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Kingswood bids farewell to Class of 2020



ELISSA BY**PAQUETTE Contributing Writer**

MOULTONBOR-OUGH — This year's Regional Kingswood High School graduation was a process. Planning and recording of all the parts necessary to bring people together in celebration for the final graduation event at Castle in the Clouds took place with meticulous planning to create a graduation experience like no other in Kingswood's history. The Covid-19 pandemic was a challenge, but students, their families, faculty and staff were undaunt-

Principal Guy Donnelly said it couldn't have all come together without the support of the families. The week the administration announced that the graduation would be virtual was "very emotional," he said, but they got through it and organized

a series of multiple individual experiences designed to form the whole of this important life passage.

Students were scheduled to receive their diplomas in individual ceremonies in front of the Kingswood Arts Center throughout June 12 and 13, a 15-hour endeavor in all, but Prinicipal Guy Donnelly and Governor Wentworth Regional School District Superintendent Kathy Cuddy-Egbert were deand honor each of the 173 students, most of whom left with the school closing in March, not to be seen again until this occasion.

Family members and friends drove up and disembarked to hear the calling of their student's name and watch them cross a stage bedecked with the traditional floral spray. The familiar Kingswood Knight metal sculpture stood watch, too, as students

walked to the measured pace of Pomp and Circumstance. The people who have watched them grow and mature since childhood smiled, cheered and held their cameras high to record the moment of accomplishment.

Not long before, Donelly and his staff brought caps and gowns to each of the students.

and a week later, visted every student's home to take a photo for the grand finale video scheduled for Saturday evening, June 13, at Castle in the Clouds.

A production schedule in the Arts Center, with respect to the CDC guidelines, took advantage of the technological resources and directorial capabilities of Scott

Geissler to create the authentic, moving virtual graduation viewed on a 40 foot screen to an audience of the 2020 graduates and their families.

They arrived to the site, speakers blasting, balloons waving, 175 cars in all, for drive in viewing, a "retro" touch commended by commencement speaker Robert Burns, KRHS Music Director.

School Board Chairman Jack Widmer praised the class for the "maturity and grace" they exhibited in handling a senior year that "Isn't what you could have imagined how your senior year would culminate." He told them to "remember what you have overcome. You are a part of history...I've never been prouder to be a part of this district than I am right now."

The top Gold Scholars, who in addition to their academic achievements have contributed 3162 community service hours in all, were highlighted. The number two top Gold Scholar, Janis Walker, urged her peers know what is moral and have the courage to take action for moral reasons.

"Do what is best for the greater good," she said. "Act upon what is needed."

She pointed out that class members kept each other safe for the greater good when they sacrificed physical graduation and encouraged respect for the values of honesty and keeping promises.

Walker closed with, "Help others... we are the future."

Number one Gold Scholar Madeline Ward began her speech with gratitude at finally being together despite all the obstacles and "after the longest and most wide spread case of senioritis." Ward said she and her classmates were "uncertain graduates in uncertain times," but spoke of overcoming adversity as an advantage. She offered a quote from President Abraham Lincoln: "The best way to predict the future is to create it." and exhorted the class of 2020 to view "the future beyond the uncertainty. Venture beyond the horizon."

Burns, introduced warmly by four year mu-

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Summer Reading Program underway at New Durham Library...and at home

NEW DURHAM — "We're trying to have as many activities as possible that are similar to our normal termined to welcome summer reading programming," New Durham Public Library Director Cathy Allyn said, "so the only difference here will be that it's done at home."

> She was referring to a doggone fun paint fest in the works. The first 28 households that register for the library's summer reading program, "Imagine Your Story," will be able to pick up a wooden form to paint at home, then return to the library for display on the front lawn.

> "They are all puppies," Allyn said, "and we're asking kids to paint them to represent their favorite book or favorite character from a book."

At the end of the summer, the artists can pick up their creations and bring them home.

Each participant in the program will also have an "avatar" that fits with the theme of the program on the front of the building. "Everyone in town will be able to see how engaged the kids are."

The young readers will be able to wear their reading progress; beads and brag tags can be earned by the number of minutes and hours read each week during July and worn on a Pride Chain that participants can pick up in June.

Children will also be able to register for a time slot on Wednesday, July 22 to put their illustrated

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Gilman Library announces Hannaford Helps donation

ALTON — Gilman Library in Alton, has just received their check for \$43. From the Hannaford Helps Reusable Bag Program. The library had been selected as the beneficiary of the January 2020 fundraiser at the local Alton Hannaford, at 80 Kings Highway, Alton.

Library Director, Holly Brown, states "In light of the current health crisis, we are delighted to receive this generous donation right now. It is a bright spot in a very challenging time. Thank you, Hannaford, for your support. Thank you also to our community members, who purchased a bag."



COURTESY

ACS First Grade staff visits students

Recently, the Alton Central School First Grade team drove all over Alton to deliver end of year summer educational "goodie bags" to all first grade students. Teachers and staff celebrated and closed out the end of the school year by hand delivering the packages to all of their students personally! The five-hour delivery path was well worth it to "see" students one final time and say our "socially-distanced" goodbyes before the summer break. Pictured here are Ms. Paige, Ms. Pepka, and Ms. Scott.

Some activities returning to Gunstock this summer



PHOTOS BY ERIN PLUMMER

Segway tours will be riding through the trails at Gunstock again starting July 1.

BY ERIN PLUMMER

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With Coronavirus numbers currently declining. Gunstock is planning a number of summer events with social distancing in mind.

Gunstock was forced to close its winter season early and forgo opening the Adventure Park this spring due to the COVID-19 pandemic. With the current trend of declining coronavi-

rus numbers and the governor lifting the Stay at Home Order, the resort is now scheduling a number of summer events that allow for family fun while maintaining social distanc-

The campground is open for reservations and following the state and CDC's guidelines for campgrounds. Online reservations will be opening soon.

A minimum twonight reservation is required and campsites are limited to six campers. Any visitors from outside New Hampshire must show that they have completed a 14-day quarantine. Face masks required while checking in at the camp store or going into any of the campground facilities. The playground is closed, but the pool is now open. The showers,



While the Stay at Home order is being lifted, some activities will be returning to Gunstock this

restrooms, and laundry facilities are also open according to state guidelines. Anvone who has been ill or exposed to someone with COVID-19 are asked to stay home.

Starting July 1, Gunstock will be offering E-Bike Tours and Off-Road Segway Tours.

New this year is tours on Scott E-Bikes, bikes with a battery and pedaling assistance. Participants must have experience pedaling a bike and comfortable getting on and off one.

For the Segway tours, the resort uses all-terrain X2 Segways equipped to handle the different surfaces around the complex.

For both tours Participants must be over the age of 14 (with an accompanying adult for ages 14 and 15), weight up to 250 pounds (with a minimum of 100 pounds for the Segway tours), and wear closed toe an closed heel shoes (flat shows and sneakers are strong-

ly recommended for the Segway tours). Helmets will be provided, though people may bring their own helmets. Both tours leave out of the camp store and require reservations.

