and supplies surged. The U.S. government foresaw a crippling labor shortage as millions of men left to fight overseas. The War Manpower Commission unleashed a massive public information campaign to convince women to leave their place in the home temporarily, and take up factory jobs. This "womanpower" campaign saturated the media with talking points meant to appeal to patriotism and overcome negative attitudes toward women working outside the home.

Luella responded and found a war job in a bomb factory where she earned wages that Ernest would have eagerly accepted. While the income was desperately needed, the infrastructure was not there to support her – she had to find transportation, leave her children unsupervised after school, and fit all her errands, cleaning, shopping, and medical appointments into her "second shift" after work. A local newspaper reporter described Luella: *Without any previous plant experience, Mrs. Archer soon became an expert operator of both a milling machine and a drill press. I couldn't believe it – my grandmother?!*

As the war in Europe was ending, Phase II of the "womanpower" campaign began – convincing those same women to give up

their war jobs and go back home. But Luella's husband was still gone, and the Pacific war ground on. She needed the money, and she had tasted the independence that came with a man's job.

Homecoming and backlash

When the war finally ended in September 1945, Ernest was liberated from a POW camp in Japan and slowly made his way back to U.S. soil. A civilian, he received none of the postwar celebration or supports for veterans. Now 59 years old, weighing not much more than 100 pounds, his health ruined, his mind fractured, he came home a changed man.

They were both different. Luella had a newfound sense of autonomy, and she was unprepared for the changes in Ernest. Pushed out from the job that had given her freedom and confidence, she was once again dependent on her husband, who was in no shape physically or mentally to support the family. Post Traumatic Stress was not understood at the time – the common remedy for its symptoms was silence, and like most families, they didn't talk about it.

Their marriage collapsed, and Ernest went to live alone in a trailer by the beach. Luella took in boarders and went back to selling Avon products door-to-door, lugging her samples and deliveries on the bus from neighborhood to neighborhood. She kept her experiences as a factory worker and head of household to herself, hidden under layers of powders and scents, even while the women's movement emerged and her granddaughters set out for college and careers.

A lot of women's history is found in the lives of ordinary people. I've come to see that my grandmother was a pioneer in her own right, one who paid a dear price for her service and heroism. With even a temporary foray into a man's job, she and others like her broke ground where later generations of girls and women could sow the seeds of their own dreams.

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

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The Fight to Save Our Hemlock Forests

BY KATY WARDLAW

Walking through a shady grove of mature hemlock trees, looking up at sunlight filtering through the feathery canopy, it is easy to appreciate the beauty of these majestic trees. But the eastern hemlock is more than beautiful. It is a keystone tree species in the Monadnock Region, now being threatened by a tiny invasive insect with the power to alter the forests of eastern North America forever.

The eastern hemlock tree is a forest giant, able to live for over 500 years, reaching heights of 170 feet. Due to its ability to regenerate in shady forest conditions, hemlock groves can exist for centuries in a stable condition, supporting over 90 species of birds for food, nesting, and winter cover. Deer, moose, fisher, porcupine, and flying squirrels depend on hemlock for shelter. Hundreds of insect species thrive in the cool, moist forest floor beneath hemlocks. Their roots protect stream banks and keep water temperatures stabilized, oxygenated, and cool – necessary for many aquatic species, including brook trout.

The hemlock woolly adelgid

The tiny, maroon-colored insect decimating eastern hemlock forests is the hemlock woolly adelgid (HWA), which is native to both the Pacific Northwest and to Asia. Research scientists have determined that the HWA populations found in eastern North America originated in southern Japan and have been traced to shipments of weeping hemlocks brought into Richmond, Virginia, in the 1950s. The beetles have been steadily advancing northward, killing hemlock trees and putting vast tracts of



The white cottony balls produced by the HWA nymphs

forest at risk. HWA has now spread from Georgia to Canada and as far west as Michigan.

All HWA in eastern North America are females and reproduce asexually. One adelgid can produce as many as 40,000 eggs in a year, and a heavy infestation can kill a large hemlock tree in as little as 4 to 10 years. Each HWA attaches itself to the base of a hemlock needle and uses a straw-like appendage to pierce the twig and feed on the tree's starch reserves. This feeding interferes with the tree's ability to take up water and nutrients and produces a drought-like response in the tree, which some researchers have likened to an allergic response. The hemlock's needles take on a dusty gray appearance and begin to drop. Photosynthesis is compromised, and the tree slowly dies from the bottom up.

