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## Wildflowers and Birds of Dublin

By Louisa Birch

**T**he *Wildflowers of Dublin, N.H.* has recently been added to the Town of Dublin website at the Conservation Commission link. A limited edition publication, it is no longer available in hardcopy.

Written by Elliot and Katherine Allison, Dublin's well-known naturalists, and published by Yankee in 1980, it lists the 331 wildflowers the Allisons found in Dublin during their 30 years of searching. They note that, at that time, there had been little change in woodland wildflowers since 1752 when Dublin was first settled. However, they did see a change in the flora of fields and roadsides. Many non-native plants such as dandelion, clover, hawkweed and Queen Anne's lace had been introduced and easily spread. It is interesting to note that now, in 2012, we have several non-native, invasive plants never listed by the Allisons. They did not find Japanese knotweed, yellow flag iris, nor garlic mustard. Japanese knotweed is now one of our worst invasives, and may be found along many roads, overcoming all other plants. Yellow flag iris is less common, but it is here and will spread. Garlic mustard is a newcomer and will soon become common. Purple loosestrife was listed by the Allisons as "uncommon." A common plant now, it is frequently found in ponds, swamps and wet areas where it spreads easily and crowds out native plants. The Conservation Commission is working on the tedious and difficult job of eradicating both Japanese knotweed and purple loosestrife from our roadsides and swamps.

In 1979 the Conservation Commission asked William Bauhan to publish the Allison's booklet *Monadnock Sightings: Birds of Dublin, New Hampshire 1909- 1979*.

In this booklet the Allisons combine



*The Allison's booklets are a treasure chest of knowledge and an excellent record of the town's changing bird and wildflower populations.*

Gerald Thayer's 1909 Dublin bird record with theirs made in 1979. The differences in the two records is remarkable because the Allisons record not only contains more than 30 species not seen by Thayer 69 years earlier, but it also finds great declines in population numbers. Tom Warren, a Dublin resident who helped the Allisons with their work, reports that these changes are due to habitat changes in Central and South America where the birds migrate in the winter, and to climate change. Tom says the changes are continuing and increasing, affecting the size of the populations as well as the differences in species numbers. Deforestation and the continued use of DDT in Central and South America, and the warming of our climate are taking a toll on the bird population and causing changes in species variety. Birds once found south of us are now here. One often sees cardinals and mocking birds, which have only recently become common in Dublin.

*Monadnock Sightings* may be found on the Town of Dublin website at the Conservation Commission link. Hard copies are available for purchase at the Town Hall for \$5.00 each.

Elliot Allison (1900 – 1994), a 5th generation Dublin resident, and his British wife, Katherine (1904 – 1994) were well-known and beloved citizens of Dublin. They were often seen walking along the side of a back road with their heads down looking for plants, or gazing up into the trees through binoculars searching for birds. Long-time members of the Thoreau Society and ardent followers of his philosophy, they were true naturalists. They contributed to the town as they taught children in the Dublin Consolidated School about nature for 25 years, and wrote many articles about nature as well as these two booklets. When they were younger they spent several years as foresters and fire wardens at Red Hill and Pitcher Mountain. Both were also accomplished musicians and composers, and gave music lessons. The Allison's booklets are a treasure chest of knowledge and an excellent record of the town's changing bird and wildflower populations.

Both booklets may be seen in the Dublin Library or at the Dublin Archives, and both are available at the Conservation Commission link of the Town of Dublin website. Either online or in hard copy, these booklets are valuable records and enjoyable reading.

*Thanks to Jamie Trowbridge and Catherine Boeckmann at Yankee for their permission to use the Wildflower booklet and for transforming it into electronic format. Thanks to Nancy Campbell for transforming the Bird booklet into electronic format.*

LOUISA BIRCH is a member of the Dublin Conservation Commission.

## Dublin Public Library

**T**he *Wonder of Hands*, a book written by Edith Baer, is the inspiration for February's Story Time at the Dublin Public Library. Hands can do all kinds of things and we will use our hands for puppet making, working with clay, finger painting, and more. We will even clap our hands while we sing some songs! Join us Wednesday mornings from 9:30-10:30 am on February 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29.

A special Family Time will be Tuesday, February 28 at 6 pm. If you're on vacation that week, come try your hand at golf or tennis on the Wii. Bring a friend and enjoy a night at the library where the entertainment is always free!

Movies and books are available for checking out and crafts are ready to create. Refreshments served.

### NEW BOOKS

*Tiger's Wife* by T. Obrecht  
*The Taker* by A. Katsu

*A Brief History of Thought* by L. Ferry  
*Love in a Nutshell* by J. Evanovich

## Annual Book Sale by the FDPL

**F**riends of the Dublin Public Library announces its Annual Book Sale on Saturday, February 11, from 9:30 am until noon. Free to all!

But wait, there's more: if you come two days earlier for the Early Bird Sale, on Thursday, February 9, from 5:30 to 7:30 pm, it will be \$5 per person, and members who are Friends get in free.

