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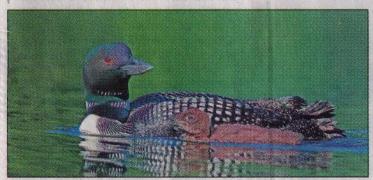
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Episcopal SeniorLife Communities to host 'Nature's Trophies' exhibit



An adult loon attends to a young chick. [PHOTO PROVIDED/JOSEPH WOODY]

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Episcopal SeniorLife Communities will host a new art exhibit, "Nature's Trophies," photography by Joseph Woody, beginning Jan. 7 at The Episcopal Church Home, 505 Mount Hope Ave.

The gallery will be open from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. daily and is wheelchair accessible.

Woody is a self-taught wildlife and scenic photographer. His favorite subject is the common loon, but he enjoys capturing images of various wildlife and landscapes. Most of his photographs are from the Adirondacks and the greater Rochester area, but he also enjoys photo trips to the western U.S. and Canada.

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and not only doing homework assignments, but handing them in.

It's why over the years, school districts have even started buying and handing out laptops for students to use throughout the school year. Districts will go to the ends of the earth to make sure students have the materials they need to get their work done and handed in without leaving a paper trail.

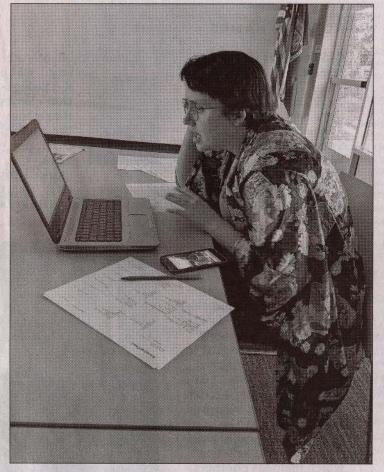
Unfortunately, the bus loop at school is where that ends. Teachers don't go home with their students; and sometimes, home is where the problem begins.

Wood Library in Canandaigua is hoping to bridge the homework gap by providing mobile Wi-Fi hotspots and extended hours for students to be able to do their assignments if they're unable to do them at home.

The Digital Divide, or the Homework Gap, is the acknowledgement that though education is largely technology-dependent these days, the income disparities between families prevent about 15 percent of households with school-age teens from being able to afford high-speed internet, or any internet at all, according to Pew Research Center.

Of that 15 percent of families, 35 percent of them are making \$30,000 a year or less. The problem is particularly prominent for low-income black or Hispanic families. Students have admitted to needing to find public Wi-Fi in order to complete assignments, or just give up on the idea of finishing their homework altogether if afterschool time isn't sufficient, or they cannot find a public place to work.

"We saw students using our public computers for homework assignments, so



Kai Goodemote works on an assignment using a Wood Library laptop. [PHOTO PROVIDED]

and the stories we heard from those who have been issued hotspots in past years that have led us to make a more permanent commitment to this service," Smith stated.

When the library learns of students who might benefit from a hotspot, it adds them to a list and the staff tries to learn more about the needs of the students. The growing list helps to show that the library could use more funding for the service. The library works with the Canandaigua school counselors to identify students who could benefit from the service, and with the school district to verify that the students don't have internet at home, and with the district and other community partners to get a better handle on the actual number of school district families that do not have internet access at home.

Wood Library purchases the

complete their homework, and recognizes and is grateful for Wood Library's role in helping students finish their assignments.

"When a teacher is aware that a student does not have internet access, our teachers work with our related service providers to develop a plan to support the student," said Caroline Chapman, director of communications and advisement.

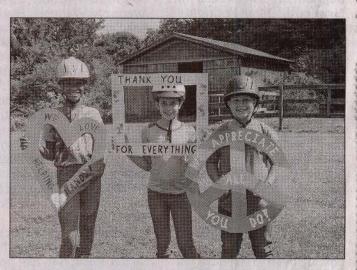
"We have mobile hotspots available at the Middle School and High School to loan students, we are thankful for the support of the hotspot program at Wood Library, and we have hours after school at our Middle School and Academy libraries," Chapman explained. "Students can work offline with the Google Suite (Google Docs, Sheets, and Slides) and online assignments can be printed for students. Like any student



Two loons at sunset. [PHOTO PROVIDED/JOSEPH WOODY]

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His photographs have been displayed at the Remington Art Museum in Ogdensburg, Creative Spirit Art Center in Potsdam and the Image City Photography Gallery in Rochester. His collage of red fox photos won the People's Choice Award at the 2008 PhotoSho in Keene Valley, New York.



Girls try new things and make memories with their new friends at Girl Scout summer camp. [PHOTOS PROVIDED]

SCOUTS

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technology, engineering and mathematics on a local,

leadership experiences using trained staff to lead troops in after-school settings, often in partnership with other community agencies. Girls pursue activities in a safe, struc-