HWA produces a large batch of eggs in the spring and a second, smaller batch in the summer. The adelgid lays her eggs at the base of the hemlock needle, and once the nymphs begin to feed, they produce a white, cottony mass for protection, visible

from fall to early spring. Because adelgids have legs for only a small portion of their lives, the insects disperse via wind, animals, and birds.

Managing HWA

HWA can be managed with systemic chemical treatment, and if you have a prized tree, you may want to consider this as an option. However, chemical treatments are expensive and impractical for addressing forest-wide infestations. Thanks to the dedicated work of scientists and foresters, there is now a biological control in the shape of a small black beetle that feeds exclusively on hemlock woolly adelgid. *Laricobius nigrinus* (or *L. nigrinus*) is native to the Pacific Northwest and is one reason that West Coast hemlocks have not been decimated by HWA. Researchers identified *L. nigrinus* as a biological control of HWA in the early 2000s, and, after exhaustive evaluation in quarantine labs, the USDA cleared the West Coast native beetle for release in the eastern United States.

L. nigrinus is a winter feeder. The adults eat as many as six to eight HWA per day starting in mid-October. Female beetles then lay 200–400 eggs, singly, inside the white HWA egg sacs. Upon hatching, each *L. nigrinus* larva eats 200–250 HWA and then drops to the forest floor in June to pupate in the forest duff at the base of the hemlock tree. In October, adult beetles emerge, fly up to the hemlock branches, and begin the cycle anew.

The HWA is vulnerable to extremely cold temperatures, and for many years, our frigid winters kept this pest at bay. Milder winters have allowed the adelgids to colonize trees in New Hampshire, and

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March 2026 Events at the DubHub

Ongoing Weekly Activities

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Adult Yoga, Mondays, 3–4:15 pm

Early AM Yoga, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 6:30–7:30 am

Open Hours, Tuesdays, 9 am–3 pm

Open Hours w/DubHub Director, Wednesdays, 10 am–3 pm

Qigong, Wednesdays, noon–1 pm

Needle Mania, Wednesdays, 3:30–5 pm

Mahjong Group, Thursdays, 1–3 pm

Knit with Nancy, Fridays via Zoom, 10 am

Song Circle, Sunday, March 1

All are welcome at Song Circle, which meets the first Sunday of each month from 3–5 pm. Musicians can share favorite songs with the group and play along. Bring your instrument if you have one, including your voice. If you've never attended, please email David Mueller at dmueller55146@gmail.com for more information.

Chili Cook-Off, Saturday, March 7

Do you make the best chili ever? Then enter our contest for a cash prize! It's free to enter, and members of the community will be the judges. From 3–5 pm, everyone who attends may sample all the chili entrees for a one-time fee of \$5 and then vote for their favorite. Email info@dublincommunitycenter.org for information on how to enter the contest. Act fast, as we can accept only the first 10 who enter their very best chili.

Building True Community, Monday, March 9

Join Balmeet Lasky and Leaf Seligman from 6:30–8 pm on the second Monday of every month as they host a community circle experience. This is time and space for slowing down and connecting deeply with self and other community

members. All are welcome – please join us and spread the word. For more information, email lasky.balmeet@gmail.com or leaf1231@gmail.com.

Herb Class, Tuesday, March 10

Join herbalist Katherine Gekas at 7 pm as she teaches about herbs for skin care from the perspective of clearing rashes. The fee for class is a sliding scale (\$10–\$40), and everyone will go home with small samples and a handout with resources. For those who would like one-on-one consultation time with Katherine, she offers private office hours at the DubHub on the third Tuesday of the month from 4–6 pm. Email her for more info at katherinegekas2@gmail.com.

Art Reception, Friday, March 13

From 5–7 pm, the public is invited to attend a reception for an exhibition featuring paintings, clay sculptures, and assemblages by multimedia artists Mary Roberts, Maureen Ahern, and Paul Cooper.

