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Preschoolers plant a garden

By Allison Williams

There is a boxed garden on the front lawn of Parsons Library, put there for the Storyhour children to learn about gardening. Approximately 20 of them plus mothers and others were on hand to supervise and assist. The donated seedlings and plants included sunflowers, marigolds, cabbage, and sweet basil plus tomato plants and two potted annuals for the perennial garden.

First Children's Librarian Karen Spiliopoulos read a book about a garden, giving the youngsters an idea of what it was all about. Then they were set to work at planting. An observer might have thought the whole thing rather confusing – toddlers wandered off, others went for the pine cones on the lawn, some dug overly large holes in the garden, but all seemed to be having a really good time!

Su LaChance and this volunteer helped the children with their planting and watering and when all was planted and watered it was a recognizable garden. Su promised to see that it was given water when needed but if past weather was any indication of what is to come, much of the watering will be carried out by Mother Nature.

Troops race to the finish

By C.J. PIKE

The scouts annual Cardboard Boat Race was held on Monday, June 17, on Sokokis Lake in Limerick, with plenty of scouts trying to get their hand crafted cardboard boats back to the shore.

Troop #329 from Limerick and Troop #327 from Sanford were in competition for the titles of the first, second and third; and fastest,



Some of the children and volunteers involved in Storyhour at Parsons Memorial Library hard at work planting a garden in front of the library with volunteers Allison Williams and Su LaChance. PHOTO BY LIBRARIAN GUS HEDDEN



THURSDAY, JUNE 27, 2019 A movie to 'like'

By Cynthia Matthews

How many times do you check your phone in a day? Do you spend time worrying about how many "likes" you have on a something you posted on Social Media? Welcome to today's world of technology. What impact does Social Media have on our lives? And the lives of young people today? That was the them of the movie, "Like," a documentary about the impact of Social Media on our lives. The film had two showings at at Bonny Eagle Middle School in June - the first to over 200 seventh graders and 15 teachers during the day, and the second viewing was Free and open to the public and had almost 100 attendees, including 30 students ranging from 4th to 11th grade, according to Stephanie Pothier, a parent member of the BE Resilience Coalition who brought the movie to the Bonny Eagle Community.

The BE Resilience Coalition is a group made up of High School and Middle School parents, the Bonny Eagle Principals and Vice Principals, and Superintendent Paul Penna. "It was really a grassroots effort by Superintendent Penna, the School Resource Officer at the High School and the Substance Abuse Counselor. "They were concerned about some of the behaviors amongst teens," said Stephanie Pothier, a parent member of the Coalition. "We have challenges similar to those of other communities," she said. They worked together with Day One, and the Coastal Healthy Communities to discuss some of the issues, and explored programs in other districts.

They saw a documentary called, "Resilience," which highlighted the fact that everyone has some kind of trauma in their lives, social or emotional challenges that they need to figure out how to get through. They decided as a group that they wanted to not only create education and awareness regarding some of the issues facing the community today, but also to create a sense of pride - to live resilient through challenges. That's when they came up with the name BE Resilient. "Our world is a different place," said Pothier, "it's hard for us to keep up."

most durable and best in show.

The race started at 6 p.m. and right away Troop 329's Sam Adams and Eli Roy took the lead. They rowed hard and fast and brought their boat home in about 15 minutes. Next to pull up to the landing was Troop 327's Colin Glendaniel, in his square box boat. Third to bring their boat back to shore was Ethan Roy and Abe Adams. They were almost sinking as they brought the boat in, but they made it back safely.

Boys and girls are in the scout troop now, and there were several girls there in the competition.

There were about 30 scouts participating and unfortunately some of the cardboard crafts sank early in the race, so the boys and girls swam back to shore with the

Scouts from Limerick and Sanford enjoyed an evening on Sokokis Lake at the annual Cardboard Boat Race on June 17. Sam Adams and Eli Roy took first place. PHOTO BY C.J. PIKE

remains of the swamped boats. And, I would like to add that all of the scouts made it back to the landing in good shape, and thanks to the required life jackets, it all went well.

