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COVID-19 Vaccination Site in Keene

110 Krif Road is where it all happens.

BY SUSAN PETERS

Dublin resident Susan Shonk has joined other area volunteers in braving the cold to help with administering COVID-19 vaccines to residents of the Monadnock Region. The National Guard — in collaboration with the Greater Monadnock Public Health Network (GMPHN), Keene State College (KSC), and the Cheshire County Sheriff's Office — is running a vaccination site at the KSC athletic complex on Krif Road in Keene. One of 13 public health networks in NH, GMPHN serves all of Cheshire County and the 10 westernmost towns in Hillsborough County.

While the details relating to COVID-19 vaccine administration are changing from day to day, certain basic steps are in effect as of February. The State of NH has established vaccine eligibility criteria.

Residents eligible now are those who (a) meet the criteria for Phase 1A or Phase 1B, and (b) register at the NH Department of Public Health (NHDPH) website at www.vaccines.nh.gov.



Susan Shonk is standing with a healthcare provider who administers vaccines, with cars lined up behind.

Residents may call NHDPH at 2-1-1 for assistance with registration. After the initial NH registration process, residents are emailed a link to the CDC's website (VAMS) to sign up for a vaccination appointment.

Residents are asked to complete an online questionnaire prior to their vaccine appointment. Filling out the questionnaire

ahead of time helps to make the vaccination process go more quickly. On appointment day, residents have a designated time window in which to arrive at the site. Arriving early is strongly discouraged as vaccines are administered only during scheduled appointment windows — and only to residents with a scheduled appointment.

A vaccine may be administered to an eligible companion who also qualifies under Phase 1A or 1B and has registered on VAMS.

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Susan with an iPad checking in Barry Featherston of Dublin prior to his getting the vaccine.



Teaching and Learning in the Pandemic: A Team Effort

15 years at the Dublin Consolidated School.

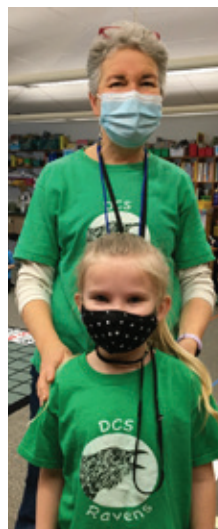
BY DENISE FRANKOFF

Susan Ellingwood (at right with a student) has been teaching young children for 30 years. Before joining the Dublin Consolidated School (DCS) 15 years ago, she worked in public and private schools and with homeschooled children. During summers, she ran camps for young children at the Harris Center.

Since joining DCS, she has taught children

in kindergarten through 4th grade, though most of her work has been with children in grades K-1. She always infuses her love of nature and animals into her teaching.

Susan shared her experiences about teaching during the pandemic. While teaching has changed, she said there are several important qualities at



DCS that have remained the same: the teachers are highly supportive of each other; they work together and always help each other; and they create an environment where children are excited about learning while feeling safe and supported. Families say that DCS is indeed a special place.

So how has the pandemic changed the school experience at DCS? The transition to online learning created a steep learning curve for all. The teachers had to quickly learn online classroom management strategies. District-wide, teachers worked together to create online lessons in different

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Ed. Note: Before the pandemic, there were unsung heroes. By putting firefighters, healthcare workers, families dealing with COVID, and teachers on our front pages, they are unsung no more. These and many other folks are representative of all the many services and kindnesses being provided during this time.

Dublin Public Library

Meet the Candidates, March 6, 10–11 am, outdoors.

BY RACHAEL LOVETT

We have a busy month ahead! Book Madness starts the second week in March. We've set up a "Tournament of Books" in the foyer of the Main Entrance. There will be online and in-person ballot voting, as well as a chance to fill out your own brackets. Stop by, pick up copies, and check out some of the Sweet 16 titles. Or head to the website, www.dublinnhpubliclibrary.org, to see the match-ups and cast your votes!

DPL is excited to continue our annual tradition of Meet the Candidates on **March 6** from 10 to 11 am, an opportunity for the community to "meet and greet" candidates running for Dublin Town Offices. This year, our event will be held outdoors in the lower parking lot of the Library. Please wear masks and practice social distancing. This will be a "shine event" only as it is entirely outdoors. Light refreshments will be served.

On **March 13**, at 10 am, we will be celebrating Women's History Month virtually, with a presentation by Jane Oneail. Jane is an independent scholar and holds a Master's in Art History from Boston University and a Master's in Art in Education from Harvard University. Her presentation entitled "Fierce Females: Women in Art" will be held on Zoom. Please register: us02web.zoom.us/join/register/tZYldOCQDojEtWqDcDeVYPEVIOAiQXAXPqZ.

With the end of school vacation, we will be offering a virtual

field trip to the Currier Museum of Art. Join us on **March 27** from 11 am to 12:30 pm for a live virtual tour of the Museum and an at-home activity organized by the Museum curators. The field trip will be geared toward schoolchildren in grades K-5, but all are welcome. We will be limiting the program to 25 participants, so please register in advance at this link: us02web.zoom.us/join/register/tZcsd-2uqzkgG9Uz4yWZxlvVBLB2sHUdoBe3.

We continue to be open for curbside services. We hope to reopen for in-person browsing and appointments soon. Please check back often for updates. We post online, social media, and via signage at the Library building. Or call us at 603-563-8658.

RACHAEL LOVETT is the Director of the Library.

Vote March 9 for Candidates

The Town Clerk/Tax Collector's office will be closed on March 9, 2021, for Town Election Day, top floor, Town Hall, 8 am–7 pm.

The last day to return absentee ballots for the Town Election in person is March 8, by 5 pm. The Town Clerk's office will be available from 3 to 5 pm that day.

Absentee ballots must be handed to the Town Clerk or Deputy Town Clerk, or mailed in time for them to be received by Election Day. An absentee ballot can be returned on Election Day by a parent, spouse, or child of the voter, who must hand the ballot to the Town Clerk or Deputy Town Clerk. Thank you.

JEANNINE R. DUNNE (townclerk@townofdublin.org) is Dublin's Certified Tax Collector and Certified Town Clerk, PO Box 62, Dublin, NH 03444. She can be reached at (603) 563-8859.

From the Town Safety Committee

Clearing snow properly.

Winter safety is always a priority this time of year. With respect to snow removal, please be mindful of the following:

1. It is illegal and unsafe to plow and deposit snow across a roadway.
2. It is illegal and unsafe to drive or tow any vehicle on the roadway without first clearing ALL of the snow from it.

