Results of Voting & Town Meeting 2018

Deliberations at Town Meeting this year took three hours, and fairly well followed Moderator Tim Clark’s opening words (originally penned by Robb Sagedorff, founder of Yankee) encouraging Dubliners to honor one another in “civil discourse.”

On March 17, townspeople passed all of the 18 Warrant Articles (from #4 onward), approving the budget committee’s final recommendation; but we also passed a few other articles that brought the total well above $2 million. (See “Final Budget” by Judy Knapp for specifics.)

That total does not include the intent of Article 16, which is a statewide measure to have towns award all their veterans a $500 tax credit. That amount has not been determined.

At issue again this year was whether town funds should be contributed to non-profits that assist residents of Dublin.

On the Tuesday prior to Town Meeting, despite a school snow closing, townspeople voted on Warrant Articles 1 through 3 and elected town officers: Supervisor of the Checklist: Megan Suokko; Library Trustee: TBA; Budget Committee: Susie Vogel, Judith Knapp, Bill Gurney; Cemetery Trustee: Brooks Johnson; Planning Board: Steve Baldwin, Bruce Simpson, and Allen Hearn; and Trustee of Trust Funds: Christopher Flynn.

The Planning Board’s two ordinances passed regarding signs and wetlands; and in our school district vote we turned down just Article 10, which would have changed the Articles of Agreement to allow the School Board to close any elementary school that does not have more than 50 students two years running. Voters in the district agreed as well, with the exception of two towns (an all-town vote is required for such a measure). Voters approved the fact finders’ report on teacher salaries, which the School Board had rejected.

To conclude the Town Meeting, the majority passed a non-binding resolution in support of Andrew McCabe, former deputy director of the FBI, whose long service to the federal government was halted two days before he was to retire.

Jean Barden was recognized by the staff of The Dublin Advocate for her steadfast support of her husband, now-retired Road Agent Brian Barden, during his 30 years of service to our town.

Final Budget for 2018

The operating budget for 2018, as presented by the Budget Committee, is $1,928,652. The town also approved $905,905 in Warrant Articles for a gross operating budget for 2018 of $2,834,557. It is anticipated that the town tax rate for 2018 will be $6.75, an increase of $0.57, or 9.2%, over the 2017 operating budget.

JUDY KNAPP is a member of the Budget Committee.

TOWN OF DUBLIN
Public Notice

Effective February 27 through May 1, 2018, all Town roads will be closed to all vehicles over 6 tons. For exceptions, please contact Road Agent Roger Trempe at 398-8546.


Dublin Public Library

April is when New Hampshire anticipates spring! Time to check out the books on gardening so you can plan when and what to plant. We also have books on healthy eating and exercise; where to go hiking in the area; and, of course, fun fiction reading.

Story Time will meet on Wednesday mornings at 9:30 am. Spring has arrived— but what will our weather look like? April 4 we will create watercolor and pastel paintings after being inspired by the books Spring Walk by Virginia Brimhall Snow and Spring Blossoms by Carole Gerber. April 11 we will celebrate water and how not to waste it. April 18 will be an introduction to Earth Day and what we can do to help our environment. On Wednesday, April 25, during school vacation week look for games and activities as well as crafts.

Book Buddies meet on Tuesdays after school at 3:30 pm. Reading Whoever You Are by Mem Fox and We’re All Wonders by R.J Palacio will lead to a discussion about our unique qualities on April 3. What do we look for in a friend? Is it kindness, a good listener, someone to trust with our secrets? Someone who makes us laugh or laughs at our jokes? Do we have those qualities as well? On April 10, we will read Water is Water by Miranda Paul and learn about the water cycle with a fun game. April 17, our group will create a display for Earth Day, and all are welcome to add to it.

The Dublin library is open during school vacation week so check out a book and a movie and take some time to play a game when you visit.

NH Downloadable Audio Books are available through the Dublin Public Library. All you need is a Dublin library card and instructions. Visit the Library, get a card and instructions. Then, you’re good to go!

New Recycling Rule for Newspaper

As of January 1, 2018, China’s ban on 24 types of imported waste has affected the markets for mixed paper and magazines. There is now a fee associated with the disposal of these commodities and residents are asked not to allow newspaper to be added to this list. When disposing of newspaper make sure it is free of any contamination such as cardboard, magazines, mixed paper, or promotional flyers, etc. Thank you.

— Tom Kennedy, Superintendent, Transfer Station

BOOKS

Now That You Mention It by K. Higgins
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Force of Nature by J. Harper
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Tickets: $17 in advance; $20 at the door (cash or check only)

Advance tickets may be purchased:
• Online at pfmsconcerts.org
• The Toadstool Bookshops in Peterborough, Milford and Keene, NH starting two weeks before each show. Please call 603-827-2905 for more information.
Adele Knight Awarded Citizen of the Year

For three decades, Adele Knight served Dublin as Supervisor of the Checklist. But she also served this town in another capacity, most notably in regards to our town library and libraries within this state.

Adele became a trustee of our library in 1992. She was a key mover and shaker during the Library Expansion project, and held the role of Chair of that Expansion Committee in 1995. In 2000, Adele was named a Permanent Trustee, a role she held until her retirement in 2015. (See December 2015 Advocate about her retirement.)