The Fourth of July Weekend Craft Fair will go on as scheduled Saturday and Sunday July 4 and 5. Crafters of many different mediums will have their works on display during the weekend from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. in the annual show put on by Joyce's Craft Shows. Visitors are asked to wear face masks and maintain social distanc-

The Labor Day Weekend Craft Fair is also currently scheduled Sept. 5 and 6.

Gunstock TrailFest has been rescheduled for Sept. 19 and 20. The event was originally scheduled for May 23 and 24, but was postponed because of the pandemic.

The original GiddyUp Trail Running Festival

at Pineland Farms in New Gloucester, Maine, was moved to Gunstock and renamed the Gunstock TrailFest, promising to be a fresh and updated version of the previous event. Competitors can take on different cross-country trails. There will be onsite camping, a barbecue, and two free beers.

A number of Gunstock events have been canceled or postponed because of the pandemic.

SoulFest Christian music festival has been postponed to Aug. 5-7, 2021. The Ascension Race and the Laconia Rod & Gun Fishing Derby have both been canceled for this year. The Belknap County Conservation District ribbon cutting on major projects has been postponed and will be rescheduled at a later date.

For more information on Gunstock events and reservations, visit www. gunstock.com.



St. John's-on-the-Lake offers online services

MEREDITH — St. John's-on-the-Lake on Bear Island, Meredith, a popular destination for a summer worship experience, is feeling the effects of the current

COVID-19 situation. Although formal worship services have been canceled for the summer, the chapel will be open for private prayer and meditation, and will also offer four on-line services.

St. John's will be open Sunday mornings from July 5 through Aug. 23 from 10 to 11 a.m. for prayer and meditation. (This is not intended as a time to merely take a look at the building.) There will be organ music most weeks but there will be no singing. Masks will be required as will "social distancing," and the number of people allowed inside at a time will be limited. Some masks will be available for those who forget, and hand sanitizer will be available.

July 12, July 19, Aug. 9, and Aug. 16 services will be streamed at 10 a.m. For more information, please visit our Web site, www.stjohnsonthelake.org.

Founded in 1927 and listed on the National Register of Historic Places, St. John's has as its mission the provision of ecumenical services on Sundays to meet the religious needs of the island and shoreline population of Lake Winnipesaukee. The tower portion of the chapel encloses a former observation tower and the sanctuary is built of native stone. Regardless of your religious affiliation at home, we hope that you will join us at this community center of worship.

The chapel is located on the highest elevation of Bear Island on Lake Winnipesaukee in Meredith. It can be reached by a short walk from the church docks located in Deep Cove on the west side of the island For additional information, visit our Web site, www.stjohnsonthelake.org. Email: bearislandchapel@gmail.com.





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Great Waters Street Piano Project plays the virtual keys

WOLFEBORO Studies show that music an help reduce anxiety, be an integral part of stress management and serve as a proven form of relaxation, not to mention it generates smiles and brings people together. In support of this research, "Music Heals" has been the motto for the Great Waters Music Festival Street Piano Project since it took over the project from local resident Peter Cole in

In 2014, Cole, a former Program Chair of Great Waters, visited Littleton and heard music coming down the street. Littleton's pianos sparked an idea for him, and that year, Paul Zimmerman and Jim Fried-

2017.

rich joined Cole in this start-up effort. Three used pianos were painted by volunteers, tuned sweetly, provided with covers and placed at key locations with help from Wolfeboro's Parks and Recreation Department. Then, visitors and locals alike sat down and started to play a favorite tune or just tickled the keys. The Street Piano Project was born!

In 2017, Huggins Hospital joined Great Waters as a sponsor of the Street Piano Project, and continues today as a key partner joined this year by Ashton & Co. We also want to thank the businesses who have aided this project over the years by guarding our pianos — Butternuts Good Dishes, the former Hallmark Store (now Winni-Paw Station Woof-boro Pet Shop), The Country Bookseller, Wolftrap Grill and Raw Bar and Paul Zimmerman. We plan to be back in front of these establishments in bright new colors next year. Thanks also to our painters, Ilona Train and Company and Dori Sterndale.

But for now, along with so many other projects and events, our Street Piano Project has changed due to COVID-19. Pianos are resting up in our storage unit and in basements of volunteers who are giving them a new coat of paint to welcome the 2021 season. But maybe now, more than ever, we



need "Music to Heal." Thus, we are going virtual and taking to the Web instead of the streets. We are asking any of you, young or old, who enjoy playing the piano to visit our Web site, greatwaters. org/street-piano-project

or our Facebook page, facebook.com/greatwatersnh, and upload a video of a short piece of music that "heals" you. We will be sharing these throughout the summer to lift all of our spirits. If you have any questions, contact Michelle Frahm,

Great Waters Marketing Coordinator, at 630-9628 or marketing@greatwaters.org. Please tag us as well and use #StreetPianosAtHome. Let's keep music alive at Great Waters and throughout the Lakes Region.

STRATEGIES FOR LIVING

On unsung heroes and outstanding men

BY LARRY SCOTT

Talk of unsung heroes, outstanding men who were largely ignored and soon forgotten, and Joseph, Jesus' stepfather, goes to the top of my list.

The last we hear of Joseph is in the Gospel of Luke, chapter 2, where we read that Jesus' "father" was present on a journey the family made to Jerusalem when Jesus was 12 years old. Even then, Joseph is not named. That's it! We never hear of him again, not even as to his death.

Much has been made of Mary, and rightly so. She was a special woman, given a role second to no one else in history. We can only imagine what a moving experience it must have been the first time she realized the baby she was holding was God!

But she was not alone.

For Joseph, also, it was an awesome responsibility. As head of the family, it fell to Joseph to give Jesus the stability and the security He needed as a child. During his teen years, he watched as Joseph managed the affairs of their home. Jesus' understanding of truth and honesty, self-discipline, morality, respect for authority, and godliness were influenced by what he observed in the man he called, "Dad." He watched as Joseph responded to the frustrations and challenges of managing a business in first-century Israel. It was, undoubtedly, a critical factor in His educa-

Keep in mind that Joseph was a normal man. He, like each of us, needed to discover the strength of character that can be developed only through the give and take of life.

There were surely times when he blew it, and perhaps occasions when he didn't respond well to the growing-up antics of his unique stepson. But he was a good man and God Himself chose him for the rearing of his beloved

Although history records little of Jesus' childhood, one can surmise that Jesus also saw Joseph smile and relax as together they spent many a quiet afternoon fishing and enjoying each other's company. What an impact the many conversations they had together must have made on Jesus' outlook on life! Joseph, as no other man on earth, helped make Jesus the man He was to become.

