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Deer Rescue



Sharon Breidt was the third winner of our new photo contest, for month, though photographs printed her dramatic photo of a picture of a will be from the current season. deer who was rescued from thin ice. The animal was helped by NH Fish and Game Warden Tomas Kierstead where the photograph was taken, a with assistance from Harrisville Fire short description of the photo, and Department.

We want our readers to share their photographer. most amazing photographs with us. Each photograph that we print will high resolution jpeg or tiff. Send them earn the photographer a \$25 gift cer- to shopper@shoppernews.com. tificate to a local restaurant.

Photos do not need to be taken this

Photo submissions should include first and last name of photographer, the phone number and address of the

The accepted photo formats are

Vote Now For Best Of 2021

Visit www.shoppernews.com To Cast Ballot

Voting is happening now for the 2021 Best of Monadnock Poll. Readers are invited to fill out the ballot at www.shoppernews.com (click on either of the two icons) or find the ballot in this issue. There are over 190 categories in which to vote.

The poll is meant to give everyone a chance to give a vote of thanks to some of the people and local establishments who bring outstanding service, quality, and value to the lives of people of the region.

A minimum of 15 selections must be made per ballot. Everyone who votes online will be entered into a



drawing for one of several local gift certificates. Any local business is eligible to win a "Best Of" award. Voting run through February 19th.

Tours Planned At Surry Village Charter School

at its two campuses, in Surry and Keene.

The Surry campus, located at 449 Route 12A, will offer tours for grades kindergarten through four on Sundays, January 24th and 31st by appointment.
Tours will be held on Saturday, February 13th by

appointment at the Keene location for grades five through eight. The Keene campus's location is at 146 School Street.

The Surry Village Charter School is a stateauthorized open enrollment charter school. If there surryvillagecharterschool.org.

The Surry Village Charter School will offer tours are spaces available, any child living in the state can attend the school at no cost. Classrooms are multi-age, except for kindergarten.

During tours, the buildings will have at least five air changes per hour, all will wear masks and utilize physical distancing, and hand sanitizer will be proided upon entry and exit of the building.

For more details or to schedule a COVID-19 compliant tour, visit www.surryvillagecharterschool.org. For more details, call 603-357-9700 or email info@

King's Dream Today

By Deb Paul

January 18 is set aside to honor the historic I Have a Dream speech made 58 years ago. It was a moment that would forever change the United States.

After the historic March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom, King stood before a sea of 250,000 people gathered at the Lincoln Memorial. He departed from his prepared speech to deliver a passionate message, words that would become the most pivotal moment of the civil rights movement.

transforming their views on race. Though strides have been made, sadly his dream is not yet fully realized. But as long as there are those who believe in this change, the dream for equality and acceptance can still be realized.

Unlike many in today's political climate, King did not want to be the center of attention. In fact, the spotlight made times have to throw in its way. It must. him uncomfortable, but he did what was needed to propel the movement.

yet it was simple. It was rooted in the American ideal: equality, opportunity, life and achievements of Dr. Martin and justice for all, and for America to Luther King Jr., a man known for his realize that in all things we are truly created equal. He fought, peacefully, for acceptance among all people and among all economic levels, and for all Americans to have the chance to pursue the American Dream.

Sadly, King's message still falls on some deaf ears. Still, if he were alive today, King would not abandon his vision for America. He would double his efforts to counter the violence and hatred through peaceful demonstra-King prompted citizens to begin tions, knowing that fighting fire with fire would only end in disaster. This is an example we should strive to live by.

> Nearly six decades later, in today's heated and delicate political climate, King's dream faces obstacles, just as it did on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial that historic day. But, like King's spirit, it will overcome and endure whatever the

Though his life was tragically cut short, King's dream for America lives King made every effort to let his on through those who believe in what message be the focus, not himself. is right. To those who keep this dream Having a background as a preacher, his alive, this is a time more than ever to humility helped him understand that follow King's lead and be an example a lesson should have more substance for good, to never give up, and to work towards an America that will one day King's message was powerful, and see this dream fully realized.

Registration For Spring Semester Classes At MoCo Arts In Keene



(Photos by Becca Mansfield)



Registration is open for MoCo Arts' full schedule of classes this Spring. This performance arts facility programs in dance and theatre for children of all ages, and a few select classes for adults too.

option to learn safely in person or remotely. For a MoCo is known for. complete schedule of classes and performance, visit www.moco.org. MoCo offers tuition assistance for all programs.



Grady Kalich-Sampson, Amira Jeffrey, Drew Downing, and Alexis Harvey in MoCo's Middle School Play.

The dance program includes ballet, tap, jazz, hip hop, and modern dance for students of all abilities. is located at 40 Roxbury Street in Keene and offers Classes are available for everyone from beginners to advanced dancers. The adult dance classes run in half semester sessions offering flexibility but still Students from ages 18 months to grade 12 can honoring the need for commitment. These classes are choose to participate in a fully produced performance a great workout for those looking to work up a sweat, as part of the educational process. Students have the while still providing the quality dance education that

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