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Daughters of the American Revolution pays tribute to first WHS valedictorian

By Ed Pierce
STAFF WRITER

Daughters of the American Revolution regents and members gathered at Smith Cemetery in Windham on Sunday to remember the life and accomplishments of Edith Pride Elliot, a lifelong resident who was valedictorian of the first graduating class at Windham High School in 1897.

Elliot, who died at the age of 100 in 1977, was honored with a special engraved DAR designation on her headstone at the cemetery, a bouquet of flowers and graveside remarks by the regent of a DAR chapter in St. Cloud, Florida that she helped to found. DAR members from Maine, Vermont, and Florida attended the remembrance event.

Regent Julia Smythe of the DAR's Elizabeth Wadsworth Chapter in Portland introduced members from the other states and said that Elliot deserves the attention because her legacy is far reaching and relevant years after her death.

"We who continue the work of the National Society and carry the responsibilities have been inspired by the lives of those whose tasks are completed, especially Edith Pride Elliot," Smythe said.



Edith Pride Elliott was born in Windham on June 24, 1897 and died at the age of 100 in May 1977. FILE PHOTO

She also recognized DAR Maine State regent Elizabeth Calhoun who attended the event and is originally from Windham.

"This is a very special day because it brings together two special things," Calhoun said. "First, it honors a fellow DAR member and second, the

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Members of the Daughters of the American Revolution gather at Smith Cemetery to honor the life and legacy of Windham's Edith Pride Elliot on Sunday, Aug. 18. She was valedictorian of the first graduating class of Windham High School and later went on to help found the DAR's Joshua Stevens Chapter in St. Cloud, Florida. PHOTO BY ED PIERCE

'Lost River' temporarily flows again after 100 years

By Abby Wilson
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When a dam malfunction resulted in the emptying of Dundee Pond at the start of the summer, a lost river took its place.

Located in Windham and flowing past Dundee Park, this "lost river" is part of the Presumpscot River.

Recently the Friends of the Presumpscot River, whose mission is to protect and restore the waterway, held a series of guided walks for the public along the river called "The River That Flows Below: A Presumpscot River Walk & Talk."

On Sunday, Aug. 18, both Rob Sanford, a Professor Emeritus for the University of Southern Maine's Environmental Science Department and Michael Shaughnessy, a founding member and the President of the Friends of the Presumpscot River, explored the lost river landscape with more than 50 community residents.

"The town didn't know this was going to happen," said Shaughnessy. "The disappearance of the pond came as a total shock to everyone, but the formation of this river and what was revealed below, even more so.

Sanford who is also the author of "Reading the Rural Landscape" and the editor of "River Voices: Perspectives on the Presumpscot River," said that the stumps along the path of the river are 110 to 120 years old.



Whitney Falls have reappeared in Windham as part of the 'Lost River,' a part of the Presumpscot River which was swallowed up when a dam was built creating Dundee Pond more than 100 years ago. The 'Lost River' returned this summer when a dam malfunction drained Dundee Pond. PHOTO BY ABBY WILSON

He is skilled in understanding the story and history of a landscape. Standing at Dundee Park and looking out over the lost river, it was difficult not to notice its dramatic features.

This area of the river was the site of an original canal project dating back to the late 1700s. During this time, many dams were being built along the Presumpscot River for hydroelectricity. The pond was not flooded until 1910, however, which means the last time this landscape featured a river was over 100 years ago.

The former pond's stark delineation and water line is a very dramatic feature. But it's the tree stumps and fissured soil that resembles a different planet, or perhaps our planet but in an apocalyptic time.

In the flat areas where the stumps were scarce, Sandford said that these would have been fields filled with grazing sheep. During the time before the area was flooded, sheep would have been valuable commodities.

"In the Civil War a lot of wool for uniforms came from New England,"

said Sanford.

A "wolf tree" stump was spotted in a clearing on top of a knoll. Such a large tree would have been where farmers rested with their horses.

Much of the dry soil in the area is gray "Presumpscot Clay," which was in demand many years ago when Gorham had eight different brickmakers.

In minutes, the features of the landscape can be recognized by the human eye, but Shaughnessy questions the environmental impacts created by the dam malfunction.

"A lot of environmental remediation is going to need to happen here," said Shaughnessy.

He pointed out that the freshwater mussels scattered underfoot were at one time living in the benthic zone of the pond, filtering and cleaning the water.

The color green is returning to the landscape, however, and life can be seen all around. Small flowers and grasses are pioneering their way into the bare landscape.

A Great Blue Heron was spotted in the distance. It triggers the memory of birds that once thrived among the shores of this river.

