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## Focus on Fire Department

*From the Board of Selectmen*

Chief Tom Vanderbilt, along with his deputy chiefs, has been successful in recruiting and training several new volunteers in 2011. For the first time in several years, the Fire Department is properly staffed.



Chief Vanderbilt and the Board of Selectman have also worked together over the past year to review the fire department compensation levels and are jointly recommending several changes for the 2012 budget year. This review was long overdue and changes are necessary; not only for internal equity but also to recognize our firefighters as fairly compensated when compared to other departments in the region.

We have three certification levels in our fire department; these include firefighter, CDL/pumps and EMT certification. Currently we have two rates: \$9.30 per hour for non-certified and \$10.74 for any level of certification. These rates have not been adjusted for several years and are far below neighboring communities. In addition, one of the most obvious inequities in the current system is that someone with all three certifications earns only \$1.44 per hour more than a non-certified person.

## Public Hearing Reviews Town Warrant

*By Ramona Branch*

Dublin's Budget Committee presented the 2012 proposed town budget to citizens in a public hearing February 14. Last year's proposed budget was \$1,745,316. Proposed budget for 2012 totals \$1,813,224. This represents a 3.89 percent increase over last year's proposed budget.

Dale Gabel, Budget Committee Chair, told the audience the increase is due principally to labor market adjustment on compensation and an increase in health insurance premiums.

Gabel went through the proposed budget explaining any activity that had transpired in each of the 30 categories and the changes that were made.

The warrant articles that the town will vote on include:

1. Approve the town budget:	\$1,813,224
2. Security, fire, access control, badging and video surveillance system:	\$13,512
3. File server and server operating system:	\$8,700
4. Approve safe routes to school grant to complete project:	\$63,999
5. Paint exterior trim and interior foyer of library:	\$7,200
6. <i>Dublin Advocate</i> grant:	\$4,400
7. Capital reserve funds:	\$143,000
8. Expendable trust funds:	\$9,500

Polls will be open for voting by ballot on town officials and the ConVal School Budget and Bond Proposal (see article p. 4) on **Tuesday, March 13, from 8 am until 7 pm** at the Dublin Town Hall, Top Floor.

Town Meeting is **Saturday, March 17, at 9 am** at the Dublin Consolidated School.

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



*Dale Gabel, Budget Committee Chair*

Our proposal for 2012 is to establish four compensation levels to coincide with our certification levels. In addition, we are attempting to approach parity between our pay rates and the rates of surrounding communities. Our new rates will be \$10.74 for non-certified, \$12.74 for level 1, \$14.74 for two certifications, and \$16.74 if an individual has achieved level 3 certification. This change will result in an increase

in the fire department salary lines for 2012, not only because the rates have increased but because we have a full staff on board at this time.

We will continue to review our compensation levels to be sure they are in line with our neighboring communities and recognize the high-quality level of service we have come to expect and do receive in Dublin.

## Dublin Public Library

### MEET YOUR CANDIDATES

On Saturday, March 3, at 11 am, stop in for an informal coffee hour to speak with those running for office in your town. "Meet Your Candidates." Time to have a conversation with candidates running for public office. Time to discuss questions with other people. Learn what is happening in your town.

### STORY TIME

Wednesday morning Story Time at the Dublin Public Library will be fun for everyone as we learn about sending and receiving mail. We will talk about stamps and the Post Office and read some great books. In our generation of instant messaging and e-mail, receiving a letter in our mailbox is very exciting! The animals in the book *Special Deliveries* discover this when they do a mail route where no one ever gets mail. They have a clever way of solving this problem. What does it feel like to be a letter dropped in that dark box? *The Inside Story* gives a description and takes us on a journey from the point of view of the letter. We will also learn how to make a pop-up card to mail to someone special. Programs are held Wednesday mornings 9:30-10:30 am on March 7, 14, 21, 28.

Check out our displays while visiting the library. March is National Craft Month, National Nutrition Month and Women's History Month. We will have great books on these subjects for all levels.

### NEW BOOKS

*Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet* by J. Ford

*Down the Darkest Road* by T. Hoag

*The Real Romney* by M. Kranish

*Break Down* by S. Paretsky

*Taken* by R. Crais

*Nearing Home* by B. Graham

## News from the FDPL

On Saturday, March 10th at 10 am, Ben Slavin will share pictures and stories at the Library from his trip to South America in October 2009, when he rode his motorcycle from New Hampshire to Ushuaia, Argentina, the southernmost city in the world.