A good crowd of parents and volunteers were on shore cheering them on, and getting as many good snapshots as they could.

Sam Adams and Eli Roy got the award for the fastest boat and the Best in Show. Colin Glendaniel got the most durable award.

Scoutmaster Jim Dion, assistant scout leader Laurie Thyng, and Sean Iannazzo from Limerick's Troop #329, were in charge of the evening's activities. Scoutmaster Charlie Jones was in charge of Sanford's Troop #327.

It was a fun evening for all and ice cream was dished out as a special treat at the end of the race. After all it's really all in fun, so might as well eat ice cream with the competitors. In the movie "Like", various tech experts and kids talk about the impact of Social Media. The inventor of the "Like" button had a different intention with this feature on our phones, but it has taken an unexpected turn. We have *(Continued on page 6)*

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

BELLAMY JAZZ BAND will be at the Arts Center in Hiram on Friday, June 28 from 7 - 8:30 pm. Join us for a rousing concert as they play traditional New Orleans, Chicago Jazz and swing music from the Roaring Twenties. Hancock Avenue Arts Center, 8 Hancock Avenue, Hiram. Cost is \$10 Adults/\$5 Children. BYOB. Call 625-4650 or email 8hancockave@gmail.com for more info.

STRAWBERRY FESTI-VAL June 29, at Thompson Park, Route 25, Cornish from 9 a.m.- 3 p.m. Pete Finkle will be performing from 10-3. Vendors will be offering goods that include lobster rolls, ice cream, jewelry, handcrafted items, jams & jellies, Native American products, children's items, girl scout cookies, and so much more! Delicious strawberries will be available at the CAB booth for \$7/quart. Fun for the entire family! Sponsored by the Cornish Association of Businesses.

Research Club of Limerick ANNUAL TAG SALE Saturday, June 29 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Limerick Municipal Bldg. lawn, Washington Street.

BAKED BEAN & CHOP SUEY SUPPER at First Congregational Church Saturday, June 29 from 4:30-6 p.m. Suppers will take place on the last Saturday of each month through October in the church's Ober Hall at 141 North St. The costs are \$8 per adult, and \$4 per child under age 12. The church members will be

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serving baked beans, hotdogs, American chop suey, coleslaw, bread, beverage and dessert. The remaining dates are: July 27, Aug. 31, Sept. 28, and Oct. 26. Mark your calendars for this year's suppers.

ANIMAL RESCUE FUND-RAISER Another Chance Animal Rescue of Sanford will be at Congdon's After Dark, 1100 Post Road in Wells on Tuesday, July 2nd from 4 to 9 pm. Congdons has designated every Tuesday during the summer as "Tithing Tuesday" and the food trucks each donate 10% of their sales to a local nonprofit. Another Chance will use their donation for surgery for one of their kittens named Diamond, who was diagnosed at 5 months old with juvenile cataracts. Without surgery Diamond will probably go blind. Another Chance Animal Rescue is a 501c3 all volunteer organization and representatives will be at Congdons After Dark to answer any questions you may have.

GIANT YARD SALE Another Chance Animal Rescue will be holding their annual giant yard sale on July 4, 5, and 6 at their location at 251 Country Club Road in Sanford. Lots and lots of furniture, vintage jewelry, household items, toys, and misc. Some items priced, most are make a reasonable offer.



LEFT PHOTO: Students at Shapleigh Memorial School with their bikes. From left, Ally Brown, Robert Roche, Ally Boucher, Owen Lovely, Lulu Rand, Lucas Tetrault, Charley Allaire, Henry LaViolette, with Masons Tonu Arcouette and Brian Moore. RIGHT PHOTO: From left, Madison Ouellette, Lincoln Cacace, Owen Martineau and McKayla Richards with Moore and Arcouette. See related story on Page 3. PHOTOS BY JÓANNE BARGIONI

ALFRED

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Elementary School Variety Show

Ask any students what the best day of school is, and he will probably say "The last day." But many end of school events are thoroughly enjoyed. Like the variety show on the last day, Friday June 21.

