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The Snowy Owl

By Tom Warren

This large, northern circumpolar owl breeds in the Arctic tundra from tree line to the edge of the polar seas. It is highly nomadic and, in some years, migrates to the U.S. in large numbers due to a lack of its main prey, lemmings (a small rodent). This is one of those years with hundreds already being reported, some as near as Mt. Watatic (near Rindge) and Brattleboro, VT. You can see this distribution by searching "Got Snowies?" published by eBird.

Unlike many other owls, the Snowy Owl is diurnal and hunts in all weather during winter. In years of great prey abundance, female snowy owls lay as many as a dozen eggs. Adults are estimated to eat as many as 1,600 lemmings annually. In years of few lemmings, females do not raise a family, somehow knowing there will be no food for their young owlets.

Adult males are smaller and paler than females. They are very aggressive in defense of their young, often striking humans and wolves at their nests on the Arctic tundra. Young owls are heavily marked with black and brown streaks.

They usually appear in New England at coastal locations that mirror the Arctic tundra where they breed. Portsmouth (NH), Salisbury Beach, Duxbury Beach and Plum



Island (all MA) are the best locations to see these owls in winter. They appear in four-year cycles following a crash in the lemming population.

Snowy Owls have very thick plumage and their legs are heavily feathered to protect them from the cold.

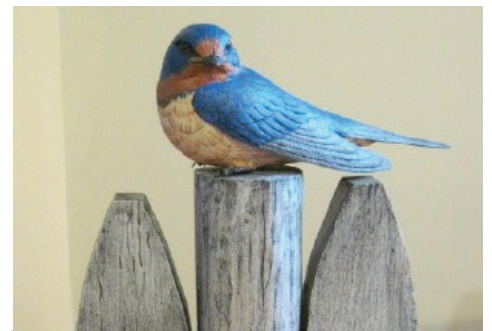
In a research project, a Snowy Owl was subjected to temperatures of 135 degrees below zero, colder than temperatures ever recorded in Antarctica. The bird survived these lethal temperatures with no ill effects. At these temperatures the owl burned calories at five times its normal rate.

Man was the primary enemy of the Snowy Owl. In the early 1900s, one thousand Snowy Owls were shot annually in Ontario. Today, they are protected and

winter mortality is usually caused by collisions with cars, utility wires and aircraft. A Snowy Owl, the first ever recorded in Hawaii, was shot recently at the Honolulu Airport because it posed a threat to aircraft.

Your children and grandchildren will have a better understanding of this beautiful winter owl because of the Harry Potter movies in which this owl stars.

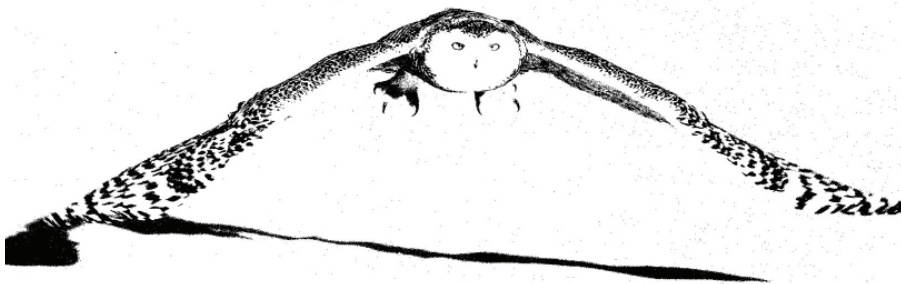
TOM WARREN is a Trustee of the Harris Center for Conservation Education and New Hampshire Audubon.



Locally Carved Birds on Display at Wilderness Creations

Carved birds by local artist Tim McEachern are now on display at Wilderness Creations, LLC in Dublin. A member of the League of N.H. Craftsmen and winner of international awards, McEachern strives to "deepen nature's beauty and mystery" with his work. Carved from Tupelo wood and painted in acrylic and oil, each sculpture starts with extensive research to capture the exact dimensions and details of the bird, resulting in an exquisite life-like carving. Works on display include: Egret on Alligator, Barn Swallow, and Gyr Falcon. Gallery hours are Tuesday – Saturday: 10-5, and Sunday: 10-2.

For more information, please contact Wilderness Creations, LLC at 563-7010.