Ben has made several trips South, and has made a film about riding in Mexico called "Motorcycle Mexico." He is working on another movie with a fellow motorcyclist from Colombia, which he is calling "New World Ride."

Slavin has a DVD for sale with all the information anyone would want for planning a trip in these foreign places. His website ([www.afewmoremiles.com](http://www.afewmoremiles.com)) is very entertaining and generous with information — and, if you are so inspired, you can sign up to be one of six riders going on the next trip ([www.thenewworldride.com](http://www.thenewworldride.com)).

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Photo by Paul Delphia



*Police Chief Jim Letourneau welcomed Timothy Suokko as our new police officer.*

## Dublin's New Policeman

Officer Timothy Soukko reported for duty on February 6 as Dublin's new police officer. He will commute from Fitchburg, Mass., where he lives with his wife, Megan, and their dog (Julep, a Pitbull mix). He has been a police officer since 2006, having worked in several police departments in Massachusetts and New Hampshire. He was fully trained at both states' police academies.

Officer Suokko grew up in Ashby, Mass.,

and received his BS in criminal justice from Fitchburg State University in 2006.

"I am looking forward to the change," said Officer Suokko, "as I like the community feeling in a small town." Previous positions include Fitchburg State University and Princeton, Mass., and New Ipswich, NH.

Although he says his schedule is not yet set, Officer Suokko will work 4 to 5 days per week.

## Improvements at Dublin Community Center

Barbara Duckett, CEO, HCS Keene, has told us:

"HCS – Home Healthcare Hospice and Community Services – provides services to residents of the Monadnock Region in their homes and in the community. Community services have been limited in Dublin due in large part to the absence of a suitable location. We know there are many elders, especially in Dublin, who would benefit from such services. The services that could be offered in Dublin include: Flu Immunization Clinics, Foot Clinics, Nurse-Is-In Clinics, Caregiver Support Groups, Bereavement Support Groups, Friendly Meals. The mission of HCS is to help individuals remain as healthy as possible and independent in their own homes for as long as possible. Access to health and prevention services increases the likelihood that this will happen."

The board of the future Dublin Community Center is looking forward to providing a suitable location for HCS. There would be privacy, easy access, cleanliness, and a friendly environment.

We have finished the demolition of the first floor. If anyone would like to see the amazing difference, and how large the space is, please contact Nancy Cayford (563-8021), Betsey Harris (563-8640) or Bruce Simpson (563-8471). We will be happy to meet you and take you in.

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

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

Join Selectmen and Budget Committee to go over budget and warrant articles.



*Mr. Thomas attended the Public Hearing on the town's budget February 14.*

## Our New Selectman

Dublin Selectmen have appointed Sturdy Thomas to complete the term of the recent vacancy left by Curt Merrick's resignation. Thomas, who was the Operations Captain for the Keene Police Department, retired from that position in Keene last May to devote himself to his family and excavation business, Good Digs LLC.

Thomas started his career in law enforcement in Dublin in 1982 and has lived in town since 1980. He lives on Craig Road with his wife, Heidi, and two daughters.

The ice boats on a frozen Dublin Lake don't get many days like this (2/12/12).





## News from the Dublin Consolidated School

By May Clark

**T**hank goodness for snowmaking machines! The DCS ski program ended the second week in February, and was wildly successful, even though the rest of the hillsides in the community were bare. Half our population skied each Thursday for five weeks, and had a wonderful time. Thanks to Lara Scheinblum for her hard work in coordinating this effort, and to all the parents who helped chaperone. The kids who stayed at school had fun too, and were sorry to see the end of skiing, if only because they will no longer have a hot chocolate break on ski afternoons!

In the meantime, we are settling in to what many people feel is the most productive learning time of the year. We have a good stretch of days to look forward to without interruptions by vacations, when children can get into a good routine of learning. We've seen wonderful progress this year in our students' reading and math skills. Now they are really going to sail! (By the way, our NECAP scores, the state testing used to determine Adequate Yearly Progress, were wonderful.)

Our PTO is heavily into the planning for our Talent Show this month, and our Read-a-Thon in April, to go along with our Literacy Night. We are looking forward to these events. March will also bring voting day, on the 13th, when the ConVal community will decide on the school budget for next year and the bond proposal to renovate sections of the high school. Please remember to cast your vote on March 13.