## From, About, and For *The Advocate*

By Margaret Gurney

**S**ince funding for *The Advocate* remains a Warrant Article again this year, we think it prudent to provide you with some details regarding our financial proposal. *The Advocate* is seeking \$4,400 this year from the Town, which is \$400 more than last year.

Based on this past year's performance, we anticipate our advertising revenue to be about \$6,900 in 2012. In addition, we are hoping for \$350 in donations to cover costs for first-class mailing out of town (our mailing address is P.O. Box 184).

On the expenses side for 2012, graphic design, postage and the stipend for the editor remain the same as for 2011. Last year, the editor chose to spend 50% of her stipend for web-development work, resulting in the "DublinAdvocate.com" website and an online version of same. Printing expense is expected to be \$4,400 in 2012 (up from \$4,000 in 2011). We also need to add \$200 to the budget for supplies. As a result of these anticipated changes, our total expenditures for 2012 will be \$11,650 (up from \$11,050 in 2011).

Our treasurer, Bill Goodwin, will be happy to answer any questions you might have regarding our proposed budget.

You will read in the Town Report that we are blessed with a super strong staff, and are excited to see where the site will take us. We hope to continue serving the town we all enjoy, and thank you for your past support.

MARGARET GURNEY is editor of *The Dublin Advocate*.

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## Renew Registrations by Mail

By Jeannine Jadaszewski

**D**o you know that you can renew your vehicle registrations by mail? Dublin does not send renewal notices by mail, but you can still do your renewals by mail if you mail in a previously issued registration for each vehicle to the town clerk's office (PO Box 62) with your two checks. One should be made out to the State of New Hampshire and the other to the Town of Dublin.

The previously issued registration that you mail in should not be your current one, because you will need to have that with you when you are driving your car, and it must be an original registration, not a photocopy. Just call the town clerk's office at

563-8859 to get the correct amounts to write on your checks. We will need to know the month of expiration, your name and address, and the year(s), make(s) and model(s) of the vehicle(s) that you will be renewing.

Please include a self-addressed, stamped envelope for me to send your new registration and decals to you, and a phone number where you can be reached in case there are any issues or questions about your registration. Allow at least 10 days. If you have moved, or if any other changes need to be made to your registration, you will need to come to the town clerk's office in person.

Also, do you know that you can renew your vehicle registrations up to four months before the expiration dates?

JEANNINE JADASZEWSKI is Town Clerk/Tax Collector, PO Box 62, Dublin, NH 03444, or call (603) 563-8859.



**Ramona Branch**, Dublin Advocate staff member, is shown here conducting exit polling in the Dublin Town House with a voter in the Presidential Primary January 10. Information she obtained from voters was called in to Edison Research Company three times a day and forwarded to major news media for the election coverage. Ramona thanks all the gracious citizens who took the time to help her.

## Dublin 2012 Budget Development

By Dale Gabel

**T**he Town of Dublin Budget Committee began its difficult task in April 2011. Numerous meetings were held throughout the year to review the Town's expenditure performance against its approved 2011 budget, to interview and question Town Department Heads and Committee Chairs about their proposed 2012 budgets, and to develop a draft 2012 operating budget for consideration and approval at Town Meeting in March 2012.

The Budget Committee's efforts during the January – February 2012 timeframe will be concentrated on finalizing an aggregate operating budget to be given a first public airing at a Budget Hearing on February 14th.

Budget Committee meetings are normally held on Tuesday evenings at 7 pm in

the Town Hall and are open to the public. Actual meeting dates are posted in Town Hall, and minutes of previous meetings are posted on the bulletin board in Town Hall and on the Town's website.

Dale Gabel (RADM D.G. Gabel, U.S. Coast Guard (Retired)) is Chairman of the Budget Committee. Other members include Tom Warren (Secretary), K. Horgan, Judy Knapp, Richard Scheinblum, Nancy Campbell and Charlie Champagne (Selectmen's Representative), all ably assisted by Sherry Miller, Town Administrator.

## Spaghetti Supper at Dublin Community Church

**T**he youth of the Dublin Community Church are hosting a spaghetti supper on Saturday, February 11th, serving from 5 to 7 pm. (The snow date is Saturday, February 18th, serving from 5 to 7 pm.) This community meal is free to one and all! Donations to help support area food banks will be accepted. This is a great place for families to celebrate Valentine's Day with an evening of warm food made with love and neighborly conversation – and best of all, no dishes to wash!

**Visit [DublinAdvocate.com](http://DublinAdvocate.com)** and sign up (register) to receive an update when the new issue is published each month. (Our fire chief deserves big kudos for being the first to sign up!) Plus, if you are a tradesperson in town, email [DublinAdvocate@gmail.com](mailto:DublinAdvocate@gmail.com) with your info and we can update the online Business Directory.

### Women's Club Pre-Town Meeting: March 6th, Town Hall

Refreshments at 7 pm,  
meeting at 7:30 pm.

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## Dublin General Store Wins Another CVCSF Top Jar Award

**T**hey did it again. The ConVal Community Scholarship Foundation's (CVCSF) Top Jar Award for 2011 goes for a second time in three years to the Dublin General Store, just edging out second-place T-Bird Mini Market in Antrim and 2010's winner, Mr. Mike's Mini-Mart in Peterborough.