Ceramic artist Mary Roberts (A), currently based in Dublin, is a lecturer at Saint Anselm College and an artist-in-residence at MAXT Ceramics Center. Her work explores imagined domestic spaces – colorfully animated household and everyday objects that spark curiosity. She has exhibited her work in various solo and group exhibitions in the United States and Denmark.



Sculptor and mixed-media artist Paul R. Cooper (C) of Dublin is known for transforming found wood and metal into figurative assemblages that invite viewers to see beauty and emotion in discarded, overlooked remnants. He has taught at Massachusetts College of Art and Design, the University of Iowa, and Keene State College and has been in residence at MacDowell.

Red Cross Blood Drive, Friday, March 13

The Red Cross will conduct a blood drive at the center from 9 am–2 pm. To sign up, visit the website redcrossblood.org/give, or call 1-800-RED CROSS.

Storytelling & Spoken Word, Wednesday, March 18

On the third Wednesday of every month from 6:30–8:30 pm is the Monadnock Storytelling & Spoken Word Circle, an open mic to share stories, poetry, rap, comedy, or truly any kind of spoken word, going round the circle. The organizers are Sebastian Lockwood and Papa Joe Gaudet. For more information, contact Papa Joe at papajoe storytelling.com and Sebastian at bit.ly/slockwood.



Maureen Ahern (B) of Peterborough is a mixed-media artist whose work transforms found materials into vibrant visual narratives. Her artwork focuses on the natural world, using reflective materials, acrylics, and interference paint. She served as director of the Thorne-Sagendorph Art Gallery at Keene State College for 34 years. Her art has been exhibited in private and public collections in the Northeast.



Conversations with Music Creators, Thursday, March 19

Join us at 7 pm for this new series sponsored by the DubHub, in which three locally based, nationally recognized music creators – composers, songwriters, arrangers, and/or lyricists – present samples of their work, talk about the creative process, and dialogue with each other, while welcoming questions from the audience. This first conversation will feature composer, music director, pianist, and educator Zach Redler; songwriter, guitarist, band leader, and music educator Ethan McBrien; and guitarist, composer, and touring musician Ezra Landis. Volkert Volkert, DubHub board member and retired music educator, will serve as host. Admission is free.

Coffee House & Open Mic, Saturday, March 21

On the third Saturday of each month, there is a combined Coffee House & Open Mic from 6–9 pm. Coffee and snacks are available. Attendees are also welcome to BYOB and dinner/snacks. A featured performance takes place for about 60 minutes, with open mic slots available both prior and after.

This month, we are pleased to feature the trio Dragonfly, made up of members Judy Blake, Danny Solomon, and Ken Hamshaw. This group of experienced musicians have been making music together for almost 20 years, adding their special touch to an eclectic mix of some of the best songs by the best artists from the 60s to today, with funky grooves, rich vocals, and lots of soul and harmony.

Email info@dublincommunitycenter.org to reserve a spot on the open mic sign-up, or just show up that evening to try your



luck at finding an available spot on the list. A suggested donation starting at \$5 can be given at the door to help offset costs, and a hat will be passed during the performance for contributions for the featured performer(s).

Pancakes with the Easter Bunny, Saturday, March 28

From 9–10:30 am, all are invited for a delicious, free Community Pancake Breakfast. Toppings will include real NH maple syrup, berries, and whipped cream. Rumor has it, there will be a visit from the



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Easter Bunny himself, and he may even pose for some photos. We will also have a craft table available for those who would like to make bunny ears to wear as they hop on over to the Dublin Public Library for a Spring Has Sprung Egg Hunt at 10:30 am. Bring your Easter baskets, and come hungry! For more information, contact info@dublincommunitycenter.org.

Calendars are always evolving, so find us on Facebook, facebook.com/dublinhub, subscribe to **Hubbub** from the DubHub, email info@dublincommunitycenter.org, or visit dubhub-nh.org.



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Protect Our Beneficial Pests!

BY KATIE FEATHERSTON

For many critters, including insects, winter is a test of survival. Where do they go when the cold winds blow? Many of them are still here, hiding under leaf litter, in tree bark, under the soil, and even in our own houses (like spiders, stink bugs, and ladybugs).