What is most on all of our minds, however, is the illness of our beloved Emily Brnger, K/1 teacher. Children and families are working on folding 1,000 paper cranes for her, and sending lots of cards and love her way. We are so grateful for Donna Geer and Vicki Brown, our two paraprofessionals, who have each taken on Emily's classroom during the stretch of time before our long-term

substitute was able to start. She is Chelsea Aro, and she started at DCS on Feb. 20. The children all miss Emily terribly, but are growing and learning every day with Chelsea's help.

DCS, and especially Emily, appreciate the caring and concern we all feel from our community.

Watch for an announcement about a 5K race/run/walk for Emily Brnger during the weekend of April 14-15. More information to come!

MAY CLARK is Teaching Principal at DCS. You may reach her at 563-8332 or mclark@conval.edu.

## Our Responsibility

By Mary Loftis

**T**wo years ago a bond to allow the renovation of the gym wing of ConVal High School lost by 23 votes. Consequently, the serious problems in that end of the 40-year-old building persist, and the District is again seeking authority to borrow money to address them. This year the proposed bond is for \$4 million, almost a million dollars less than in 2010.

The gym provides not only an athletic venue but also serves as ConVal's (and the community's) largest public space. Games, concerts, assemblies, meetings, rainy-day graduations and craft fairs are held there. Most everyone in the nine-town District has spent time in that gym – and yet it is outdated and not compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) – nor Title IV, the federal law that mandates equal opportunities and facilities for male and female athletes.

A subcommittee of the Budget and Property committee, with input from architects, formulated three options that address the important deficits in the gym area in slightly different ways, all within the \$4 million price tag. The School Board chose one of these options at its February 7 meeting.

It will upgrade the gym with a badly needed new floor and lighting, provide ADA-compliant access and bathrooms, update HVAC, mechanical and electrical systems to meet today's energy standards, and address Title IV issues by providing equal facilities for boys and girls. In addition, the renovations will create adequate space for PE, Health and Athletic programs, as well as new space for offices, classrooms, team rooms, a fitness and weight room, and storage.

This project is viable because of the financial conditions that currently exist: our current debt service will be paid off in 2012, and this new debt service is not scheduled to begin until July of 2013. In addition, current interest rates are historically low, and some State Building Aid is available for specific projects within the renovation. To put the cost in perspective, the projected annual tax impact on a \$200,000 home would range from \$36 to \$51 (depending on town) using current valuations.

It is our financial responsibility to maintain our school facilities, and it is our legal and moral responsibility to make them accessible to all of our citizens.

March 13 is the day to say **YES** to the bond, Warrant Article 1.

MARY LOFTIS is Dublin's representative to the ConVal School Board for SAU 1.

**Good schools make strong communities.**

**Vote YES for the ConVal budget,**

**Warrant Article 3 on March 13.**

## FREE TO A GOOD HOME:

**7 year old male beagle. "Mikey"** is a small, tricolor beagle (about 20 pounds) who is up to date on his shots and is very healthy and lovable. He loves to snuggle and is used to staying indoors most of the time with his people. When outside, he must be on a leash at all times or he will run. Call 563-8054. If no answer, please leave a message.



## Doris Haddock's Response Lives On

Two years ago came the news of the Supreme Court's decision referred to as "Citizens United." After some momentary anguish, Granny D composed her response, delivering it at her 100th birthday celebration two years ago last January 2010, in New Hampshire State House Governor's Executive Council Chambers.

**"T**hank you. That you would take time from your busy life to be here is a great gift to me, and I thank you for it.

People have been asking me how I feel about the recent decision by the Supreme Court to strike down some of the campaign finance reforms that I walked for and have been working on for a dozen or so years.

When I was a young woman, my husband and I were having dinner at the Dundee home of a friend, Max Foster, when a young couple rushed through the door breathless to say that they had accidentally burned down Max's guest cabin, down by the river.

Max stood up from his meal. He set his napkin down. He smiled at the young couple and he said, "Thank goodness. You have done me a great favor, and you don't even know it. We have been wanting to completely redo that old place, and now it will be a clean start. It will be better than ever the next time you come to stay."

Well, I guess the Supreme Court has burned down our little house, but truth be told, it was pretty drafty anyway. We had not really solved the problem of too much money in politics. Not hardly. And now we have an opportunity to start clean and build

a system of reforms that really will do the trick.

I think one of the wings of our new house will be the public financing of election campaigns. I think another wing will be a dramatic expansion of our conflict of interest and bribery laws. I think all



*Granny D's memorable campaign was aided by her son, the late Jim Haddock, also of Dublin.*

of us, left, right and middle, will enjoy living there without the special interests stealing us blind any more. I intend to be around long enough to see this new place built.