According to CVCSF President William Kennedy, the Freemans "... very much support the CVCSF and appreciate our customers' generosity. We're very glad to be part of this worthy cause."

Retail businesses across the nine towns of the ConVal school district collect customer-donated pocket change to fund a Mer-



*Michelle and Andy Freeman of DGS with their prize of an Ava Marie Handmade Chocolates gift certificate.*

chants Scholarship for a college-bound ConVal High School graduate through the CVCSF Dollars for Scholars. In 2011, nearly \$2,000 in pennies, nickels, dimes, quarters, and dollars came in from generous donations by area shoppers.

The CVCSF is a 501(c)3 nonprofit, all-volunteer chapter of Dollars for Scholars supported by tax-deductible donations that awards financial and mentoring help and future hope to Con-toocook Valley High School grads.

For more information, see <http://CVCSF.org> or email [info@CVCSF.org](mailto:info@CVCSF.org).

**Before the snow hit,** there was wonderful ice. Shown here skating on Doc's Pond in the second week of January on "black ice!" are (L-R) Joan Griffin, Sally Shonk Carey, and Kim and John Allis. It was "exhausting and exhilarating."



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## Winterfest: February 11 from 11 am to 2 pm

Join your Dublin neighbors for a frosty day of fun!

By Jen Bergeron

The Dublin Recreation Committee invites all Dubliners to its annual Winterfest celebration on Saturday, February 11 from 11 am to 2 pm at the Dublin Consolidated School. Join us for a day of winter fun!

Music and a bonfire will help to keep us warm. Hot chocolate, coffee, hot dogs and chili will also be provided.

WinterFest's main activities include Snowmobile Tow Rides (courtesy of the Monadnock Trailbreakers Snowmobile Club) and the famous Box Sled Race!

Qualifying heats for the Box Sled Race will start at 1 pm. Please arrive by 12:30

### DUBLIN WINTERFEST

**Sledding**

Bring your sled, toboggan or tube and have fun!!!

**Box Sled Racing**

Make your own sled out of cardboard boxes and duct tape. Decorate and race them! \*

**Bonfire**

Qualifying heats start at 1pm

**Music**

**Snow Sculpting**

Bring your shovel

**Chili, Hot Dogs, Hot Cocoa & more**

**Snowmobile Tows**

\*Box Sled Race sleds should be made out of cardboard & duct tape. Sleds cannot be built on skis, manufactured sleds, snow tubes, cafeteria trays, etc. The sliding surface of your sled should only be made of cardboard & ordinary duct tape. no silicon spray or specialty duct tape. Plastic, metal, and wood items may only be used for ornamental purposes.

When: Saturday Feb. 11th, 2012  
 11 am - 2 pm  
 Where: Dublin Consolidated School  
 Brought to you by the Dublin Recreation Committee  
 (not a school sponsored event)

now for the big race! Or be there to cheer on the racers. Either way, think snow!

For more information, contact Jen Bergeron at 563-8308 or e-mail [jberge@myfairpoint.net](mailto:jberge@myfairpoint.net).

## Jade's "Groomer" Tips

### THINGS TO CONSIDER BETWEEN GROOMINGS

- Trimming nails every 3-4 weeks is an important part of your dog's well being. Dog nails have a nerve (called a quick) with a blood supply. If the quick is clipped, the nail will bleed and the dog will experience pain. Maintaining short nails will allow the quick to recede making the next nail trimming a breeze!
- Brushing and combing your dog every

week will help prevent matting and skin problems such as hot spots. Gently brushing against the lay of the coat with a quality brush will help make your furry friend fluffy while retaining essential oils!

- Feeding a nutritious diet with foods concentrated in protein, fruits and vegetables will help keep your dog looking beautiful and feeling great on the inside!

JADE NGUYEN is the groomer at *Oh My Dog!*, which offers products and services relevant to in-between grooming needs.

## DinoMite Doings at DCP

By Ruth Thompson

It's Dinosaur 101 at Dublin Community Preschool (DCP) in January. The children have been learning about dinosaurs incorporating lots of dinosaur vocabulary in their Spanish lessons; singing some



dinoMite songs in music; exploring various painting and rubbing techniques to create paper dinos; creating cool fossils and will end with a volcano in the sand table as the grand finale!

For two weeks following the Dinosaur studies, the focus will be on space with visits from the Harris Center teaching the children about constellations. It wouldn't be complete without an evening field trip to the Dublin School observatory to bring the learning to life! The last two days of the month will be dedicated to exploring The Chinese New Year through music, food, language and crafts.

We sincerely appreciate our community and all that it offers our school and the children we serve. Sometimes we have a chance to give back and that opportunity presented itself just before the holiday when we were able to provide the Monadnock Food Bank with 88 pounds of food for their fall food drive! Thank you to all who helped us support this effort.

DCP currently has openings on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

RUTH THOMPSON is vice president of the board of the Dublin Community Preschool.