Please do your part to help keep everyone safe throughout the remainder of the winter.

JOINT LOSS MANAGEMENT (SAFETY) COMMITTEE: Tom Vanderbilt, Mike Borden, Tim Suokko, Tom Kennedy, Roger Trempe, David Stone, and Kate Fuller.

The new town website is up and running. Department heads have received the training needed to upload their own minutes and meeting announcements, and it is being populated with all the former contents.

We ask for your patience as we build out our new site. High-resolution pictures to be featured can be sent to town-administrator@townofdublin.org.



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A Preview of Dublin's 2021 Town Meeting Warrant Articles

Final sums and exact wording subject to changes at Town Meeting, May 1.

"To the inhabitants and voters of the Town of Dublin qualified to vote in Town Affairs: You are hereby notified that the polls will be open for voting by ballot on Article 1 on **Tuesday, March 9, 2021 from 8:00 am until 7:00 pm at the Dublin Town Hall, Top Floor.**

Pursuant to the authority of RSA 39:2a and the vote of the Town on March 13, 1979, all business, other than ballot questions provided below, will be recessed until **Saturday, May 1, 2021 at 9:00 am at Cricket Hill Farm (Antique Engine Field), 1716 Main Street, Dublin, NH, with a backup location of ConVal Regional High School parking lot; 184 Hancock Road, Peterborough, NH."**



1. To bring the ballots for the following officers: Selectman, Library Trustee (2), Budget Committee (2), Cemetery Trustee, Planning Board (2), Trustee of Trust Funds [On May 1: To see if the Town will vote...]

2. To raise the Budget Committee's recommended sum of \$2,083,412 for general municipal operations. This article does not include appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately.

3. To raise \$205,000 to be contributed to the Town Capital Reserve Funds, previously established: Heavy Highway Equipment (\$20,000), Police Cruiser (\$10,000), Fire Equipment (\$30,000), Road Construction (\$90,000), Bridge Repair / Replacement (\$15,000), Town Buildings Maintenance (\$40,000).

4. To adopt the provisions of RSA 40:13 (known as SB 2) to allow official ballot voting on all issues before Dublin, NH, on the second Tuesday of March. (Submitted by Petition)

5. To raise \$15,000 to repair the ramp and railing at the Post Office, and to withdraw same from the Town Buildings Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund.

6. To establish an Accrual Expendable Trust per RSA 31:19-a for the purpose of funding vacation pay accrued by employees when they leave the employ of the Town, and to raise \$10,000 ... to come from taxation; and to name the Select Board as agents to expend from said fund.

7. To approve taking on the stewardship and maintenance of Rotary Park and to conduct a partial survey of the property; and to raise \$5,250 for this purpose.

8. To raise \$3,600 to fund the operation and publication of *The Dublin Advocate* newsletter for the period April 1, 2021 to March 31, 2022.

9. To raise \$7,890 to be contributed to 11 Agencies that provide advisory health and welfare services and whose programs have a public purpose.

10. To raise \$5,000 to support the mission of the Dublin Community Center. (Submitted by Petition)

11. To raise \$28,284 to be contributed to various Expendable Trust Funds, previously established, as follows: Revaluation, Master Plan, Town Buildings Repair.

12. To raise \$2,450 received from the sale of cemetery lots to add to the Cemetery Trust Fund, with same to come from the unassigned fund balance.

13. To raise \$17,270 to purchase and install two plaques honoring Dublin Veterans who served in the Korean War and the Vietnam Conflict and to clean the two Veterans plaques at Town Hall.

14. To raise \$9,874 for the purchase of seven replacement AED Machines (Automated External Defibrillators); and furthermore, to withdraw same from the Fire Equipment Capital Reserve Fund.

15. To raise \$24,000 for Ground Water Mitigation at the Library, and to withdraw same from the Library Major Repair and Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund.

16. To raise \$74,609 to chip seal Town roads, and furthermore, to withdraw same from the Road Construction Capital Reserve.

17. To raise \$1,750 for repair of the Transfer Station Swap Shop Roof, and to withdraw same from the Recycling Special Revenue Fund.

18. To raise \$110,000 for construction of a new Recycling Building at the Transfer Station, and, to withdraw same from the Recycling Special Revenue Fund. (Submitted by Petition)

19. To raise \$20,000 for the purchase and replacement of four recycling storage units at the Transfer Station, and to withdraw same from the Recycling Special Revenue Fund. This is contingent on Article 17 failing.

20. To hear the reports of Agents, Auditors, Committees, heretofore chosen, and to pass any vote relating thereto.

The original of the above shortened draft was submitted in full by the Dublin Select Board: Walter Snitko, Chairman; Chris Raymond, and Carole Monroe.

CANDIDATES FOR TOWN OFFICE

Selectman – Three Years

(Vote for One) (Write in)

John A. Morris
Susan W. Peters
Zachary J. Letourneau

Library Trustee – Three Years

(Vote for One)

Julie Rizzo

Library Trustee – Two Years

(Vote for One) (Write in)

William B. Gurney

Budget Committee – Three Years

(Vote for Two) (Write in) (Write in)

William B. Gurney
Judith A. Knapp

Cemetery Trustee – Three Years

(Vote for One) (Write in)

Brian Barden

Planning Board – Three Years

(Vote for Two) (Write in) (Write in)

Steven Baldwin
Bruce Simpson

Trustee of Trust Funds – Three Years

(Vote for One) (Write in)

James Cross McLean

FOR MORE INFORMATION about the Town Election, check the Town Clerk / Tax Collector page of the Town's website: www.townofdublin.org/town-clerk-tax-collector

**VOTE
March 9**

For article recommendations by the Select Board and Budget Committee, see the full Warrant online at www.townofdublin.org/select-board/files/town-warrant-2021.

DCS In Session Again

BY NICOLE PEASE

It has been wonderful welcoming students back into our building after our remote learning period! We had to revisit some of the mitigation strategies with our students but it is well worth that effort.

Staff, students, and families quickly moved back into the rhythm of in-person learning. It was the perfect time to conduct some of the mid-year assessments to analyze student growth after a span of remote learning. Teachers use this data to inform and guide their instruction to continue to move students along in their academic growth.

Schools often focus on caring and kindness during the month of February. DCS has a special connection to these as our school motto is "DCS Cares . . ."