Some, like the famous monarch butterflies, leave town. Some make life stage choices to survive winter in the form of eggs, larvae, or pupae. Diapause is a form of suspended animation used by caterpillars and ticks. Woolly bears produce their own antifreeze and can survive down to -90° . Blacklegged ticks stay inactive under leaf litter, but in warm spells, they can become active again, eager for any available warm-blooded host. (Deep winter cold does not reliably kill ticks – those that fed well before winter can appear in the spring ready to lay eggs.)

Evidence suggests that many beneficial insect populations are in decline due to insecticides, disease, and habitat loss. Lawns destroy insect habitat and can be toxic with insecticides and fertilizers.

Rewilding mown areas to native plants can help insect populations tremendously, and refraining from mowing native plants in the fall provides great habitat for beneficial insects over the winter.

On April 25, local conservation commissions are putting together an Earth Day celebration at Cathedral of the Pines. This

year's theme is Our Power, Our Planet, acknowledging our collective ability to drive action for clean water, air, and energy. The event will feature local music, guided hikes, speakers, and local vendors. More details next month!

KATIE FEATHERSTON is a member of the Conservation Commission.

Salamander Crossing Brigade

On the first warm, rainy nights of spring, thousands of frogs and salamanders migrate to vernal pools and other wetlands in a phenomenon known as “Big Night.” Sadly, many are killed when they cross roads. To help, the Harris Center coordinates volunteer Salamander Crossing Brigades who move migrating amphibians across roads by hand on Big Nights, keeping count as they go. Attend this fun, information-packed volunteer training to join their ranks – or simply to learn more about the remarkable spring amphibian migration.

The workshop is on Thursday, March 12, 7–8:30 pm via Zoom. To get the login details, register at bit.ly/salamanderbrigade. For more information, call 603-525-3394.



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Waste Reduction and Recycling Committee at Work

BY JUDY MORTNER AND MAY CLARK

On January 17 and 31, our committee undertook a Styrofoam education and recycling effort in our town. We welcomed Meghan Thierault, director of Public Works in Gilford, New Hampshire,



Chris Gallagher, Judy Mortner, and Katie Featherston collect big bags of Styrofoam at the Dublin Transfer station.

that would otherwise end up in the waste stream are turned into saleable foam bricks, or “ingots,” and sold to a Canadian company for repurposing. Gilford makes a profit from these sales and saves space in their compactor, resulting in fewer hauls and a cost savings there as well.

Most participating towns store foam at their transfer station until they have enough bags for a load. They rely on town trucks, local Rotary clubs, civic-minded local businesses, and volunteers. Peterborough has been successfully recycling foam for several years, something our committee would like to see emulated in Dublin.

Our first ever Styrofoam drive took place

to the DubHub for an information session. The session was well attended by locals concerned about the long-lasting impact of Styrofoam on our environment.

The town of Gilford is home to the state’s only foam densifier, which is able to turn Styrofoam into reusable building material. Through Meghan’s initiatives and hard work securing grants, Gilford was able to purchase the densifier, which recycles foam from 27 towns in New Hampshire. Large quantities of foam

on one of the coldest days of the year. It did not deter residents eager to drop off their foam, and we filled two giant bags and delivered them to Gilford in a rented U-Haul van. It’s a positive start for this new effort!

Start saving rigid foam for our next collection drive, so we can get this bulky, nonbiodegradable waste out of our compactor and turned into something useful. We are enthusiastic about making this work for Dublin, and hopefully, the south-

western part of the state will have its own foam densifier before too long, eliminating the need for long travel times. One is coming to Exeter, New Hampshire, soon. We welcome volunteers to join our efforts – join our committee or express your support for foam recycling in Dublin.

JUDY MORTNER and May Clark are members of the Waste Reduction and Recycling Committee.

Neighbor Helping Neighbor

The Dublin Community Food Pantry, located at Dublin Village Park, 1283 Main Street, Unit 8B, is open around the clock, allowing people to donate and pick up items at their convenience. The pantry accepts nonexpired food (including perishables) and household items, including canned goods, toiletries, and pet food. Email hello@dublin-foodpantry.com for more information or to make a monetary donation.



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Of course, we're always grateful for your generous food donations as well. In this case, we *do* need to avoid items that are subject to freezing. Graham crackers, Ramen, and nutrition bars are especially needed right now. As always, thank you so much for your ongoing support!