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## News from DCS

By May Clark

Winter finally arrived in January! With one snow day and one delayed opening already as I write this, only halfway through the month, perhaps Blizzard Bags will be in our future! Every student in the district has by now received his or her own personal blizzard bag – five days' worth of school work – which could be used on a snow day. When the call comes, the superintendent will designate the day as a blizzard bag day (or not, in the case of widespread power outages), and students will be able to complete a day's worth of assignments, on paper or online. This will allow us to not have to make up the day in June! We'll see how it goes.

Our ski program is going strong – we lost one ski day early on, but will make it up this month. More than half our students ski at Crotched Mountain on Thursday afternoons for five weeks. This is a fabulous program, and we always have our PTO to thank, but the Dublin Community Foundation helped us out this year too. Lara Scheinblum took over the organization and overseeing of the ski program this year, after a long, successful, and dedicated run by Donna White. Thanks go to all these people!

And speaking of the Dublin Community Foundation, it has generously agreed to pay for the Lend-an-Ear program again this year, and we had our first visit from the musicians in January. The second and third graders all get to enjoy this wonderful exposure to classical music over the course of the winter.

January also marks the halfway point of our school year, and another round of testing. We accomplished the winter versions of the NWEA test on the computer for students in grades 1-5, and everyone did the Aimsweb benchmark testing in reading.



**In Night Sky,** Edie Clark reads selections from *The View from Mary's Farm*, her book of essays from the pages of *Yankee* magazine.

**CONTENTS:** Night Sky / The Winter of a Thousand Springs / Fruitcake Weather / Santa's Home / Two Springs / From the Ashes / Peace Log / Making Hay / Dark Waters / Under the Exploding Sky / Sneak Attack / Something Big Passed By / To Save a Sheep / Raging Bull / Jazz Night. Musical interludes by Gordon Peery and friends.

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In February we will have more from Lend-an-Ear, more skiing, and more learning! The Recreation Department is planning its wonderful Winterfest on the DCS/Town of Dublin playground for Feb. 11 – don't miss it! And stop in any time to visit – just call 563-8332 or email ([mclark@conval.edu](mailto:mclark@conval.edu)) first!

MAY CLARK is Teaching Principal at Dublin Consolidated School.

## Public Discussion Needed

By Mary Loftis

In the new PowerPoint presentation developed by the ad hoc ConVal Model Study Committee there is a slide that shows enrollment trends since the ConVal district was “born” in 1968. The line is superimposed on the silhouette of Pack Monadnock, which it mirrors almost exactly. In the mid-'90s, when my two children attended Dublin Consolidated School, enrollment was at its peak; we're in the “foothills” now, and a projection out five years shows school enrollment sliding further down the mountain. And yet costs (and taxes) keep going up. What to do about it?

The Model Study Committee's charge was “to develop a comparative model of our current educational structure, options for the board and for public discussion, on different financial and infrastructure models for school grade configurations and their impact on educational decisions.” The group, which included school board members, administrators, teachers and parents, met 13 times beginning last summer. We spent many hours discussing the educational and financial implications of five different models, and the District's Superintendent and Business Administrator spent countless more hours accumulating background information to illustrate and flesh them out.

At our last meeting, after discussing our “road show” (which includes a compelling PowerPoint presentation), we decided that hurrying to visit nine towns during school budget season would not afford this vital subject the attention it deserves. Therefore, we voted to proceed with our visits to all the towns, conduct a written survey on the subject, and then come up with a recommendation to the school board. At this point, the committee is not promoting any one of the five alternatives.

Unfortunately, a small group of people, understandably impatient for “action,” has circumvented the work of our committee and caused confusion by circulating a petition warrant article calling for the education of all fifth graders in the elementary schools and the closing of one of the two middle schools. This plan coincides with Option 3 in our report and may in fact be a good idea. But we have not chosen it. We have not yet chosen any option to recommend to the full board or to put on the warrant; we need to hear what our constituents say first.

I urge you to defeat this article in March and to come and discuss all the possibilities when the Model Study Committee brings its presentation to Dublin. This is a thorny problem with huge financial and educational implications for the future. Please listen to all the information and come to an informed conclusion.

MARY LOFTIS is Dublin's representative to the ConVal school board.

**The Harris Center for Conservation Education** released its Winter 2012 calendar. See which hikes, talks or films you might be geared up for: [www.harriscenter.org/calendar](http://www.harriscenter.org/calendar).



## Dublin Christian Academy News

By Kevin Moody

Now seems to slow us all down during our morning commute to work, but the school year is moving right along at Dublin Christian Academy (DCA).

The winter months are filled with fun activities for our students. The basketball season is off to a great start with much traveling for both our varsity teams. Ski school at Crotched Mountain is up and running, and each Friday many of our students are improving their skiing and riding skills.

February is a month we all look forward to as we host our annual Winter Bible Conference for grades 7-12. This year, the conference will take place February 8-11. Students have a break from classes for a few days and teams compete in crazy games, Bible memory, and even snow sculpture contests (if we have enough snow)!