In the December 2012 Advocate, Adele wrote “My Bookshelves,” a timely article in which she chronicled the rise of innovative technology as it relates to libraries.

In addition to serving Dublin, Adele was very active at the state level serving as both President and a Trustee of the New Hampshire Library Trustees Association; after her retirement, she received an important award for her years of advocacy and activism promoting libraries.

As detailed by Connie Kirwin in the November 2017 Advocate: “On October 28, 2017, at the Dublin Public Library, the New Hampshire Library Trustee Association (NHLTA) honored Adele Knight with the Dorothy M. Little award, which is presented to an individual who “has demonstrated sustained, extraordinary public library advocacy and activism on a local, regional and state level.” We are indeed fortunate to have had Adele at the helm of our public library for so many years.

Adele was not able to attend Town Meeting this year, where she would have received a Town Clock; instead it will be awarded to her at the Selectmen’s Office on a later date.

Dublin Women’s Club

The Women’s Club annual meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 17, at Del Rossi’s. A social hour begins at 5:30 pm; dinner will be served around 6 pm. The cost is $32 per person.

You don’t have to be a Women’s Club member to join us; we welcome guests, especially anyone who has just moved to town. If you are not a member and would like to join us, please contact Nancy Campbell at necampbell@myfairpoint.net. Members will receive their invitation either by email or mail. Please contact Judy with questions at judyknapp@myfairpoint.net.

The DWC Beach Committee and Board of Directors have been planning for summer 2018. We need an additional sailboat since one of our boats was retired last year. We are seeking a gently used, newer model Sunfish, with a spring-loaded rudder. If you have a Sunfish that you would like to donate or sell to the Women’s Club, please call Connie Cerroni at 563-8842.

Invitations to join the Dublin Women’s Club will be mailed in April.

JUDY KNAPP is the chair of the Board of Directors of the Dublin Women’s Club.
**News from DCS**

BY NICOLE PEASE

The end of March was fun filled with many different learning opportunities for our students. Dublin Consolidated School staff collaborated to bring a school-wide study of Egypt to our students. We took a field trip to the Mariposa Museum to learn about the culture of Egypt, followed by a visit from the Arts Integration Program with Jeannie Connolly and Terry Reeves during which students created mini sarcophagi and a papier mache Sphinx. Teachers provided background information that made these creations come alive for our students.

The annual Movie Night on March 23 was a big hit; students and their families loved coming to school for pizza, popcorn, and a movie — a beloved tradition. The Talent Show on the 29 was amazing. I am in awe of the courage our children possess as they get on stage to showcase their talents. It is a joy to see what our students can do beyond what they show in the classroom.

We welcome April, and it begins with ART Day with Arts Integration including our Art Teacher Andy Shultz. He will be rounding out our Egypt study with a whole-school creation of a map of the region, to be showcased in our school. April will include a Literacy Week with a storytelling workshop for parents by author Megan Dowd Lambert. This is especially exciting as she is our own Susan Ellingwood’s niece!

We are thrilled to bring storyteller Len Cabral back to DCS to share with students how he gets his inspiration. This visit is thanks to the financial support of the Arts Integration Program. Students will also create puppets to tell their stories as well as other activities — the perfect way to end the month before vacation.

It is hard to fathom that the final quarter of the school year is upon us. May will mean the beginning of the final round of assessments to examine student growth.

**Update from the School Board**

BY BERND FOECKING

Dear Dubliners: It is a day after the town vote, and I am sitting here writing this quick update to express how grateful I am for the votes from Dublin for our district and its goals.

The results of the vote are a clear mandate to continue our work with the Strategic Plan. You gave us the resources to renovate the labs, implement the changes for the coming year, and strive for the best possible education for our students over the next year(s).

I was surprised that the Factfinder report passed. I am glad that the district’s teachers will get a significant raise. However, the Board had concerns with the price tag and priorities around compensation. You thought differently and our teachers are grateful for your generosity.

Article 10 passed in Peterborough and Greenfield, but only had 44% support in the district; that means that the power to close the small schools remains with the voters. We will present options for the district next year, and then you can make an educated choice. Again — thank you for your support.


BERND FOECKING (bfoecking@conval.edu) is Dublin’s Rep to the ConVal School Board, SAU 1.

**“Our Town” Comes to DCA & The DubHub**

BY BILL KATKA

The classic play “Our Town” will be presented by Dublin Christian Academy in the auditorium on April 19 at 1:30 pm and on April 20 at 7 pm. “Our Town” is a classic of American theater and is the ultimate New England play. The play centers around a small New England town modeled by author Thornton Wilder after Peterborough, NH, and its characters are modeled after the people Wilder met while spending time at places like the MacDowell Colony.

Tickets are $5 with a $20 family limit. Tickets can be purchased online or at the door. The Community Center will take contributions from those attending. All are welcome to attend.

“Our Town” will also be presented at the Dublin Community Center, as a benefit performance for the Community Center, on Saturday, April 21, at 7 pm.

BILL KATKA is the speech and history teacher at Dublin Christian Academy.

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Please download the application from the Town website (www.townofdublin.org) or pick one up at the Town Hall.