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Our Hemlock Forests

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now HWA is found throughout the state. Recent research has shown that adelgids are evolving into having a greater tolerance to extreme cold. HWA is here to stay, and the goal now is not eradication but containment. Observation over 20 years has shown that if adelgid infections are kept to 30% of a hemlock's needles, the tree will survive and continue growing. In North Carolina, where *L. nigrinus* colonies have been established for the past decade, that is exactly what is happening.

Local efforts

In an effort to save the hemlock trees of the Monadnock Region, the Harrisville Conservation Commission has embarked on a program to establish beetle populations in Harrisville and the surrounding villages and towns. Over the past two years, after obtaining a federal USDA permit, the commission has purchased over 5,000 *L. nigrinus* beetles and released them at various sites in Harrisville. This past January, they released 600 beetles in Dublin. The goal is to get breeding populations established, so that they will begin to migrate outward at a rate of about one mile per year.

The *Laricobius* beetle is not a silver bullet to the problem of HWA, but it has been proven to extend the life of hemlock trees. Because the beetles drop off the trees to pupate before the second generation of HWA eggs are laid, *L. nigrinus* by itself will never eradicate the adelgid. There is promising new research into two species of silver flies endemic to the Pacific Northwest that *do* eat the second generation, living alongside the *L. nigrinus* beetles to keep the West Coast HWA in check. These

silver flies are now being released in the East, and scientists are monitoring their breeding potential.

You can help

Finding new HWA outbreaks is critical for planning future beetle releases. You can help by actively searching for adelgids while you hike, hunt, fish, or simply explore the woods. Look for the small white "woolly" balls on the underside of hemlock branches. If you spot HWA, please take a geotagged photo, and email it to ConCom@HarrisvilleNH.org with a brief location description. If you are a landowner with HWA-infected hemlock trees, contact me at katywardlaw@gmail.com to discuss the possibility of purchasing beetles for your property.

Today, our forest trees are under extreme pressure from exotic insects, diseases, and the stress of climate change. The American chestnut tree went extinct in the early 20th century from an imported fungal blight. Dutch elm disease brought the American elm to the brink of extinction in the 1950s. Over the past several years, the exotic emerald ash borer has taken the ash tree to functional extinction. And last summer, our American beech trees were infected with beech leaf disease, caused by an airborne nematode first detected in Ohio in 2012. It remains to be seen this coming summer whether or not the beech trees will survive. Nothing could be done to save those beautiful native trees, but we now have the chance to protect another threatened iconic American forest tree. Together, we can make a difference for the Monadnock Region's hemlock forests for generations to come.

KATY WARDLAW is a member of the Conservation Commission.

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The Association Test of 1776

BY LISA FOOTE

Since last spring, our nation has been celebrating the 250th anniversary of the steps leading to declaring independence from King George III and the British Parliament. Twenty-eight Dublin men fought British forces in 1775 and 1776.

Two hundred fifty years ago this month, the Second Continental Congress resolved that all male colonists aged 21 and older must sign the Association Test, in essence an oath of fealty to the revolutionary cause. The resolution read in part:

“...immediately to cause all persons to be *disarmed* within their respective Colonies, who are *notoriously* disaffected to the cause of America, or who have not associated, or refuse to associate, to defend by ARMS, the United Colonies, against hostile attempts of the British fleets and armies.”

In response, the Committee of Safety in the colony of New Hampshire promulgated the following edict on April 12, 1776:

“In consequence of the above Resolution of the Hon. Continental CONGRESS, and to show our determination in joining



Bostonians reading the Stamp Act.

our American Brethren, in defending the Lives, Liberties, and Properties of the Inhabitants of the United Colonies:

WE, THE SUBSRIBERS, DO HEREBY SOLEMNLY ENGAGE, AND PROMISE, THAT WE WILL TO THE UTMOST OF OUR POWER, AT THE RISQUE OF OUR LIVES AND FORTUNES, WITH ARMS, OPPOSE THE HOSTILE PROCEEDINGS OF THE BRITISH FLEETS AND ARMIES AGAINST THE UNITED AMERICAN COLONIES.”