As we face recovery from the Coronavirus pandemic, it prompts a lesson we all need to take to heart. If we are typical, we develop our self-respect, indeed, our very attitude toward life, by the things we own and the success we have experienced. We admire wealth, power, and fame. God, however, seems to have a very different agenda. He is far more interested in who we are than in what we do. Character is primary!

Our accomplishments may be limited. We may be unknown and unheralded. No one may ever squabble over our estate. But much like Joseph, that does not determine our worth. The quality of our life will be seen in the lives of the family for whom we have been responsible. As they follow in our footsteps, as they honor the God they have met through our living ... then will our influence and the impact of our lives become evident. Our living will not have been in vain!

For more thoughts like these, please follow

me on indefenseoftruth.



Alton Parks and Recreation Connection

Alton Parks Recreation Mini Putt

League Alton Parks and Recreation is partnering with Winni Putt, the Mini Golf Course in Alton Bay, to bring you a 5-week Mini Putt League July 13-Aug. 15. Teams of two play one game each week (any day of the week) and scores are tallied. At the end of the 5 weeks, winners will be determined and given first place prizes. Categories include: adult and child under 18 years; 18 years and up; and 17 years and less. \$25 per person fee includes one round of mini golf each week for 5 weeks. Register by July 13 at Alton Parks and Recreation or at Winni Putt.

The Lost Summer of 2020

52.4 Mile Challenge Do you feel like you are losing your summer this year? Have your celebrations or vacation plans been canceled, and things are different than "normal"? We can all try our best to adjust to the changes, and focus on the things we can do. One of those things is joining the Alton Parks and Recreation Department 52.4 Mile Challenge from July 1-31. Track miles running, walking or biking (or a combination of any) and be active this summer. Convert other activities in minutes, like paddle/

courts sports, into miles. For example- play tennis or paddle board for 30 minutes and track 1.5 miles.

All fitness levels and abilities are welcome to join in. The program is free but if you'd like a one-of-a-kind poly-tech short sleeve T-shirt with the "52.4 Challenge Logo" on the front and "I actually did something this summer!" on the back, there is a \$10 fee. Raffles will be drawn weekly with great prizes too. Register online at http://www.lightboxreg.com/thelostsummer2020challenge. Registration and tracking forms are also available at www.alton.nh.gov or at the Alton Parks and Recreation office- 328

Main Street. For more information contact the Alton Parks and Recreation Department at parksrec@alton.nh.gov or 875-0109.

Camp in a Box

What is Camp In A Box? Indoor and outdoor themed activities, arts and crafts, physical activities, games to play and much more. The program runs July 13-31, three weeks total for ages 7+up. Campers receive a Box delivered to their door each Monday with a list of activities, crafts, projects to make and games to play. There is a little bit of everything, for everyone. Because it is "camping" participants will receive a special camp item each

week such as a camping lantern, compact sleeping bag, and a camping craft kit. Campers seven to nine years may need parental assistance with some of the activities. Register by June 26-\$150/Alton residents, \$175/non-resident; ter June 26- \$165/Alton residents, \$190/non-resident. Registration ends June 30. Fee includes all three weeks of Camp In A Box. Sign up todayspace is limited.

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Opinion

Strength through survival

While our current economy hasn't quite dipped to the level it did during the Great Depression, the inevitable comparisons have been a dominant topic of discussion since COVID-19 put a halting stop to our economy.

To date, the Great Depression was the worst economic decline in modern times. A hard jump from the 'Roaring Twenties,' when Americans were enjoying a robust economy with more time to spend and recreate.

After the stock market crash in 1929, those who were still employed saw a decrease in pay of roughly 40 percent. This included doctors and other affluent career paths. One quarter of the population remained without a living wage. With that said, the typical American had to adapt to a new way of life that included a level of scrimping and saving never seen before

Homemakers, which were primarily women back then, were shown how to make due with what they had in the kitchen. Meals were stretched as far as possible. To do so people learned to enjoy more casseroles including macaroni and cheese, chili, Mulligan stew (a mix of anything available), bologna casserole, and a 'poorman's meal' (fried potato with diced hot dogs). Another go to was 'hot water pie' which was made up from simple ingredients such as butter, vanilla, sugar and flour. Potluck gatherings were also a cheap way for people to come together and socialize. Thrift gardens popped up in vacant lots across the country where community members could grow food, feeding thousands.

Movie theaters were a major source of entertainment during the years leading up to the Depression. After the economy bottomed out, people had to find other, cheaper forms of leisure. One third of the cinemas in the country were shuttered. Miniature golf courses charged people no more than 50 cents per round, making the low-key game another popular thing to do. With that said, board games such as Scrabble and Monopoly became all the rage. People were also tuning into the radio for comedy shows and other dramas.

More women became employed to supplement lost income, despite the fact that they were paid significantly less than men. Government help was also more socially acceptable after President Franklin D. Roosevelt introduced his New Deal initiative aimed at putting Americans back to work building infrastructure, such as the interstate highway system, that provided increased mobility not only for civilian traffic, but for the military and law enforcement as well. Before the Depression, those receiving welfare had their names listed in local newspapers, which was a deterrent for many to accept government assistance.

Men grew insecure after not being able to provide for their families, which caused an uptick in suicide. Divorce rates were low because couples could not afford to separate, and though many couples did decide to split, others were inspired to work through their issues and emerge on the other side stronger than before.

Traveling hobos became very common for teenagers who sought work to help their families on the road. Violent crimes did increase, however fell after a few years.

While things have not reached a point nearly that low in our contemporary society (and hopefully won't), this situation has forced Americans to adjust their way of life, just as our forebears in the '30s did. And just as it did for them, that course correction may make us stronger.



FLISSA PAGLIETT

Dockside improvements now complete

The dockside project is complete. The landscaping and new lakeside patio behind Dockside Restaurant in Wolfeboro invite visitors to take a seat at a table and enjoy the outdoors.

Letters to the Editor

Your library is still here to serve you

To the Editor:

I am writing on behalf of the Board of Trustees of the Oscar Foss Memorial Library to provide you with some updates about library operations during this time of COVID 19.

It has always been the intention of library trustees and staff to make Oscar Foss Memorial Library a community resource and your home away from home. Each week we are happy to see our regular patrons, welcome new faces, and watch our "library kids" grow. We are grateful to the community for embracing the public library and loving it as much as we

The recent Coronavirus pandemic has caused things to change quickly and dramatically. Thanks to your library director, Danielle Hinton, and her amazing staff, services were transformed quickly and the library has continued to serve our community in this time of uncertainty, even if the building is closed. We know it's been worrisome for everyone and we want to keep supporting our library family as much as we can.

Even though our doors are closed, library staff has been hard at work providing a number of services and working on getting the building prepared for when we reopen. Currently, we are offering:

Contactless Curbside Pickup - can be arranged on our website at oscarfoss.org, or by calling 269-3900. We are also offering delivery to senior and at risk residents. Call for more information.

Our Web site also contains an updated list of Remote Learning & Social Distancing Resources

Copies and faxes can be done by appointment - call to schedule.