It is a great time to come and visit Dublin Christian Academy. Send your teen for a few days or just drive by and see our snow sculptures! Our doors are always open.

For more information on Winter Bible Conference, please call the school at 563-8505.

KEVIN MOODY is president of Dublin Christian Academy.



## Don't Miss the Musical "Spelling Bee" at Dublin School

The musical, "The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee," will be Dublin School's winter production this year. It will be presented on February 17 and 18 at 7 pm and on February 19 at 2 pm in the newly re-built Fountain Arts Building. The musical, which ran on Broadway for two years, received several Tony Awards.

The show features a hilarious group of 'nerdy' students who admit they "love to spell," and embrace all the laughter and drama of a real-life spelling bee. An interesting twist in the musical comedy is the random choice of four volunteer spellers at each performance who are not coached and do not know what words they will be asked to spell. This lends an air of true improvisation to the show, and results in "Pandemonium!," one of the play's big musical numbers.

Jan Haman is the artistic director, with musical direction by Mario Flores and choreography by Jenny Emerson Foreman. They are assisted by Cindy Ritter and John Emerson. LP Runyon is designing the set and Mr. Flores will be conducting a professional orchestra during the February performances.

For reservations, call Donna Stone at 563-1285. Admission donations will be accepted.

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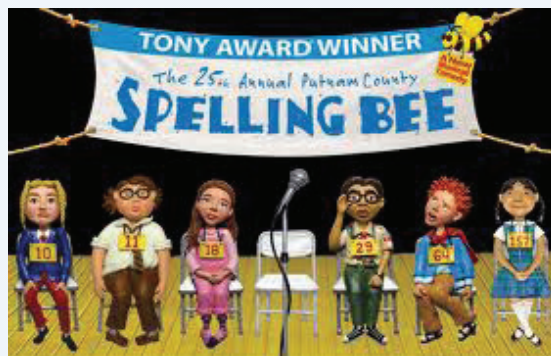
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Sunday  
February 19th at 2:00 P.M.

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## Next Stop: Israel

By Zach Levene

I woke up the morning of May 1, 2011, and realized I was returning to Dublin for the first time in nearly a year. I graduated from the University of Michigan the day before in the largest football stadium in the world (capacity 109,901) and now I was heading back to a town one-fiftieth the size in population. Nevertheless I was excited to be back home.

During the past eight months I have reintroduced myself to the outdoors of New Hampshire by climbing Mt. Monadnock several times as well as reaching the summits of Mt. Madison and Mt. Washington in the White Mountains with my brother Matthew in late June. I spent a few breezy August afternoons on the Women's Club Beach at Dublin Lake as well as hit the links at Dublin Golf Course with Ben Ceroni and my father. The one thing about



Dublin I will never take for granted are the silent nights isolated from the hustle and bustle of urban areas.

Although I love the tranquility of Dublin I feel the urge to explore more of what the world has to offer. The month of September signified a new transition for me

as I commenced an application to intern in a hotel chain in Israel. I was soon accepted into the five-month internship program, which has a start date of February 6, 2012. In the months leading up to my departure I filled my time with volunteering for the ConVal football team as the freshman team offensive coordinator and as a Varsity team scout. I also worked at the Bagel Mill in Peterborough as well as in the Fulfillment department at Eastern Mountain Sports during the holiday season.

I am so grateful to have grown up in a

hometown that influenced me on such an intimate level. The introspective quality that Dublin nourishes in all of us should be looked at as a unique strength. I have decided to take that skill along with me on my travels in the form of a blog ([www.travelblog.org/Bloggers/The-Adventure-Ride/](http://www.travelblog.org/Bloggers/The-Adventure-Ride/)) where I will log my memories through photos, videos, and the written word.

ZACH LEVENE graduated from ConVal in 2007, from the University of Michigan in 2011, and is the eldest son of David and Grisel Levene.

**Come to the Town Hall  
on February 6 at 6 pm for the  
swearing in of new police officer.**

## Peter's Pondering

By Peter Hewitt

Once you get to be thirty-nine (or, rather, eighty-five) it's amazing to recall how many changes have taken place during your lifetime.

To start with, Cambridge is where I grew up. Our house cost \$5500.

In the early 1930s, we had an ice box, and the ice was delivered by horse and wagon, as was our milk.

There were gas street lamps that were lit by a man on a bicycle.

We had a coal-burning furnace and kitchen range. Our furnace man had what my father called an elbow problem, and the furnace would go out on the coldest nights.

The first car of ours I can remember was a 1920 Essex named Geraldine. Before that there was a Hudson named Esmeralda. (Our cars always had names.) Then there was a 1929 Packard (The Leviathan), which was acquired in 1936.

You could mail a postcard anywhere in the country for one cent, letters for three cents. Two cents within your town. Good Humor ice cream cups cost a nickel. Saturday morning kids' movies at the U.T. (University Theater) were a dime.

But the most surprising memory of all is that we could pick up the old black stand-up telephone, ask for Williamstown No. 9 and get my grandparents' house!

PETER HEWITT is a former resident of Dublin who retired to RiverMead along with several other Dublin residents.