Students engaged in thoughtfully showing acts of kindness. It was so sweet to hear students thanking our custodian for his hard work, or our Health and Wellness teacher, Kelly Parker, for yet another really fun class, for example. For many students showing kindness to others becomes part of themselves. Students also made Valentines for the residents at Summerhill, and we were told how excited the recipients were to receive them.

What a joy winter recess with snow is at DCS! We have an amazing sledding hill, with lots of sleds (thanks to our PTO). The peals of laughter from the students as they fly down the hill brings a smile to everyone!

Despite the thrilling winter recess activities, I am relieved to report that Punxsutawney Phil saw his shadow and we may have only six more weeks until



spring! While we will surely miss our sledding and other snowy fun, it will bring the opportunity to move some instructional time outside.

In the fall, staff worked to create learning environments embracing our lovely outdoor spaces, and students enjoyed the opportunity for outdoor learning. We are looking forward to the spring and more time outside!

This school year has been different in many ways and the school calendar reflects that. February and April breaks have been combined into a two-week break in March, followed by three weeks of remote instruction. The first period of remote learning was a great success due to the planning of our teachers, the hard work of our students, and the great support of our families. We are a wonderful community dedicated to the students and their progress!

Kindergarteners are wanted! If you know of a child who will be 5 years old before September 30, please have their parents call our school at 603-563-8332.

NICOLE PEASE is Teaching Principal at DCS.

From NH Telehealth Alliance, January Digest

What to expect with telehealth and healthcare technology in the next four years.

Healthcare organizations are becoming increasingly focused on innovative technology solutions like telehealth, enhanced electronic health records, and partnerships with technology companies. A *Modern Healthcare* article reports an approximate 40% increase in the number of telehealth leadership roles in the healthcare system between early 2019 and early 2020. The innovations in technology have blossomed further during the COVID-19 pandemic. As the new vaccines roll out and we inch toward a return to normalcy, we expect that many of these innovations are here to stay (January 23, 2021). <https://www.modernhealthcare.com/technology/next-up-podcast-what-expect-telehealth-and-healthcare-technology-next-four-years>

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Broadband News

Service is due by mid-May.

BY CAROLE MONROE

Good news! After delays over the holidays, Consolidated Communications is making up for lost time. The crews have been out splicing the fiber junction points seven days a week. Currently, the splicing is 99% or 100% complete on 9 of the 10 service areas and 50% complete on the last network line from Peterborough.



Job*	Fiber Built %	Splicing %	Testing Complete	Ready for Install
Orange-Dublin FDH #1	100%	100%	100%	Not Started
Green-Dublin FDH #2	100%	100%	100%	Not Started
Dark Pink-Dublin FDH #3	100%	100%	100%	Not Started
Light Blue-Dublin FDH #4	100%	99%	100%	Not Started
White-Dublin FDH #5	100%	100%	100%	Not Started
Yellow-Marlborough FDH #2	100%	99%	83%	Not Started
Red-Marlborough FDH #3	100%	99%	83%	Not Started
Peach-Marlborough FDH #4	100%	99%	83%	Not Started
Light Pink-Peterborough FDH #2	100%	50%	50%	Not Started
Purple-Peterborough FDH #3	100%	99%	50%	Not Started

* To know which section of town you are in, please refer to the color-coded map on the town website at www.townofdublin.org/sites/g/files/vyhlif6201/f/uploads/dublin_ftp_fiber_map_-_may_29_2020.pdf or refer to p. 2 of the December *Advocate*, which was printed in color for this purpose.

Testing is complete on 5 of the 10 service areas, and the others are catching up rapidly. The Consolidated Customer Care team resumed their calls to customers on February 22 to schedule the drop from the pole to the house.

Consolidated is still predicting that all those who have signed up will have service by mid-May! Thank you all for your patience. I know it has been difficult without adequate broadband access during this pandemic.

CAROLE MONROE is the Select Person who initiated the broadband project.

In keeping with the tagline of *The Dublin Advocate*, "to encourage and strengthen our community," our newsletter focuses on the dissemination of community information and entertainment. The editor reserves the right to select and edit all editorial and advertising. The views expressed in these issues are not necessarily those of *The Dublin Advocate* or its staff. —Ed.

DCA to Deliver Meals to Dublin Residents >65

Sign up online at dublinchristian.org/dublin_serves.

On Thursday, March 18, Dublin Christian Academy students, families, faculty, and staff will prepare, cook, pack, and deliver delicious and free hot meals to local residents age 65 and over. The school has pledged 750 collective hours of community service to this effort as a way to give back in appreciation for the generosity of individuals and businesses who recently gave to the school's Spring fundraiser.

Any Dublin resident over age 65 may sign up to have a meal delivered on Thursday, March 18, between 5 and 5:30 pm. The entree is home-raised turkey pot pie made with love by students. The meal will include a dessert of fresh student-made cookies, all prepared following strict health and safety guidelines.

Sign-ups will begin online beginning March 1 at dublinchristian.org/dublin_serves (or by calling the school at 603-563-8505) and will continue until all available meals are reserved.

Take-Out Supper for All

The Dublin Community Church is providing a Community Take-out Supper on Tuesday, March 23. Pick up begins at 5:30 pm. It will include meatloaf, potato, vegetable and dessert.

Reservations are required. Please call Laurie Jameson at 603-876-5003 to let her know the number of meals requested and give her your phone number. You will be given directions when you call for a reservation.



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Conservation Easement Monitoring

BY JAY SCHECHTER

A conservation easement provides permanent protection for conservation land without actually taking ownership. It places permanent restrictions on certain uses of the land and establishes long-term enforcement for those restrictions. The landowner continues to own and use the land as long as the uses do not conflict with easement restrictions.

Easements often encourage forestry and agriculture while prohibiting incompatible development. The land remains on the tax rolls, probably at current use rates.

The Dublin Conservation Commission assumes responsibility for monitoring these properties. Monitoring involves an annual inspection to check compliance with easement terms. Responsibilities in Dublin include the many parcels that the

town owns around Mud Pond (LCIP program), as well as two other properties with NHSPF easements. This is done to ensure that these properties are in compliance with their deeds and that nothing is being done to adversely affect them.