The Scholarship Committee will consider both academic merit and financial need. Please send all materials to The Trustees of the Trust Funds, PO Box 127, Dublin, NH 03444.

Please direct questions to the following committee members: Balmeet Khalsa (balmeetkkhalsa@gmail.com); Mary Loftis (mloftis2@myfairpoint.net); or Barbara Summers (BKSummers50@aol.com).

Dublin Community Foundation Scholarships

Dublin Community Foundation is accepting scholarship applications from 2017 graduating high school seniors who are Dublin residents. A limited number of scholarships is available for students who are planning to continue their studies at a college or university, technical, or business school.

The deadline for applying is May 15, 2018. Notification of awards will be made by June 15. Applications are available from guidance counselors at ConVal, Dublin Christian Academy, the Dublin School, and Fairwood Bible Institute.

DCF welcomes applications from those Dublin students who have been home schooled. We can also send applications by email on request.

Mail completed applications to DCF, PO Box 1036, Dublin, NH 03444, or to dublin-communityfoundation@gmail.com.

Rosemary Mack is the President of the DCF. Other members are Jane Keough, Jeff Oja, Connie Cerroni, and Tom Warren.

Dog Licenses Due April 30

Please be sure to renew your dog licenses by the end of April to avoid additional charges. Bring your dog’s current rabies certificate or call ahead to see if the Town Clerk’s office has a copy supplied by your dog’s veterinarian.

As long as you provide a copy of the current rabies certificate, licenses can also be done by mail. Please include a check and self-addressed envelope. If dogs are not neutered or spayed, licenses are $9.00. For puppies 4 to 7 months old, neutered males and spayed females, licenses are $6.50 each. If the owner is over 65 years old, the first dog’s license is just $2.00.

If you no longer have your dog or if you have any questions, please call the Town Clerk’s office at 563-8859.

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Jane Young: 1928–2018

Jane Stewart Young, 89, died in Concord, MA, on February 21, 2018. She grew up in Stamford, CT, and before moving to Concord, MA, in 2011, lived in Dedham, MA; Norwich, VT; Charlotte-ville, VA; and Dublin, NH.

Jane was born in New York City in August 1928, daughter of Sarah (Klebs) and Rev. Dr. George Stewart, and granddaughter of Margaret (Forbes) and Dr. Arnold Klebs, physician, of Chicago and Nyon, Switzerland; great-granddaughter of Dr. Edwin Klebs, and great-great-granddaughter of John Murray Forbes. She attended the Brearley School in NYC, graduated from Milton Academy in 1946, and attended Bennington College.

She is survived by her five children: Stewart Young of Lincoln, MA; Muffy Young of Waltham, MA; Amelia Rodríguez Tigner of Fairfield, PA; John Young of Cambridge, MA; and Jane Young of Putney, VT. Six grandchildren include Alex Young, Sophie DeHainaut, August DeHainaut, John Rodriguez, Jesse Grillo, and Caleb Grillo.

Jane was predeceased by her three sisters: Mary Stewart Meath Doyle Hewitt, Anne Stewart, and Sarah Malcolm Stewart Preston; and her former husbands John Young, Edward Toland, and William McDermott.

A memorial service was held in Concord, MA, on March 10. Jane will be laid to rest in the Dublin cemetery this spring. Gifts in her memory may be made to the Rotch-Jones-Duff House and Garden Museum, 396 County St., New Bedford, MA.

Mary G. Rajaniemi: 1917–2018

By Nancy Cayford

Ah yes, the Dublin Church’s Ice Cream Socials. Back in the ’80s, the church held an annual social for the town. There were all kinds of games to play and food to eat. For several years Mary Rajaniemi and I were in charge of the strawberry shortcake booth and of course we wanted it to be pretty. Mary brought several white tablecloths to cover all of the old wood of the booth, and I cut strawberries from red construction paper. After we had decorated so perfectly, it rained—hard! The paper strawberries bled red streaks down the tablecloths, the paper wilted in half, and the tablecloths sagged from all the water. Mary and I looked at the disaster for a few seconds then broke into laughter. It was always a story we liked to reminisce about.

Mary got those white tablecloths to be as good as new. She was an artist at cleaning and organizing. At the age of 13 Mary was hired out to work in a Tea House in Fitzwilliam. Later, at age 18, she came back to Dublin and worked for many of the summer people. The people loved having her open their homes and clean for them for they knew that Mary was special. Not only was she a hard worker, she had integrity that would last a lifetime. She was tough, and brash, and kind and honest.

She soon met Albert, and they married when she was 19. It was a good match that lasted 70 years. Their time together ended with Albert’s death in 2006. Mary and Albert had 4 children, 7 grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren, and 1 great-great-granddaughter.

They loved to walk. We would see them every day at Bond’s Corner, crossing Rt. 101 as they headed home after their 5-mile trek. Before Albert retired, Mary walked with her dear friend Beanie Wenigman, 5 miles a day, 5 days a week. Those two ladies always kept their girlish figures!

