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## Dublin Celebrates Memorial Day



*Veterans salute the flag in the closing ceremony last year.*

*By Brian Barden*

Dublin's Memorial Day Parade is on Monday, May 28, at 11:15 am. As in previous years, the parade will form in the Yankee parking lot and march to the cemetery for a short service. We will return to the village for a closing ceremony around the flagpole.

All Veterans are encouraged to participate. Uniforms are not required. Remember Veterans — this is your day.

Free hot dogs and drinks will be served after the parade in the back of the Yankee parking lot.

BRIAN BARDEN is a former Army Engineer, served in Vietnam, and took over in 1974 as chairman of the Memorial Day Committee when Dave Elder retired 38 years ago.



When Gouri Ivanov-Rinov painted *The Memorial Day Parade* in 1952, several of the figures were recognizable at the time. This painting hangs in the Dublin Community Church, among other paintings by renowned local artists. (For the full story, see the May 2011 Advocate.)

### Dublin Community Church Spring Rummage: May 4 & 5

**Rummage Sale:** Friday, May 4: 1-6 pm

**Yard Sale & Rummage Sale:**

Saturday, May 5: 10 am-1 pm



## Dublin Public Library

### STORY TIME

Parents and children who come to the Dublin Public Library on Wednesday mornings for story hour will be learning all about Pond Life. We will begin by reading *Would You Rather be a Pollywog?* We will learn about fish, frogs, algae, salamanders and we can't forget about bugs! A different fun craft will be offered each week as well as finger play and games. Our program is offered from 9:30 to 10:30 am on May 2, 9, 16, 23, and 30. Refreshments are served.

### BOOKS ON DISPLAY IN MAY

During the month of May look for displays of books on the following subjects: Mother's Day — the ways of parenting through the years and books on mothers for children. Gardening — how to take care of the plants mom received for Mother's Day.

Later in the month on display will be fiction and nonfiction books on the wars in which the men and women we honor on Memorial Day participated.

### NEW DVDS

War Horse, Iron Lady, Descendants, Girl with the Dragon Tattoo (American version)

### NEW BOOKS

*Stay Close* by H. Coben; *The Expats* by C. Pavone; *Betrayal* by D. Steele; *The Lost Years* by M. Higgins Clark; *The Dressmaker* by K. Alcott

## Thank You from Your Friends of the Dublin Public Library

By Catherine Boeckmann

To all our fellow Dubliners, thank you for your generosity during the Friends of the Dublin Public Library's 2012 membership campaign!

We are so very thankful to both our longtime and the many new FDPL members — plus, we appreciate the very kind donations that went above and beyond membership. Your contributions support a dynamic, healthy library and supplement your library's budget with speaker programs, new books and facility improvements, children's events, and more!

Coming soon: all-new programs! On Saturday morning, June 30, we'll host our annual Children's Day to kickoff the summer reading program. The theme is "Rocks rock!"

This fall, we are launching an exciting program of reading, conversation, art, and writing. The theme is "Recasting Monadnock's Classics." Stay tuned!

CATHERINE BOECKMANN is Board Secretary for the Friends of the Dublin Public Library.

### Save the Date

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Children's Day  
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## Women's Club News

By Nancy Campbell

Invitations to join The Dublin Women's Club were mailed the end of April. Anyone who does not receive an invitation and who wishes to join may contact Treasurer Nancy Campbell (563-8480). Dues for both the club and beach remain at \$100. If one wishes to only join the club without beach privileges, the fee is \$20. Those persons needing financial assistance may contact Jill Lawler (924-7675), Nancy Campbell, Eileene McBrien, Shannon Carpenter, Rebecca Oja or Connie Cerroni.

Beach set-up day will be Saturday, June 9 (rain date Sunday, June 10), starting at 10:30 am. The rafts, docks and boats will be put in the lake that day. We need lots of willing hands to help; lunch will be provided to volunteers. We hope to have a life-guard on duty starting June 18, with lessons starting June 25. Longtime lifeguards Polly Seymour and Liz Lawler will be returning, as well as Meghan Briggs, who is returning for her second year.

In other business, the Club still has five hunter-green coverlets for sale for \$45. If you would like to buy one, you may mail a check, payable to The Dublin Women's Club, PO Box 121, Dublin, NH 03444. Proceeds from the sales will help cover the expense of maintaining the Women's Club Beach House.

Finally, we thank all those people who have already donated to our annual appeal.

NANCY CAMPBELL is treasurer of the Dublin Women's Club.

## Trustees of Trust Funds Offer Scholarships

By Bill Goodwin

This year, the Trustees of Trust Funds will be awarding three \$1000 scholarships to Dublin residents who will be attending accredited colleges during the 2012-2013 academic year.

Applications are available at the Town Hall and at the Guidance Departments of ConVal, Dublin Christian Academy, and Dublin School. Students at other schools may pick up applications at the Town Hall.

BILL GOODWIN is Chairman of the Trustees of Trust Funds.

## Dublin Summer Playground

By Eliot Pelletier

Hello Dublin Citizens,

Spring is here and summer is just around the corner. It's never too early to start thinking about how your kids can fill up those endless hours in the sunshine with fun and safe activities. The Dublin Playground is a 39-year tradition for the children of the town, and your family is invited to be a part of it. Once again the playground program, held at Dublin Consolidated School each day from 9 am until 3 pm, will run week-days rain or shine from June 25th until August 10th. The program is intended for Dublin children ages 5 to 12.