The New Hampshire Land and Community Heritage Investment Program (LCHIP) is an independent state authority that makes matching grants to New Hampshire communities and nonprofits to conserve and preserve New Hampshire's most important natural, cultural, and historic resources. Through this investment program every \$1 in resources brings back more than four times local, private, federal funds, and helps to secure New Hampshire's greatest business advantage: the quality of life and traditional values of our state.

LCHIP works in partnership with New

Hampshire municipalities and nonprofits to acquire land and cultural resources, or interests therein, with local, regional, and statewide significance. The legislatively mandated mission of the program is to ensure the perpetual contribution of these resources to the economy, environment, and quality of life in New Hampshire.

Protecting New Hampshire's landscapes has been the driving force behind the Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests since it began in 1901. It focuses on protecting the state's most important landscapes while promoting the wise use of its renewable natural resources. Maintaining this balance has made the Forest Society one of the most effective land conservation organizations in the country, partnering with public agencies, communities, and private landowners to protect more than one million acres in its first century.

Resources for further investigation include <https://forestsociety.org>; www.lchip.org/index.php/about-us/about-lchip; and www.nhacc.org/basics.

JAY SCHECHTER is Chair of the Dublin Conservation Commission.

Emily Pinney is Recipient of New England Home's 5 Under 40 Award

In the November-December 2020 issue of *New England Home*, Emily Pinney is named as a recipient of their "5 under 40 Award" for her interior design work.

Emily grew up in Dublin where her father has had a design/build firm. In 2011, Emily started her own firm, Pinney Designs, based in Belmont, MA. She credits her entrepreneurial spirit and interest in design to growing up in a family involved in residential design and building.



Emily works with clients on interior design projects and also fulfills her entrepreneurial desires with Syd + Sam, a Belmont-based home boutique.

One of her projects was to design a rug based on vintage textiles she was exploring at the time. The rug has a soothing palette of mauve, taupe, and gray

that is "quiet and subtle, more like my own personality." Congratulations, Emily!

Be Humane

If you find a wild animal that needs help, call a local wildlife rehabilitator immediately. The Humane Society has a state list of rehabilitators at tinyurl.com/wildrehab21. One in Madison, NH: ElaineConnersCenterforWildlife.org or call 603-367-9453.

SOURCE: AAA Explorer, Spring 2021, p. 36.

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Report from the School Board Rep

Make an informed decision.

BY ALAN EDELKIND

Happy March! It has surely been a busy time as relates to ConVal School Board activities: COVID, budget, prioritization of activities and programs, moving target revenue sources, school openings, remote learning, athletics, etc. It's been frustrating at times but we've never forgotten our prime responsibility to the ConVal students and community. It is an honor to represent Dublin.

The issue at the forefront right now is the budget for the 2021-2022 school year. This affects everyone in our town regardless of whether or not they have a student in the ConVal District. Balancing needs vs. wants with diminishing revenue sources in the midst of the COVID pandemic has consumed a major amount of time for both the school board and ConVal administration. All of these activities come together when the residents of the ConVal school district vote on the budget and the warrant articles on March 9.

Your vote is critical.

We have produced a massive amount of material that relates to the budget, too much information to be contained in this article. All of this information is on the ConVal website. We have organized articles, by topic, on one site page. Additional articles will continue to be posted so it would be good to check back from time to time. To access the site and web page, please go to <https://schoolboard.convalsd.net/budget/>. It is your money. I urge you to make an informed decision.

As we move past the budget season, the school board will be addressing many issues that will affect our students and commu-

nity. *The Dublin Advocate* has, and continues to be, a marvelous monthly communications medium for Dublin residents. In my effort to be more interactive with the Dublin community, I am now setting up a Facebook group that will allow Dublin residents to post comments and for me to post timely information about our activities. It will be available by the time you read this article. The group will be called "Dublin/ConVal." It is a closed group, only for Dublin residents. Communication is key, and hopefully this will give everyone a useful platform. As always, to be in touch, use my ConVal email Aedelkind@conval.edu. I will respond to all. Stay safe.

ALAN EDELKIND is Dublin's ConVal School Board representative.

Dubliners in the News

Allen Davis was profiled in the *Monadnock Ledger-Transcript* for his work in Community Conversations, in which Grace Aldrich and Jim Guy participate. Dublin School's Nordic tracks and slopes are getting a lot of use by Nordic skiers near and far. K Vanderbilt was featured for her healthcare work in the *Monadnock Shopper News*. Jeff Powell's volunteer work on retrofitting bicycles for the Syrians was in *Monadnock Table*. Sarah Wilcox's flower arrangements for spring and summer distribution was written up in the *Monadnock Ledger-Transcript*, as was Toni Nagy's direction of an outdoor show based on stand-up comedy and storytelling. Jim Guy, a member of the board of the DubHub, was recently profiled in the *Monadnock Ledger-Transcript* for his participation in "Talking About Race."

Linda Bastedo 1950-2021



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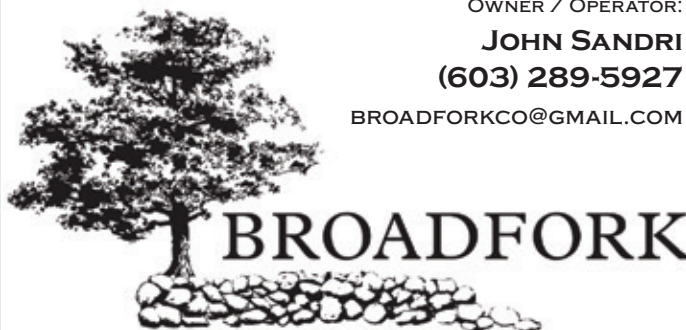
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BY RAMONA BRANCH

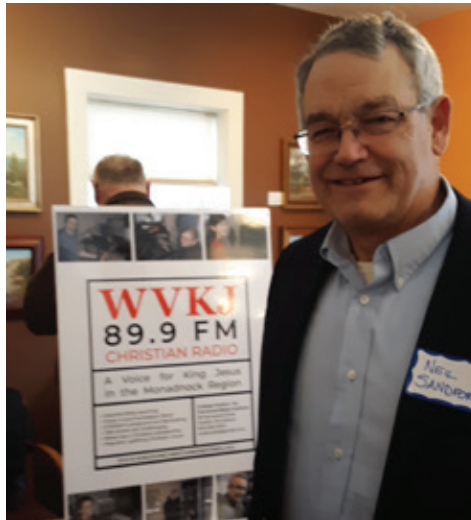
Dubliners may not know that the town has a radio station providing programming 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. WVKJ Radio-FM 89.9 is a 4.5 kilowatt (kW) non-commercial, educational Christian radio station owned by Kingdom Christian Ministries and operated by Fairwood Bible Institute, a Christian school that came to Dublin in 1959.