Mary (center) visits with the Scotts at her church a few years ago.
Rosemary James: 1925–2018

BY ROSEMARY JAMES WOLPE

Rosemary James died on March 7 at the age of 93. She was born in Rochester, NY, to Mary and George E. Puddington, and spent her teenage years in Reno, NV. She met our father, Alexander “Sandy” James, in San Francisco, where she was attending nursing school and he had just been honorably discharged from the United States Marine Corps, having served in World War II.

From a young age, we knew our mother was not of the same world as our father. She brought with her a pure sense of the Wild West: There was something open and expansive about her, with her 5-foot, 10-inch frame and her full, loud laugh. She favored blue-jean skirts and wore Indian jewelry. As a practicing Catholic, she was deeply spiritual and had a way of including God in most conversations. Her lack of convention could knock people a little off-kilter, but she was first and foremost funny, generous, and kind. It was hard not to be drawn in by her candor and quick wit.

Having six children, she was in good company with the many strong local mothers raising big families toward the end of the Baby Boom. Those were the years of cloth diapers and the annual winter boot ordeal: putting sock, then shoe, followed by another woolen sock, a plastic Sunbeam bread bag, and finally a rubber boot onto each foot before the children were allowed out to play in the snow.

Rosemary was not one to sit at home. She worked full time as a nurse and later as a massage therapist. She loved going places. Twice she brought us on camping trips across the country. Closer to home and later in life, she loved making her rounds to Carr’s Store for gas, to the library, to the police station to report breaking news to Dana and Jimmy, and finally to the General Store for her five papers and two chocolate bars. She referred to the transfer station as “The Social Club.”

In her last years, chauffeuring her in her white Rav4, we witnessed how she was warmly greeted by the many people with whom she shared intimate connections through the varied facets of her life: church, prayer groups, book clubs, art classes, nursing, and many circles of friends. Her world was intimate and complete, and became even more so with the arrival of her six grandchildren. Becoming a grandmother charged Rosemary with a renewed sense of purpose; here was a whole new audience to entertain with her stories.

After 62 years of living in the house on Lake Road that our father designed, she died in the care of her children, in particular her youngest sons, Henry and Robert, who served as her primary caregivers, supplemented by daughters Rosemary, Bay, Susan, and eldest son Cartney.

We always knew how hollow the world would feel when our mother died. Her bed and her chair beside the window are now empty, but her presence remains with us all in the bright stories she told and lived and left behind.

ROSEMARY JAMES WOLPE is the fourth of Rosemary’s six children.

Mary G. Rajaniemi continued from previous page

Mary and Albert were lifelong members of the Dublin Community Church, and were always taking part, always helping, always being leaders. She cooked for dinners, worked on the rummage sales, and served on the boards. She taught us the importance of staying with the church through hard times because, she said, “the people are the church.”

My mother and Mary were born the same year, 1917, and my mother would come to Dublin to help with the Ice Cream Socials, so she and Mary got to know each other. That’s probably why I developed a special bond with Mary.

Mary Rajaniemi; daughter, sister, wife, mother, grandmother, friend, exemplary teacher. May she rest in peace.

Services will be later in the year. In lieu of flowers, donations in Mary’s name may be made to Hospice at Beacon Place, 2502 Summit Avenue, Greensboro, NC 27405; the Dublin Fire Company; or the Dublin Community Church.

NANCY CAYFORD is a long-time member of the Dublin Community Church and founder of the Dublin Community Center.
Solar Power in Dublin

BY NANCY NOLAN

Traveling through town, you may have noticed more solar panels, some on rooftops and others ground-mounted. According to Mike Borden, Dublin’s Code Enforcement Officer, there have been 17 residential and commercial installations in town during the last five years.

Solar power is an efficient and low-carbon source of electricity, but many homeowners are wary about the cost. The good news is the price of solar power has dropped dramatically, making it a viable and affordable source of power generation. Also, the solar business is good for the economy, with almost 1200 employees statewide.

My husband and I have lived with solar power for nearly five years and are happy to report that our 6kW system has provided nearly 90% of our well-insulated and energy-efficient home’s power use, which includes powering air-source heat pumps for heat, a/c, and hot water, as well as providing gas-free miles for our plug-in electric hybrid vehicle.

I recently spoke with Greg Blake, owner of South Pack Solar in Peterborough, who explained why solar is a very good investment. Besides helping the planet by providing clean energy, there is a 30% Federal Income Tax Credit for systems installed through 2019. That percentage will be reduced in the following two years and will expire in 2022. A tax credit reduces your actual federal income tax bill dollar-for-dollar vs. a deduction, which reduces the income your tax is based on.

Additionally, a solar array makes electricity that you would have previously had to purchase from the utility. A modern, well-designed, and installed system should provide electricity for a quarter of a century. The electricity it produces has been prepaid with the purchase of the system effectively acting as a hedge against future electric utility price increases. Greg further explained that a typical residential solar array (with good southern exposure) in New Hampshire will have paid for itself in seven to nine years and, if considered purely a financial vehicle, will have earned 12% interest on one’s investment with a 140% ROI over its 25-year service life. All this without burning any fossil fuels to produce electricity!

April 22 is the 48th year of Earth Day celebrations, an ideal time to consider solar energy and other ways to reduce your family’s carbon footprint.