Storytime with Miss Jerissa continues on our Facebook page every Wednesday! We are also sharing other resources and staff-created activities.

Take and Make activity bags are created each week with crafting supplies and instructions and are available on our free shelf at the rear entrance by the parking lot

In partnership with Parks and Recreation, we have created a story walk on the Two Rivers Trail, located by the skating rink behind the library.

Free books, mag-

ical divisions are hardly

azines and DVDs are available anytime on our free shelf behind the library.

WiFi is on all the time and can be accessed in the parking lot behind the library.

We are not currently accepting donations, but the book donation bin in the parking lot behind the library is available and you may leave donations there as long as it's not full.

We are still planning a modified version of Summer Reading. This year's theme is "Imagine Your Story." We will begin July 13, so keep an eye on our website and Facebook page for more info!

The Governor recently announced Guidelines for the re-opening of Libraries in New Hampshire. Please be assured that the Trustees and the director, with guidance from the Governor's Economic Reopening Task Force, the New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services, the CDC, and in cooperation with the town and the New Hampshire library community, have had in place a phased reopening plan which is now posted on our website. Each phase is responsive to the varied health and safety conditions and is subject to change

based on the current situation.

Securing staff safety and patron safety is a priority and determines the phase of service we are able to move to. We care deeply about the safety of our patrons and staff, are taking the necessary steps to ensure we follow best practice guidelines for re-opening, and plan to exercise caution as we welcome you back to the library. We appreciate your continued support and patience as we roll out services that match the safety needs of staff and patrons.

Barnstead is so very fortunate to have an incredible staff of creative and dedicated people who care deeply about serving the community. They have been hard at work finding ways to continue to support the community and I have no doubt they will continue to find new ways to support you while we work towards being able to see you all again in person

We miss you and look forward to seeing you soon!

SUZANNE ALLISON CHAIR OSCAR FOSS MEMO-RIAL LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

A time for unity

To the Editor:

It's an election year, and already, the voice of division is in our local paper. This is unfortunate at this time in our local and national history. It is true that we have different voices and we view the world differently, but toxic, poison pen letters that inflame local political divisions will not make this a better place.

But there are things we could do that might make this a better place. Black Lives Matter has suddenly become a powerful global movement. I see not just Black people in the streets all over our country. I see angry Whites, women, Latinos, gay people, rich people and poor people. They see that racism and hatred is a cancer and it spreads. While one group may feel in control today, tomorrow there will be someone richer, stronger, more powerful than you with their knee on your neck.

As we approach Independence Day, we might remember the words of the Declaration: "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by

tain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness." Note that "equal" and "Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness" are in the same sentence. This was deliberate. The framers of the Declaration understood that equality is essential to what we believe in as Americans: freedom and democracy.

their Creator with cer-

While the racial divide exists across all of America in large and small towns and in the North and South, today we face yet another divide in America – a political divide. While political

new, the degree of anger, distrust, and animosity is greater than it has ever been in my lifetime. We need to do better, and it has to start with us. Our country cannot unite if families, friends and neighbors are divided. To unite, we have to start by realizing that we are not so different after all. Democrats want to help people; Republicans want people to help themselves. Is there no room here to work together? A friend recently told me that all of us want our kids to be safe in school. Some feel that will happen with more guns; some feel it will

happen with fewer guns. But all we really want is for our kids to come home safe and sound at the end of the day. Are we really so different?

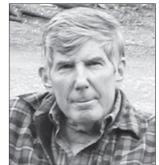
A friend of my son's is a devout Christian minister. He was traveling recently and met a Muslim man. They got to talking and talked for hours. When they finished, they stood up and shook hands and thanked each other for sharing their faith, and more importantly, their similarities. How remarkable that people with such seemingly different faiths can come together.

Remember, the other side is not a side at all. The other side is your family, your friends, the people you work with, the people you go to school with, the people you go to church with.

It is time to get along. Not just Black and White, men and women, gay and straight. But Republicans and Democrats. Only the solutions that we implement together will work and will endure.

JEFF ALLARD NEW DURHAM

Vermont steals a tree frog, and what's a rod, anyway?



By John Harrigan

COLUMNIST

There always seems to be something singing in the night. Last week, it was spring peepers. This week, it's tree frogs.

Specifically, Eastern gray tree frog. But wait a minute--the books (numerous books) list this boisterous frog's territory as, to sum up several, throughout New Hampshire except north of the White Mountains, which when you think about it (maps, please) leaves out quite a chunk of territory.

All I know is what my ears hear, which is the pleasant (if harsh) trilling (well, sort of a trill) of what undoubtedly is the gray tree frog. And it seems to be the same sound I've been hearing since I was a kid.

Just to make sure of this, I spent the better part of one recent evening listening, via electronic media, to the sounds made by all frogs and toads known

to inhabit New Hampshire. The kindest thing to say is that, in general, they are not music to the ears.

The Eastern gray tree frog, in contrast, is practically downright musical, for other frogs at least. It's a sound I've been hearing (I think) forever.

Vermont has stolen a march on New Hampshire by naming the gray tree frog as its State Amphibian, a story well told in Northern Woodlands magazine. Has anyone taken the spotted newt?

Last week's column included a photo of a bald eagle, which are not exactly common, but at least are becoming numerous enough to be found (and seen) in most of the state. Since they are consummate opportunists, eagles will go wherever food (principally fish) is plentiful.

What some people don't want to hear is that eagles are not only predators, but also scavengers. This is well known where eagles are plentiful, but is not talked about much where they're scarce.

It's as if scavenging is somehow demeaning. the coyote and the black bear---are omnivorous, meaning that they'll

But both of New Hampshire's apex predators--both scavenge and kill.



In the meantime,

my own minor sleuth-

ing has revealed that

The Eastern gray tree frog is not supposed to be in the North Country, but nobody told it so. Its trilling bursts forth for just a second or two. (Courtesy Rebecca Johnson, New Hampshire Fish and Game)

And, by the by, eat apples and berries.

The eagle in the photo was trying to feed on road-kill in between oncoming cars, and flapped up into a roadside tree when it was disturbed. In fact, not too long ago an eagle was struck and killed in just such a situation. The obvious question is how anyone could fail to notice such a huge bird in the road.

The reader who took the eagle picture, Vince Bober of Alton Bay, was going to look into how Ten Rod Road got its ter, Farmington, New Durham). Further, (a) at one time they were ten rods long (unlikely), or (b) they were ten rods wide (even more unlikely), and (c) (likely) they've long since been stretched.

All this begs the question: What is a rod, anyway?

A rod is not just for spoiling a spared child---it's also The Incredibly Disappearing Unit of Measurement. Many people think "rod" is just a misspelling of "road." Soon, only surveyors, tax assessors, and lawyers will know what a rod is.

It is 16 feet, six inches. If you live on a tworod road, and many people do, this means that the town's right of way is 33 feet. Somewhere in the middle of this, more or less, is your road.