The studio and transmitter are on the Fairwood campus at 18 Fairwood Drive. The station is run by Neil Sandford and staffed by the students at the Fairwood Bible Institute. Neil, the retired pastor of the church at Fairwood, says his passion for developing the station goes back to his teenage years when he became a ham operator. He still holds his amateur NIDJC license today.

"The idea for the station began in the 1970s," Neil explained, "but putting our ideas into action began in 2006." That was the year the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) began allowing low power radio stations to open. At the time there were more than 100 applications for the licenses in NH, and Fairwood acquired one of the coveted licenses. In 2011, WVKJ was granted a full power license of 4500 watts.

WVKJ's coverage area is Southwestern NH and parts of Southeastern Vermont and North Central Massachusetts with concentrations in Brattleboro, Keene, and Peterborough. According to the FCC, the station's potential radio audience is 91,485.

A good portion of the station's 24/7 programming comes from VCY America, a conservative Christian Network. A complete schedule of VCY America can be found at www.vcyamerica.org. Some of



their VCY's well-known programs include *Joni & Friends*, *The Phyllis Schlafly Report*, *Love Worth Finding* (Adrian Rogers), *In Touch* (Charles Stanley), and *Unshackled*. Many children's programs are also aired including *Jonathan Parks*, *Ranger Bill*, *Kids Talk*, and *Your Story Hour*.

Through the night VCY America plays conservative Christian music as well as during various intervals during the day and evening hours.

On the local level, Neil and his team supplement the programming from VCY. This includes sermons from Monadnock area churches, "Around the Town" interviews with Dublin residents, a news feed from the Salem Radio Network, and a variety of Christian music.

Of special interest to Monadnock listeners is the Community Bulletin News Program, which airs Tuesday through Friday, from 7:45 to 8 am, and focuses entirely on local news and events.

As a non-commercial educational station, the FCC allows WVKJ to run spon-

sorship ads similar to NPR stations. Clients can submit their own ads or Fairwood students can produce the ad from scratch.

To learn more about the radio station, please visit wvkj.kingdomchristianministries.org.

Many townspeople know Neil Sandford for his service as Dublin's Deputy Town Clerk / Tax Collector and in Harrisville he is the Deputy Tax Collector and Assistant Town Clerk.

RAMONA BRANCH is on the staff of the *Advocate*.

NH Audubon Organizes Expansion of Motus

Wildlife tracking system is now operational.

The first of an eventual network of 50 wildlife tracking stations across New England is now operational in southwestern New Hampshire, enabling scientists and conservation agencies to follow the movements of tagged birds, bats, and migratory insects across the region.

The station was erected last month in Stoddard on the 515-acre Granite Lake Headwaters property of the Harris Center for Conservation Education in Hancock, NH. It is the newest addition to the Motus Wildlife Tracking System, a global network of nearly 1,000 such stations coordinated by Birds Canada, and which can automatically track a new generation of highly miniaturized radio transmitters small enough to be deployed on animals such as hummingbirds and monarch butterflies.

The tracking information is publicly accessible at www.motus.org. To learn more, contact Carol Foss (cfoss@nhaudubon.org) or Marc Nutter (mnutter@nhaudubon.org).



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Eversource Representative Explains Rate Hike

BY WILLIAM HINKLE

New Hampshire regulators recently conducted an extensive review of our electric distribution rates. It was the first review in more than 10 years, and considered costs associated with operating the electric system to provide you with reliable service, including costs associated with storm restoration, trimming trees, replacing aging equipment, and making system upgrades to connect clean energy resources, like solar.

As a result of this review – along with regular adjustments to other portions of the bill – the rates on January and February bills changed.

Based on those rate changes, the approximate cumulative increase in the January and February bills for a residential customer using 600 kilowatt-hours (kWh) of electricity will be about \$3.76 or 3.4 percent. (Rate impacts may be lower or higher for some customer categories.)

The January rate adjustments included:

Distribution Charge: This charge recovers costs related to the maintenance and operation of the electric distribution system – the lines, poles and equipment located along the road near your property – power restoration and service operations. The Distribution Charge increased from 4.508 cents per kWh to 5.116 cents per kWh.

From the AARP Fraud Watch Network

To talk to a volunteer trained in how to spot and report fraud, call the AARP Fraud Watch Network Helpline at 1-877-908-3360 or visit aarp.org/fraudwatchnetwork.

The February rate adjustments included:

Energy Charge: This is the cost of electricity customers use. These rates are based on the current market price of electricity a customer purchases from Eversource or an energy supplier. The Energy Charge for customers who purchase energy from Eversource will decrease from 7.068 cents per kWh to 6.627 cents per kWh.

Stranded Cost Recovery Charge:

This charge funds the recovery of past investments, including expenses incurred through mandated power contracts and other long-term obligations. The Stranded

Cost Recovery Charge is expected to increase from .982 cents per kWh to 1.441 cents per kWh. These two changes are reviewed and approved by the NH Public Utilities Commission and are adjusted every six months (February and August 1).

We understand any bill increase is difficult – especially now, when people are using more energy working and studying from home. If you need help paying your bill, please take advantage of our payment plans and assistance programs. To learn more, visit Eversource.com/billhelp or call 844-273-7760.

WILLIAM HINKLE is the Media Relations Manager for Eversource in NH.

Mary Elizabeth McClellan: 1923-2021

February 3, 2021

Dear Family and Friends,

It's time to wrap the weekly emails up and say sayonara, time to move along.

While I'm bidding a fond farewell to these weekly emails, which have been fun for me to send and I hope for you to receive, I'll still be on email as my life winds down and I look forward to hearing from you.

As a farewell "gift," let me share with you words that inspire me every day, from Frederick Buechner's memoir, *Now and Then*:

"Listen to your life. See it for the fathomless mystery it is. In the boredom and pain of it, no less than in the excitement and gladness: touch, taste, smell your way to the holy and hidden heart of it, because in the last analysis all moments are key moments, and life itself is grace."