Fifty-seven eligible men in Dublin signed the document, many of whom had already taken part in the initial stages of the revolution by enlisting in the militia in the spring of 1775. No men refused to sign.

The Stamp Act of 1765

For context, it is worth examining what led up to the need for the Association Test. By

1776, North American colonists had harbored discontent with British governance for over a decade. They were galvanized to respond when the Stamp Act of 1765 was imposed on the colonists to raise funds to defray the debts incurred during the French and Indian War (1754–1765). It required all documents in the North American colonies be printed on specially stamped British paper.

The Stamp Act spawned the colonial Stamp Act Congress in October 1765. That

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congress sent petitions on officially stamped paper in response. Parliament and the King rejected the colonists' demands of ceasing prosecutions without jury trials and taxation without representation.

By 1768, British soldiers were posted to the city of Boston to ensure the collection of revenue from the colonists in what began an eight-year occupation of the city. In 1770, a crowd of 300–400 colonists, protesting unfair taxation and British military presence, surrounded a group of those soldiers guarding the Customs House. The soldiers' response was to shoot into the crowd, killing five colonists. The confrontation is now referred to as the Boston Massacre.

The Intolerable Acts

In December 1773, a group calling themselves the Sons of Liberty boarded a British ship and threw over 340 crates of Chinese tea into Boston Harbor. The British response to the Boston Tea Party was swift, enacting multiple punitive measures now referred to collectively as the Intolerable Acts, which included the restriction of trading partners, limitations on fishing grounds, the end of self-government in Massachusetts, an increase in the number of troops stationed in Boston, and a blockade of Boston Harbor.

The Intolerable Acts spurred the First Continental Congress in September 1774, which resolved to create the Articles of Association signed by representatives of 12 of the 13 colonies (Georgia excepted). Although the document avowed allegiance to the King, in essence the Articles unified

the colonies in their grievances with British laws. The agreement listed 14 points, including clauses about non-importation, non-consumption, and non-exportation of British and Irish goods.

The Siege of Boston

When on the morning of April 19, 1775, British Redcoats marched to Concord, Massachusetts, from Boston in search of colonial munitions stockpiles, local militias (later called Minutemen) were ready to defend their liberty and engaged the British troops at the Battles of Lexington and Concord. The British were driven back to Boston that day.

As more colonial militias arrived from well over 50 miles away, they reinforced the initial colonial combatants to begin the Siege of Boston, when all land routes in and out of Boston were blocked. The siege, commanded by George Washington, lasted 11 months, eventually forcing the British troops and Royalists to evacuate.

Dublin patriots

At least 12 Dublin residents picked up arms to oppose the British in 1775, a year before signing the Association Test. Six men fought at Bunker Hill on June 17, 1775, and six more men probably participated in the Siege of Boston. The record also shows that eight men marched to Fort Ticonderoga in the summer of 1776 to reinforce the garrison already there, and five men fought in battles in New York in October of 1776. Three more men fought in those years, but no location of service is noted.

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Town Hall Memories

BY JEANNE STERLING

Back in the day, the town's fire trucks were housed in the lower level of the Town Hall where our current pre-Town Meetings are held. The Police Department occupied the large room that's now the waiting room for town clerk/tax collector business.



Longtime Dublin resident Andy Elder was a popular auctioneer in the area. He held auctions upstairs on Saturdays. I attended most of them. Ruth White was his "money taker," keeping accurate records of the sales and educating first-time bidders about the rules and regulations of bidding. She also lived in the village, between the church and Andy's house. Sometimes Andy's son, Bruce, would be a runner. He was a strapping lad and managed to carry most anything out to the buyer's car. Buyers would gather in front of the Town Hall to collect their purchases.

The grandest use of the Town Hall's upstairs was the Firemen's Ball. It was usually planned for August. A live band was hired, crepe paper decorations spruced up the venue, and chairs lined the dance

floor. It was a dressy affair – meaning the men didn't show up in work boots and plaid flannel shirts. The women wore cocktail dresses or full-length gowns. We'd be coiffed, nails done, with jewelry that probably hadn't been seen since last year's ball. One year, someone got the dumb idea of spreading cornmeal on the floor so the dancers could glide through their steps. What a disaster! A few falls happened – and then came the chore of sweeping up the mess.