Dublin Public Library

Book Talk by Betty

There is a photograph in my hallway of the view from the top of Monadnock. But if I am going to climb a mountain it will be through the written word. So when a patron suggested "Following Atticus" by Tom Ryan about a guy and his dog climbing mountains in New Hampshire, I purchased the book for the library. I couldn't resist the cute dog on the cover, so took the book home to read. Well, I followed Tom and Atticus up every one of the 48 four-thousand foot mountains in New Hampshire which they have now climbed a number of times. How the two face life's challenges both on and off the mountain is a great read for the New Year.

If walking in a winter wonderland had you less than excited, step into the magic and warmth of an imaginary two-week getaway. A little reading each day will take you places many of us only dream about. So on those cold mornings or dark evenings let the library light your way to an adventure that is only a chapter away.

After the holidays are over, remember that the Dublin Public Library story time can help fill that void that some children (and parents) feel after the celebrating is over. Enjoy a story, craft, and snack and then encourage your child to choose a few books to take home. We have a selection of children's DVDs as well.

On Wednesday mornings, from 9:30 to 10:30 am, Story Time topics will be:

January 4 - Oh Baby it is Cold Outside! Help us build an indoor igloo.

January 11 - Snowflakes: Learn to fold and cut beautiful patterns.

January 18 - Where did all the animals go? Shhh, the animals in the library are sleeping.

January 25 - Color Me Happy! Enough white already, let's paint with colors.

Check our new display of featured authors of the month. We have some biographies as well as a selection of their books.

FOUND: Sealed in a length of PVC pipe in a ditch on Lake Road in mid-December, a large colored wall map of Cheshire County, 1858. Will anyone claiming ownership, or with any knowledge as to how the map got to where it was found, please get in touch with the Dublin Historical Society Archives, 563-8545.

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Miriam Carter to Speak at Library

The Friends of the Dublin Public Library will have an annual meeting on Wednesday, January 18 at 7 pm in the lower level of the library. The meeting is free and open to all and refreshments will be served.

Professional Fiber Artist Miriam Carter, a felt maker specializing in handmade felt hats and accessories, will present a program on the art of felt making — the history and process of creating this unique fabric. A demonstration of how she creates her hats will be included so be prepared to get your hands wet!

The "Friends" will host an annual Book Sale on February 16 and 18. We are still accepting donations of books in good condition. We will be happy to pick up any donated books for the annual Book Sale in February...just give Kim Allis a call at 563-8691 to arrange pick up.

Editor's Note: See profile of Miriam Carter later in this issue.

Peter's Pondering

FORM FOLLOWS FUNCTION

By Peter Hewitt

A couple of weeks ago a friend and I checked out an exhibition of contemporary sculpture, none of which changed my life. As we left, however, I saw a hammer that some workman had left behind, and thought to myself "that hammer is the best-looking object here."

Then I got to thinking about tools in general: pliers, wrenches, saws, and planes. And garden tools like shovels, rakes, hoes, and trowels.

Musical instruments came to mind: trumpets, tubas, violins, harps, even pianos, if they're not too fancied up.

Sports equipment also make the list: tennis rackets, bicycles, golf clubs, canoes, skates, rowing shells, and — especially — sailboats.

Also cars and airplanes.

No, there's a kind of beauty to these things because they're made to do something, and the better they do it, the better they look.

Form follows function.

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

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A Happy Holiday Night

The Dublin Recreation Committee would like to thank everyone who



joined us for our annual Holiday Night celebration held on December 2nd! By the looks of the crowd and the smiles on the faces, we'd say it was a big success! It takes many people to help put together a town event. The Dublin Recreation Committee would like to extend a BIG Holiday thank you to the following people/organizations for making it all possible:

Yankee Publishing – thank you for allowing us the use of your property once again.

Heart Line Stove Shop in Jaffrey – thank you for donating wood for our bonfire.

John Albano – Thanks for being our town music man.

Dublin Fire Dept. – Thank you for decorating the tree.

Ramona Branch – Thank you for coordinating the music.



Dublin Advocate – Thank you for distributing the music sheets and marshmallows.

Chuck Simpson – Thank you for donating the beautiful tree and for continuing to take care of it.

Emma Carpenter – Thanks to Miss Dublin for flicking the switch so we could all enjoy the lights.

Santa Claus – Thanks Santa for making it all the way to Dublin to meet our children and bring them treats.