NANCY NOLAN and her husband moved to Dublin in 2013.
Joe Sangermano’s New Appointment
Chief of Southwestern New Hampshire District Fire Mutual Aid.

BY MARGARET GURNEY

Effective April 28, Joe Sangermano, one of Dublin’s Deputy Fire Chiefs and long-time firefighter, will become Chief Coordinator of the Southwestern New Hampshire District Fire Mutual Aid, where he has worked for the last 29 years. Located at 32 Vernon Street, in Keene’s former fire station, the emergency-dispatching outfit (352-1100) handles requests from 78 communities ranging from Searsburg, Vermont, to Lyndeborough, NH. They work very closely with the folks at 911.

“No less than two people man the desk around the clock,” Joe explains. “During weekdays three people are on from 7 am to 11 pm; and on weekends three people work from noon to midnight Saturdays; on Sundays the hours are 11 am to 11 pm.”

Joe was recommended by the chief (Philip J. Tirrell) who is retiring, and the SWNHDFMA board of directors, which acts as oversight to the chief coordinator, unanimously supported him. “We worked well together for many years,” says Joe, whose duties will ramp up to handle more of the day-to-day business activities. The board is composed of chief officers from member towns, and although Joe knows and respects them all, he says he did not expect the unanimous vote; he was pleasantly surprised.

The daily administration of the SWNHDFMA includes the dispatch center, which has 18 employees, both part-time and full-time; the radio-repair facility, whose three technicians are certified to fix, install, troubleshoot, and maintain 20 remote antenna sites; and the business of the Public Safety Vehicle Equipment shop, which “upfits new vehicles including police cruisers, command vehicles, ambulances, and firetrucks.”

When asked if nonviolence training is required to handle the dispatching, Joe explained that “extensive training covers techniques to handle an assortment of challenging situations, and yes, a check on emotions is included in that. After all,” Joe adds, “we’re talking to people on the worst day of their lives.”

Dispatchers have just one solid minute to gather data and input it into the system: location, address, phone, problem; their questions must be persistent, because even the most obvious details are not the first things out. Up to five computer screens are monitored at once and the messages quickly go out to alert first responders.

Joe reminds us that it is best to call 911 first, in the event of an emergency, as they can capture much information electronically. But Joe’s team is often “the first eyes on the scene of any call. We are often talking to the caller, the witness,” if not the victim, and they pass that information on to the first responders. “No matter if it’s 911 or a direct call, our goal is to get all that info in less than 60 seconds and dispatch it. We stay on the line with them if that is called for, and that’s why we have no less than two people on the phones at any one time.”

“While my first order of business will be filling the vacancy of the guy before me, who set the bar pretty high,” Joe said he is confident that, in light of the current climate in our country, “we are prepared for nearly any situation; we have had experience with large-scale incidents.” All the region’s emergency services know how to work together to “do whatever needs to be done and most all have the training to effectively manage most any emergency.”

When asked if he would step down from his duties as a Deputy Fire Chief and volunteer fireman here in Dublin, Joe said no: as it is, Dublin is just one of many towns in the region experiencing a shortage of firefighting volunteers.

Joe also expresses deep gratitude to his wife, Sarah: “I am very fortunate that, in whatever path I have chosen, she has always supported me doing that.”

MARGARET GURNEY is editor of the Advocate.
Events in April at the Hub

The DubHub is open every Monday and Wednesday, with coffee and conversation from 9 to noon. Closing time is 5 pm on Mondays. On Wednesdays the DubHub is closed from noon to 1, then open again until 4. Come check out the art exhibit or enjoy our faster Internet connection. Feel free to use one of our Chromebooks!

**Code Club II Starts**

The Monadnock Code Club for students in 3rd, 4th, and 5th grades will start its second session on Monday, April 2. Brett Scharmett, a ConVal senior, technology student, and captain of the ConVal Robotics team will be the new instructor/guide. Brett will be attending Florida State University in the Fall as an engineering student. He has mentored the South Middle School Robotics team for the past four years. Brett has developed an exciting six-week plan for our students, which also includes some outdoor activities to start each session.

Code Club will once again be meeting on Monday and Thursday afternoons, from 3:30 to 5 pm. Cost is $30 and scholarships are available. Code Club II will meet from April 2 to May 17, except for Spring Recess. For registration information, email info@dublincommunitycenter.org.

**Craft Night**

Craft Night is Tuesday, April 3, from 7 to 9 pm. Craft Night is open to everyone in the community. Bring any project to work on and enjoy some fellowship. Snacks and drink will be provided. If you have any questions, please email Liz Ogden at secretary@mtnviewbible.org.

**Open Stage Features Tom Smith**

Following the artist reception, the Open Stage on Friday, April 6, will feature acclaimed Boston and Jaffrey-based songwriter Tom Smith. A folk veteran for more than 35 years, Tom performs at festivals, coffeehouses, schools, and concerts throughout New England.

Doors open at 7 pm and the show begins at 7:30 pm. Performers can sign up for a 10-minute set in advance at info@dublincommunitycenter.org. Admission is $5. A collection will be taken for the feature. Attendees may bring a snack to share. Coffee and tea will be provided, but you can bring your own beverage.