The entire student body gathered in the gym to watch the show and to participate. There was singing and dancing, gymnastics, magic tricks, instrumental music (saxophone, trombone, recorder and piano playing, flute and clarinet), Kung Fu demonstrations in costume, even American sign language. Especially enjoyable were

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the hula hoops because the colorful hoops showed their colors in the darkened gym. Parents also attended. Every student had three or four minutes to perform, then the next performer showed up.

It was well-organized and the organizers are to be commended. It gave the students an opportunity to get accustomed to performing in front of a crowd, and to show what they could do. Jody Dyer and Peter Langevin had set up the chairs and sound system; fifth grade helpers were announcers Eden Beecher, Noella Champagne and Walker Vivian; backstage helpers were Jackson Normand, Wyatt McCoy, Sydney Cyr and Forest Greer. The lunch people Nancy Leary and Suzanne Herrin had adjusted the cafeteria for the stage.

Mrs. Poulin had done the special announcements and awards; Mrs. Chaplin and Mrs. Redmond gave the peer helper awards.

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Three Jubilarians celebrate in 2019 The Brothers of Christian In-

struction have three Jubilarians celebrating their tenure in 2019. Br. Charles Desjarlais celebrates 50 years of service in Asia, in Japan and the Philippines. He received the Founders Award in 2018 for his accomplishments in expanding education for children in those countries.

Brother Mark Couture is celebrating 65 years as a brother and is familiar to Sanford natives because he enjoys daily visits to Mc-Donalds. He taught high school in Mount Assumption in Plattsburgh, N.Y. and Fall River, Massachusetts for 15 years before being assigned to the Notre Dame community for grounds keeping.

Br. David Denicourt is known for his 45 years as a missionary, 20 in East Africa and 25 years in the Seychelles Islands. He came to Alfred to serve the local Notre Dame community and the province.

A fourth member of the community, Br. Marcel Sylvestre would have been celebrating 75 years of religious life but died this past May. After completing high school in Alfred he began his formal education receiving a BA in education, his Masters and a PhD, was recruited to supervise missionary projects in Haiti, Uganda, Tanzania and Kenya and finally relocated to the Notre Dame campus.

The celebration of the three Jubilarians was held on June 16 and on Aug. 18 there will be a religious celebration with Bishop Robert Deeley of Maine.



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BOOK SALE

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The annual book sale will be held in the library during regular library hours, beginning Saturday, June 22nd continuing through Wednesday, July 3rd at 5:00 p.m. (or until most books are sold.)

Fill a Bag for \$5.00!

Library Hours Monday: 1-5p.m.; Tuesday: 9a.m. - 6p.m. Wednesday: 9a.m. - noon & 3 - 8 p.m. Friday: 1–5p.m.; Saturday: 9a.m.–1p.m.



Parish Church

The last free supper of the season was served on Monday. Because a new stove is expected to arrive soon, it was sensibly decided the menu would include a variety of salads.

The first meeting of the "Angel Babies" will be held this Saturday in Conant Chapel with dresses being made for babies who suffered early deaths. Lisa LeBoeuf is chairman of this group and says they will be working from 11 to 3 and that she has lots of material.

On Monday, July 8 there will be a deacons meeting at 4:30 p.m. in the chapel followed by a trustee's meeting at 6 p.m. and church council at 6:30 p.m.

SHAPLEIGH

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Bikes for Books at Shapleigh Memorial School

This Spring at Shapleigh Memorial School, students had a wonderful opportunity during the months of April and May to promote literacy. The local Masonic group, the Day Spring Lodge of Newfield, donated 12 bikes and helmets to students, a boy and girl from each grade. The children earned a raffle ticket for each book they read. The tickets were turned into the office and on the last day of school, June 21, the winners were picked from a boy's and a girl's bucket from each grade. The kindergarten boys had the biggest bucket of raffle tickets.