Happy Holidays from The Dublin Recreation Committee. See you in 2012!

Thank You to the Community

“It takes a village.” How true it is with the future Dublin Community Center. It's not just the members of the Board of Directors who are working hard to bring this dream to fruition. It is also the many people of our community who have helped us along the way, and we want to publicly thank them:

Jim Callahan, lawyer, pro bono; Cata-mount Environmental, asbestos abatement; *The Dublin Advocate*; Rich Lieberstein, roofing; Niemela Design, demolition, and for advising and figuring costs of Phase II; Russ Saturley, septic design; Savron Graphics; Scott Swanson, drawing plans, and for many extra hours, pro bono; Al Vorce, surveyor, some hours pro bono.

And for help with demolition: James Wolpe and Cully Colantino; Bill Perry, electrician, for ripping out electric wire, pro bono; Mike Caron at Yankee for plowing; Dublin Community Church for working with us on shared parking and septic system; Sophie and David Kwon (Barbara Summers' grandchildren), Sally Collier and Mary Loftis for help with mailing;

Cecily Bastedo, Ramona Branch, Kitty Carleton, Ellie Rublee, Matt Wasserloos for help with fundraising; and Sharon Escales for writing thank you notes.

We thank the Ad Hoc Advisory Committee: Margaret Nelson, Barbara Duckett, and Sara Germain; Tim O'Connell for breaking

down costs of our construction; Sharron and Dennis Monaghan for helping to sell items left at the building; and we thank The Peter Shonk Family for naming the Dublin Community Center in lieu of flowers for Lucy Shonk.

And to all the people who have sent generous donations of money - thank you, thank you! We are touched by the comments written on the checks, such as “Hooray,” “Can't Wait,” and “Will there be an after-school program?”

It's never too late to donate, so please join us in this community endeavor.

Many, many thanks, and Happy New Year to All.

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Emergency Preparedness in Dublin

By Bill Goodwin

In the December issue of the *Advocate* (p. 8), Amanda Gaspard, Emergency Preparedness Coordinator and Regional SNS Coordinator for the Greater Monadnock Public Health Network (GMPHN), provided information about a system designated as Nixle, which allows direct communication between GMPHN and people who sign up to receive alerts via text message and/or e-mail.

At a recent Community Advisory Council meeting, Amanda Gaspard and Eileen Fernandes, Cheshire Public Health Network Coordinator, provided information regarding what has been accomplished in the Monadnock Region to prepare towns for emergencies — such as the H1N1 flu crisis a few years ago. Literature is available that shows what the typical emergency kits should consist of for your home, for your car, or for a grab bag to take with you if you need to evacuate the area because of an emergency.

Some websites and social networks to be aware of are:

<http://co.cheshire.nh.us/PublicHealth>

<http://local.nixle.com/greater-m Monadnock-public-health-network/>
www.nixle.com

Twitter: <http://twitter.com/ReadyMonadnock>

Facebook: [www.facebook.com/](http://www.facebook.com/GreaterMonadnockPublicHealthNetwork)

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Blog: <http://greatermonadnockpublichealthnetwork.blogspot.com>

During the coming months, Karen (K) Horgan, Dublin Health Officer, will provide more insightful information regarding emergency procedures that are set up in Dublin and how we, as citizens of Dublin, can be more interactive.

BILL GOODWIN is 2011-2012 Chairman of the Community Advisory Council at Cheshire Medical Center-Dartmouth Hitchcock Keene.

Town of Dublin Public Notice FILING PERIOD FOR TOWN OFFICES

Residents interested in declaring their candidacy for the following town offices may do so at the town clerk's office beginning Wednesday, January 25, 2012, and ending on Friday, February 3, 2012. For those residents wishing to file for office on February 3rd, the clerk's office will be open from 3 pm to 5 pm.

Selectman	1 position	3 years
Moderator	1 position	2 years
Supervisor of the Checklist	1 position	6 years
	1 position	4 years
Library Trustee	1 position	3 years
	1 position	2 years
Budget Committee	2 positions	3 years
Cemetery Trustees	1 position	3 years
Planning Board	2 positions	3 years
	1 position	1 year
Trustee of Trust Funds	1 position	3 years

Jeannine Jadaszewski, Town Clerk

**The Town Clerk/Tax Collector's office will be closed
on December 26th & 27th.**

New Stickers Coming from the Recycling Center

Beginning January 1, Tom Kennedy will be handing out new Recycling Center stickers to those people whose birthdays are in January. He asks that stickers be placed on the driver's side windshield, lower left. They will be slightly smaller than what we are accustomed to so as to not interfere with vision. Mr. Kennedy will continue handing out new stickers each month to coincide with residents' vehicle registration, and they will match the color of inspection stickers. Recycling Center stickers won't be numbered but will be dated 2013, when they expire.