**Lyme Disease Support Group**

If you suffer from Lyme disease, or know someone who does, please join Deb Golden for mutual support and to share valuable information. This group meets monthly on the second Thursday of the month, which is April 12, from 6:30 to 8:30 pm.

**Community Lunch**

Join us for a delicious home-cooked meal on Tuesday, April 17. The menu this month is tomato bisque and grilled cheddar cheese sandwiches, green salad and dessert. All meals are served with coffee. Cost is $3. Lunch is served from noon to 1 pm. Come enjoy conversation with neighbors over a tasty meal.

Daniel Thibeault Featured Artist

The art this month features landscapes and small floral artwork of Daniel Thibeault with an opening reception on Friday, April 6, from 5 to 7 pm. Refreshments will be served and admission is free.

Daniel Thibeault, a Peterborough native, is widely recognized throughout the Monadnock Region for his artistic and entrepreneurial skills. He began painting at an early age, and although primarily self-taught, he attended the Vesper George School of Art in Boston. Dan now devotes his time primarily to painting and spending time with his grandchildren.

Dan’s small florals were exhibited at the Boston Museum of Fine Arts along with the Art in Bloom show in 2003. Dan paints while traveling and has sold art in many countries. He often participates in the Monadnock Open Studio Art Tour and has contributed a piece to the permanent collection of Mount Monadnock paintings at the newly renovated visitors center at Monadnock State Park in Jaffrey.
Monadnock Ukulele Group

The Monadnock Ukulele Group meets on the 3rd Friday of each month from 7-9PM in the Dublin Community Center. A $5 contribution to the Community Center is appreciated. Song lists will be emailed to participants ahead of each meeting and the member must bring their own copy. No lessons given, but easy two-and-three chord songs are always included each month. Please email Nancy at thoreaucottage@gmail.com or call 603-785-9857 to request a song list or to be put on the monthly email list. Beginners and advanced uke players are welcome. Please bring your own ukulele.

“Our Town” by DCA Students

Dublin Christian Academy presents Thornton Wilder’s “Our Town” as a benefit for the DubHub on Saturday, April 21, at 7 pm. Donations welcome. (See related article on page 4 in School News section.)

Song Circle Gatherers

The monthly DubHub Song Circle meets on Friday, April 27, from 7 to 9 pm. Bruce Simpson leads this informal group. Usually a dozen musicians and audience members gather to share songs. Participants may bring copies of songs for others to follow along, or may choose to sing solo. Bring your own beverage. For details, contact Bruce at bruce_simpson@msn.com.

Forum: Family Lore

Our Community Forum this month will feature Family Lore. Longtime Dublin residents will share stories of growing up and working in Dublin on Saturday, April 28, from 4:30 to 5:30 pm. Guest speakers will be Yummy Cady, Karen Hyman Tolman, Kiki Sangermano, and Mike Worcester. Refreshments will be served and attendees may linger to share more stories.

Ongoing Movement Classes

The Spring Session of Zumba Fitness with Deb Giaimo runs through April 30. Classes meet on Mondays from 5:30 to 6:30 pm. The cost for the 8-week session is $35. A 4-class pass is available for $28, the drop-in rate is $10, or try a class for free. For information, call Deb at 563-8648 or email her at mydeareubie@gmail.com. Every Wednesday from noon to 1 pm, QiGong is taught by Ginnette Groom. You are welcome for a centering hour of the ancient Chinese practice. Call 313-9828 with any inquiries. Cost is $15/class or $96/8-week session. Also on Wednesdays: Yoga is led by Margaret Gurney from 4 to 5:15 pm. All levels are welcome. Cost is $15/class or $60/6 classes. Email margaretsgurney@gmail.com for details.

Easter is Finally Here

All are welcome to attend one or both services to celebrate Easter on Sunday, April 1, at the Dublin Community Church: a brief 7 am service out front is followed by hot-cross buns indoors, and then a full Easter service at 10 am is followed by brunch, to which all are welcome. Use the eastside door for the elevator to the Sanctuary.

Free Seminar on Medicare

Learn how health care costs can impact your retirement. Steve Kim will be speaking at Scott Farrar in Peterborough on Tuesday, April 10, at 6 pm to explain what Medicare covers and what costs you pay out-of-pocket and planning options you can use to prepare for these expenses.
Moose Plates Help Protect Our Fish & Wildlife

When you register your vehicle this year, you can show your support for New Hampshire’s wild places by buying a New Hampshire Conservation License Plate, or “Moose Plate.”

Your Moose Plate dollars support Fish and Game’s efforts to conserve and restore natural communities for fish, wildlife, and outdoor recreation. Projects funded in part by the Moose Plate and completed in 2017 included a diverse group of wildlife representation by mammals, birds, reptiles, fish, and invertebrates, as well as several technical assistance and wildlife education projects.

One example includes surveys under way of some of the state’s rare turtle populations to determine their numbers and locations. Species surveyed include the Blanding’s and Eastern box turtles (NH endangered), and wood turtle (NH special concern).

Moose Plate dollars have also gone toward restoration of American shad and river herring to the Merrimack and Connecticut rivers. River herring (alewife and blueback herring) and American shad populations were counted, and both rivers were stocked with fish to try to increase their numbers.