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INSIGHT

My least favorite childhood activity

Growing up each year as the calendar turned to August, I was keenly aware that my least favorite activity was about to reappear.

As the Saturday morning before Labor Day rolled around, my parents would wake my brother and me for breakfast, then they would have us wash up and brush our teeth before loading us into the car for a drive to the Sears store. It was the annual school shopping trip, and one that I came to loathe and despise each year because it meant the end of summer vacation and our getting ready to return to the classroom.

While some friends were rejoicing about the return of football to their television screens, I was dreading what was about to happen and accompanying my mother to the underwear aisle at Sears was not a pleasant experience.

Back then, the options for boys' underwear were limited to a style commonly known as "tighty whities." They were briefs that came in only one color, white, and the Sears store only carried three brands, Jockey, Fruit of the Loom, or their own Roebucks offering. The briefs came in packages of six or eight and my brother and I would have to choose a package to put in the shopping cart before leaving that aisle.

Then we would move on to the T-shirt aisle and like the briefs, the only color available was white and the only style sold for boys was a crew neck collar in packages of six or eight in Jockey, Fruit of the Loom, or the Roebucks brand.

Next, we would visit the sock aisle, and this was where my mother would always make the selection. She would choose a package of six crew socks which were black in color.

The Sears boys' clothing department would include a special section for Catholic school students for kids like my brother and me. My uniform for Our Lady of Lourdes School which was worn every day consisted of a long-sleeve light blue dress shirt, a dark blue clip-on necktie, dark blue pants, black socks, and black dress shoes. It did not matter what season it was, that was the school uniform that was mandated and if you wore anything other than that, you would be sent home for the day. My brother attended Queen of Peace School, and his official uniform varied slightly from mine to include a light brown long-sleeve shirt, black pants and a black clip-on tie.

It always prompted my father to say during the school shopping trip that he wished that the Catholic diocese would standardize the school uniforms so they would all be the same and I could pass on my clothes to my brother when I outgrew them. I heard him tell my mother that on six different occasions over the years.

After purchasing two new shirts and two new pairs of pants to go with what we already had in our closet, we would move on to the Sears shoe department. I was always fascinated by those foot measuring devices there and it was always fun to see how much of an increase in shoe sizes that my brother and I experienced since our last visit. This was always the time when my mother would tell my brother every year that he was never going to pass me in height or shoe size unless he started eating more vegetables like it was some sort of competition.

Although it was only August, my parents would insist that we needed to purchase winter items during this shopping trip. Despite the temperature being in the 80s outside, I would have to choose a new winter cap, scarf and gloves and sometimes those black rubber boots with buckles that were worn over my dress shoes. When I would complain about having to wear those boots, my father would stop me and tell me he had to pay \$4.99 for my dress shoes and he wasn't about to waste that money by me ruining my new shoes in ice and snow. If we needed a new one, my brother and I would also choose a new winter jacket to wear to school later that year.

The best part of this shopping trip was when we walked down one of the aisles to get to the cash register. With my father leading the way, we could always tell where he would stop by the aroma in the air floating our way. Sears had a display case featuring warm Spanish peanuts or cashews and he would stop and buy a bag of Spanish peanuts for 39 cents and share it with us.

And while we were there, my mother would visit the women's department while my father would take my brother and me to the hardware section, or we'd look over what was available in lawn equipment or power tools.

Before checking out, my mother would place four "Big Chief" writing tablets and a package of No. 2 pencils in our shopping cart for us to take to school.

Driving home, my father would always remark about how expensive that school clothing is, and my mother would always tell him, "Well, you wanted children." < ~ Ed Pierce

"Sometimes you will never know the value of a moment until it becomes a memory." – Dr. Seuss

Today in HISTORY



AUGUST 23

- 1541 – French explorer Jacques Cartier lands near what is Quebec City in Canada on his third voyage to North America.
- 1850 – The first U.S. National Women's Rights Convention convenes in Worcester, MA.
- 1914 – Japan declares war against Germany during WW I.
- 1947 – Margaret Truman, U.S. President Harry Truman's daughter, performs her first public singing concert
- 1954 – The U.S. Air Force completes a successful test flight of the C-130 Hercules transport aircraft.
- 1980 – Charles O. Finley sells the Oakland A's Major League Baseball franchise for \$12.7 million to Walter Haas Jr., the owner and CEO of the Levi Strauss Company.
- 1990 – The U.S. begins a call-up of 46,000 military reservists to serve in the Persian Gulf.
- 1999 – The Dow Jones industrial average soars 199.15 to a then-record of 11,299.76.