Thank you again, very much indeed."

EXCERPT FROM *the Coalition for Open Democracy in Concord, NH.*

## Spaghetti Supper at the Dublin School

**T**he friends and family of Emily Brnger will be hosting a spaghetti supper on Saturday, March 24, from 5 to 7 pm at the Dublin School in the Lehmann Dining Hall.

Please join us and come together as a community to support Emily during her battle with breast cancer. Proceeds from the dinner will go directly to Emily.

Can't join us, but would like to make a donation? Please call Jo-Ann Hopkins (friend and coworker of Emily's) at 924-7241.

### TOWN OF DUBLIN

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## Walden School Receives Programming Award

The Walden School, which received special notice for its collaboration with the Firebird Ensemble and the Apple Hill Center for Chamber Music, is a summer music school offering programs that emphasize creative application through music improvisation and composition, and is located on the campus of the Dublin School.

The Walden School recently received the 2012 award for Small Contemporary Presenter/ Festival in an awards ceremony in January.

The 2012 CMA/ASCAP Adventurous Programming Award is the culmination of a highly accomplished year for The Walden School. In addition, The Walden School also received a \$35,000 National Endowment for the Arts grant in support of its 2012 Young Musicians Program. It received the 2011 New Music Educator Award from the American Music Center in honor of its creative philosophy and curriculum, as well as its contribution toward decades of successful students. Plus, Walden School was named one of 50 finalists for the 2011 National Arts and Humanities Youth Program Award.

## DCA Hosts First Auction

By Eric Moody

Dublin Christian Academy (DCA) will host its first Benefit Auction on March 16, 2012, on the DCA campus (106 Page Road in Dublin). There will be a Silent Auction from 5 to 6:45 pm, followed by the live auction from 7 to 9 pm.

This is also our Open House night, welcoming family, friends and the public to see what Dublin Christian Academy is all about. Informational packets, as well as Faculty, Staff and Students will be there to answer any questions you might have about the Academy.



All items to be auctioned will be in the Main Auditorium. Proceeds will go to the DCA's general fund. A few of the great donated items that we have received include a Nook Color, Boston Celtic tickets, gift certificates from local merchants, handcrafted items by local artists, a Thomas Kinkadee picture and more.

We look forward to you stopping by for a great night of activity and a wonderful fundraiser on March 16 from 5-9 pm.

ERIC MOODY is Dean of Students at Dublin Christian Academy.

## Save the Dates

Dublin Day, July 21 • Yankee Barn Sale, July 28

Come join the Monadnock Rotary Club for a fun afternoon of cross-country skiing and snowshowing on Sunday, March 11, 2012 from 1:30 - 3:30 PM on the Dublin School cross country trails.

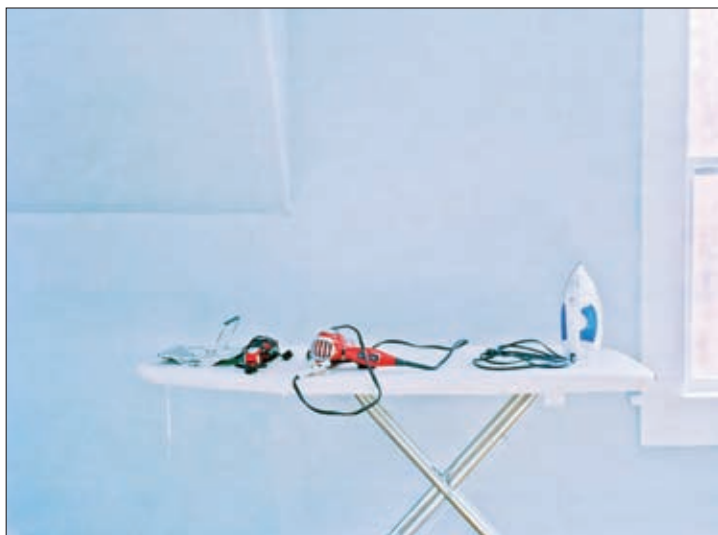
Whether you grew up skiing and snowshoeing or have always wanted to try it, this is the event for you! Bring the family, bring your gear and join in the fun. Eastern Mountain Sports will also be there to provide snowshoes and instruction.