Fish habitat surveys were conducted in rivers and streams to determine the quantity and quality of fisheries habitat. Water temperature data was collected in streams in which Fish and Game staff also conducts standardized fish surveys. This information provides the basis for the wise management and conservation of fish populations in these streams, including watersheds such as the Dead Diamond, Swift Diamond, Saco, Wildcat, Beebe, McQueston Brook, Warner, Jewell Hill Brook, Thompson Brook, and Ammonoosuc River. Also, Amoskeag Fishways education staff completed 176 Urban Wildlife programs in ten Manchester elementary schools.

The Moose Plate program funds a significant portion (approximately 25%) of Fish and Game’s work protecting and restoring threatened and endangered wildlife and keeping our common species healthy in New Hampshire.

Learn more about New Hampshire’s Moose Plate at www.mooseplate.com/recipient-agencies/nh-dept-of-fish-game/. For information and online licenses, visit www.wildnh.com. N.H. Fish and Game Dept. is located at 11 Hazen Drive, Concord, NH 03301.

Rotary Speakers in Dublin

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

On April 3, Ken Abbott, President of ABTech Inc., which is based in Fitzwilliam, will speak about evolution of a people-sensitive culture in a growing high-tech setting.

On April 10, Roy Baldwin, Executive Director, Monadnock Christian Conference Center, Jaffrey, will present on the center’s history, mission, and outreach – and a focus on its young people.

April 17 is a club meeting day.

On April 24, Jim Hall, a Board Certified Physical Therapist at Cheshire Medical Center in Keene, will talk about your back, your posture, and related issues for all ages.

The Monadnock Rotary Club is dedicated to community service, with a focus on youth development and health advocacy for people of all ages, locally and internationally. Come see the good work we do and consider Rotary membership.
Cecelia Ensemble Sings for Send Off

On Sunday, April 15 at 4 pm, the Cecelia Ensemble will perform its Czech Tour Send-off Concert at the Dublin Community Church. All are welcome to attend.

Directed by Maria Belva, the hour-long choral program will include Spirituals, Shaker Songs, and part-songs by contemporary American composers, as well as sacred a cappella pieces, and arrangements by the choir’s accompanist, David Vernier.

The Cecelia Ensemble is the high school age section of the Grand Monadnock Youth Choirs. The members of Cecelia Ensemble are very active in school and community events. Seven of our alumni have been chosen for the Rotary exchange in Germany, the Czech Republic, Turkey, Romania, Austria, and Bosnia.

The Cecelia Ensemble began as a separate section in the fall of 2001. They have performed in many local venues in New Hampshire and many trips to Europe. Several former Cecelia Ensemble members have gone on to study music in college. All the singers are enriched from the music and from their travels abroad.

While there is no charge for admission, we ask for donations to offset the cost of the trip.

MFS Presents
Same Size Feet

BY LARRY AMES

The Monadnock Folklore Society introduces ‘Same Size Feet’ to the Nelson Town Hall on Friday, April 6, at 8 pm. Admission is $10/$8 (senior, student, or in advance).

Same Size Feet is a collection of musicians local to the Monadnock Region of NH. Members of the group have many years of experience playing in local bands like Run Gazelle Run, The Terry Landis Band, Adam and the Flood, Crazy Love, The Nines, and contradance bands Birl and Spintuition, in addition to touring regionally and internationally supporting numerous mantra artists such as Snatam, Jai Uttal, Ajeet, and Simrit Kaur, to name a few. They blend many world music traditions with contemporary original styles to create a unique and creative set of instrumental music to delight the body, mind, and soul. For further details, email concertinfo@monadnockfolk.org or visit www.monadnockfolk.org.

LARRY AMES (547-8809) handles PR for the Monadnock Folklore Society.

Magical Strings at DelRossi’s

Performing on their own handmade Celtic harps and hammered dulcimers, Magical Strings (www.magicalstrings.com) will perform on Thursday, April 12, at 8 pm. Pam and Philip Boulding share traditional Irish music along with new compositions inspired by their many sojourns to Ireland and beyond including concertina, penny whistles, etc.

David & Elaina DelRossi, proprietors since 1989, run DelRossi’s Trattoria (www.delrossis.com) serving Italian cuisine and featuring their own homemade pasta. $13 at the door, for reservations, call 563-7195.

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Honor Earth Day: Household Hazardous Waste Schedule in Keene

The average household throws 15.5 lbs. of hazardous materials into the trash each year, and not always responsibly. Certain products, such as used oil, are sometimes poured down storm drains and other poisonous products end up going down the sink drain into septic systems or sewers.

Did you know flammable or reactive household chemicals can release toxic fumes or even explode if they are mixed together in the trash, causing fires or injuries? Dumping solvents into septic systems or landfills may contaminate ground and surface waters, ruining drinking water and killing fish and wildlife. Pesticides cause damage in sewage-treatment plants, and oil poured into storm drains can flow directly into streams and ponds. Don’t let these things happen in our community.

Here are the dates from March through June for the Spring 2018 Household Hazardous Waste Collection Schedule. Limit per resident, per collection day is 10 gallons. In Keene, it’s mostly Saturdays, some Wednesdays: March 31; April 4, 18, and 28; May 12, 16, and 26; June 9, 13, and 23.