Love,
"M.E." McClellan

To access the obituary, please visit www.sentinel-source.com/news/obituaries/mary-elizabeth-mcclellan/article_15b52c0a-605b-5870-8ccb-2a292d1d985a.html



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March Events at the DubHub

Coffee & Conversation via Zoom

These DubHub sessions continue via Zoom on Monday and Wednesday mornings from 10 to 11 am. Check the weekly Hubbub newsletter for login information or email Volkert at info@dublincommunitycenter.org.

Knit with Nancy

Knit with Nancy meets via Zoom every Friday at 10 am. Contact Nancy Cayford at npcayford@myfairpoint.net for an invitation.

Song Circle/Open Stage

Song Circle & Open Stage will Zoom at 7 pm on Friday, March 26. Musicians, poets, storytellers, actors and audience members are invited to join in. A link will be provided in the Hubbub newsletter, or email info@dublincommunitycenter.org.

Community Lunch To-Go

Community Lunch To-Go will be on Tuesday, March 16, from noon to 1 pm. The menu will be based on a St. Patrick's Day theme. Pick up your meal



Fire Chief Tom Vanderbilt delivers a popcorn machine donated by the Dublin Fire Department to the Hub.

by the main entrance of the DubHub. For those unable to get out due to weather or COVID concerns, please call Mary Loftis at 831-6641.

More Complex Conversations Being Planned

Plans are in the works for continuing the new series of Complex Conversations. Check the Hubbub newsletter or our website for updates in March.

Follow the DubHub with the Hubbub and FB

Links to virtual events are provided in the Weekly Hubbub newsletter, and can be found on DubHub Facebook pages. For more information email info@dublincommunitycenter.org. Once the DubHub resumes public events, it will update its online calendar at dublincommunitycenter.org.

DubHub Wi-Fi Access

The DubHub Wi-Fi is accessible from the parking lot. Look for the network NETGEAR28-5G_EXT. The password is ancientpond703 (all lower case).

Spring Forward

Daylight Saving Time begins.
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The Apple Hill String Quartet with Summer Workshop Faculty and Alumni play on Sundays at 3 pm and available on applehill.org, Facebook, and YouTube.

March 7 Concert: The Apple Hill String Quartet performs Haydn's Quartet, Op. 64 No. 2; Reena Esmail's String Quartet Ragamala; and Dmitri Shostakovich's String Quartet No. 3.

March 21 Concert: Scenes from Apple Hill – Playing for Peace: Lenny Matczynski and the Apple Hill String Quartet show how Apple Hill uses chamber music to create a more just and loving society.

To download a flyer and to watch all events and more, go to applehill.org

For information or assistance email music@applehill.org or call 847-3371.

Tracking COVID in NH

- ✳ www.nhpr.org/post/explore-data-tracking-covid-19-new-hampshire#stream/0
- ✳ www.nh.gov/covid19/
- ✳ NH DHHS: www.dhhs.nh.gov/

About Variants of the Virus that Causes COVID-19

- ✳ www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/transmission/variant.html

Community Meals to Go Helped by Rotary

Pick up restaurant meals curbside at SMS Tuesdays and Thursdays, 5–6 pm.

BY PEGG MONAHAN

The long months of the pandemic have increased food insecurity and challenged local restaurants to stay in business. Addressing these two concerns, the newly launched “Community Meals to Go!” project, a collaboration of nonprofits and service organizations, seeks to do just that.

Coordinated by Community and Economic Development Coordinator for Peterborough Karen Hatcher, the project pays local restaurants with funds raised from the community, and they in turn prepare and package meals for the members of the community who most need them.

An initial seed donation of \$10,000 was provided by the Grand Monadnock Rotary Charitable Fund to help launch the project. Since that time other substantial donations have been made by the members of the 100+ Women Who Care Monadnock and the NH Charitable Foundation, but Hatcher says more than half of the \$50,000 raised so far has been made by individuals giving once, weekly, or monthly through their online donation portal (link below).

The restaurants that have chosen to participate are Nonie's Restaurant, Aesop's Tables, Cooper's Hill Public House, Brady's American Grill, and Grappelli's Pizza. The restaurants are paid \$10 for each meal they produce, providing predictable cash flow that keeps their kitchens open and their staff employed. Volunteers distribute the meals cold or frozen from the South Meadow School upper parking lot behind the school. The meals can be picked up curbside each week Tuesdays



and Thursdays between 5 and 6 pm, on a first-come, first-served basis.

Community groups that meet weekly to coordinate the project include the Peterborough Food Pantry, the Cornucopia Project, ConVal School District, End 68 Hours of Hunger, the Union Congregational Church, and The River Center. The Peterborough Fire and Rescue Association is helping onsite with parking and helping to identify families in need.

Meal menus are identified, produced, and offered by the restaurants as meat and non-meat: cheese ravioli, turkey, meat-loaf, mac & cheese, pork loin, and gift certificates for pizza have been some of the offerings so far. The program hopes to run through May, funding permitting. There is also hope for a future, stronger network between restaurants and agencies helping to resolve regional food insecurity. To make a donation, go to donorbox.org/Peterborough-community-meals-go.

For information about Grand Monadnock Rotary Club, email Harry Wolhandler at harry@accelara.com or call 827-3139.

PEGG MONAHAN handles publicity for the Grand Monadnock Rotary Club.

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COVID-19 Vaccination Site in Keene

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Two vaccines are currently available in the United States: Pfizer/BioNTech and Moderna. Vaccines are administered based on availability on a given day. Two doses are recommended, either 21 or 28 days apart, depending on the vaccine.

Additional vaccine options may be added over the coming weeks and months depending upon government approval processes.

Upon arrival at the KSC site, residents go through an initial checkpoint and then drive on to a designated parking area. Everyone is asked to wear a mask. Volunteers check driver's licenses and assist with completing any necessary documentation. Vaccines are administered by licensed health professionals. After vaccination, residents turn on their flashers and wait in their cars for 15 minutes to make sure there's no allergic reaction. Once people have received their first dose, they receive an informational index card

and can schedule their second dose date.

Susan Shonk remarked on what a great job the National Guard and GMPHN are doing: "They are constantly looking for ways to make the process more efficient." She added, "It feels good to be doing something to help the vaccine process along."

SUSAN PETERS attended a public Chamber of Commerce 'Coffee & Conversation' Zoom meeting the second week in February, where this information was presented, and visited the KSC vaccination site to speak with GMPHN representatives and take these photos. She is on the staff of the *Advocate*.