Fletcher Wilson, M.D. (left), Pamela Stetzer, M.D., and David R. Levene, M.D., surrounded by the cast of MCH babies

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## Home Is Where the Cookies Are

By Mary Loftis

Maggie McLellan, Dublin native, artist, cook, and mother of two, works behind the scenes at the Dublin General Store to produce all those cookies that are piled temptingly by the register. In fact, to see her in her small but efficient workstation, you have to peer through the length of the deli. With a degree from the Cordon Bleu Pasadena School of Culinary Arts and experience in the fast-paced restaurant world of southern California, Maggie says baking at our little store is the best job she's ever had.



Maggie and Abner with their children, Amory and Ansel.

Maggie attended public school locally as well as Mountain Shadows School here in Dublin (where she learned to make a pie crust!) and Putney School before heading west to live with her older sister Renette in L.A. She finished her high school career at the Lycee Internationale of Los Angeles. After a stint studying art at Pasadena City College, she enrolled in cooking school where she focused

on baking and restaurant management as well as general culinary arts. Maggie feels that cooking is an artistic endeavor – as well as a link to friends and family.

Maggie met her husband Abner in California, but the family (which now includes Ansel, age 2½ and Amory, ten months) decided to return

to her hometown. Even before she was hired, Maggie baked continuously – and had to “force” friends to take home her creations. Now that she's working at the store, she can bake continuously and watch those chocolate chip cookies walk out the door!



Maggie at work in Dublin General Store.

Maggie enjoys her co-workers at the store, some of whom she's known since childhood. Andy and Michelle Freeman “sell good food,” and she appreciates their kindness and flexibility in accommodating her childcare schedule. She and Abner, who works in website design and video as well as part time at Roy's Market, share the care of their children.

For now, Maggie mostly uses “Dublin General recipes,” but she's always looking for new things and hopes to add to the cookie repertoire in time. Baking provides Maggie with a connection to her late mother Emmy McLellan, also an artist and a “phenomenal cook.” Reflecting on her new career as a baker, Maggie McLellan says, “Butter is love!”

MARY LOFTIS is on the staff of The Advocate.

## Friendly Folks

By Rusty Bastedo

Friendly Folks has existed for three and a half years and is licensed by the state as a home care service provider. The business helps those of us who wish to stay in our homes, rather than go to a managed care or assisted living facility.



Created by Bruce and Sylvia Fox, Friendly Folks provides everything short of nursing care – personal care, such as bathing, toileting, dressing/undressing, taking prescribed medicines, cooking, driving, and occasional light vacuuming. There is a four-hour/day minimum charge for any or all of these services. Per state guidelines, Friendly Folks has signed contracts that are agreed upon with their clients after Friendly Folks' assessments of each client's needs are completed.

Over the past three and a half years Friendly Folks has had ten clients in Dublin and its environs. Bruce Fox retired from teaching, and helps his wife Sylvia, a licensed nursing assistant (LNA), by offering those persons who need a quiet “extra presence” in the house, someone who can provide personal companionship if that is needed or desired.

Friendly Folks has shown there is a need for its services in Dublin; *Advocate* readers may contact Bruce or Sylvia at 563 8911 or through their website at [www.friendlyfolks.org](http://www.friendlyfolks.org).

RUSSELL BASTEDO, who served as New Hampshire's State Curator from 1997 to 2009, has served on the staff of the *Advocate* since its inception.

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## Facebook

By Ben Cerroni

If you have been tuned in to the news, movies, political campaigns, and popular culture in general, you have probably heard about Facebook. You may already be one of the 800 million members currently signed up with Facebook or you may just be curious what all the fuss is about. Well, here is a crash course on what Facebook is and how you can use it to connect with people.

Facebook is a social network service that connects its members to other members in an online community. Facebook is free to use and all you need to sign up is an email address. When you sign up for Facebook, you are asked to set up a personal profile. This profile is an online representation of who you are as a person. Your profile can feature a picture of you and personal information on what town you live in, when your birthday is, where you work, your interests and many other things that describe the person you are. Your profile also provides a place to upload photos and keep a running blog or "Status" on what you are doing so others might see. But your profile is not open to anyone in the Facebook community. It is exclusively available to people you approve to be your "Friend" in the community. If someone wants to see your information he or she must first request your Facebook friendship and then be approved by you.

Facebook is great at connecting you with people in your life. It allows you to search by name or email address for people you may know. If you search and find old classmates from 40 years ago on Facebook, you can request his or her friendship and see where they now live, what they're up to, pictures of their grandkids, and send them a message. It is a great way to keep in touch.

But it is also very important to understand the implications of putting your personal information online because of the chance of compromising your privacy. Facebook has extensive privacy safeguards, but the only guarantee against your personal information falling into the wrong hands online is not having it online at all.

Nonetheless, for hundreds of millions of people, Facebook is a great way to keep in touch with family and friends. See what it is all about at [www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com).

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## Monadnock Rotary Donates \$11,000

By Ramona Branch

Monadnock Rotary Club (MRC) announced that net proceeds from September's Sixth Annual Monadnock Rotary Wellness Festival totaled more than \$11,000.