I know of only a few one-rod roads. There is scarcely room for the road itself in such a scenario. There are little squeeze-outs here and there in case of oncoming traffic. This calls for common courtesy, which is a disappearing commodity. However, if everyone is observant and polite, it all works

This leads me (inevitably) to common rules of the (dirt) road. These are the little niceties that form the boundary between pleasant and unbearable.

There is no excuse for tailgating on a dirt road. Whoever brought up the subject of tailgating, thank you. What's more, not tailgating is a common courtesy that should be extended to the nation at large, if not the entire Northern Hemisphere. Conviction of tailgating should mean at least several weeks in the slammer.

If you catch up with a driver poking along, you are supposed to drop back and follow at what is known as a Discreet Distance. This is more than one rod, but not as much as two rods, if both vehicles are going under 35 and have not passed Go or received a Get Out of Jail card Free.

If you come upon two drivers stopped in the middle of the road, gabbing, you're supposed to sit there and wait for a reasonable time. Nobody has yet defined the term "reasonable time." Suffice to say that it is longer than a chipmunk's breath, but not quite as long as it takes a mountain lion to bound across a tworod road.

Drumming of fingers, at least in sight, meaning "on the top of the instrument panel," is not allowed. And never, ever, even think of touching the horn.

(Please address mail, with phone numbers in case of questions, to campguyhooligan@ gmail.com or 386 South Hill Rd., Colebrook, NH 03576)

NOTES FROM WINDY HOLLOW

A new pump

BY VIVIAN LEE DION Contributing Writer

ment stimulus checks arrived, we were thankful. There were so many things we could do with it: pay on the credit card, buy a new computer, or save for a rainy day. I had an inkling that the extra money would come in handy for some unexpected expense so the most logical thing to do was put it in the bank. My hunch was right.

Let me back up a bit, and tell you about growing up in the country, and having a well and pump house. My father dug a well about 200 yards from the house. He also constructed a little pump house near the well that had a shingled roof. The water

tucked safely inside. Dad would turn on the single light bulb. As I crouched down to see what was going on, the earthly, woodsy smell filled my nostrils, and I saw the spider webs that decorated the corners. I watched as the pump was checked out, and it reminded me of a sleepy, old cat with hoses sticking out the sides.

He'd say, "Everything looks okay."

He continued, "The small light produces enough heat to keep the water from freezing. We'll come back tomorrow and recheck it once again and if the temperatures get warmer we can shut off the light."

Now, decades later

pump and light outlet our house has a water pump not in a pump Sometimes, we walked house but in our cellar. to the little house on Like the rhythm of a When the govern- a cold afternoon, and car engine, we hear the When Keith left the pump coming on and turning off every now and then. We pay attention when runs longer than expected, and one afternoon, the old pump ran continuously. nally, Ray went down the stairs to see what happening learned that the gage of the pump was flickering, and wouldn't come up to full pressure. In addition, the pump was warm to his touch. So. he immediately turned everything off, called our pump expert, Keith. He arrived several hours later and the diagnosis was that the pump has run its course and we needed a new

Ray and I just nodded our heads and said, "That's fine. Please install a new one."

house Ray and I gave each other a hug and smiled. My premonition came true, because that was the expense that un-

expectedly cropped up. The bill was significant, but did not deplete our savings on the stimulus checks. However. just last Monday after showering I noticed that my bathroom rug was wet on one edge. After drying off and putting on my pajamas, I asked Ray to come into the bathroom and said, "The edge of the rug is wet, where is the water coming from?" He opened the cabinet under the sink, felt around on the bottom and said, "I found it." There was

a leak was coming from the shut off valve. We just rolled our eyes, and laughed. It's one more thing to be taken care of, and another bite out of low@metrocast.net. our savings.

We love our house and wouldn't change a thing for the world, but wonder skeptically, "Isn't home ownership wonderful?" Later, I came across this quotation and it really brought me back to reality, "What's broken can be mended, what's hurt can be healed. No matter how dark it gets, the sun's going to rise again."

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2020 Imagine Your Story – The Gilman Library 2020 Summer Reading Program, open for all ages, will be managed by our Children's Librarian, Leann LaPlante. The four programs are designed to encourage life-long reading. Pre-K is designed for kids age four and under, Chil-

dren's is for kids age five to 12, Teen is for teens age 13 to 17, and Adult is for age 18 and older. Once you've earned enough points you'll receive a completion certificate you can print and share.

- 1. Access READsquared at http://gilmanlibrary, readsquared.com.
- 2. Or get the app available for both Apple and Google
- For every minute of reading, you earn 1 point.
- 4. Mini-games awarded throughout the program.
- 5. For every 100 points, earn a chance toward the raffle prize.
- 6. For every 300 points, earn a take-home craft.
- 7. Earn 5 points for answering the weekly riddle.
- 8. Patrons need to be a library cardholder for the pro-

9. There are additional activities within the program, appropriate for each age.

10. The program includes a suggested Reading List for each participant.

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Carol A. Lipshultz of Alton graduates from Colby College

WATERVILLE, Lorimer Chapel. Maine — Carol A. Lipshultz of Alton was one of 480 seniors who graduated from Colby College in Waterville, Maine, May 24 receiving a bachelor of arts degree.

Lipshultz, who majored in chemistry, attended Belmont High School and is the daughter of Rae Lipshultz of Alton.

"This was to be the day that we would gather on Miller lawn for your formal commencement exercises and all that they represented in terms of your learning, accomplishments, and growth," said President David A. Greene, speaking live from Colby's

"At Colby," he said, "you lived in a community where relationships are central to everything we do. The irony that we all recognize is that learning and living through deep, meaningful relationships-the most fulfilling, enlightening way to live-is threatened when this pandemic limits close personal interaction. But this threat will not

last. "The knowledge that we are better together," he said, "that human connection and the bonds of community are essential to humanity will drive us to eradicate the damaging impact of

this virus."

President Greene also highlighted the class's scholarly and creative talents, its courage in challenging community norms, its athletic championships, and its engagement with the city of Waterville.

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by is one of America's most selective colleges. Serving only undergraduates, Colby offers a rigorous academic program rooted in deep exploration of ideas and close interaction with worldclass faculty scholars. Students pursue intellectual passions, choosing among 58 majors or developing their own. Colby's innovative and ambitious campaign, Dare Northward, will support deeper connections between the College and the world and a fully inclusive experience for all Colby students. Colby is home to a community of 2.000 dedicated and diverse students from more than 65 countries. Its Waterville, Maine, location provides unique access to world-class research institutions and civic engagement experiences.

SNHU announces Winter 2020 President's List

MANCHESTER — It is with great pleasure that Southern New Hampshire University (SNHU) congratulates the following students on being named to the Winter 2020 President's List. The winter term runs from January to May.

Eligibility for the President's List requires that a student accumulate an academic grade point average (GPA) of 3.7-4.0 and earn 12 credits for the semester.