Campers at the Dublin Playground enjoy fun activities each day that engage both their brains and their bodies. In addition to taking part in age-appropriate games and crafts, children get to practice important social skills and build meaningful relationships with other kids in the community.

We will be taking several field trips, hiking Mt. Monadnock, and weekly library trips. Many counselors on staff were campers themselves years ago. This year we will offer games, crafts, cooking and educational activities to go along with each topic. Themes include Sports Week, Art Week, Multicultural Week, Nature Week and more.

The Dublin Playground provides a fun place for kids to spend the summer. Daily

attendance is not required, so families have plenty of freedom and flexibility to take trips and spend time together as well. Arrangements for early drop-off can be made for working parents. Fees will again be \$150 per camper for Dublin residents, although scholarships may be available for those who qualify.

If you are interested in reserving your child's spot at the Dublin Playground for this summer, please take a moment to fill out this registration form (one per family) and send it in to the address on the form below. This will help us to estimate attendance numbers so we can better meet your child's needs. The playground calendar will be available this month at DCS and the Town Hall. Questions or suggestions may be directed to [Dublinplayground@yahoo.com](mailto:Dublinplayground@yahoo.com).

ELIOT PELLETIER has been the director of the Dublin Summer Playground since 2003. He and Liz Lawler were co-directors in '03 and '04.



## 2012 Dublin Summer Playground

### EARLY REGISTRATION FORM

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Parent/Guardian Name

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Address

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Phone Number

Email (Optional)

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Send in to: Town of Dublin, Box 277, Dublin NH 03444.

## News from the Dublin Consolidated School

By May Clark

The new ConVal School Board chairman, Butch Estey, has instituted a new recognition award. He is accepting nominations for very special ConVal staff members in three categories approximately once a month: support staff, teachers, and administrative staff. The first three awards were given at the April 3 board meeting, and our very own Jo-Ann Hopkins was one of the first recipients of the award. We are so pleased that she has been recognized for her excellent work and tender care of all of us at DCS!

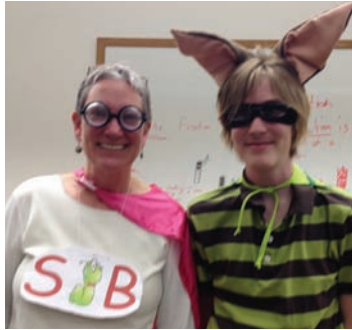
Meanwhile, April has been full of activity! Our PTO has run a wildly successful Read-a-Thon for our students, with a goal of 28,000 minutes read in two weeks. We'll have a special celebration lunch to recognize all of our wonderful readers on May 4. We were fortunate to have a couple of visits from Skippy John Jones, a Siamese cat who aspires to be a Chihuahua, played by Dublin's own Charlie Imhoff, as well as Super Bookworm (yours truly) and her new sidekick, Bookmark Boy (Woody Stockwell). Vicki Brown masterminded our Literacy Night, on April 19, where we all had a wonderful time with our presenters. We are so grateful to our PTO and to the Dublin Community Foundation for their support of this special event, as well as all the fun of Turn Off TV week!

Now that April vacation is behind us, we are focused on our last six and a half weeks of school. We look forward to the return visit of Mark Ragonese, an artist who will spend two days with us creating a village. He came to us last year, and helped us create the wishing flag display you may have seen near our garden. And speaking of gardening, we have lots of seedlings growing, including onions, leeks, lettuce, and peas and spinach. The students are working hard to keep up with the watering, planting, and weeding.

This month we will accomplish the last rounds of our annual testing (NECAP science for grade 4 and Aimsweb for everybody), one more Walk to School day, and a visit from the South Meadow School musicians. We'll also finish up the Lend-an-Ear program visits, and the last of our six-week Healthy Me after-school program, run by Louise Danforth of the Healthy Teeth to Toes program at the Monadnock Hospital. We will have our usual Memorial Day Observance on May 25, with our grade 4/5 band playing.

This is the time of year when we feel like we're on a roller coaster ride, all downhill! The events are fast and furious, and we are always happy to have our community members come and visit! And I don't want to miss putting in a plug for the 5K race/run/walk for Emily Brneger on Saturday, May 5, starting at DCS at 9 am. Come one, come all!

MAY CLARK is Teaching Principal at DCS. You can reach her at 563-8332 or [mclark@conval.edu](mailto:mclark@conval.edu).



DCS students read 32,000 minutes in two weeks!

## Kindergarten Decisions

By Mary Loftis

Recently the ConVal School Board has been faced with a series of confounding decisions. One, of course, is what to do about the high cost of maintaining the District's far-flung school infrastructure in light of declining enrollment. This thorny issue, the focus of the ConVal District Model Study Committee, was discussed last month in the nine towns that make up the District.

Another tough decision has to do with World Language offerings at ConVal High School. Low enrollment in these elective classes indicates that the three languages (Spanish, French and German) might advantageously be reduced to two. But how to choose which language to drop? And with the School Board's stated commitment to becoming a High Performing District, is reducing an academic offering the direction to go in?