News from the Selectmen

We are working with DOT on the planning of Traffic Calming, Phase II. No schedule is available at this point in the process. Safe Routes to School is further along in the planning phase and hopefully we will be cleared to proceed with construction in 2012.

The engineering of the Charcoal Road bridge is nearing completion but any construction plans will hinge on state money being made available. Dublin is on the waiting list for these funds (note: the Highway department is not involved at this point).

Chief Letourneau and others are actively involved in the search and selection process to fill our current opening for a police officer.

The Selectmen, Department Heads and our Budget Committee are all hard at work establishing a financial plan for 2012.

We do have openings for volunteers on projects and committees. Please call Town Administrator Sherry Miller at 563-8544 if you might be interested in serving your town. Her email is townadministrator@townofdublin.org.

Sterling Abram, Charlie Champagne, and Kurt Merrick

Help the Orioles & Cougars Think Pink

ConVal High School is hosting a night to raise awareness about breast cancer.

The Conant Girls & Boys Basketball team will play ConVals Girls & Boys Basketball team on **Tuesday, January 10, 2012, at 5:30 pm at ConVal.**

Prizes will be awarded to the most "pinked out" fans. Plus, a Hoops for Hope T-shirt can be pre-ordered or bought the night of the game for \$12.

All proceeds from this event will go to breast cancer research.

Please contact Nancy Springfield at 562-6593 with questions.

News from the Dublin Consolidated School

By May Clark

By the time you read this, Christmas and Hanukkah will have come and gone, but as I write, we are still in the midst of the preparation. I want to tell the community particularly about two special December events, the Holiday Shoppe and the Winter Concert. The Holiday Shoppe is run by our wonderful PTO, and involves an opportunity for all our children to do a little secret holiday shopping for their families. They go to the "shoppe," set up in the library, to choose gifts for loved ones (purchased by PTO elves), and their families pick up the (small) tab. They wrap their special gifts and take them home to surprise everyone with. This event is one of our favorites; it's pure pleasure to watch the small faces glowing with joy and happy secrets as they wrap their chosen items. Special thanks go to all our parents who make this possible each year.

Our Winter Concert is a tradition too, where the students, dressed in their best, sing for their families, and our band plays too. Then we get a visit from Santa, who delivers a gift for each child in town, from birth through fifth grade. This extraordinary show of generosity is put on by our Fire Department, whom we thank with all our hearts.

DCS has also developed a tradition of gift giving along the lines of contributions to local or national organizations. In the

past we have supported the Heifer Project, relief organizations, and local animal shelters. This year we are supporting the River Center in Peterborough, to thank them in our own small way for all the good work they do for our community.

January brings the DCS Ski Program, running for the first five Thursdays after the holiday break, at Crotched Mountain. About half our students participate, and enjoy the slopes once a week for the afternoon. Students staying home have some extra outside time and cocoa. We'll also have our second round of NWEA testing this month, for students in grades 1-5, and we will be settling in for the long winter



The Holiday Shoppe in full swing – happy kids shopping.

haul, with plenty of time for uninterrupted learning.

We love visitors, just call 563-8453 or email first (mclark@conval.edu).

MAY CLARK is Teaching Principal at DCS.

Animals in the School

By Mary Loftis

The ConVal School Board is due to adopt a new policy IMG, Animals in the School, at its December 20 meeting. The revised policy involves some important changes. Its central guideline states:

"The only animals and animal products (e.g., owl pellets for dissection) allowed in a classroom must be for a specific and appropriate educational purpose and shall be allowed for the amount of time necessary to achieve the educational goal. No other animals will be authorized in school buildings."

Does this mean no more visiting dogs or classroom guinea pigs? In a word "yes." Although the Policy Committee is a universally animal-loving group, we are convinced that pets should not be at school

unless they are service animals or are part of a lesson. There's the liability factor, the distraction factor and, most commonly, the allergy factor.