Sleeves of Crackers

Huge thanks to Dubliners for all of your wonderful food donations to End 68 Hours of Hunger.

Since we try to pack the same items in the weekend bag for each child, we're pretty specific about what we need.



This month we're especially looking for crackers – specifically Ritz, Saltines, or Club crackers because we pack a sleeve of crackers

in each bag (boxes of Triscuits or Wheat Thins don't fit well in the food bags).

If you'd like to help, your food donations can always be left on the shelves just inside the west side entrance to the Dublin Community Church.

Thank you so much for your support!

Call for Mentors

Youth Apprenticeship Program at MAXT Makerspace.

A comprehensive youth apprenticeship program currently being developed through MAXT Makerspace in partnership

with The River Center is set to begin mid to late 2021. The program will be geared toward offering practical, technical, and life skills to students and young adults in the Monadnock Region.

This is just the start of the process so we get an idea of how many of our members would like to participate.

Any and all members of MAXT interested in getting involved are being asked to fill out a quick questionnaire. Respondents to this survey form will receive a direct follow-up on details of involvement.

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The River Center

A Family and Community Resource Center.

The River Center's very helpful free tax program continues virtually.

On March 11, a nationally known guest speaker, Niobe Way, will talk about the nature of social and emotional issues in boys and young men.

We offer two monthly series: Tuesday Topics is a set of discussions about subjects from grandparenting to talking to your teen about substance use and more; and the Community Resources Spotlight, co-hosted by MAXT Makerspace, features guest speakers from area organizations who share about what they do.

The River Center also has online tutoring, Safe Sitter, groups for women and parents of children with special needs, and more. Visit rivercenter.us or call 924-6800. The River Center is located at 9 Vose Farm Rd., Suite 115, Peterborough, NH.

Community Resource Spotlight Series

Over the past few months The River Center and MAXT Makerspace have been collaborating on raising awareness of local resources for community members. They begin by hosting



virtual events from two organizations a month to hear about their programs, who they support, and how to find them.

In February, representatives from The River Center and MAPS counseling service talked about their programs and how the greater community could access them, their services, and referral sources.

Going forward, please preregister for future events scheduled each month. All events are 7 pm to 8 pm over Zoom, RSVP to get the link to join.

On **March 18**, the public will hear from The Grapevine and Avenue A. On **April 15** – Worksource and Monadnock Developmental Services; on **May 20** – Monadnock Family Services and Reality Check; and on **June 17** – Monadnock Area Transitional Shelter (MATS).

For more information, please call 603-924-6800 or visit rivercenter.us. While these programs are open to all in the Eastern Monadnock area, they are not school-sponsored events. The River Center is located at 9 Vose Farm, Suite 115, Peterborough, NH 03458.

Making Rides Accessible to All

Community Volunteer Transportation Company (CVTC) provides rides for people to reach their essential services in 34 towns of the Monadnock Region. CVTC also coordinates rides for people who use wheelchairs.

If you know someone whose mobility is dependent on a wheelchair, CVTC subcontracts with wheelchair-van providers to give rides to appointments at the doctor, social services, and pharmacy.

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Teaching and Learning in the Pandemic

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subject areas. The ConVal School District worked with parents to help ensure they were comfortable with the technology. The district gave the children Chromebooks and provided hot spots, as needed. Despite these efforts, internet access continues to be challenging at times. Teachers and parents have learned the value of being flexible in order to make necessary modifications.

During normal times, children in kindergarten are encouraged to move, touch, and explore. Learning often takes place in small groups where children practice academic skills together and learn to cooperate, share materials, and care for their belongings and the school, too. At present, the children have designated areas for work and play. There are one-way traffic signs on floors, sanitizing stations, and lots of extra time spent washing hands.

Despite these differences, Susan finds unique ways to ensure the children are excited about learning. For example, she often shares her passion for nature and birds with the children. In the classroom, the children now have desks, known as their "trees," and baskets for their own

materials, known as "nests." Small groups are named after local New Hampshire owls. This year when school was in session from fall through Thanksgiving, DCS kindergarteners had a tent so they could continue to learn outdoors for a longer period of time. The children enjoyed this new experience.

Susan is grateful for how engaged the families have been during this period. She describes it as a "team effort." While she recognizes how difficult some changes have been, there have been some positive outcomes. Remote teaching provides

opportunities for parents to see how lessons are conducted – and the feedback from parents has been positive.

Susan's story about teaching during the pandemic brings to mind three words – dedication, passion, and resilience. Thank you, Susan, for helping keep our community strong.

When Susan is not teaching, she enjoys gardening, kayaking, hiking, beekeeping, and tending to her chickens with her husband, Mark. They live in Hancock and have two sons and a daughter.

DENISE FRANKOFF is on the staff of the *Advocate*.

The children are exploring pelts of native NH Mammals after the class sorted them into two categories; land mammals and semi aquatic mammals that live on land and in the water.



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Winter Feeding of Birds

BY TOM WARREN

Now that winter has returned with sub-zero cold and a major snowstorm (February 2), a few comments on winter feeding of birds may be of interest.

Research at Lund University in Sweden confirms that many birds are able to reduce their body temperatures to save energy on bitter cold, sub-zero nights. This makes them sluggish and easy targets for hawks, owls, and other predators.

Winter feeding especially helps female birds maintain their body temperature. Males can locate food without feeder supplements. The study was conducted with Great Tits, cousins to our Chickadees, Nuthatches, and Tufted Titmice.

The most effective supplements are suet, peanut butter, or bacon fat. I observed more than 40 to 45 chickadees alone at our suet feeders. It is also helpful to include sunflower seeds either in the suet or in an additional feeder.

Berries in our area include viburnums, winterberry, mountain ash, and crabapples. Many of these berries are high in fat and carbohydrates and are excellent supplements.

Lead scientist, Johan Nilsson said, "We can say with certainty that females in nature benefit from being fed in winter."

TOM WARREN is Dublin's resident ornithologist.

A Different Year at the Hawk Watch

BY PHIL BROWN

2020 marked the 16th consecutive season of raptor migration monitoring at the Pack Monadnock Raptor Observatory (harriscenter.org/conservation-research/pack-monadnock-raptor-observatory), which is in Miller State Park in Peterborough.

Staff and volunteers logged 558 hours of observation time, and tallied 12,032 raptors from the Observatory between September 1 and November 20.