And now we have the Kindergarten decision. Full-day Kindergarten came about as a by-product of low enrollment in some of the small elementary schools. Since there weren't enough five-year-olds to make up a stand-alone half-day class, Kindergartners were grouped with first graders, and it made sense to keep them all for the full school day. And it has worked out very well, as evidenced right here in Dublin. Educational literature on the subject indicates positive effects of full-day programs. The trouble is that the population of five-year-olds has been very unstable, particularly in Frankestown. Some years there are enough kids to warrant a stand-alone Kindergarten; sometimes they're teamed up with first graders. Rather than switch back and forth between half and full day, the School Board initially voted to maintain the full-day offering there. And yet there were troubling inequities. Parents in other towns clearly and vociferously indicated their preference for a full-day program. But district-wide full-day Kindergarten wasn't in the budget just approved by voters in March.

So, to establish consistency, in early April the School Board reversed its previous decision. Full-day Kindergarten will remain in schools (such as DCS) where there are combined K-1 classes. All stand-alone Kindergartens will be half-day. Was this the right decision? Certainly parents in Frankestown and Bennington don't think so. Some of us on the School Board also had a queasy feeling; we had voted to offer some of our youngest students less, not more. Although there is logic and consistency to the decision, it was also a painful one.

The Education Committee will soon take up the issue of district-wide full-day Kindergarten. This discussion will have important educational and financial implications and will occur in the context of whatever conclusions are drawn from the work of the Model Study Committee. Please call me at 563-8884 or e-mail me at [mloftis2@myfairpoint.net](mailto:mloftis2@myfairpoint.net) if you'd like to talk about any of these important issues.

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

Please note a new mailing address for  
**The Dublin Advocate** (PO Box 24).



## College Graduates Make Their Debut

By Lorelei Murphy

Congratulations to the following graduates who are the next generation of Dubliners to move out in the world:

**Lily Featherston** is graduating from Rhode Island School of Design on June 2 with a major in Animation. Her plans after graduation include traveling and looking for a job!

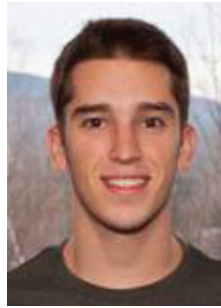
**Brendan Gallagher** is graduating on May 20 from Colby College in Waterville, Maine, with a Psychology major and Business Administration minor. For all four years at Colby, he was a varsity baseball player in 2012 he was captain of the team. At Colby he was a volunteer



with Colby Cares about Kids and held an Internship at TOCmedia. He has worked at the Dublin Community Playground, Lawrence Academy Summer Program, and ConVal Sandlot Baseball.

**Matthew Jorma**

**Levene** will be graduating from Boston University on May 20 with a major in Environmental Analysis & Policy and a minor in Business Administration & Management. Matt will be employed with a tech startup in San Francisco after graduation.



**Katie Murphy** is graduating on May 19 from the University of New Hampshire with a major in Environmental Conservation Studies & a minor in Spanish. Katie will be recognized as a University Scholar on May 18 at an Honors Con-



vocation. She is also a member of the Xi Sigma Phi Forestry Honors Society.

**Shauna Korpi** is graduating in May from the University of Vermont's College of Nursing and Health Sciences with a Bachelor's of Science degree in Medical Laboratory Science. Shauna is planning to work a Boston hospital as a medical lab technologist. Shauna was a member of the ConVal class of 2008.

**Paige Simpson** will graduate in May from Keene State

College, magna cum laude, with a BA in Fine Art. Four of her works of art are in the Emerging Art show ending May 5 at the Thorne-Sagendorph Art Gallery, where Paige worked after receiving the Thorne-Sagendorph fellowship.



LORELEI MURPHY is a member of the Advocate staff.

Please send all information about Dublin resident graduates to [DublinAdvocate@gmail.com](mailto:DublinAdvocate@gmail.com) before May 15th so we may include it in the June issue.

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## Bonnie Powers Turns Dream into Reality

By Ramona Branch

For Bonnie Powers food has always been her thing — fresh, local, and sustainable. She recalls when she was around eight years old she started baking cookies and brownies. Then she progressed to cooking simple dinners for her family, swapping for her regular chore of doing the dishes. Now she is turning her love of cooking and baking into a money-making home-based business. Certified with the state of New Hampshire as a homestead kitchen, Bonnie started her business making salted caramels. Then she covered the caramels in chocolate, and that became a great seller. Her product list has now expanded to include pecan sticky buns, truffles, cookies, brownies and scones. Her breads include cinnamon raisin, cranberry walnut and olive rosemary.

Her biggest customer is Vermont Country Deli, which regularly orders up to 18 pounds of chocolate covered salted caramels. Locally Bonnie bakes and delivers



her sticky buns to Ginger Snap Cafe in Peterborough. A new project is providing caramels packaged in gift boxes to a Keene promotional products company.