The policy goes on to address the issue of animals on school grounds:

"Children, parents, and staff will be instructed to keep their own animals off the school grounds during school hours. Any animal brought onto school grounds must be leashed or otherwise contained. Owners are responsible for the appropriate behavior of their pet and for the clean-up and removal of any animal waste."

We feel strongly that parents attending after-school sporting events should not have to watch where they step or be bowled over by dogs running amok.

MARY LOFTIS is Dublin's representative to the ConVal school board of SAU 1.

Join Community Discussions at Dublin School

Dublin School offers winter chats by the fire and under the stars!

You may have come to Dublin School to see a play or hear a concert, now we invite you to join friends and neighbors for some thought-provoking discussions. Community Discussions on lively topics will be held monthly from January through April. We would like you to join us!

On Wednesday, January 25, 2012, from 7 to 8 pm, the topic will be The pull of Monadnock; What brings people here? Three community members will pose questions about the past, present and future of life in the Monadnock Region. Henry

Walters, an English teacher at Dublin School, will look at the past, particularly the transcendentalists who came to climb Monadnock; Joan Griffin, Attorney and Author of Women at Play, will discuss the present and how the region affects the way in which we lead our lives; Ed Germain, former Professor of English, Planning Board Chair, and Selectman, will sketch the outlook for our communities' (and our own) future with an eye toward our unique way of life. Each will introduce questions and issues to discuss.

No RSVP necessary, just join us for an informal discussion in front of a fire at Dublin School's Old Schoolhouse. Dessert and coffee will be served.

And mark your calendar to View the Winter Night Sky February 22 or 24 (snow/cloud date) to be held at the Perkin Observatory at Dublin School. View the stars through the Perkin telescope learn about the Winter Sky and constellations from Jonathan Weis, Director of the Observatory.

For information, please call 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.

Local High School Student Earns LNA

By Margaret Gurney

Shelby Bourgoine, a Dublin resident and junior at ConVal, knew she wanted to go into a nursing career since she was quite young. But the 17-year old young lady took advantage of a program offered at ConVal and has now already earned a degree toward her goal.

"The program is run through the Region 14 Applied Technology Center," reported Abby Spegman in the *Keene Sentinel's* Spotlight on Local Schools (12-11-11),

"which serves students from ConVal and Conant High School in Jaffrey. It's been offered for more than 10 years and is always in high demand. . . . The students spend seven weeks in class, taught by staff from the Red Cross, and then do 60 hours of clinical rotation over three weeks, this semester at RiverMead retirement community in Peterborough."

Upon request, Shelby provided her own description to the *Advocate*, which needs no additions. In Shelby's own words:

"This past fall I took a LNA (Licensed Nursing Assistant) class at ConVal provided by the Red Cross. It started in the beginning of the school year and ended this past week. On Wednesday (12-7) we had our graduation where we all received a certificate and pins. This class was a great experience and will help me get my foot in the door for a future nursing career. It was hard work time managing everything but it was worth it! Along the way I had a lot of support from my friends and family! I had a lot of fun learning new things and meeting new people. There were eight of us girls who took the class, and we've all become great friends! It was so fun to practice everything we learned during class at our clinicals. I am so grateful that I was able to take this class and I wouldn't trade it for anything! On Saturday (12-10), I took my state exam to become a LNA and am currently awaiting my results."

Due to the fact that Shelby is not yet 18 years old, she is not allowed to be hired as an LNA, so currently Shelby is working as a dietary aide at RiverMead.

MARGARET GURNEY is editor of the *Advocate*.



Shelby Bourgoine in her "scrubs."



Sally Collier, Mary Liz Lewis, Anne Marie Warren, Story Wright, Barbara Summers, Barbara Sovik, Louise Werden and Sharon Escalles kneeling. Not pictured are Jinnie Russell and John Escalles.

Winter Flower People Fill Hayracks

By Virginia Russell

When a cold northwest wind blew into the center of Dublin on December 1st, the Dublin flower volunteers didn't flinch. They went about their task of turning hayrack containers and urns into spectacular arrays of greens, berries and sumac.

Sharon Escalles from the Dublin Garden Club cut bundles of greens and Louise Werden brought in loads of soil to fill the containers. Other local volunteers included Sally Collier, Mary Liz Lewis, Jinnie Russell, Barbara Sovik, Barbara Summers, Anne Marie Warren, and Story Wright. Excited chatter about color, height and balance swirled around the arrangers. John Escalles helped sweep up the clippings, hand out hot chocolate and carry the bulky materials.