"During the six years that the club has held the festival," Matt Wagner said, "more than \$56,000 has been raised for worthy organizations throughout the Monadnock Region." He added that this year's recipients of funds included Monadnock Healthy Teeth to Toes, the Monadnock Area Food Pantry at All Saints Church, and Home Healthcare Hospice and Community Services.

The MRC believes its community service projects should be fun, interesting and worthwhile to the community. MRC projects include the establishment of the Dublin Rotary Park, the Winter Fun Day for kids and families, RYLA, International exchange students and other scholarship efforts, and The Monadnock Rotary Food Growers Tour, which promotes local food producers.

For more information on Monadnock Rotary, please visit [www.monadnockrotary.org](http://www.monadnockrotary.org).

RAMONA BRANCH is a freelance writer and editor and is on the staff of The Dublin Advocate.



Ruth Clark (right), Monadnock Rotary Club President, hands over the club's donation to Meredith White of Monadnock Area Food Pantry. Matt Wagner joins the group.

## Donate Food: Canned or Fresh

*In 2011, Dublin citizens donated 1001 pounds of food to the food pantry.*

If people in Dublin would donate one can (or box) per week of food, we'd be helping a lot of people in the community. So suggests Arthur Flick, of the Dublin Community Church (DCC), who takes all food donations to the Monadnock Area Food Bank, at All Saints Church in Peterborough.

During winter months, the greatest need is protein, and don't forget peas and carrots, rice and pasta, tomato sauce, macaroni and cheese, soups, potatoes; hot and cold cereals, especially oatmeal, are super. Fruits in snack packs or cans, evaporated milk, apple-sauce, jello, tea, peanut butter and jelly!

The church's food pantry does have refrigerators and freezers if you wish to donate fresh food; think eggs, chicken breasts, cheese slices, bread. Freezers also available. Other handy items needed are toilet paper and bath soap. If you are concerned about leaving food in the entryway of the DCC, you may call Arthur Flick at 563-8710, and he will pick it up before it freezes. He says, "Just leave a message" if he doesn't answer. Thanks Arthur!



## The Parsonage – Since 1772 240 years and counting.

By Bob Meissner, Jr.

What's in a house? We drive by them and speculate, like we judge books lying on the coffee table. But till you go inside, meet the people, you really don't know. Come on in for a moment now – be surprised with its past, filled with history as much as furniture and love. Like special streets or the labels on jars of homemade preserves, today's Parsonage, located at 1127 Main Street, in the eastern shadow of the Dublin Community Church (DCC), has had a few changes in its rich 240 years. Tied to the land like the sprawling oak that dominates the front yard, today's Parsonage might have grown from the ground up but that's not exactly true.

The core, the homestead let's call it, dates from 1772 and was built by James Rollins (1730-1818) on a foundation where the DCC is now. What permeates every broad board, every square nail and each hand-wrought iron beam-rim latch set are also the stories of the occupants. Those, like James, who were born, lived, loved and fought here. I can feel the history; that Rollins signed the Association Test (a.k.a. "Loyalty Oath") to the colonial cause in 1776; that two of his sons fought as revolutionary soldiers. Wow! Rollins never left Dublin...he's buried in our cemetery. His homestead was sold to another 1772 Dubliner and revolutionary (Battle of Bennington) soldier, Captain James Chamberlain in 1797. Chamberlain greatly expanded the house creating this "Georgian-Federal Style, dual chimney" town centerpiece and launched an historical era for the property:

- First "pretentious" hotel (run by son Cyrus)
- Chamberlain Tavern (opened about 1812)
- Post office – in the bar room (how practical!) – with Cyrus as Dublin's first Postmaster (he was also town clerk for 28 years!)
- Stage coach stop for post riders and coaches from Keene to Nashua – with horse sheds, of course
- Here too was the first Masonic lodge in the area, est. 1815, right in the tavern (how convenient!)
- The most colorful tavern patrons may have been the Dublin Grenadiers organized in 1808
- And the building housed the Dublin Social Library and 'Minister's Study' – a foreshadowing of what was to come.

In 1835 the house was purchased by Daniel Fiske (1798-1878) – who was a leader in the 'Temperance Movement' – ushering in a new, 120-year era (without the tavern). Fiske's first wife, Esther, was the daughter of Moses Eaton, whose one surviving beautiful stenciled room in town remain intact in the NW bedroom of this fine establishment. The house was moved to its present location in 1852 to make room for the church and son Warren, b.1828 who held, as if by tradition, nearly every important office in the town including Town Clerk. Combined with Cyrus Chamberlain, the house was site of the town clerk's office for 65 years!

Warren's son Wilfred's widow, Mabel sold the house about 1954



Many thanks to the Dublin Historical Society for providing research material.

to Norm and Ruth Wight who sold it to the church in 1978. DCC undertook many, many renovations over the 35 years this has been the Parsonage. It's on the market once again. New owners will buy much more than a 12-room, hardwood floor house. They will be acquiring a spotlight on a big piece of Dublin history. We'll leave the lights on for you.