On top of this rigorous schedule, Bonnie is also very interested in supplying food to the hungry. She is a key player in developing the Perpetual Food Pledge Drive. The movement started at Antioch University Los Angeles. Bonnie, whose day job is webmaster for Antioch University New England, wanted to bring the concept here. With her help, individuals at AUNE developed [www.perpetualfoodpledge.org](http://www.perpetualfoodpledge.org), which is a vehicle for individuals to commit to purchasing a healthy non-perishable food item each time they shop for groceries, and then donating it to those in need through their local food pantry, church or other organization of their choice. By taking the Perpetual Food Pledge, a person can become a part of the sustainable solution to squashing hunger in their area.

To learn more about Bonnie's confections contact her at [EclecticWorks.etsy@gmail.com](mailto:EclecticWorks.etsy@gmail.com) or 563-7703.

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

## Change a Life: Volunteer

By Kasey LaFlam

Monadnock Center for Violence Prevention (MCVP) in Keene is accepting applications for its volunteer training. After completing our month-long, 40-hour training, volunteers can assist survivors of domestic and sexual violence in a variety of ways.

Have a skill or hobby you'd like to share with guests in our emergency shelter? Are you interested in facilitating an ongoing support group? Would you like to take shifts on our 24-hour crisis hotline? Visit us at [www.MCVPPrevention.org](http://www.MCVPPrevention.org) for details or to download an application. Or call the office at 352-3844 and ask about registering for our training.

On Wednesday evenings, Monadnock Center for Violence Prevention (MCVP) hosts a support group for survivors of domestic violence. Healing Together as Survivors provides a safe and confidential space for survivors to offer peer support. If interested, please call 352-3782 for details.

All services provided by MCVP ([www.MCVPPrevention.org](http://www.MCVPPrevention.org)) are free and confidential.

KASEY LAFAM is Education & Community Outreach Coordinator at MCVP.

## Greensward Mediation

*"Greensward is another word for lawn."*

By John Sandri

It's April and many people are making their annual treks to stores to procure inputs for their lawns. We actually live in one of the best grass-growing regions in the world, yet many of us are still applying chemicals to our lawns. Chemical fertilizers, insecticides and herbicides encourage monoculture lawns, kill good soil microbes and worms, make plants less drought-resistant, and require larger applications each year to coax grass growth from the failing soils. In the U.S., 18% of water pollution can be attributed to lawn chemicals; and Americans spend more on lawn-care products than the entire gross domestic product of Canada! So, what can we do to help to ensure clean wells, lakes and watersheds in our region, healthy green spaces for pets and children, and lower lawn care bills over the long term?

A truly healthy lawn or field must have a diverse variety of legumes and grasses and other micronutrient fixers with deep roots like dandelions and plantains (not just one type of grass). A thick layer of healthy sod would sit over topsoil rich in humus content. Entire lawns or areas on your lawns that are not growing grass well are usually due to thin layers of topsoil put down following site work, insufficient organic matter in the topsoil and too low a pH. Plants will naturally colonize these areas over time to repair and build the soil. You will see colonizer species like clover first populate those areas with its deep drought-resistant roots and ability to fix nitrogen on its own. Other species like dandelions and plantains help to bring up micronutrients from the subsoil,



like calcium, with their deep root systems. It may take many years.

To encourage a faster building of your soils and sod, test your soil to determine if the pH needs to be modified with lime or wood ash, as our soils tend to be inherently acidic due to our area's granitic geology. To organically fertilize your lawn, apply thin layers of compost over the sod, or plug aerate, and rake the compost into the holes (be careful on steep slopes — heavy rain could erode your amendments). Where too thin a layer of topsoil is the problem, topsoil with compost should be added over the areas and then reseeded. Of course one of the best things for a grassy area is to be occasionally grazed by animals!

With just a little care to organically mediate your lawn's issues, the lawn itself can become a sustainable green area that will be able to care for itself.

JOHN SANDRI grew up in Dublin, and is director of Farmer John's Plot, a nonprofit farm in Dublin.





Twelve students from Dublin who attend Mountain Shadows School demonstrated their projects at the recent **Olympic Studies Exhibition**, held at Crotched Mountain Ski Area Lodge. Congratulations to Anita Anable, Cully Colantino, Florence Colantino, Laura Hoffheimer, Sam Induni, Avelea Kalvaitis, Kamanakai Kalvaitis, Charlotte Lasky, Temple Nightingale, Nora Rogers, Peyton Seaver, and James Wolpe.



Photos courtesy of Nancy Cayford



## Emily Brnger Thanks One and All

March 24, 2012, will be a date that I remember with fondness for a long time to come. Many friends and community members organized and attended a spectacular benefit spaghetti dinner and raffle at the Dublin School. To say the evening was a great success would be an understatement. I have never been so overwhelmed with joy and gratitude than I was at that event!

I'd like to preface this by saying that one doesn't expect to go to their doctor feeling general malaise, only to hear that they've been diagnosed with Stage 4 Breast Cancer, yet that is what happened to me. After reeling from the diagnosis and having to take a leave from the job that I love, I quickly discovered a silver lining – my community. I have had the pleasure of teaching at the Dublin Consolidated School (my second home) since 1991. I have met an incalculable number of families and formed countless bonds. During that time I have made a home in Dublin and have been a long-time member of the Dublin Community Church. Many have told me “you’ve touched a lot of lives” but you don’t truly realize it until a life-changing situation, and its compassionate result, envelop you in a tender and warmhearted community-based embrace.