Many of the same volunteers were responsible for the flower containers last summer. A brilliant display of color delighted pedestrians and motorists as they wound their way around the rotary. On hot days one could see the Dublin volunteers "dead heading" and watering the contented plants.

The downtown flowerbox project is a joint effort between the Dublin Garden Club and local volunteers. This remarkable group has put in countless hours and deserves a big thank you for adding to the beauty of Dublin.

JINNIE RUSSELL is one of two Public Relations Chairs for the Dublin Garden Club.

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Monadnock Rotary Celebration 2011

by Matt Wagner

On a mid-December eve, the Monadnock Rotary Club (MRC) held a party in Dublin to celebrate with their community partners the many and varied accomplishments of 2011. About five dozen Rotarians, project supporters and guests were in attendance.

On behalf of the newly consecrated Dublin Rotary Park at Howe Reservoir, Rotary President Ruth Clark and Rotary project manager Jerry Branch presented Jack Lewis, Dublin Conservation Commission Chair, the esteemed Paul Harris Fellowship. (See *Dublin Advocate* September 2011 cover story for details.)

It is a great honor for a Rotarian to receive this award, even greater when bestowed upon a community member. Jack and the Conservation Commission worked hand-in-workglove with MRC to see this visionary effort of the Dublin Rotary Park through to completion for all of Dublin and



Rotary President Ruth Clark presented Jack Lewis (left) and Jamie Trowbridge (right) with Paul Harris Fellows awards.

surrounding communities. Also receiving the Paul Harris Fellow for the second time was Jamie Trowbridge, retiring member. Jamie was recognized for his tireless efforts on behalf of the community and his fellow humans in the name of MRC over the previous 10 years.

In recent days, more than \$11,000 have been distributed to charitable organizations in our area by MRC. These funds were raised as part of the 6th Annual Monadnock

Wellness Festival in September. The Soup-Fest tent provided the annual venue from which the Monadnock Food Pantry is benefitted, and the PetFest, directed by Cassie Cleverly, prompted a donation to HCS (see *Dublin Advocate* November 2011, p. 3, for details). The final recipient was Monadnock Healthy Teeth to Toes for all the work they do in the schools.

MRC also celebrated the First Annual Food Growers Tour which was organized by Paul Tuller. This focused our community on our family farms and raised additional funds being used for scholarships. The MRC exchange student from Sweden, Gustav, studying for a year at ConVal, is one recipient.

Lastly, under the leadership of Cassie Cleverly, in the Rotary's 21st year of Youth Leadership, she brought in about 60 students from the region for Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA). More than 1000 junior and senior high school students have received scholarships in the past two decades.

For more information about MRC, go to <http://www.clubrunner.ca/CPrG/Home/homeD.asp?cid=2945>.

MATT WAGNER, a member of MRC, is the former editor of the *Advocate*.

Fairwood's New Radio Station

Tune in to 89.9 FM to hear the new full power radio station out of Fairwood Bible Institute. The old one (at 100.3 FM) may have reached your car as you drove past the Reservoir or the Golf Course, but this one should be with you for nearly your whole drive from Wilton to Brattleboro! Tune in today and check it out, and Happy New Year from all of us at Fairwood Bible Institute.

It's All Online Now!

The *Dublin Advocate* is pleased to announce that it is now officially online. This means the *Dublin Business Directory* is there all the time for people to refer to, the Town Offices and their hours and phone numbers are all listed, and the entire contents of the December issue are there as well. Search by School News, Library News, and more.

By the time you read this, we hope to have the entire January issue posted online as well. Improvements will be ongoing.



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

We Love Our Babies

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Larry & Nancy Ross Share their “No Fuss Decorating” in *Better Homes and Gardens* Magazine

By Ramona Branch

If you bought the December issue of *Better Homes and Gardens*, the popular, widely read, national magazine, you would have seen the six-page story about Nancy and Larry Ross and their beautiful Dublin home decked out for Christmas. To find out how this all came about I made a visit to the Rosses’.

RB How did your home come to be featured in one of America’s most popular home magazines?

Nancy Our home in Peterborough had been featured in the magazine some years back.