Just like high school dances, the men stood around outside, and the women sat on the bleachers tapping their feet to the music! However, before the evening ended, the band would play a slow dance, and the men would wander in and push their wives around the floor. Some things never change.

Our town population was much smaller then, and things were more personal. Monday through Friday, at least one selectman would be in the office for the convenience of the residents. There wasn't a set schedule – you could just walk in. They might be reading the *Peterborough Transcript* or the *Monadnock Ledger* or just having a friendly chin-wag.

JEANNE STERLING is on the staff of the *Advocate*.

Park Theatre Highlights for March



Become a volunteer! The Park Theatre invites you to help out at the St. Patrick's Day Parade and Shamrock Fest. Volunteers are welcome to join the ongoing Park Theatre volunteer team. Register at parktheatre.org/volunteer or contact ideas@theparktheatre.org.

Also this month:

March 4, 2 pm ArtsCinema Series: Stage2Screen *Othello*

March 7, 7 pm Peterborough Folk Music Society presents Tom Rush

March 8, 2 pm ArtsCinema Series: Stage2Screen *Othello*

March 11, 1:30 pm ArtsCinema Series: Turner and Constable

March 11, 6:30 pm Open Mic Night: Music, poetry, storytelling

March 12-17 St. Patrick's Day Parade and Shamrock Fest: Visit theparktheatre.org for the schedule.

March 27, 7:30 pm Juston McKinney, comedian

March 29, 4 pm Peterborough Folk Music Society presents Delia Mae

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Have You Ever Heard a Trombone Quartet?

On March 8, Music on Norway Pond welcomes the 224 Trombone Quartet to Hancock. Formed at the New England Conservatory of Music, this group of four remarkable virtuosos plays music from many genres. They recently won the 2025 American Trombone Workshop Quartet Competition. The quartet consists of Aidan Davidson, Alvin Ho, Noah Korenfeld, and Charles Johnson.

Davidson, from Poughkeepsie, New York, is a tenor trombonist active in the Boston area. He has performed with groups such as the Metrowest Symphony Orchestra, Brookline Symphony Orchestra, and Horizon Ensemble and was a member of the New England Philharmonic Orchestra as Principal Trombone.

A native of Hong Kong, tenor trombonist Alvin Tsz Yin Ho was appointed Principal Trombone of the Hong Kong Sinfonietta in 2025 and has performed as Principal Trombone with the Macao Orchestra. Ho's artistry has been recognized in numerous competitions, earning top prizes at the International Trombone Festival.

Noah Korenfeld is an accomplished trombonist from Wildwood, Missouri, recognized for his versatility and growing presence in the orchestral world. He frequently performs as a substitute with renowned ensembles including the Boston Symphony Orchestra and Boston Pops. His summers have featured engagements with the Tanglewood Music Center Orchestra.

Charles Johnson, a bass trombonist, is

a two-time fellow of the Music Academy of the West, where he performed on the Picnic Concert series and was a finalist in the 2025 Duo Competition. In 2023, he was selected as a Tanglewood Music Center fellow, performing in orchestral, chamber, and contemporary settings alongside world-renowned artists and conductors.

Come hear the 224 Trombone Quartet at the Hancock Meetinghouse on Sunday, March 8, at 4 pm. Tickets are available at musiconnorwaypond.org.



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Photography Exhibit at the Jaffrey Civic Center

The New Hampshire Center for Photography (NHCP) presents *Capturing the Light*, an exhibition of current work by its member artists, on view March 6–April 18 at the Cunningham Gallery in the Jaffrey

Civic Center. A public reception will be held on Saturday, March 7, from 5–7 pm.

The members of the NHCP display their photographic art in a lively variety of traditional darkroom prints, digital prints,

and alternative/experimental processes. The images displayed, including portraiture, landscape, documentary, travel, and abstraction, are as diverse as the members' interests.

News from MAXT

It's been a cold stretch here in our region, but the cozy studios at MAXT at Noone Falls are ready to keep you active during the home stretch of winter. There are many new classes on the horizon. Here are a few:

All-Levels Ceramics with James Mitschmyer begins on Tuesday, March 3,



and runs for 10 weeks. The class focuses on wheel throwing, but hand-builders are welcome, too.