To say a simple thank you to everyone seems so insignificant, yet I’ve come to know it is more than enough for most. Coordinat-



*Emily helps a young fan enjoy the spaghetti supper in her honor. More than 300 people attended, and almost everyone wore pink!*

ing this dinner and raffle was no small feat. There were many players involved in this event, and so many other acts of kindness to name, that I'd like to acknowledge a few. It is with a grateful heart that I thank JoAnn Hopkins and Anne Mackey (party planners extraordinaire); the many servers, cooks, bussers, and dishwashers; the Dublin School; a very generous and anonymous donor who paid for all of the hot food; staff from SAU #1 who donated all of the salad goods; bread baking church members; the DCS

parents/staff (past & present) for raffle organization, support, and contributions; event sponsors; a fabulous and anonymous group called the HOTTTs (Helping Out Through Tough Times) that bestow upon me the most thoughtful and unexpected gifts; DCS families who donated a share from a local farm co-op; makers of the 1,000 paper cranes; and many, many more!

It made my heart soar to see and hug so many children who have touched my life! I've saved my biggest thank you for my family, especially Hilary and Shelby, who have been the most wonderful supporters, nurses, and helpers that one could ask for!

Dublin is a wonderful place – I am so lucky to be a part of this kind and giving community.

– Emily Brnger



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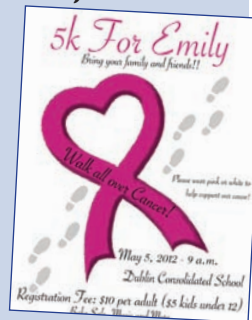
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## 5K for Emily: Run May 5 at 9 am, DCS

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# News from Dublin School

## A Little Chekhov Goes a Long Way

By Anne Mackey

On Thursday, May 17, at 7 pm, the Fountain Arts Building at Dublin School will become the Moscow Art Theater. Two short comedies by playwright Anton Chekhov will be presented by members of the school's Advanced Acting Class.

The actors will be performing in "The Boor" and "The Marriage Proposal," two of Chekhov's best satirical one-act plays. Chekhov, who anticipated the Russian Revolution and the dissolution of the landed gentry class in Russia by 20 years, was at his best when poking fun at the hypocrisies of the waning aristocracy of the late 19th, early 20th centuries.

In these plays, his most successful short scripts, Chekhov portrays with humor and sarcasm the materialistic vanity of the upper class. "He reveals the spectacle of humanity as he sees it," says director Jan Haman.

The cast of six includes local students, Paige Brnager and Alex Lange of Nelson and John Lewtas of Hancock. The performance will be less than an hour and there is no admission price.

For reserved seats, please call 563-1285.

ANNE MACKEY is Assistant to Head of School Brad Bates.

## Fireside Chats Continue



Photo by Ramona Branch

A good crowd gathered at Dublin School for a collaborative discussion on "Our Independent Spirit; Can it Coexist with Community?" This was the second in a series of the newly created "Fireside Chats" created to bring the school and community together. Panel/facilitators were Tim Clark, Howard Mansfield, and Jack Calhoun. April's chat will address how technology can enhance community.

## Back to the Wild

Henry Walters, an English teacher at Dublin School, has also been teaching a red tailed hawk, named Mary, to hunt for herself. Many may have seen Henry running across campus and down to the village as he followed Mary on her quest for small prey. Mary was released in late March back to the wild.





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**Let's see what alternative Estate Planning is necessary.**



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## DCS at C&A

The 19th annual Children and The Arts festival will be celebrated in Peterborough on Saturday, May 19th. Thanks to the support of the downtown businesses, the students at the Dublin Consolidated School (DCS) will each have an artwork on exhibit in one of the downtown windows, usually at Fireplace Village on Grove Street. The artwork is displayed for one week prior to the event as well as during the event.

ConVal Art Educator, Carole Storro,

began celebrating the event in her art classroom by implementing the year's theme, which is "Flower Power," into the artwork that the students created. The 4th and 5th graders will use the theme to cooperatively design and paint a mug board (a large artwork on the surface of a board where there are face cutouts for fun photo opportunities).

Children and the Arts is an all-day, free event for families and enjoyed by all ages!

## Art from the Children's Heart

By Ruth Thompson

Dublin Community Preschool (DCP) invites all to its annual art show on May 3 from 5:30 to 7 pm.

DCP collects the children's art projects from throughout the school year and fashions creative and fun displays to showcase the work. Projects reflect the various art forms the children have been exposed to

within the seasonal programs and include various painting styles and mediums.

Along with the Art Show, guests will enjoy refreshments and both a Chinese and Silent Auction.

Some of the silent auction items include new luggage, a handmade quilt from the Quilters Guild, \$75 photography session with Sarah Chatfield-Seaver, and many more items.

Please join us in Dublin Village Park at 1283 Main St.

RUTH THOMPSON is president of the board at DCP.



## Peter's Pondering

### GOOD NEWS DOESN'T SELL PAPERS — OR AIR TIME

No, what sells papers are murders, financial frauds, scandalous behavior, and divorces among the famous.

Watching one of the morning programs on television leaves me with the impression that we're all on our way to Hades at 100 mph.

What we don't read about or hear about are the zillions of good things that are happening around us constantly: help being offered to the elderly or handicapped, courtesies shown by automobile drivers to pedestrians or other drivers, money being contributed daily to charitable organizations like the Red Cross.