The same magazine representative, Stacy Kunstel, who had worked with us before, called me and asked if she and the magazine’s East Coast editor, Chris Kennedy, could come to Dublin and see our home. After touring our house Chris said she wanted it for the Christmas issue.

RB Tell me about the photo shoot and what that was like.

Nancy The most interesting thing was that the shoot was done in May. So taking pictures in the beginning of summer with our home decked out to look like Christmas was a little tricky. No shots could be taken through the windows because there was no snow on the ground.



PROFILE

Larry is a West Point graduate and retired military man. They moved 35 times during his career. Prior to his retirement he was Commander of the Army Materials Research Laboratory in Watertown, MA. He served as a Peterborough selectman, New Hampshire state representative, and was executive director of Monadnock Business Ventures. Nancy, an antiques expert, worked at the Red Chair Antiques for 11 years. The Rosses lived in Peterborough on Old Dublin Road for 21 years. The couple has four children - Elizabeth in CA; Doug in Georgetown, TX; Jen in Bedford, NH; and Cathy in Surry, NH.

Nancy and Larry Ross in their living room of their Dublin home.

The production crew was five people who came and stayed for five days.

They had tons of equipment. They went in the forest and cut a tree and decorated it with my decorations. I was told they shot 40 different individual pieces or settings. Larry and I left the house for portions of the day to make room for all of them and their equipment. Since we had gone through this once before we sort of knew what to expect. It was fun to see how this team decorated my house using many of my own decorations and mixing them with some that they brought.

RB Who wrote the piece?

Nancy Sharon Overton wrote the story. She lives in Oregon. She called and interviewed me for three hours over the phone.

RB How did your daughter, Jen Cilley, and her two children enjoy being in the shoot?

Nancy They enjoyed being included even though it was pretty tiring.

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The front page of the story in Better Homes and Gardens Magazine.

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Generation-Skipping Tax Exemption	\$3,500,000	\$5,000,000	\$5,000,000*	1,400,000***
Portability of Deceased Spouse's Unused Exemption	No	No	Yes	No
Estate Tax Max Rate	45%	0% or 35%	35%	55%
Gift Tax Max Rate	45%	35%	35%	55%
Generation-Skipping Tax Max Rate	45%	0%	35%	55%
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JANUARY 2012 — TOWN EVENTS

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Happy New Year	2 DPL closed Del Rossi's Closed for renovations until Jan. 10	3 TH Last day to register to vote; DPL Hill Top Grp 6:45 pm	4 DPL Story Time 9:30 am; DCC Two Hat Grp., 7:30 pm	5 DPL Monadnock Trailbreakers 6:30 pm	6 DGS Beer Tasting 5-7 pm	7
8 DPL Beech Hill Hike 10 am-1 pm	9 TH Last day for absentee ballots in person; BOS 4 pm	10 TH Presidential Primary Election Day, POLLS OPEN 8am-7pm; CVHS Hoops for Hope; 5:30 pm; DPL Hill Top Grp 6:45 pm	11 DPL Story Time 9:30 am; Trustees Mtg. 7 pm; TH LaLeche League 7 pm; DCC Two Hat Grp 7:30 pm	12	13	14 Del Rossi's Paul Geremia, blues guitarist, 8 pm \$12
15 Deadline for February Advocate	16 Martin Luther King Day, DPL closed	17 DPL Hill Top Grp 6:45 pm;	18 DPL Story Time 9:30 am; FDPL Annual Mtg. & Program 7 pm; DCC Two Hat Grp 7:30 pm	19 DPL Trout Unlimited 6 pm	20 DelRossi's Bluegrass 8 pm \$15	21
22	23 TH BOS 4 pm	24 DPL Hill Top Grp. 6:45 pm	25 DPL Story Time 9:30 am, Arts Alive 10 am; DCC Two Hat Grp 7:30 pm; DS Fireside Chat 7 pm; TH Filing period for town offices ends Feb. 3	26	27	28 Del Rossi's Bill Staines 8:30 pm \$12
29	30 TH BOS 4 pm	31 DPL Hill Top Grp 6:45 pm		BOS Board of Selectmen DCA Dublin Christian Academy DCC Dublin Community Church DCS Dublin Consolidated School		DGS Dublin General Store DHS Dublin Historical Society DPL Dublin Public Library DS Dublin School DWC Dublin Women's Club TH Town Hall

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