Representing the Day Spring Lodge was Brian Moore, Lodge Master and Tony Arcouette, Lodge Treasurer. This is the first year the Lodge has donated bikes for the Bikes for Books program at SMS. "It was a Lodge effort" states Arcouette, and they plan to do it every year.

The Masons purchased the bikes with fundraisers by the Lodge including "collecting bottles, donations and matching funds from the Grand Lodge," stated Moore. Moore and Arcouette spoke to

the students and said "Congratulations to all of you! There was superb participation in this program." They also cautioned them to always wear their helmet when riding their bike.

Then the time came for the drawing. Excitement filled the room as Mrs. Marisa Penney, Assistant Principal, invited a teacher from each grade to pick a name from the buckets. First came the winners from the kindergarten class, Ally Brown and Robert Roche. First graders, Ally Boucher and Owen Lively were next called to receive their prize and then, from the Second Grade was Lulu Rand and Lucas Tetrault. Third grade winners were Henry LaViolette and Charley Allaire followed by Fourth graders Madison Ouellette and Lincoln Cacace. Fifth Graders McKayla Richards and Owen Martineau completed the winners. One student was overheard telling Arcouette that she really needed a bike! (See photos on Page 2.)

Farmers Market postponed

The Shapleigh Farmers Market which was scheduled to begin on Saturday, June 29 at the Shapleigh Commons, has been postponed for a few weeks due to lack of produce due to the poor weather. The future date has yet to be decided.

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Line School kids will have a great summer riding their new bikes thanks to the Freedom Lodge in Limerick. Standing behind the kids are Joe Morrill, Gary Barclay and Chad Humphrey. PHOTO BY C.J. PIKE

NEWFIELD

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New bikes for lucky Line School kids

There are 12 kids who will be having a blast this summer on their new bikes, thanks to the Freedom Lodge #42 in Limerick.

On the last day of school, June 21, the Line School had their annual last assembly. Principal Tim Stinson presented awards to the students from Kindergarten up to the 5th grade for their achievements in math, reading, classroom citizenship, kindness, music, library, art, physical education, band, special Olympics, and others.

But, the grand finale of the assembly program was awarding 12 local kids a brand new bike, which was the result of the reading program in April and May.

The students were to read as many books as they could during that time, and for each one their name was put into the box. The more books a child read, the better their chances were of winning.

It was the Bikes for Books program, which the local Masonic Lodges set up to give the school kids new bikes. Their names were drawn randomly, and a boy and girl from each class was given a bike. Three Masons from the Freedom Lodge were there to help present the bikes to the kids and they were Treasurer Chad Humphrey, Senior Warden Joe Morrill, and Senior Deacon Gary Barclay.

Principal Tim Stinson called the names as they were drawn by his assistants Mary Jo and Christina. From the Kindergarten class the winners were Julia Laine and Jacob Dandres. First grade winners were Ella Nickerson and Kaeden Darigan. Second grade

winners were Sydney Welch and Jacob Delong. Third grade winners were Lillian Nickerson and Jayden Atkins. Fourth grade winners were McKenzie Tennant and Evan Boulard. And finally, Fifth grade winners were Savannah Thyng and Jacob Michaud.

Mrs. Mary Jo Burcham, who has been an administrative assistant at the school for 35 years, is retiring this year, and received a big thank you and flowers for all her years of service. And other teachers who were leaving also received flowers and a thank you from the school.

Happy birthday!

Birthday wishes this week go to: Billy Vachon, Michael Bryant, Bev Mannning, Dee Thornton, Mary Langlois, and Mary Ann Burdett.

Happy anniversary!

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Sacopee Valley High School graduates 76

By Cynthia Matthews

The Sacopee Community gathered at 7 p.m. under the lights on Saturday night to mark the end of High School for 76 students of the class of 2019. It was a beautiful evening to celebrate the culmination of 13 years of learning.