ON THE SPOT

If you could go back and relive one particular day of your life what day would that be?

- "The last time I visited my dad." – Brian McCarthy
- "I would go back to my wedding day and do it all over again!" – Julie Mallett
- "My adoption day!!" – Alexandra Ruby
- "None. Every day is a learning day, good or bad." – Tommy Matthews
- "2016 when the Chicago Cubs won the World Series. Incredible moment to treasure forever as a long suffering fan of the team." – Mitchell B. Robinson
- "When I met Tom Brady." – Tawny Lamabe-Punto
- "Graduation Day from high school in 2015." – Deirdre Schulte
- "Giving birth to either of my daughters." – Lois Fuller
- "Going to the Rolling Stones concert at Gillette Stadium in Foxborough with my husband earlier this summer." – Lollie Gomez Nunez
- "Walking with my grandfather through Lowell Preserve on Christmas Day in 2018. He died the following summer." – Sarah Singer-Miller
- "Sitting in the stands as an 8-year-old with my father and my Uncle Ted at the old Boston Garden in May 1970 when Bobby Orr scored in overtime as the Boston Bruins beat the St. Louis Blues to win the Stanley Cup." – Dean A. Smalley
- "Attending church with my mother in Ohio in the 1970s before she died unexpectedly." – Larry Kincaid
- "My first day of U.S. Marines Boot Camp at Parris Island, South Carolina." – Jerry Greene
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Eagle NEWS

New RTP ride program to serve Windham area

By Ed Pierce

STAFF WRITER

The Regional Transportation Program is expanding its service area in Windham through a new program called QuickRide.

This new on-demand micro-transit service is meant for anyone within Windham or at Saint Joseph's College. It connects riders in Windham, North Windham and Saint Joseph's College in Standish between the hours of 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. There is also a new weekday convenient evening stop that runs from Portland to Saint Joseph's College.

QuickRide participants will be able to use the service for a ride to appointments, work, shopping, and other destinations within these areas. Rides may be paid for and scheduled using the RTP smartphone app and cost \$3 for one way.

RTP officials say that rides will be offered in a new specially equipped RTP passenger van and will be available to be scheduled in advance. The RTP app also offers real-time updates as to where the van is at any time during the day.

"We are bringing this to the Windham area with the prospect and hope that we can get additional funding to expand this micro service in many areas of northern Cumberland County," said Jack DeBeradinis, Executive Director of RTP. "We are looking to really make this something special as

we expand the Lakes Region service."

This new micro-transit service was created to make public transit easier to use and to offer more frequent connections, advancing two of the goals of the Transit Tomorrow plan formulated by the Greater Portland Council of Governments.

The Transit Tomorrow public transportation plan was devised to meet the growing demands placed on local transportation networks, help reduce traffic congestion and to give residents from all walks of life reliable access to transportation and is part of a 30-year strategic plan for enhancing public transportation in the region.

The plan's ultimate vision is to create a regional public transportation system that stimulates economic development, enhances great places, reduces climate pollution, expands mobility, and elevates the customer experience.

"Our vision is that by 2050 using our region's public transportation is faster and more affordable than driving a car," according to the plan's mission statement posted online. "Our system is funded sustainably and provides reliable and seamless transportation for our community,



A new specially equipped passenger van operated by RTP is providing rides in Windham through a new program called QuickRide. The service connects riders to destinations in Windham, North Windham and Saint Joseph's College in Standish. COURTESY PHOTO

including commuters, mainland and island residents, and people with mobility challenges. Our communities support the long-term viability of public transportation by focusing on new homes and jobs where people already live and work."

To its vision, the Transit Tomorrow plan proposes a four-part strategy that includes the goals of making transit easier, creating more frequent connections throughout the region, improving rapid transit opportunities to connect the region's major market centers, and implementing transit-friendly land use policies that support more development in villag-

es and downtowns already served by transit.

The plan was developed by the Greater Portland Council of Government's Transportation and Community Network, a regional, multi-sector mobility management network that meets regularly to engage stakeholders in transportation planning and decision-making. Network members include representatives from organizations focused on aging, disability, health care, housing, public health, economic development, bicycle pedestrian advocacy, and transportation.

The network membership includes individuals who have experience with transportation barriers, such as older adults, people with disabilities, and communities of color that are underserved by transit. The project team for QuickRide met with the Transportation and Community Network on two separate occasions to seek input on the plan's draft recommendations.

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person we are honoring today is from the same town where I grew up.”

Calhoun attended Windham High School and graduated in 1990 before leaving Windham. While doing genealogical research about her family in 2003, she connected with the Philadelphia, Pennsylvania DAR chapter and has been a member ever since.