All collections are held at the Keene Household Hazardous Waste Collection Facility located adjacent to the Keene Recycling Center, 55 Old Summit Road, Keene, from 8 am to 1 pm on the aforementioned dates.

Since Dublin is (fortunately) on the list of 20 towns included in coverage, we can avoid fees of $50 for up to 10 gallons; $100 for between 10 and 20 gallons; and $125 from 20 to 50 gallons.

Just think of the money you are saving, not to mention our ecosystem.

The 20 towns included in hazardous waste disposal from the Keene Landfill are Chesterfield, Dublin, Fitzwilliam, Greenfield, Hancock, Harrisville, Hinsdale, Keene, Marlborough, Marlow, Nelson, New Ipswich, Peterborough, Richmond, Stoddard, Sullivan, Surry, Swanzey, Troy, and Walpole.

For more information, visit: ci.keene.nh.us/public-works/household-hazardous-waste-schedule.

Join the Salamander Crossing Brigade

Every year, on the first warm, rainy nights of spring, tens of thousands of amphibians make their way to vernal pools and other wetlands to breed. It’s a perilous journey, and many are killed when they must cross busy roads. Studies have shown that this “road mortality” can have a significant impact on local amphibian populations, which in turn, can affect the health of our forests. Here’s how to help:

1. Drive carefully – or not at all – on warm, rainy nights in April and early May.
2. Slow down, especially near wetlands.
3. Watch for Salamander Crossing Brigade volunteers.

For information, contact Harris Center Science Director Brett Amy Thelen at thelen@harriscenter.org or call 358-2065.

Earth Day: End Plastic Pollution Campaign

Close to 48 years ago, on April 22, 1970, millions of people took to the streets to protest the negative impacts of 150 years of industrial development.

In the U.S. and around the world, smog was becoming deadly and evidence was growing that pollution led to developmental delays in children. Biodiversity was in decline as a result of the heavy use of pesticides and other pollutants.

The global ecological awareness was growing, and the government responded quickly by creating the Environmental Protection Agency, and robust environmental laws such as the Clean Water Act and the Endangered Species Act, among many.

Earth Day is now a global event each year, and more than 1 billion people in 192 countries take part in a day of political action and civic participation. People march, sign petitions, meet with their elected officials, plant trees, clean up their towns and roads. Corporations and governments use it to make pledges and announce sustainability measures. All to help protect the planet that we all live on.

Earth Day Network announced that Earth Day 2018 will focus on mobilizing the world to End Plastic Pollution, including creating support for a global effort to eliminate single-use plastics along with global regulation for the disposal of plastics. Visit www.earthday.org/earthday/ for further details.
Spring Has Sprung
BY JEANNE STERLING

There are four seasons. We know them well. Of the four, I would venture to guess that spring is the most fickle of the group. Spring teases us with short-lived warm temps and balmy breezes. Sometimes we appear to be going right from winter to summer. Black fly season usually starts in April and then does a do-se-do with mosquitoes around mid-June.

We have had 75-degree temperatures in February only to witness blizzards on Easter Sunday. Native NH citizens take it in stride, more or less. However, newbies to the area get totally flummoxed by the games Mother Nature plays on us at this time of the year.

I remember a transplanted co-worker from California who didn’t understand me when I told him to be careful driving because the roads were greasy and he might end up on the ‘banken. He hadn’t a clue as to what I was talking about.

Spring season brings its own special challenges; i.e. frost heaves, pot holes, paved roads covered with gravel left from sanding. And bugs. Yes, I said bugs! When we experience the joy of a warm mid-spring day, opening the windows, airing out the house, breathing in the fresh air, hanging out our clothes, stink bugs and those prolific Japanese ladybugs thaw out and flutter around rooms where they’ve been holed up since October. Really warm weather brings the parade of sugar ants covering your kitchen counters, drawers, end tables, etc. They often send out a ‘scout’ to check things out before they follow. If you kill the scout, there’ll be another by shortly. I had placed a cough drop on my nightstand one night just in case I needed it. During the night, I woke with a sore throat, realized the cough drop was on the table and popped it into my mouth. It seemed awfully grainy . . . no wonder . . . it was covered with sugar ants!

Many of us attempt to rush the season with purchases of tulips, daffodils, and primrose plants. We are desperate for anything to help us welcome the changeable days of April and May.

The season, although short, is also sweet. We enjoy the results of those who make maple syrup and the newspapers offer more recipes on how to incorporate the sweet sticky stuff into our menu. Ads for St. Patrick Day dinners and decorations are very soon followed by those for Easter. Actually, most stores have St. Patrick shaking hands and moving over for the Easter bunny and tons of cream-filled eggs and Peeps. There’s a division among us as how we like our Peeps . . . fresh and gooey or one or two days’ worth of staleness. The jury is still out on that.

We’ll all survive spring, one way or another. Hope that the black flies are gone by Memorial Day when we trek up to the cemetery and perhaps enjoy the first barbeque of the year. This will repeat itself next year, the year after that, and so on. We’ve done it before and we’ll do it again.

JEANNE STERLING is advertising coordinator for the Advocate.
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