But who wants to read about a woman who drove an injured friend to the hospital when you could be reading about a movie star who murdered her mother-in-law?

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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**The Baha'i Center**, located at 1265 Main St. (next to the Dublin General Store), is offering inter-faith devotions on Saturday, May 19th, at 2 pm. Interested people may call Phil Gammons at 563-8809 for more information.



## The Jacksons Have Ties to Area

By Jeanne Sterling

As Nancy Jackson arrived at the house, the coffee was ready to brew but my interview questions were nowhere near percolating. The last two interviews I conducted were with people I had known for over 45 years. This was my first 'newbie'. It wasn't long before I realized the 'newbie' tag didn't apply.

Nancy and Guy Jackson relocated to Dublin from Bolton, MA, where they had made their home for 28 years. During that time, the Jacksons were regular visitors to the region and climbed Mt. Monadnock several times a year. Guy is originally from Lincoln, MA, and Nancy grew up in Guilford, CT.

Guy is a 1967 graduate of The Dublin School. He and Jamie Meath, son of Dr. James and Mary Meath of Dublin, became steadfast friends. When Mary passed away several years ago, the Jacksons attended the services held at the Dublin Community Church. Nancy was impressed by the closeness those in attendance held for one another, and the deep sense of community was obvious.

The following spring, on her way back to Bolton from Burlington, VT, Nancy took a major detour and found herself in Peterbor-

ough, heading to Dublin. Not being in a particular hurry, and being somewhat familiar with the area, she turned around at our police station and drove down Church St., knowing it would lead to the road to Jaffrey. What she calls 'destiny,' after going so out of her way, she spotted the For Sale sign at the foot of the Hammond/Elder driveway. After meeting with the realtor and seeing the property, it took but a half hour to decide to buy it.

The couple is slowly adding their personal touches on the house – a recent addition that opens up a majestic view of Mt. Monadnock and in the forefront, the gorgeous red barn across from the house. They are honoring Ruth Hammond's memory by carefully tending to the perennial gardens she so lovingly developed, expanding the veggie garden and new plantings in front of the addition. They have two goats – Red Dog and Kahlua; two cats – Reina and Woody; and at the moment one dog, Ellie. I think by the time this article goes to press, there will be another puppy joining the group.

Nancy has joined the church choir (thanks to the Shonk sisters), helps with *The Dublin Advocate* and has joined the Riding and Walking Club. She also belongs to the Cheshire Ice Cats Ice Hockey team (she can skate backwards!) from October thru March, and she plays soccer.

The Jacksons have two children: daughter, Lydia, in Portland OR, and son, Patrick who lives in Berkeley CA.

Nancy Jackson, MSW, runs her consulting business, Gammy Bird, from this charming residence. You can familiarize yourself with Gammy Bird on [www.GammyBird.com](http://www.GammyBird.com). Including the Gammy Bird itself! Yup, there is such a bird.

JEANNE STERLING is Advertising Coordinator for the Advocate, and writes for it frequently.



Photo by Ramona Branch

## Thank You to ConVal Students

A group of energetic ConVal seniors participated in a recent workday at the Dublin Rotary Park as part of their community service requirements. They spread wood chips on the new trail around the lower meadow, pulled limbs from that area and cleared a new trail up the hill. They even carried a big picnic table to the top of the hill! It was a fun day for everyone. A hearty thanks for their tremendous efforts.

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## Theater, Art & Music

**May 11-12:** Frost Heaves, the local comedy show, wraps up its fourth season with its greatest hits, May 11 and 12 at the Peterborough Players Theatre. The show features Dublin resident Dave Nelson in such nonsense as The Yankee Checkout Scanner, Life's Little Mystery, and more. Performances are Friday, May 11, and Saturday, May 12, at 7:30 pm, with a matinee at 2 pm on May 12. Tickets are \$15, available at [frostheaves.com](http://frostheaves.com), the Toadstool and Steele's in Peterborough, at the door, or by calling 525-3391.



**May 11-28:** Fred Fry's *Birds of New Hampshire* exhibit will be on display from May 11 through June 28 at the Conservation Center, 54 Portsmouth St., Concord, NH.



Now 102 years old, Peterborough artist Fred Fry began painting when he was 100. His preferred subject is birds, and he has a collection of about 450 paintings of birds from all over the world, including New Hampshire. Due to macular degeneration, Fry requires

special full spectrum lighting to enable his painting. Please call the Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests at 224-9945 before visiting to confirm that the room is open.

**May 15-June 28:** "Garden of the Imagination" opens at Sharon Arts Center Exhibition Gallery, 30 Grove St., Peterborough, NH.

James Grashow, nationally renowned cardboard artist, will be Artist-in-Residence from May 15-26 turning the gallery into an enormous workshop, with area schoolchildren engaging daily in the creation of the installation, which opens June 1. All are invited to witness the evolution of cardboard as a creative medium in the hands of a master artist.

**May 19-20:** Animaterra, an all-woman a cappella choir, will present two performances. The first performance will be held in Keene on Saturday, May 19, at 7:30 pm at the Baptist Church on Maple Ave. A second performance will be held in Peterborough on Sunday, May 20, at 4 pm at the UCC Church on Concord Street.