Guest Speaker Krista Lair of Krista's Restaurant in Cornish, grew up in Porter and is a Sacopee Graduate from the class of 1987. While preparing her speech, thought about things that make her feel the most vulnerable, and that also create the most joy in her life. And she thought of the first time she went surfing three years ago. "It is the only time when I'm entirely in the moment," she said. And the lessons are up close and personal. "The biggest one for me is 'Self-Talk'" she said. If you're always talking to yourself in negative ways, "you won't catch the wave, or get the job, or make the connection."

Opportunity and commitment. "Don't hesitate, get informed about what a good opportunity looks like and be willing to surrender to it. And sometimes, it is a surrender. Then, commit to that decision because if you don't, you're going to get knocked over, by the circumstances, by the money, or by the wave," she said.

"I've had a magnet on my fridge for at least thirty years that says, 'Leap, and the net will appear.," she continued. "My people say that I occasionally take this, oh, a bit too far, which is true, but when I do, I mostly learn my lesson. And that lesson is not don't leap, it's just make a stronger commitment and get more information."

Lair made reference to a Tim Ferris podcast she listens to, where he says, 'You are the average of the 5 people you spend the most time with.' So, "Choose wisely," she advised. "Surround yourself with amazing, energetic, and kind humans."

"You have to work for it, and put the time in." She added, "Learn to readjust. Of course, commitment is part of anything we do. But I want to add a caveat: We all have this notion, and we're told, at least I was, that if we just get down to it and work our asses off, it will be fine. Or, if it's not working, just work harder. Instead, try taking a deep breath, and let go of the thing you're holding onto so tightly. Ask yourself what isn't working, what do I really want, what's sapping all my energy? Sometimes, readjusting can allow us space to see an opportunity that is right in front of us."

"Cheer people on," she suggested. "Try it, because it makes everyone happier wherever you are."

Be willing to make mistakes and embrace them. "Because if you're not making them, you're not doing anything new!" Lair mentioned if she sat out of a surf session, then, "I'm not learning anything and there's no amazing wipe outs to laugh about."

"Find something you can be passionate about. It will feed you in ways that support everything else you do," she advised.

And finally, "Take time, more often, throughout your journey, to look around, appreciate your people, your family, and your experiences. Enjoy the ride, because sometimes if you let it, that ride cam take you to some interesting and unexpected places."

President of the Senior class, Collin Hughes had "a final chat with Uncle Collin." He spoke of the culmination of the last 13 years together. "We begin to clear out the past, in order to make way for the future," he said. "We find ourselves at a crossroads, a crossroad that lead to series of further choices and consequences... We're changing, evolving," he said, and quoted the Marvel movie Endgame. "Evervone fails at being who they're supposed to be. The measure of a person is how well they succeed at being who they are." Hughes added, "We're the ones that chart our own waters now. Take this as an opportunity to be better than your



Sacopee Valley High School graduated 76 students on Saturday, June 8.

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Valedictorian Michael Murphy addressing his classmates at graduation.

previous self." Hughes concluded by saying, "I see the strength, talent and potential among each of you, that'll earn us a spot in this world."

Salutorian, Alexis Littlefield,

who also received the Academic Excellence in Math Award, was next to address her classmates. "After today, we will all start on the path that will lead us into our future. But whatever it is that each



Salutorian Alexis Littlefield with her silver bowl and the Academic Excellence in Math Award.

of us is going to do, I know that we will make it in this world and do everything in our power to make it better...We are the future, and I have faith in us because we are the graduating class of 2019!" "The future is in our hands, and I know that with each of us contributing to this future, we will make it incredible."

Valedictorian, Michael Murphy, also spoke to his classmates, beginning first by congratulating the baseball and softball teams for their wins earlier in the day. "The goal we have achieved today will serve as a platform we use to propel us into the future... We are ready to move on," he said. "I am confident that we can face all the challenges with optimism."