For more information contact Jerry Branch at 563-8775 or [jerrybranch2@gmail.com](mailto:jerrybranch2@gmail.com)



## Dublin Preschool Celebrates Year of the Dragon

Dublin Preschool celebrated the Chinese Year of the Dragon in January with a day of food, readings, and a dragon parade through the office park and offices. Christine Wang, whose daughter, Emma, attends the school, was instrumental to the day's celebrations. She read Chinese stories to the children, provided dumplings and supplied the Chinese red fabric to make the dragon's tail. (Photos and story by Ramona Branch)



From Pembroke Werden's series called "Without Men," this Digital C Print is called "Mom's Table" (20x24" framed, \$375).

## Sharon Arts Exhibition "Coming of Age" Opens March 2

*Experience art in a contemporary context.*

Sharon Arts Center presents "Coming of Age: New England Artists Under 30" in the Exhibition Gallery, in Peterborough at 30 Grove St., which will run from March 2 through April 28. Co-sponsored with the New Hampshire Institute of Art (NHIA), the exhibit will have an Opening Reception, free and open to the public, on March 2 from 5 to 7 pm.

The show, designed to "introduce young artists under the age of 30 to a new audience," will offer a wide variety of mediums using both traditional and innovative methods and techniques.

Pembroke Werden of Dublin, whose work is shown above, is one of 23 accepted artists in the show.

The exhibited mediums will include video installations, performance art, paintings, photography, glass, ceramics, mixed media, drawings and sculpture.

A series of free public programs in conjunction with the exhibition is planned. For more information, call the Gallery at (603) 914-7676. Gallery hours are Monday through Saturday from 10 am to 6 pm and Sunday from 11 am to 5 pm, or visit [www.sharonarts.org](http://www.sharonarts.org).



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## Opportunity for Young Lady at Coast Guard

Sarah Letourneau will attend the Coast Guard Academy's Youth Leadership Conference February 17-19, 2012 in New London, CT. This conference is led by Coast Guard Cadets and is an organized training to expose young and developing leaders of tomorrow, grades 8-10, to the principles of Coast Guard leadership through interactive engineering and leadership-based activities.

Students will participate in a number of leadership theory discussions as well as team oriented engineering and management exercises. They will also get the opportunity to see how theories they discussed are put into practice on the CG Academy's own training vessels.

Sarah is 1 of 24 kids chosen from across the US to attend this conference because she has shown tremendous potential in leadership and academic endeavors.

She is an eighth grader at South Meadow School and has achieved High Honors every semester. She is the daughter of Jim and Becky Letourneau.



Sarah Letourneau is a member of the Monadnock Squadron of US Naval Sea Cadets Corps, Peterborough, NH.

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## Business of the Month: Simply Made Treats

By Rusty Bastedo

In 2009, Simply Made Treats was started in Andrea Kierstead's Dublin kitchen. It is still there, state licensed and state inspected, and now operating at close to full capacity. Andrea's motto is "Baking The World A Better Place," and she is working to make her motto a consistent reality. This reporter caught up with Andrea recently, and we spoke about how and why Simply Made Treats began, and about how her two-year old business is doing.

Andrea Kierstead has always enjoyed baking, and she has always believed in using "old-time" recipes, flours that are not "enriched" or "bleached," local farmers' eggs, and

local producers' fruits and berries wherever possible. Her baking turned from a hobby into a full-time business in the Monadnock Region business downturn of 2008-2009. A single mother with a son in high school, Andrea decided to start up a one-woman baking business in her kitchen, and a steady stream of "delectables" has flowed from her kitchen ever since.

Andrea supplies her baked goods to farmers' markets in Peterborough (she is chairperson for the Peterborough Farmers Market located at Depot Square), Hancock and Antirim. Area hotels and motels often serve Simply Made Treats' fresh-baked croissants, pastries and breads (all baked by Andrea during nighttime hours)



for their overnight visitors' breakfasts. Andrea makes "mini-pies" and "single portion" goods for many of her customers who place their orders with her; and a possible Dublin delivery service may start up when her son gets his driver's/operator's license. In the interim, baked goods may be ordered by (telephone) 563-7711 or (email) magooandme@myfairpoint.net.

For *Advocate* readers interested in "all natural" alternatives to their daily fare, Simply Made Treats looks forward to the future!

RUSSELL BASTEDO, who served as New Hampshire's State Curator from 1997 to 2009, has served on the staff of the *Advocate* since 1999.