BOB MEISSNER, JR., who currently resides in the Parsonage, runs MEI

Search Consultants, an executive recruiting business. He is the father of two, an active member of DCC and a Keene Cheshireman.

## Dublin School's Winter Chat: Under the Stars!

Dublin School welcomes the community to join us to View the Winter Night Sky on Wednesday, February 22 from 7-8 pm at the Perkin Observatory. Dessert and coffee will be served.

View the stars through the Perkin telescope and learn about the Winter Sky from Jonathan Weis, Director of the Observatory. The snow/cloud date will be Friday, February 24.

Please park near the gym and walk up to the Observatory. If you need special parking or more information, please contact Lucy Shonk at 563-1232 or email lshonk@dublinschool.org.

The Committee for Community Discussions: Catherine Boeckmann, Cassie Cleverly, Lisa Foote, Ed Germain, Howard Mansfield and Lucy Shonk. The next fireside chat will be March 28.

## Lakota Friends of Dublin

By Nancy Cayford

It has been a year since we, Friends of the Oglala Lakota, had a book drive in Dublin. There's no official drive this year, but we can still use books. If you want to donate some that your children no longer use, you can leave them at the Dublin Church or call Nancy at 563-8021. We love any DK Eyewitness book, Wimpy Kid books, and I Can Read books. We can't use text books or religious books. You can also visit our website to read more about the book project: [www.lakotafriends.org](http://www.lakotafriends.org).

Some of you might have seen ABC's 20/20 show on Children of the Plains, which aired last month. As a result of that show, a teacher, Denise Sulewski, of the PACE Brantley School in Longwood, FL, told us her students wanted to help the children of Pine Ridge. The school is for children with handicaps and learning disabilities, and has a high homeless rate. Their book drive yielded five boxes of new books. We were moved to tears, and honored by the generosity of these children. Generosity is one of the important traditions of the Lakota culture.

NANCY CAYFORD is President of the Friends of the Oglala Lakota.

## FEBRUARY 2012 — TOWN EVENTS

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			<b>1 DPL</b> Story Time 9:30 am	<b>2 TH</b> Town Clerk/ Tax Collector office closing at 3:30 pm; <b>DCC</b> Two Hat Grp. 7:30 pm	<b>3 TH</b> Filing period for town offices 3-5 pm; <b>DGS</b> Beer Tasting 5-7 pm	<b>4</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>6 TH</b> Swearing in of new police officer 6 pm	<b>7 DPL</b> Hill Top Grp. 6:45 pm; <b>TH</b> BOS 4 pm, Budget Comm. mtg. 7 pm; Last day to petition selectmen for warrant article for town election	<b>8 DPL</b> Story Time 9:30 am; Trustees Mtg. 7 pm	<b>9 DPL</b> Early Bird Book Sale 5:30-7:30 pm; <b>TH</b> La Leche League 7 pm; <b>DCC</b> Two Hat Grp. 7:30 pm	<b>10</b>	<b>11 DCC</b> Spaghetti Supper 5-7 pm; <b>DPL</b> Annual Book Sale 9:30 am-12; <b>DCS</b> Winterfest 11 am-2 pm
<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14 DPL</b> Hill Top Grp 6:45 pm; <b>TH</b> BOS 4 pm, Budget Comm. mtg. 7 pm	<b>15 DPL</b> Story Time 9:30 am; FDPL Annual Mtg. & Program 7 pm; Deadline for March <i>Advocate</i>	<b>16 DPL</b> Trout Unlimited 6 pm; <b>DCC</b> Two Hat Grp. 7:30pm	<b>17 DGS</b> Beer Tasting 5-7 pm; <b>DS</b> Musical 7 pm	<b>18 DCC</b> Snow date only for Spaghetti Supper 5-7 pm; <b>DS</b> Musical 7 pm
<b>19 DS</b> Musical 2 pm	<b>20 Presidents Day</b> <b>DPL</b> Closed	<b>21 DPL</b> Hill Top Grp. 6:45 pm; <b>TH</b> BOS 4 pm, Budget Comm. mtg. 7 pm	<b>22 DPL</b> Story Time 9:30 am; <b>DS</b> View the Winter Night Sky 7-8 pm	<b>23 DCC</b> Two Hat Grp. 7:30pm	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28 DPL</b> Family Time 6 pm; Hill Top Grp. 6:45 pm; <b>TH</b> BOS 4 pm, Budget Comm. mtg. 7 pm; Last day for selectmen to post warrant for town election	<b>29 DPL</b> Story Time 9:30 am; Arts Alive 10 am; <b>DCC</b> First Lenten Lunch 12-1	<b>BOS</b> Board of Selectmen <b>DCA</b> Dublin Christian Academy <b>DCC</b> Dublin Community Church <b>DCS</b> Dublin Consolidated School		<b>DGS</b> Dublin General Store <b>DHS</b> Dublin Historical Society <b>DPL</b> Dublin Public Library <b>DS</b> Dublin School <b>DWC</b> Dublin Women's Club <b>TH</b> Town Hall

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