"I no longer see the timid, shy, unsure Freshmen we all were just four years ago. I see teachrs, doctors, dentist hygienists, construction workers, hairdressers. I see you as you will be in the future successful." "No matter what your goal is for your future, I believe you can get there with dedication, determination and focus, and just a few sacrifices along the way." Murphy continued, "We are a powerhouse of innovation and determination. I challenge you all to think with your head, make decisions with your heart and make the world a better place," concluded Murphy.

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SPORTS

Tutt honored

By Michael DeAngelis

Grace Tutt, a senior from Massabesic, was named the Player of the Year by the Southern Maine Athletic Association (SMAA). She was named Defensive Player of the Year, as well.

Tutt led the 17-team Class A South conference in batting average, on-base percentage and runs. She was second in slugging and third in RBI. One of five finalists for Miss Maine Softball, Tutt is attending UNE in the fall.

Softball season showed power

Massabesic's varsity softball team finished the season with an 11-5 regular season record and along the way they compiled some eye-popping numbers:

Team Batting Stats

- .386 average
- .557 slugging
- 197 hits
- 148 runs scored
- 55 extra base hits
- 32 stolen bases
- 11 home runs

Individual Stats

AVERAGE Grace Tutt .633 Emily Antrim .455 Julia Gregoire .407 Emily Morin .404 Lauren Kiss .396

RUNS

Grace Tutt 27 Julia Gregoire 18 Emily Davison 16 Lauren Kiss 15 Zoey DeAngelis 15



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RBI Emily Morin 23 Grace Tutt 19

Julia Gregoire 16 Zoey DeAngelis 13 **Emily Davison 9**

ON BASE

PERCENTAGE Grace Tutt .699 Zoey DeAngelis .500 Julia Gregoire .484 Emily Morin .470 Lauren Kiss .458

HOME RUNS

Julia Gregoire 5 Grace Tutt 3 Emily Davison 2 Zoey DeAngelis 1

AVERAGE W/RISP

Grace Tutt .667 Emily Morin .542 Emily Antrim .429 Zoey DeAngelis .412 Ashley Day .385

TWO-OUT RBI

Emily Morin 10 Grace Tutt 9 Zoey DeAngelis 6 Ally Grant 3

WINS

Grace Tutt 4 Emily Antrim 4 Julia Gregoire 3 Kaitlyn Shaw 1

SOFTBALL

Home field homers

The Mustangs hit just one home run last year during their inaugural season in their new ballpark at MHS. This year, the Mustangs hit six, and in each instance they won the game.

Emily Davison hit the first ever Mustang two-run homer during the 2019 home opener, which was against Kennebunk. Julia Gregoire added a solo homer in what ended up being a 10-7 win.

The Mustangs got two more home runs in their third home game of 2019. Grace Tutt hit a solo homer and Zoey DeAngelis hit the first three-run blast in the parks' early history. Massabesic demolished Westbrook, 15-1.

Tutt made history with the first-ever grand slam when she cleared the bases in the second inning of home game number six. The bomb helped pace Massabesic to an 8-7 win over Cheverus.

Gregoire made the "home" home run mark six when she jacked a two-run shot against Falmouth in a 21-1 rout.

The Mustangs hit five home runs away from MHS. Davison and Tutt each hit one and Gregoire hit three.



Massabesic's Grace Tutt was named SMAA Player of the Year. PHOTO BY KERRY DEANGELIS

LITTLE LEAGUE Massabesic Little League softball 10-12 All-Stars finished the tournament with a 2-2 record. They fell 5-4 in the final to Kennebunk/Wells who will represent District 4 in the state championship held in Glenburn beginning July 6. Front row, from left, Ali Thibodeau, Felicia Proctor, Eliza Rogers, Candice Daigle, Kendall Tetu and Bella Rohner. Back row from left, Coach John Boissonneault, Ella Donovan, Ava Gerrish, Emelia Theriault, Coach Scott Corey,

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When dealing with young wildlife: If you care, leave them there

As the weather continues to get warmer and more people are enjoying the outdoors, the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife is reminding everyone to follow this motto when encountering wildlife, especially young animals: If you care, leave them there.