Cassidy Downs of New Durham Maddison Foss of Alton Bay

Matthew Olive of Center Barnstead

Abygayle Parelius of Center Barnstead

Emily Skelley of Alton

Justin Smith of New Durham

Southern New Hampshire University (SNHU) is a private, nonprofit institution with an 87-year history of educating traditional-aged students and working adults. Now serving more than 130,000 learners worldwide, SNHU offers over 300 accredited undergraduate, graduate and certificate programs, available online and on its 300-acre campus in Manchester, NH. Recognized as the "Most Innovative" regional university by U.S. News & World Report and one of the fastest-growing universities in the country, SNHU is committed to expanding access to high quality, affordable pathways that meet the needs of each learner. Learn more at www.snhu.edu.

Endicott College announces local Dean's List students

BEVERLY, Mass. — Endicott College, the first college in the U.S. to require internships of its students, is pleased to announce its Fall 2019 Dean's List students. In order to qualify for the Dean's List, a student must obtain a minimum grade point average of 3.5, receive no letter grade below "C," have no withdrawal grades, and be enrolled in a minimum of 12 credits for the semester.

Among the students who met these requirements were Brittany Rogers, daughter of Kelly and Keith Rogers of Alton, and Anna DeRoche, daughter of Michelle and Robert DeRoche of Alton Bay.

About Endicott College

Endicott College offers doctorate, master's, bachelor's, and associate degree programs at its campus on the scenic coast of Beverly, Mass., with additional sites in Boston, online, and at U.S. and international locations. Endicott remains true to its founding principle of integrating professional and liberal arts education with internship opportunities across disciplines. For more, visit endicott.





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| Alton | N/A (Lot 58-S-2) |
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| Barnstead | 64 Colbath Rd. |
| Barnstead | 103 Windsor Wa |
| New Durham | 2 Gertrude Lane |
| New Durham | Jewett Road |

| Type N/A | Price |
|--------------------------|-----------|
| N/Á | \$55,000 |
| Single-Family Restaurant | \$210,000 |
| N/A | \$30,000 |
| Single-Family Residence | \$156,000 |
| N/A | \$254,933 |
| Single-Family Residence | \$130,000 |
| Single-Family Residence | \$218,000 |
| N/A | \$90,000 |

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Dave Infrati graduates from Ithaca College

ITHACA, N.Y. — Dave Iafrati of Alton Bay graduated from Ithaca College with a BA in Politics.

About Ithaca College

Founded in 1892, Ithaca College is a residential college dedicated to building knowledge and confidence through a continuous cycle of theory, practice and performance. Home to some 6,200 students, the college offers more than 100 degree programs in its schools of Business, Communications, Humanities and Sciences, Health Sciences and Human Performance, and Music.

Students, faculty and staff at Ithaca College create an active, inclusive community anchored in a keen desire to make a difference in the local community and the broader world. The college is consistently ranked as one of the nation's top producers of Fulbright scholars, one of the most LGBTQ+ friendly schools in the country, and one of the top 10 colleges in the Northeast.

Farmington church thrift shop, food pantry to re-open

FARMINGTON — First Congregational Church in Farmington is pleased to announce that Blessed Bargains Thrift Shop will re-open Saturday, June 27 from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

We look forward to seeing everyone again. Come shop for beautiful clothes for adults and children, toys for the kids and household items at Blessed Bargain prices. All proceeds will benefit the work of the First Congregational Church.

These requirements will need to be followed:

- Everyone must wear a mask
- 2: Maintain Social Distancing
- The number of people in the store at one time will be limited

The Interfaith Food Pantry will also be open Saturday, June 27 from 9:30-10:30 a.m. This is located at The First Congregational Church, 400 Main Street in downtown Farmington. Please maintain social distancing while waiting to enter the building and while getting your food.

For more information visit the church's Facebook or Web site: www.farmingtonnhucc.org.

Scott Knowles of RE/MAX Bayside receives awards from RE/MAX New England

Scott Knowles

MEREDITH — Travis P. Cole, Manager of RE/MAX Bayside is pleased to announce that out of more than 2,700 RE/MAX agents in New England, Scott Knowles has been extremely successful in sales awards for the first quarter of 2020.

Knowles was the top agent in New Hampshire for luxury property sales and seventh highest in New England for the number of transactions. Additionally, he was second in New Hampshire and twelfth in New England in commission income.

Knowles has been working in the real estate industry for over twenty years and has been with RE/MAX Bayside since 2009.

He states, "I love living in Laconia and the Lakes Region! Our community has so much to offer and I love sharing my knowledge and experience of living here with all of my clients! I'm honored to be surrounded by such an incredibly supportive team."

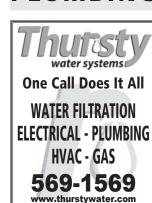
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Kenneth Trafton Pinhero, 97

MEREDITH — Kenneth Trafton Pinhero died of natural causes on May 23 in Meredith at the age of 97.

Born in Gorham in 1923, he grew up in Penacook and lived in Portsmouth with his family for over 50 years. He was the only child of George and Maida (Trafton) Pinhero.

Ken was married for 54 years to Barbara (Mc-Nair), who pre-deceased him in 2006.

He is survived by his son, Kenneth of San Leandro, Calif.; his daughter Janice and her husband George Fardelmann of Olympia, Wash.; his daughter Amy of Tuftonboro; grandchildren Bo Lassiter, Lilia Lassiter, Nathan Braun, and Adam Braun; one great-grandson. Aurelio Lassiter: and five nieces and nephews.

Ken's high school yearbook reveals a boy actively involved in many clubs and a sprinter on the track team. He graduated from UNH and saw war up close in the South Pacific as a lieutenant in the Navy during World War II. He later served with the U.S. Coast Guard Reserve and reached the level of Lieutenant Commander.

Employed by Allstate Insurance for many years, Ken was active at St. John's Episcopal Church in Portsmouth and St. George's Episcopal Church in Durham for most of his life. At St. John's he served on the vestry and volunteered



Kenneth Pinhero

to play the organ at early Sunday services for many years. He wanted to be remembered as "a good churchman." Ken held various leadership roles in the Portsmouth Kiwanis Club (later serving a term as a New England region Lieutenant Governor).

Blessed with a lifelong love of music, Ken played the piano and organ, sang in church choirs and at least one Barbershop Quartet, volunteered to entertain residents at Nursing homes, and provided years of entertainment to his family. Still singing in a choir into his 80's, he was able to do so by performing tenor, baritone, and bass parts with equal comfort. The staff and residents at his Assisted Living facilities enjoyed his musicianship also.

Ken loved his home state of New Hampshire and celebrated, along with his wife, Barbara, Portsmouth's rich history. He collected antiques, including "Portsmouth Collectibles," and early New England reed organs, melodeons, and harmoniums.

