

Inspirational stories and acts of kindness throughout the Granite State

A Different Kind of Graduation in North Conway

Rather than a traditional ceremony, the seniors of Kennett High will take their graduation to new heights at Cranmore Ski Resort in June. Graduates and their guests will ride up the mountain in the Skimobile Express quad chairlift while enjoying spectacular mountain views and once they reach the top – their names will be announced, they will be presented with a diploma and have photographs taken before heading back down the mountain in the chairlift.

Gratuity Pale Ale

New Hampshire breweries Great North Aleworks, Woodstock Inn Brewery, Moat Mountain Brewing Company, Smuttynose Brewing Company, and Great Rhythm Brewing Company have collaborated on a new beer in order to support the NH Hospitality Relief Fund (NHHERF). 100% of the proceeds from this beer will be donated to NHHERF so they can continue supporting employees of the hospitality industry who have been impacted by COVID-19. The collaboration is a Pale Ale named “Gratuity” and features Galaxy, Amarillo and Lemon Drop hops. Due to current COVID-19 guidance, an in-person collaboration was off the table. Great North brewed the beer and all five brewers donated needed supplies and ingredients. Gratuity is available to ship statewide in NH.

Spread Love, Not Germs

With the hope to keep spreading joy throughout the community and beyond, The Nick, a local non-profit, has started an initiative called “*Spread Love, Not Germs.*” Through the creation of yard signs, designed and inspired by local kids, it is the initiative’s hope to brighten the day of all who see them. These bright and beautiful signs can be purchased and gifted to friends, neighbors, and loved ones and placed in front yards and/or windows. In an effort to pay it forward, which is one of the objectives behind this initiative, The Nick is donating a portion of the proceeds to End 68 Hours of Hunger, the Wolfeboro Food Pantry and the Lakes Region Humane Society.

Live Free and Learn

“Live Free and Learn”, a video series with accompanying activities that Mary Morris started when her museum was closed. Mary was concerned about all of her homeschool program students having an interruption to their programming, so she began an independently written and produced video series for grade school kids about New Hampshire history that includes new lessons, trivia and activities three times per week. The series is distributed through Facebook in the Live Free and Learn group and has close to 500 families following and receiving educational content. The whole effort was born from a desire to use her talents to bring some fun, normalcy and education to kids during this difficult time, and is a 100% volunteer effort.

Ohm Lifestyle Center

Ohm Lifestyle Center donated hundreds of pieces of precut, washed, and ironed fabric for mask making. Also, it has provided masks to local individuals and medical personnel to help solve the PPE deficit. Wolfeboro Mask Makers has been an amazing group in the Wolfeboro area as well.

They have coordinated seamstresses and delivery of thousands of masks to medical/essential businesses as well as the public.

Breakfast at Bernerhof Inn

When Nick Panno, owner and innkeeper of the Bernerhof Inn had to cancel his Murder Mystery event on the weekend of March 21 and 22nd, he found himself with an abundance of breakfast food to share. Rather than let it go to waste, he created breakfasts to go and invited anyone who needed a home cooked breakfast to drive up the circular driveway and pick up a meal of scrambled eggs, home fries, bacon and biscuits over that weekend.

Cole-TAC switches production

Cole-TAC is a small-town New Hampshire business that immediately switched their production of gun bags and other gun-related items over to making HUNDREDS of masks and gowns for hospitals and nursing homes who are in need at this time. They packaged up kits of material for 10 masks, put them in bags, and leave them outside of their business and the local quilters guild has been sewing masks for them as well.

Laura Foundation

The Laura Foundation is committed to providing programming to enhance children's well-being during the COVID 19 home quarantine. As a result, the Laura Foundation along with TD Social Skills has created "Life Lessons: Strategies to Reduce Stress and Improve Relationships." These free weekly video lessons and activities are geared directly toward students to enhance their social and emotional well-being. Each lesson will include activities to practice throughout the week. Parents, therapists, teachers, and paraprofessionals can use each video lesson as a jumping off point to initiate more in-depth discussions with their children.