Natural Soap Making begins on Wednesday, March 4, with a second session on March 11. Students will learn how to make cold process soap, which includes colors and herbs.

Introduction to Forging is a day-long class on Sunday, March 8, in which participants will forge copper wire into different forms to make jewelry, utensils, or small sculptures.

Introduction to Gouache on Tuesday, March 10, will allow students to experiment with gouache and create their own paintings.

Go to the new website maxtmakerspace.org/events to view more offerings and to sign up.



Jeanne Allen, *Dreaming of Space*

NHCP is a nonprofit organization, based in Concord, that supports photography as



a means of creative expression and cultural insight. It focuses on the artistic development of members by providing exhibitions, education, publications, and outreach.

Scott Faiia, *I am Kumari*

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| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|---|--|---|---|---|---|--|
| 1 HUB Song Circle 3-5pm | 2 TH Cem. Trustees 9am; Select Board 4:30pm; HUB Coffee & Conversation 10am-noon; Yoga 3-4:15pm; DPL Competitive Bridge Club 1:30pm; Creative Club 3:30-4:30pm | 3 HUB Early Yoga 6:30-7:30am; Open 9am-3pm; DPL Monadnock Bridge Club 1pm; Creative Club 3:30-4:30pm; Dublin GOP 5:30pm; TH Pre-Town Meeting 7pm | 4 HUB Coffee & Conversation 10am-noon; QiGong noon-1pm; DPL Storytime/Homeschool Group 10:30am; Stories w/Opa 10:30am; DCC Nourishing Peace 11am-noon | 5 HUB Early Yoga 6:30-7:30am; Mahjong 1pm; TH Planning Board 6pm | 6 HUB /Zoom Knit w/ Nancy 10-11am; DS <i>Alice by Heart</i> 7pm | 7 DPL Meet the Candidates 10am; HUB Chili Cook-Off contest 3-5pm; JCC Photography reception 5-7pm; DS <i>Alice by Heart</i> 7pm |
| 8 DAYLIGHT SAVINGS BEGINS DS <i>Alice by Heart</i> 2pm; HCC 224 Trombone Quartet 4pm | 9 HUB Coffee & Conversation 10am-noon; Yoga 3-4:15pm; Community Circle 6:30-8pm; DPL Monadnock Bridge Club 1pm; Competitive Bridge Club 1:30pm; Creative Club 3:30-4:30pm; DHS 4:30pm; TH Select Board 4:30pm | 10 TH Town Election Day 8am-7pm; HUB Early Yoga 6:30-7:30am; Open 9am-3pm; DPL Creative Club 3:30-4:30pm; WRRRC 5pm | 11 HUB Coffee & Conversation 10am-noon; QiGong noon-1pm; DPL Storytime/Homeschool Group 10:30am; Trustees 5pm; DCC Nourishing Peace 11am-noon | 12 HUB Early Yoga 6:30-7:30am; Mahjong 1pm; HC Salamander workshop (Zoom) 7-8:30pm | 13 HUB /Zoom Knit w/ Nancy 10-11am; Red Cross Blood Drive 9am-2pm; Art Reception 5-7pm | 14 DCS Town Meeting 9am |
| 15 | 16 HUB Coffee & Conversation 10am-noon; Yoga 3-4:15pm; DPL Competitive Bridge Club 1:30pm; Creative Club 3:30-4:30pm; TH Select Board 4:30pm | 17 HUB Early Yoga 6:30-7:30am; Open 9am-3pm; Herbal Office Hours 4-6pm; PES Kindergarten registration 8am-3pm; DPL Monadnock Bridge Club 1pm; Creative Club 3:30-4:30pm; Tech Night 6pm | 18 HUB Coffee & Conversation 10am-noon; QiGong noon-1pm; Storytelling Circle 6:30-8:30pm; DPL Storytime/Homeschool Group 10:30am; DCC Nourishing Peace 11am-noon; TH Cons. Comm. 5pm | 19 HUB Early Yoga 6:30-7:30am; Mahjong 1pm; Music Creators 7pm; TH Planning Board 6pm | 20 HUB /Zoom Knit w/ Nancy 10-11am | 21 DPL Dublin Democrats 10am; HUB Coffeehouse and Open Mic 6-9pm |
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