He valued staying healthy (having been treated with chiropractic care in the 20's and discovering yogurt in the 50's), and, until he turned 90, walked the beaches of Rye and jogged around his yard. He took great pride in giving to the community and was active in fundraising for good causes and his church. Many people commented on his "gentlemanly" qualities and many more enjoyed his ability to make people smile and laugh. He loved telling a good joke and driving his 1959 Triumph convertible along the coastal roads of Maine.

Ken's family wishes to thank the wonderful staff and caregivers at Sugar Hill Retirement Community in Wolfeboro and Forestview Manor Assisted Living in Meredith for the care and support given to him, and them, over the

Contributions in his memory can be made to the National Resourc-Defense Council or Crossroads House, Portsmouth.

Burial will be private. A celebration of life will be held at a later date.

The Baker-Gagne Funeral Homes and Cremation Service of Wolfeboro is assisting the family with the arrangements. Please share your condolences, messages, stories and sign an online guest book at www.baker-gagnefuneralhomes.com.

Dianne May Spinney DeCoff, 75

OLDTOWN, Md. — Dianne May Spinney DeCoff, 75, loving wife and mother, died on Tuesday, May 26, 2020 at UPMC Western Maryland.

Born on Oct. 1, 1944 in Portsmouth, she was the daughter of the late Virginia (Norton) and Norman (Tom) Spinney. In addition to her parents, Dianne was preceded in death by her husband of 36 years Charles W. DeCoff.

Next to her family, Dianne had a deep love for her horses. Breeding and raising Morgan Horses (Tidewater Farm) was her favorite past time.



Dianne DeCoff

Dianne was active with different volunteer organizations, most recently the Lion's Club (Flintstone). Dianne was a devout Advent Christian in which she had a strong foundation in

her faith. She was also a Prayer Warrior for missionaries worldwide.

Dianne worked as a Dispatcher for the York, Maine Police Department before retiring to travel the country with the love of her life. Char-

She is survived by her sons, Marc and wife, Marilee, Eric and wife, Faith, and daughter Melody DeCoff Siemer and husband, Dan; seven grandchildren, one great grandchild, and special lifelong friend Lynn Schurman.

A graveside service will be held in Portsmouth at a later date.

Donald R. Macdonald, 93

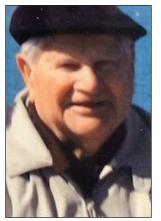
ALTON — Donald R. Macdonald, age 93, of Old Wolfeboro Road in Alton, died peacefully at home, with his loving family, on June 11, 2020.

Born July 16, 1926 in Lynn, Mass., a son of Arthur and Marguerita (McSweeney) Macdonald, he resided there for years, and had resided in Alton for many years.

A WWII veteran of the United States Navy, he served on the USS Bismarck C45 Aircraft Carrier in the South Pacific.

Donald was a retired Firefighter with the City of Lynn, Mass.

Widower of the late Phyllis Marie (LeBlanc) Macdonald, he is sur-



Donald Macdonald

vived by their five children (Diane, Joseph, Timothy, Richard and Michael); many grandchildren, great grandchildren and sister Rita.

He was predeceased by two sons, Peter and Paul; three brothers, Ar-

thur, Barry and Robert; and two sisters, Maureen and Dwyn.

A Graveside Service will be held on Friday, June 26, 2020 at New Riverside Cemetery in Alton at 11:30 a.m. by Fr. Robert F. Cole and military honors by the United States Navy. If desired, memorial donations may be made in his memory to: St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, Memorials Processing, 501 ST JUDE PL, Memphis, TN 38105-9959. Arrangements by Peaslee Alton Funeral Home, to express condolences, please visit: www.peasleefuneralhome.com.

Harris Charles Corson, 90

NEW — Harris Charles Cor- 1992. son, "Hoot," age 90, of Hoot loved being with He was predeceased Miller Road in New Durham, died June 9, 2020 at Frisbie Memorial Hospital in Rochester.

Born Jan. 6, 1930 in New Durham, the son of Charles H. and Gladys E. (Miller) Corson, he was a lifelong resident. At age 14, he went to work in the woods, he then worked at shoe shops in Farmington and was a salesman at Diprizio Garage in Middleton for

family, telling stories, Karaoke, hunting, fishing and morning coffee in Alton.

husband Madison Carr; sister

DURHAM over 20 years, retiring in Marjorie Rowe; special friend Ginger Chicoine.

by brother James Miller and sister Mildred Gault.

A Graveside Service was held on Thursday, June 11, 2020 at 10 a.m. at Pine Grove Cemetery in Farmington. If desired, memorial donations may be made in his memory to: Cornerstone VNA, 178 Farmington Rochester, NH 03867. To express condolences, please visit: peasleefuneralhome.com.

David Allen Gray, 66

NEW **DURHAM** — David Allen Gray, 66, of New Durham, passed away on Wednesday, June 17, 2020.

David was in Rochester on Aug. 14. 1953, to Chester E. and Arlene I. Gray. He leaves behind his wife of 47 years, Sherry (Parsons) Gray; their sons David and his wife Trisha Gray; Alan and his wife Allison Gray; three grandchildren Jacob, Madison, and Bentley; sister Beverly Kittredge – Payeur; aunts, uncles, cousins, nephews, and nieces.

David has been a longtime resident of New Durham. In his earlier years, David worked at Dots Lunch and Cambion Electronics. He



David Gray

worked at Thompson Center Arms for over 20 years. After retirement, David worked for New Durham Parks and Recreation Department where he organized community games of Cribbage, set-up for basketball games at the local school, and greeted community members at

the local beach.

David was a loving husband, father, and grandfather. He loved to tell stories and talk with his family and friends. David had a passion for hunting and fishing, especially with his wife and sons. One of his most favorite things to do was to spend time at his camp in Stewartstown. The camp was built by himself and his wife; along with the help of his family and friends.

At David's request, there will be no services held. Please visit peasleefuneralhome. com to share a memory or express condolences. David wished for his friends and family to remember him as he was.



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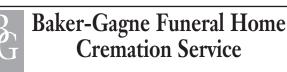
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LIBRARY

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personal pandemic stories on ceiling tiles.

"Every summer we have the kids add to our ceiling gallery," Allyn said. "We'll have stations set up on the lawn and inside to ensure social distancing while they decorate."

Storyteller Simon Brooks is scheduled to hold an outdoor event through a Children's Literacy Foundation grant on the New Durham School's athletic field on July 27 at 1:00 p.m. "We're anticipating a big crowd," Allyn said, "and needed the room. We're grateful that the school is allowing us to use its grounds."

More details to follow. Parents can register their children aged 4-12 for the children's program at http://newdurham-library.readsquared. com/ or by calling the library at 859-2201.

Good news for e-reading; in addition to New Hampshire Downloadable Books offering an expanded selection, the library will be circulating e-readers to patrons.

Allyn said three of the new e-readers connect directly to OverDrive, simplifying the process of checking out downloadable books.