Wildlife is active during this time of the year and it isn't unusual for people to come across baby fawns, moose calves, robins, raccoons and other young wildlife in woodlands or in their backyards, but that doesn't mean it's a good idea for people to intervene.

"Well-meaning people sometimes take in young wildlife in the mistaken belief that they have been abandoned," said MDIFW Wildlife Division Director Nate Webb. "That puts the young animal at more risk. A wild animal or bird's best chance for survival is if you leave them there. Wild animals are not pets, and it's against the law to possess them without the proper state and federal permits."

A deer may leave its fawn hidden in the leaves on the forest floor if it's too young to come along to forage for food. The mother-young bond is very strong in mammals and birds and deer will return to its fawn as long as humans don't interfere.

"Too often people see a young animal alone and assume it has been abandoned by its mother, when in fact the mother has likely just left temporarily to search for food," said Webb. "In most cases, it's best to leave the animal alone because wildlife has a much better chance at survival when they aren't disrupted by humans."

If you come across a healthy young animal or bird, leave it alone. If you have pets, put them inside your home or on a leash so they don't disturb the young wildlings.

If you do think an animal may be orphaned, please call an IFW regional biologist or game warden to alert them to it.

Here are other tips on what to do if you see young wildlife:

FAWNS: It is always best to leave fawns alone. The nutrient profile of a mother's milk enables fawns to be left for many hours as mothers feed on their own to help maintain the high energy demands of nursing the fawn. Adult does will return two or three times a day to nurse fawns but otherwise leave them in a safe place and rely on the fawn's camouflage and lack of scent to protect them from predators. As soon as a fawn is able to keep up with its mother, it will travel more with the mother.

Repeated visits to a fawn can draw the attention of predators and could discourage its mother from returning. Under no circumstances should anyone attempt to feed a fawn.

MOOSE CALVES: Treat moose calves similar to fawns, but also be aware that approaching or handling a moose calf is likely to elicit a defensive response from a mother moose if it is nearby.

SQUIRRELS OR RAC-COONS: If a nest of squirrels or raccoons must be disturbed, (for example if a tree has been cut down or fallen) leave the young in the den part of the tree and move the den nearby to a protected place. The mother will likely come back and transport them to a new location.

BIRDS: The same is true for a bird's nest. Put the nest and nestlings into a nearby tree, supported in a basket or other container that has drainage. The mother robin or blue jay is probably right around the corner, and will return to feed the young and care for them until they can fly on their own.

Be aware that direct contact with wildlife can expose you to a variety of diseases. Human contact with wildlife may lead to an animal being euthanized in order to test for rabies.

For more information about Maine's wildlife, visit: mefish-wildlife.com.

A MOVIE TO 'LIKE'

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become addicted to our phones. "Our phones are no longer phones," said Pothier "they are digital devices." We don't talk on our phones much any more. We text. We look up information. We play games. They are really mini computers. The movie is about how you engage and are mindful of technology.

"We felt it would be good to launch into summer, to help parents navigate the challenges of screen time when school is out," Poitier added.

"I really enjoyed the movie," said Hope Higgins, a 9th Grade

student at Bonny Eagle High School. "It gave me new thoughts about social media and how many people are becoming addicted to it. I am now trying to be on social media less than I was."

"I was impressed that the young adults were able to admit to their own uses of social media," added Bonny Eagle Middle



George Travis

George Travis passed away the morning of May 11, 2019,

he was 87. He was born in Sanford, Maine, the son of Joseph E. and Laura A. (Porell) Travis. His beloved wife Julia passed

March 21, 2009.