## Peter's Pondering *The demise of small business.*

By Peter Hewitt

The scene is Pete's Diner in Centertown, Ohio, population 7,000. Pete is behind the counter chatting with Chuck Barrows who is sipping a cup of coffee. Chuck, age about 45, has just been laid off by Happy Hockey Pucks, a small manufacturer in town.

"What's going on at Happy's?" asks Pete.

"They're closing," responds Chuck, "bought by Super Sporting Goods. All manufacturing in Chicago."

"You heard about Rock's Hardware?" asks Chuck.

"Don't tell me they're closing," responds Pete.

"No, but they've been bought out by Great Hardware. Headquarters in St. Louis. Just clerks here."

In order to keep the conversation going, Pete asks Chuck, "Have you heard that Sal's Super Stores is building on Route 10?"

Chuck observes, "Well there goes Martino's Market."

Pete, now sounding quite gloomy, mentions that McDaniels', a nationwide restaurant chain, has just bought the lot across the street from the diner.

"Maybe you could make your diner into a museum," replies Chuck, not feeling very funny.

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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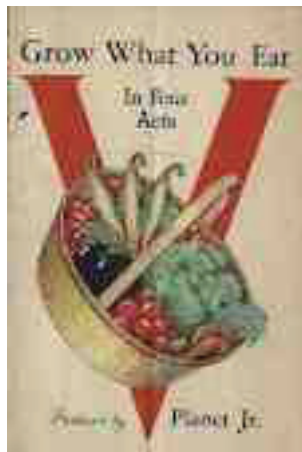


## A Call to Prospective Gardeners

By John Sandri

After an unusually unusual winter, we find ourselves still waiting for snow, with spring just around the corner. As the days lengthen the chickens will begin to lay heavier, the sap will run and coltsfoot can be spotted blooming next to the last of the receding snow. It is time to start planning your gardens, planting seedlings indoors and pruning your fruit trees.

During World War I and II, the United States and many of the other countries engaged in the war encouraged their citizens to plant "Victory Gardens." Victory gardens were planted by private



If you haven't tried a pasture raised egg or a mid-summer tomato just off the vine, you don't know what you've been missing!

residents in back yards, open spaces and even public parks. In urban areas people built rooftops gardens and formed growing cooperatives. These citizens' efforts helped supply vast quantities of fresh produce to local communities, where there would have otherwise been shortages. In the United States, an estimated 20 million people took to their yards to produce 9-10 million tons of produce, making up 40% of vegetable production nationally!

Currently New Hampshire is able to produce about 6% of its fresh produce needs, while neighboring Vermont and Maine each produce up to about 40% of their overall consumption. In comparison California produces 80% of the fruit and vegetable production for the entire United States! Californian agriculture is heavily dependent

on irrigation that's drying up, federal subsidies, and increasing transportation costs. Maybe it's time to revive victory gardens in our New Hampshire communities, and support local farmers in working towards a greater ability to feed ourselves.

If you don't already have a vegetable garden, consider planting one this year. It is a wonderful way to participate in feeding yourself, it's free exercise, attracts bird and pollinators, and it can be as challenging or easy as you want it to be. Start by growing something easy like early spring radishes, lettuce, or carrots. If you need help getting started or just have some questions, send them our way: [farmerjohnsplot@gmail.com](mailto:farmerjohnsplot@gmail.com). Farmer John's Plot, a working farm, is committed to increasing local food awareness and production in our Monadnock communities.

Even if you don't go as far as starting your own garden, eat some of what other farmers or neighbors are growing in the area. Visit one of the area farmers' markets, farms or businesses selling local products. Buying local means the money recirculates throughout the region, which benefits the community as a whole both economically and socially.

JOHN SANDRI, a.k.a. Farmer John, is the founder and director of Farmer John's Plot, a nonprofit farm located in Dublin.



### Beer Tasting at Dublin General Store

Sherwood Alger, sales representative for Amoskeag Beverages in Concord, conducts a beer tasting at the Dublin General Store. Jillian Garcia and Jonathan Miner enjoy sampling the brews and Alger's lively description of each of the samples. The General Store holds beer tastings once or twice a month. (Photo and story by Ramona Branch)

## Monadnock Organic Land Care



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## Dublin School Offers Winter Chats by the Fire

Dublin School welcomes the community to join us to discuss "Our Independent Spirit; can it coexist with Community?" on Wednesday, March 28 from 7-8 pm in the Schoolhouse. Dessert and coffee will be served. Facilitators will be Jack Calhoun, Tim Clark, and Howard Mansfield.