## Alzheimer's Education Program

By Susan Ashworth

Home Healthcare, Hospice and Community Services (HCS) and the Alzheimer's Association are presenting a three-part education program beginning in May. The program will cover the basics of Alzheimer's disease, strategies for successful communication and managing behaviors. Kesstan Blandin, PhD, Program Coordinator for the Alzheimer's Association in New Hampshire will be the presenter. "Introduction to Alzheimer's Disease" will be held on May 15, and will cover the basics of the disease and dementia.

Presentations on May 22 and May 29 will focus on family caregivers, and cover communication techniques, behaviors to help reduce stress and increase the quality of life. All sessions will also be held from 4 pm to 5:30 pm at the Union Congregational Church, 33 Concord Street in Peterborough.

The program is offered free, but call 603-606-6590 to register.

SUSAN ASHWORTH is Director of Community Relations at HCS in Keene.

## Technology Update: Linked In

By Ben Cerroni

The last column I wrote for the *Advocate* was focused on the growing social network called Facebook, an online database of personal profiles that allows a user to connect with others in their social lives. But there is another social network out there growing just as feverishly as Facebook, just in a different niche. LinkedIn is a social network with a focus on the professional world. It is similar to Facebook in that it is an online database of personal profiles and groups, but instead of pictures and status updates, LinkedIn shares an individual's resumes, work experience and skill-sets to other professionals in the LinkedIn network. To be a LinkedIn member is free and only takes a few minutes to set up your professional profile.

What makes LinkedIn such a powerful tool is not only its ability to connect you with people already in your professional network, but also connects you with the extended networks of those people. If, for example, you are looking for an internal connection at a company you are hoping to apply to, you can check your LinkedIn network to see if someone you know has that internal connection you are looking for. By joining LinkedIn, you easily gain access to many more networks than you could manage without the social network, and all with the click of a mouse.

Another great aspect of LinkedIn is the online job board. Companies seeking to hire new employees can post job openings on LinkedIn and search the pool of candidates that match the job's qualification. Oppositely, employees looking to gain employment can search by company to see if there is an opening for their dream job and can then message the company to inquire about the position. This creates a much more effective and efficient way for companies and job seekers to find each other.

So if you are looking to expand your professional network, consider joining the 150 million users that are already taking advantage of the free and user-friendly social network.

BEN CERRONI, a college grad we reported on in last June's issue, is moving to Boston to start a new job. He is going to stay involved with Granite Peak Web Solutions, and will monitor the *Advocate* monthly.

Paid for by Margaret Gurney

### Be Part of a Dublin Anthology

Everyone with ties to Dublin who has a story to tell about a holiday spent here are invited to submit anecdotes up to 500 words. All seasons welcome: Memorial Day, 4th July, Thanksgiving, religious holidays, etc. All accepted stories will be compiled into an anthology that will be available for sale.

**Material due by October 1st.** Each contributor will receive a complimentary copy. I reserve the right to edit if necessary. 10% proceeds to local nonprofits.

Email inquiries or finished copy to [DublinAnthology@gmail.com](mailto:DublinAnthology@gmail.com).



## All That Bill Goodwin Does

By Margaret Gurney

On the eve of the John W. Harris's presentation on Kipling, Henry James introduced members of the Dublin Historical Society to the audience, and said of Bill Goodwin: "Half the town would probably close down if Bill stopped doing what he does." We all laughed.

Bill is treasurer of the Dublin Historical Society. He is chair of the Dublin Public Library Trustees and he is chair of the Dublin Trustees of Trust Funds. He is treasurer of *The Dublin Advocate*. He is Trustees Chair of the Dublin Community Church. He serves on the Dublin Planning Board. And those are the ones I know of off the top of my head.

Out of town, Bill is treasurer of the Peterborough Folk Music Society, and of the Grand Monadnock Youth Choir. He will be campaign chair for 2013 for the Monadnock United Way and he serves as chair for the Community Advisory Council of the Cheshire Medical Center / Dartmouth-Hitchcock – Keene.

I also know that Bill enjoys playing tennis. He is an active member at the Monadnock Indoor Tennis Club in Peterborough and plays during the summer at the Dublin Lake Club.

But this wise man's volunteerism doesn't stop there. Bill is instrumental in organizing "stuff" for the Dublin Community Church's now-famous biannual rummage sales. He attends all the Peterborough Folk Music Society's shows. And he even helps the Monadnock Rotary Club when nobody's looking.

A former mechanical engineer, Bill retired from NHBB in Peterborough in 2006. He lives on Windmill Hill Road with his partner Barbara Summers, who is the Music Director at the Dublin Community Church. They are blessed with grandchildren living with them for much of each summer. Bill has daughters in Colorado and Maine and a son in Somersworth, NH.

When asked why Bill does all that he does, he answered modestly, "I feel that I can make a contribution to these organizations, and currently have the time available to do it, but eventually I need to learn how to say no."

MARGARET GURNEY is editor of the *Advocate*.



## Hands-on: Learning Peace

The Mariposa, a 'hands-on' museum on Main St. in Peterborough, displays artifacts from around the world. Invite your children to experience other cultures through regional exhibitions, performances and programs: "When children are raised with respect and curiosity towards other cultures, the world will know more peace and less war," reads its motto.