George Travis

George is survived by his daughter Diane Laitres and husband Robert, his two sons, Michael Travis and wife Kathy and Glenn Travis and wife Beth. George was blessed to have his children live close by him in Shapleigh. He has eight grandchildren, nine great grandchildren and two great-great grandchildren due in November. He is also survived by a brother, Carleton Travis of Sanford and many nieces and nephews. George's brothers, Elywn and Edward Travis along with his sister Eleanor are deceased.

George lived a full life and was very independent, lived in his own home and still drove his car right up until 3 weeks before he died. He loved NASCAR racing, camping and spent a lot of mem-

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orable times with his family. He was a history buff, avid reader and had a great memory for dates and world events.

After High School, George joined the Army and served during the Korean War. He was a member of the VFW and AM-VETS.

George had many professions during his life, he was a mechanic, carpenter, drove tractor trailer truck, was a welder for many years, owned and operated At Last Crafts with his wife and had his own trucking business. But the job he was most proud of was when he worked for the Manpower Agency, he was able to help many young people learn trades and find stable jobs. There will be a private burial at the Southern Maine Veterans Cemetery in Springvale. George will be placed in the Niche Wall along with his wife Julia. Both will be missed. The family wishes to thank Autumn Green for their help and kindness. Also, many thanks to Gosnell House for their compassionate care of George during the short time he was with them. The Autumn Green Funeral Home is respectfully handling arrangements.

School parent Aerie Cote regarding the young adults in the film, "and how they change their reality to make it better by posing, using filters, taking multiple photos to pick the best one."

One girl in the movie said, "We want to have that recognition of people seeing everything we're doing, we want to have those comments and likes to reassure yourself that what you're doing is good."

"Kids are so impressionable and they are trying to figure themselves out," said Buxton Parent Mollie McKinley. "And they are now measuring their self worth by how much attention they get on social media. It's sad and scary. It's becoming a health epidemic by perpetuating stress and anxiety."

"I think it was also pretty eye opening for everyone at the screening to realize the inverse relationship to time spent on a device vs. actually happiness," said Cote. "The more you are on it, the less happy you become. Everything needs to be balanced."

"I think the overall message from the documentary is to encourage us to self regulate our exposure. Parents must set limits for their kids," added McKinley.

Bonny Eagle Middle School parent Amy Proctor and her husband Matt saw the movie together. "We thought it was excellent," she commented. "Very eye opening and convicting to us as parents in the importance of modeling self control and balance regarding screen time and use of devices." She added, "We took away some great ideas like having our boys charge their phones overnight in the kitchen, and buying good old fashioned alarm clocks to replace the phone alarm." "I am now also trying to read or color now," added Higgins. "These two activities are very stress relieving, unlike social media."

Cote added, "Technology has it's place as a tool, but we need to determine whether we will use it as a tool or let it and the companies giving us these tools use as tools to generate income for themselves." She continued, "Like most technology in our lives it can be good or bad depending on how it's used. The film did a good job of showing the way we can use it for good because it's here to stay. We just need boundaries."

"One of the main people featured regarding the impact of social media/screen time, Max Stossel Head of Content & Storytelling, The Center for Humane Technology, was interesting and engaging so you listened to what he had to say," Cote reported. "This bit at the end of the film, really summed up our addiction to social media and cell phones: www.youtube. com/watch?v=tf9ZhU7zF8s."

Proctor added, "I think the district would really benefit from showing this documentary to middle schoolers and high schoolers again. Maybe even making part of a parent night for elementary and middle school informational/step up nights."

McKinley agreed. "I think it would be great if all the kids and families in our community would have an opportunity to view this!"

To learn more about the movie, go to www.thelikemovie.com and watch the trailer at www.thelikemovie.com/trailer/.

For more information about BE Resilience Coalition, send them a message on Social Media (Facebook or Instagram) or call the Superintendent's Office, at 929-3831. Their end of the year meeting was June 20, but they will have a kick off meeting in the fall. They meet two times a month, and address a new issue at each meeting.

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