Due to COVID-19 restrictions within Miller State Park, visitation was limited and groups were nonexistent. Despite the lack of school groups, 4,568 people visited the Observatory in 2020 to witness, learn about, and enjoy the spectacle of raptor migration. A few highlights from the report include:



Bald Eagle

A new season-high record was set once again with 185 migrating Bald Eagles observed this year. This continues the upward trend in overall numbers that we have been witnessing since 2010 (p. 11).

This was a good year for Sharp-shinned Hawks. Their numbers have bounced around a lot the last few years. We were pleased to see that this year ranks as the third highest season count for the species in the history of the project (p. 13).

Goshawk numbers were low again this year. Iain MacLeod noted in his article "2019 Fall Raptor Migration Report" (NH Bird Records) that Northern Goshawk numbers have been very low the last few years, and this year the observations at Pack Monadnock Raptor Observatory continued that trend (p. 15).

The Pack Monadnock Raptor Observatory is part of an international monitoring effort under the umbrella of the Hawk Migration Association of North America (HMANA). Because of the site's consistent



Northern Goshawk

and long-term dataset, data from Pack are included in the latest Raptor Population Index (RPI), an analysis that illustrates how migratory raptor populations are far-

ing regionally. These data are particularly important for tracking migratory populations of several species of conservation concern from year to year, as well as determining raptor populations.

Results of the most recent RPI analysis are included in the full 2020 season report. Here is the link to the findings in the final report: harriscenter.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/PMRO_Final_Report_2020.pdf

SOURCE: harriscenter.org/field-report-from-the-2020-hawk-watch

PHIL BROWN is Hawk Watch Coordinator at the Harris Center for Conservation Education, in Hancock.

Four Challenges

"AmeriCorps, the federal agency for volunteering and service, today announced the appointments of seven top service and civic engagement experts to key positions. In these roles, they will support the Biden administration's agenda, focusing on four of the most urgent challenges of our time: COVID-19, economic recovery, racial equity, and climate change." [1/24/21]

SOURCE: americorps.gov/newsroom/press-release/ameri-corps-agency-announces-appointments-key-positions

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DUBLIN

The gift of a flower bouquet



Wilcox has a vision of giving away flowers to help cheer up residents of assisted living facilities. Such a vision to bring fresh cut flowers to people who are isolated by the pandemic. "It's so much joy" so that she's people have associated something positive to a hospital stay. "I really could do it in a flash."

But not a lot of people said. The best idea garden that house in Dublin to learn enough and flowers to it. In the years started a veg and planted her own tea, but came to deft she said.

Zinnias are few, snapdragons plan for the e which Wilcox pand her is roadside stat up, and org tanced woi interested in flowers to members.

Wilcox is out the call flowers were likely in J deliveries. frigerated she welco

Strength through education



Allen Davis holds a copy of 'I Am Not Your Nigger' in front of a stocked bookcase in his Dublin home.

Dublin man's quest for equal rights intertwined with academia

By TIM GOODWIN
Monadnock Ledger Transcript

To honor the life and legacy of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., Allen Davis started a tradition every March on the third Monday of January. The tradition of reading King's "I Have a Dream" speech is one that only encompasses the last three years, but is something Davis has been doing since he was a child.


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"I've enjoyed bicycle mechanics since he was 15. He's recycling items, especially seeing them have a new use years ago. He joined his two passions to create a organization: Bikes for Syria.

for Syria Project, as outlined on Powell's Facebook and recycles bicycles, bicycle parts and other gear transport," including wheelchairs, so that they gain.

Nadley Syria, a New Hampshire-based humanitarian organization for women and children focused in Syria. The organization also has local branches in several other countries.

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JEFF POWELL

Bikes for Syria

By Nicole S. Carlson

He was going through his son's things, which include bicycles. A volunteer with NaDay Syria suggested he do bikes to the organization.

"I figured they sent clothes and medical supplies," he thought, "Bikes, really?"

He received feedback on the first batch he donated at asked if he had more.

Today, he's fixed and sent more than 1,200 bikes to Syria — many of whom have never ridden a bike before.

Tough conversations are key



He at the Dublin Community Center, where he is a board member.

STAFF PHOTO BY NICK LEE

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to be fun."

Guy wasn't opposed to having those difficult conversations about an issue that directly impacted his life, but they also never got brought up.

Then in 2018, Guy was preached by Allen Davis, a local Dubliner who had addressed a community discussion called "Talking About Race Staying Curious, Moving Forward, and Being Part of the Solution."

Guy knew it was a message that had merit and it had been a part of something to the need for change, it was something he should do matter how difficult it could be.

The Original Keene Shopper – "The Weekly with a H"

Cheshire Medical Center Will Offer Urgent Visit At Its Main Campus Beginning February 17th



Cheshire Medical Center will start offering primary care visits on its main campus at 580 Street on Wednesday, February 17th. The primary care services provided by Cheshire at the E Street location in Keene will discontinue as of date. Urgent primary care visits will continue available 365 days a year, from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. weekdays; and from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the end, with holiday hours from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. change allows Cheshire to provide its extensive care services in one convenient location. Designated for urgent primary care visits will be West Entrance of Cheshire Medical Center.

"We look forward to continuing to care patients' acute medical needs, whether in person via Virtual Visit," says Marika Henegan, Medical director of Urgent Visits and Keene Ambulatory Respiratory Evaluation Service (KARES). "You have an everyday illness such as a sinus infection, or you have a minor injury like a cut or a bruise that needs stitches, we can provide quality care quickly. If you have symptoms of COVID-19, calling us before you arrive to provide the most appropriate care and schedule testing."

SOME OF CHESHIRE MEDICAL CENTER'S URGENT VISIT TEAM, soon to be practicing out of the main Medical Center. Left to right: K Vanderbilt, RN Triage Nurse, Chuck Jackson, RN, clinical leader, and Marika Henegan, MD, medical director of Urgent Visits and Keene Ambulatory Respiratory Evaluation Service (KARES).

Stand-up, storytelling workshop begins Feb. 2



Teacher and comedian, Toni Nagy of Dublin, will direct an outdoor show based off an upcoming eight-week online stand-up comedy and storytelling workshop hosted by SoHo Studio.

entering all the potential that lies within.

"I'm incredibly excited to be a part of growing the comedic community in this area. I think there is so much potential! We have such a vibrant citizenship of people who are thoughtful, creative, and

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