In Mariposa's current exhibit, "Becoming: The Child's Journey to Adulthood," there are two important contributions from Dublin. Students from Dublin School painted a map of the world that hangs on the museum's library wall, and is interactive.



Plus, Nick Fox lent the museum two slingshots on display in the "Work and Play" window of the current exhibition. He used them to chase away (or slay) lizards that were eating his garden when he was a Peace Corps volunteer in Ghana. (See *Advocate* cover story, January 2011.)

Drop-ins at the museum are welcomed. Visit [www.mariposamuseum.org](http://www.mariposamuseum.org) or call 924-4555 for details.

## 400+ Acres on Monadnock Now Protected

Thanks to the generosity of more than 1,000 contributors, the Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests has conserved 418 acres along the slopes of Mount Monadnock in Jaffrey and Marlborough.

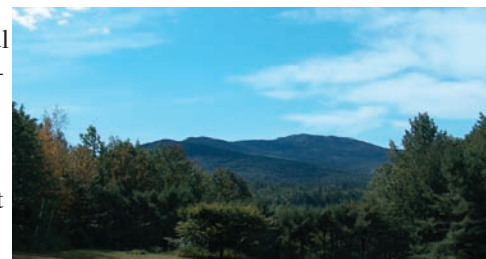
"We are so grateful to the many individuals, businesses, and organizations that have helped us reach our goal," said Forest Society President/Forester Jane Difley.

"This is our largest addition of conserved lands on Mount Monadnock since our first purchase of 650 acres in 1915."

With their forests and wetlands, the protected parcels enhance the varied wildlife habitat that the region is renowned 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 Forest Society owns more than half of the mountain's 6,900 conserved acres and holds conservation easements on more than 1,000 additional adjacent acres; it leases approximately 1,000 acres to the State of New Hampshire to be operated as Mount Monadnock State Park.

The Forest Society's mission ([www.forestsociety.org](http://www.forestsociety.org)) is to perpetuate the state's forests by promoting land conservation and sustainable forestry.



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>BC</b> Baha'i Center <b>BOS</b> Board of Selectmen <b>DCC</b> Dublin Community Church <b>DCS</b> Dublin Consolidated School <b>DGS</b> Dublin General Store <b>DPL</b> Dublin Public Library <b>TH</b> Town Hall		<b>1 DPL</b> Hill Top Grp. 6:45 pm	<b>2 TH</b> Town Clk/Tax Collector Hrs., 1:30-5 pm; <b>DPL</b> Story Time 9:30 am; <b>DCC</b> Two Hat Grp. 7:30 pm	<b>3 DCP</b> Annual Art Show 5:30-7 pm; <b>DPL</b> Bee Keepers 7 pm;	<b>4 DCC</b> Spring Rummage Sale 1-6 pm	<b>5 DCS</b> 5K Fundraiser for Emily 9 am; <b>DCC</b> Spring Rummage and Yard Sale 10 am-1 pm
<b>6</b>	<b>7 DPL</b> FDPL Board 6 pm; <b>TH</b> BOS 4 pm	<b>8 DPL</b> Hill Top Grp. 6:45 pm	<b>9 DPL</b> Story Time 9:30 am; Trustees Mtg. 7 pm; <b>TH</b> La Leche League 7 pm; <b>DCC</b> Two Hat Grp. 7:30 pm	<b>10</b>	<b>11 DGS</b> Beer Tasting 5-7 pm; Conservation Ctr, Concord, Birds of NH 5/11-6/28	<b>12</b> Monadnock Regional H.S., Swanzey, Cheshiremen Chorus, 7 pm
<b>13</b>	<b>14 TH</b> BOS 4 pm	<b>15 DPL</b> Hill Top Grp 6:45 pm; Sharon Arts Center, Gardens of Imagination 5/15-6/28; Deadline for June Advocate	<b>16 DPL</b> Story Time 9:30 am <b>DCC</b> Two Hat Grp. 7:30 pm	<b>17 DPL</b> Trout Unlimited 6pm; <b>DS</b> Fountain Arts Bldg., Plays by Anton Chekov 7 pm	<b>18 DPL</b> Police Secretaries 9 am	<b>19</b> Peterborough, 19th Annual Children and the Arts Festival; <b>BC</b> Inter-Faith Devotions, 2 pm; Animaterra, Keene, 7:30 pm
<b>20</b> Animaterra, Peterborough, 7:30 pm	<b>21 TH</b> BOS 4 pm	<b>22 DPL</b> Hill Top Grp 6:45 pm	<b>23 DPL</b> Story Time 9:30 am; <b>DCC</b> Two Hat Grp. 7:30 pm	<b>24</b>	<b>25 DGS</b> Beer Tasting 5-7 pm	<b>26</b>
<b>27</b>	<b>28 Memorial Day Parade,</b> 11:15 am, Yankee parking lot; <b>DPL</b> Closed	<b>29 DPL</b> Hill Top Grp 6:45 pm	<b>30 DPL</b> Story Time 9:30 am; <b>DCC</b> Two Hat Grp. 7:30 pm	<b>31</b>	<b>SAVE THE DATES:</b> Dublin Day, July 21 Yankee Barn Sale, July 28	

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