The April fireside chat will be Wednesday, April 25th. The topic is "Technology: How can it be used to cultivate community?"

The Committee for Community Discussions consists of Catherine Boeckmann, Lisa Foote, Ed Germain, Howard Mansfield and Lucy Shonk

For more information, please contact Lucy Shonk at 563-1232 or email [lschonk@dublinschool.org](mailto:lschonk@dublinschool.org).



Local folks enjoy soups at the DCC.

## Yogathon

Performance Health & Fitness at 301 Jaffrey Rd. in Peterborough will be hosting a free Yogathon on Sat., March 31, from 10 am to 4 pm. All classes, including massage sessions, are offered at no cost to the participants. Rosemary Weidner of Dublin will be teaching her class from 1-2 pm. Donations of food or cash will be accepted to benefit the Peterborough Food Pantry.

## Soup & Bread on Wednesdays

Lenten Lunches will resume at the Dublin Community Church on Wednesdays from 12-1 pm on March 7 through April 4. Homemade soups and bread will be served to eat-in or take-out. Come and join the group for delightful food and conversation. Donations are welcome and benefit the local Food Banks.

## Spring Hospice Volunteer Training

By Susan Ashworth

Hospice at HCS is offering a volunteer training program in March for those who are interested in becoming volunteers. The training will begin on March 20 and continue on Tuesday mornings from 9 am to noon through May 22.

Sessions will be held at Home Healthcare, Hospice and Community Services at 312 Marlboro Street in Keene. Topics of the 27-hour training include grief and bereavement, the spiritual aspects of dying, communication skills, care for the caregiver, and family dynamics. Volunteers are members of the hospice care team, providing support to the patient and to family members. After completing the training, volunteers assist hospice patients with interests such as writing letters, reading, playing board games, scrap booking, or may accompany a patient to a community event or to visit friends. Volunteers also provide respite to family caregivers. Hospice volunteers are especially needed during the day, but time can be very flexible and work around job and travel commitments.

Hospice at HCS provides end of life care in Dublin and throughout the Monadnock region. Care is provided in homes and in assisted living and nursing homes; volunteers are needed to offer support to patients and families in all settings.

The training program is offered free of charge, but registration is necessary. To register, call Lorraine Bishop, Hospice at HCS Volunteer Coordinator at 352-2253 or [lbishop@HCSservices.org](mailto:lbishop@HCSservices.org).

SUSAN ASHWORTH is Director of Community Relations at Home Healthcare, Hospice and Community Services (HCS; [www.HCSservices.org](http://www.HCSservices.org)) in Keene, with offices in Peterborough.



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## Monadnock Campaign Reaches Halfway

*Forest Society spearheads largest addition of conserved lands on Mount Monadnock in nearly a century.*

To conserve 390 acres along the slopes of Mount Monadnock in Jaffrey and Marlborough, the Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests has raised more than half of the \$760,000 that the organization needs.

In addition to generous donations from private foundations, last year the NH Land and Community Heritage Program (LCHIP) contributed \$125,000; the NH Conservation Moose Plate program contributed \$30,000; and the Town of Marlborough donated \$25,000.

Having already raised \$430,000, the Society has until March 20 to raise \$330,000 to protect 400 acres on Mount Monadnock.

The Society is seeking to protect two parcels that will enhance the varied wildlife habitat that our region is known for. These lands include several wetland complexes that provide important waterfowl nesting and feeding areas, as well as habitat for amphibians and reptiles. The waterways also serve as key travel corridors for mammals and birds.

The conservation of these forests and wetlands will protect the panoramic mountain views of Mount Monadnock that are widely visible from across the region.

For more information about the Forest Society's conservation work on Mount Monadnock or to support the organization's current conservation efforts on the mountain, contact Susanne Kibler-Hacker at (603) 224-9945 ext. 314, or visit [www.forestsociety.org/monadnock](http://www.forestsociety.org/monadnock).

**Hospice at HCS** will offer a Writing Workshop on Wednesdays from March 7 to April 11, from 5 pm to 6:30 pm at HCS, 312 Marlboro St. in Keene. You do not need to be a writer to join the workshop, which is open to anyone who has lost someone close to them. There is no charge; call Lynn Anne Palmer at 352-2253 to register.