"Even though patrons can now reserve and pick-up books from the library," she said, "the interlibrary loan system is not running. Being able to download books provides more options."

For those who gen-

erally prefer holding a book and, therefore, do not own an e-reader, borrowing a device and downloading a book or two is the perfect solution.

The library also has access to hundreds of downloadable children's and young adult books, both fiction and non-fiction. Call for details.

Reserves from the library's collection can be made online at new-durhamlibrary.org with a library card, by calling with a request, or by emailing the library at newdurhamlibrary@gmail.com.

Patrons will be notified when their items are ready, and pick-up times are Tuesdays 3 – 7 p.m., Thursdays 11 a.m. – 3 p.m., and Saturdays 10:15 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.

In the next few weeks, mobile devices will be available to adults for use outside of the library for quick tasks such as

checking email.

"People will be able to borrow a tablet or Chromebook to use in their cars or out on the lawn," Allyn said. "Sometimes you need to jump on the internet for just a little while, and until we are open to the public on a more regular basis, this is the way to go."

Once the loaning program starts, patrons may call for appointments.

"We're offering as many services as we can, during these unusual times," Allyn said.

KINGSWOOD

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sic student Anna Smith. said, "If 2020 were a musical, we would call it 'Disaster.' We are all still in the middle of this... and have yet to process and grieve all the little things that connect us that are gone," but he went on to ask his listeners to "take lessons from music, a hub of creativity and inclusiveness. and make the connection between music and the world."

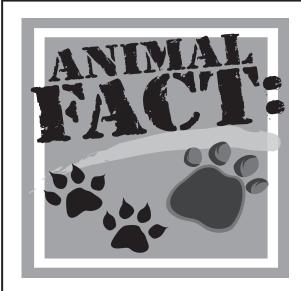
Burns spoke of the story that music tells, the tension (dissonance) before resolution, a metaphor for "the bad times in life that lead us to appreciate the good times." He encouraged them to "enjoy the feast when it arrives, and despair not when faced with times of

famine."

In his view, the graduates in their cars out in the big field have "an opportunity to start anew. It's a perfect time to reshape our world... a "more just, more inclusive" world. Burns praised the obstacles his "colleagues handled with such poise." Everyone "stepped up" he said, and he praised the "solid leadership of Kathy Cuddy-Egbert and Guy Donnelly... I am proud to be a teacher at Kingswood."

He then turned the parking lot into a concert of honking cars to a countdown on the big screen. The video concluded with a steady stream of photos of the graduates, as Donnelly called each of their names one last time.





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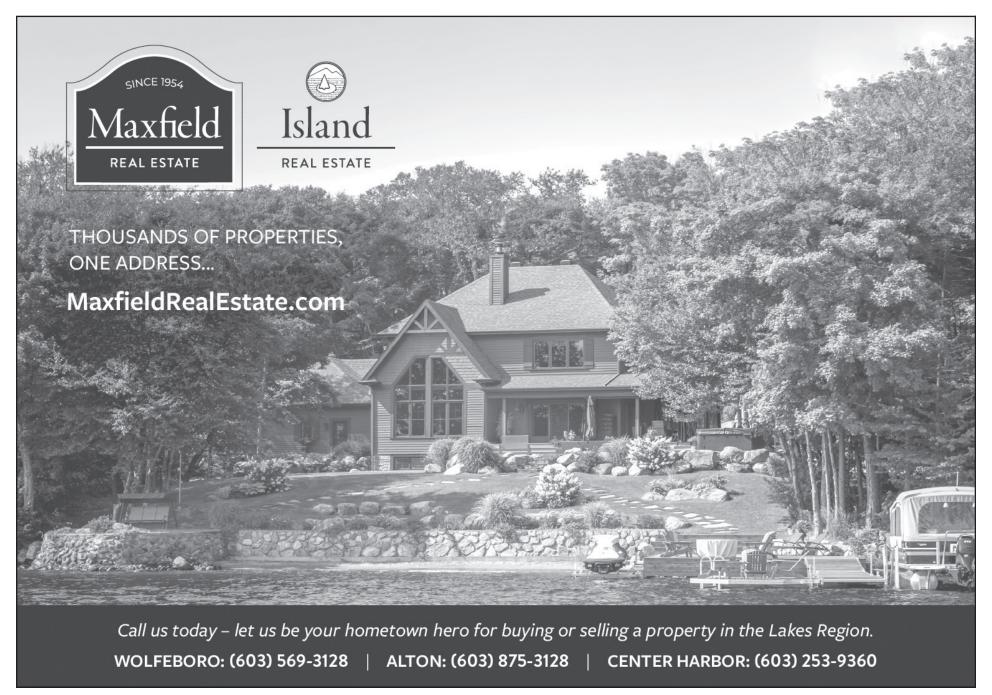
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Local sculptor's animated **Triceratops** ready for action

BY ELISSA PAQUETTE **Contributing Writer**

WOLFEBORO — Local sculptor Greg Hopkins has a new creation in his gallery of creatures. His work has been seen in this paper in the past – such things as animated elves, googly eyed monsters, and occasional gory items for Halloween, but this time he's made a dinosaur head. A Triceratops no less.

The massive head is part of a puppet that will appear out of the leafy jungle in an exhibit at Stone Mountain Dinotorium in Stone Mountain, Ga.

He hasn't done it alone. Hopkins' son, Cam, made a computer rendering to achieve final approval for the design, and Hopkins moved quickly from there with a four week deadline at his back. It started as a clay sculpture over an armature. He then made a four piece stone mold of the head. Each horn was molded separately, as well as the upper and lower beaks.

Next, a steel armature with a working spring loaded jaw and handle bars with a thumb trigger was manufactured by Rich Fiore of Fiore Mobile Services, of Alton Bay. Hopkins brushed a latex skin into the mold and the armature was then inserted. An expanding urethane foam was poured into the mold in two parts to fill out the piece and hold the armature in place.

That done, Fiore and Hopkins fitted the head with taxidermy eyes, installed LED lights and connected them to a controller that can light them up on cue.

Local musician and recording engineer John Petruzelli, owner of "The Sound Oven" studio, installed authentic dinosaur growls and snorts to coincide with the eyes when they light up, sounds scary enough to affect adults as well as children as they walk by the exhibit.

Behind a wall with a large opening for visitors to peer into the jungle, the Triceratops, meticulously airbrushed by Hopkins for a realistic impression, will appear, its head hung from a trolley that runs inside a unistrut mounted on the ceiling of the dinosaur paddock. It is designed to move forward, backward, side to side and up and down, which makes it very lifelike when combined with the sound effects.

Hopkins said he was down to the wire, loading the car with the dinosaur puppet and its apparatus for the trip down to Georgia when word came that the the Dinotorium was closed until further notice due to the Covid-19 pandemic. This week, the trip to Georgia is on again. Soon the Triceratops will be growling and snorting in a new exhibit, thrilling Stone Mountain Dinotorium attendees.



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