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## 2012 Lynx, Licenses & Turkey Sightings

### *News from Fish and Game.*

► A special fundraising effort is underway to document Canada Lynx in NH, with sightings of the elusive Lynx Canadensis on the rise over the past decade – including the exciting observation of four lynx kittens this November in northern NH. This fundraising effort will develop a conservation plan for Canada lynx, which are endangered in NH and were added to the federal list of “threatened” species in 2000. Learn more at <http://www.wildnh.com/nongame>.



► New Hampshire fishing and hunting licenses for 2012 are now available for purchase. Get yours early and be set for a wild year of outdoor adventure, from ice fishing this winter to bagging your deer next fall. Licenses are good for the calendar year, from January 1 through December 31, 2012. Purchase online at [www.wildnh.com](http://www.wildnh.com), at Fish and Game headquarters in Concord, or from one of more than 250 Fish and Game license agents statewide.

► “Citizen Conservationists” asked to report wild turkey flock sightings in New Hampshire this winter, to the NH Fish and Game Department. Reach the survey by going to [www.wildnh.com](http://www.wildnh.com) and clicking on “2012 Winter Turkey Flock Survey.” Please do not report multiple sightings of the same flock.

### **Error in Last Month's Calendar**

Last month, the *Advocate* mistakenly entered all Wednesday evening's Two Hat Group meetings at the DCC at 7:30 pm in the wrong day for the month of February. Our apologies.



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## MARCH 2012 — TOWN EVENTS

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<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			<b>1 DPL</b> Bee Keepers 7 pm	<b>2 DCC</b> Winter Potluck Dinner 6 pm; Sharon Arts Center Exhibition Gallery Opening Reception 5-7 pm; <b>Nelson TH</b> Monadnock Folklore Society 8 pm	<b>3 DPL</b> Baseball Registration 10 am; Meet Your Candidates 11 pm; <b>TH</b> Supervisors of Checklist 11-11:30 am; Del Rossi's (Beppe Gambetta) 8:30 pm
4	5 <b>TH</b> BOS 4 pm	6 <b>DPL</b> Hill Top Grp. 6:45 pm; <b>TH</b> Women's Pre-Town Mtg. 7 pm, Meeting 7:30 pm	7 <b>DPL</b> Story Time 9:30 am; <b>DCC</b> Lenten Lunch 12-1 pm; Two Hat Grp. 7:30 pm	8	9 <b>DGS</b> Beer Tasting 5-7 pm	10 <b>DPL</b> Friends of DPL Program 10 am
11 <b>DS</b> Rotary Fun Day 1:30-3:30 pm; Del Rossi's (Lui Collins) 7 pm	12 <b>TH</b> Last day to return absentee ballots in person to Town Clerk; BOS 4 pm	13 <b>TH</b> Town Election Day 8 am-7 pm; <b>DPL</b> Hill Top Grp 6:45 pm; <b>VOTE</b>	14 <b>DPL</b> Story Time 9:30 am; Trustees Mtg. 7 pm; <b>TH</b> La Leche League 7 pm; <b>DCC</b> Lenten Lunch 12-1 pm; Two Hat Grp. 7:30 pm	15 Deadline for April <i>Advocate</i> ; <b>DPL</b> Trout Unlimited 6 pm	16 <b>TH</b> Last day to request recount of votes cast at Town Election; <b>DCA</b> Benefit & Silent Auction 5-9 pm	17 <b>DCS</b> Town Meeting 9 am; <b>DPL</b> Horse Program 10 am; <b>DCC</b> St. Patrick's Dinner 5:30 pm; Del Rossi's (Celtic Harp) 8:30 pm
18	19 <b>TH</b> BOS 4 pm	20 <b>TH</b> Last day to request recount on any question at Town Election; <b>DPL</b> Hill Top Grp. 6:45 pm	21 <b>DPL</b> Story Time 9:30 am; <b>DCC</b> Lenten Lunch 12-1 pm; Two Hat Grp. 7:30 pm	22	23 <b>DGS</b> Beer Tasting 5-7 pm	24 <b>DS</b> Lehmann Dining Hall, Spaghetti Supper 5-7 pm
25	26 <b>TH</b> BOS 4 pm	27 <b>DPL</b> Hill Top Grp. 6:45 pm	28 <b>DPL</b> Story Time 9:30 am; Arts Alive 10 am; Giving Monadnock 4:45 pm; <b>DS</b> Discussion 7-8 pm; <b>DCC</b> Lenten Lunch 12-1; Two Hat Grp. 7:30 pm	29	30	31 <b>DPL</b> Easter Egg Hunt 10 am

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