She said that she didn't know Elliot when she lived here but was impressed to learn her story. Joining her at the event honoring Elliot was her aunt, Patricia Jillson, a 1963 WHS graduate, who now lives in South Paris.

Edith Gertrude Pride was born June 24, 1876, and as a child helped

at Windham's first library which was founded by her mother and grandmother. She attended WHS when it opened in the red brick building that is now the Windham Historical Society Museum on Windham Center Road. She completed her high school studies ranked first overall academically in her class and was among the first group of students to graduate from the school.

In 1899, she married Orin Elliot, yet he tragically died seven months later from tuberculosis and she never remarried. Six years later she earned a teaching certificate and taught for four years at a one-room schoolhouse near her home at Windham Center.

She was a longtime member of the Crossroads Garden Club, the Helping Hand Club, The Windham Library Association, The Windham Republican Club, the Evangeline Chapter-Order of the Eastern Star and was a founding member of the Windham Historical Society. She attended every graduation ceremony and alumni banquet for WHS students through the 1970s.

Every winter Elliot would accom-

pany her father to Saint Cloud, Florida until he passed away at the age of 95. She would continue to travel to St. Cloud each winter until she was 88. While in St. Cloud, she helped to organize a DAR chapter there.

That chapter's regent, Kim Tennison, flew to Maine to attend the special recognition ceremony for Elliot, and was the guest speaker for the occasion.

Tennison said that when she became regent of the DAR's St. Cloud chapter last summer, she looked at the first scrapbook of the St. Cloud Joshua Stevens Chapter and found notes, telegrams, letters and journals describing the beginnings of the chapter. In fact, Joshua Stevens was the patriot ancestor of Edith Elliot, born in Falmouth County, Massachusetts and he served as a lieutenant during the Revolutionary War.

"I sat down and poured over them a few hours at a time for days," Tennison said. "I was especially fascinated by Edith's handwritten journal she made. I saw a dedicated Daughter of the American Revolution and as I read, she let me accompany her into a time capsule as a DAR member in the 1950s, into a time when women wore hats and gloves anytime when in public and listened to their Sunday church service on the radio. I got a feeling for her servant's heart, and had we existed at the same time, I would have loved to have been her friend."

Reading that information and learning about Elliot's life through a newspaper article in The Windham Eagle posted online prompted Tennison to research where Elliot was bur-

ied and she discovered that she did not have a DAR insignia on her grave marker.


According to Tennison, she was also moved by the fact that back in 1976, on Edith Pride Elliott's 100th birthday, June 24 was proclaimed "Edith Elliot Day" by then Windham Town Manager David Miller and the Windham Town Council. In 1977, a special dedication sponsored by then State Rep. Bill Diamond and the 108th Maine Legislature paid tribute to Elliot for a century of contributions to the educational, cultural, political and charitable life of Windham. And only a week before her death in May 1977, the town and several local garden clubs designated a plot of ground next to the Windham Public Library on Windham Center Road as Elliot Park.

"I found that made me want to place a marker at Mrs. Elliot's grave," Tennison said. "It touched my heart that Edith Pride Elliot would have been involved with placing these markers as she continued her visits to St. Cloud until she was 88 in 1964."

She said Elliot valued the members of the Joshua Stevens Chapter and she worked alongside them on projects focusing on patriotism, historic preservation and education such as presenting Good Citizen Awards and National Defense Awards to students and residents of the St. Cloud area.

"Now we have come full circle as we have the privilege to honor her in this same way," Tennison said. "I will be forever grateful for all her contributions and endeavor that Joshua Stevens Chapter will carry on her legacy now and in the future." <

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WPS event kicks off school year for students and families

By Kaysa Jalbert
STAFF WRITER

If you walk through any store this time of year, its almost guaranteed the pool floats are replaced with erasers shaped like hamburgers and where you once grabbed beach bags, it's an array of school backpacks because the time has come to turn off the sprinklers and get the kids ready to go back to school.

Windham Primary School is hosting its annual "Popsicles on the Playground with Principals" event as a way to draw kids back into school mode, getting them excited and ready for a great year of learning, and reminding them that while summer may be over, the fun doesn't have to end. The whole community is welcome to attend the event, which has been held every year at WPS since 2008.

"Popsicles on the Playground with Principals" will be held from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 28 and teachers will hold a classroom open house from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.

"It always has a positive showing," says Dr. Kyle Rhoads, Windham Primary School principal. "Parents and students attend the open house then come outside, grab a popsicle, and

have a chance to connect with anyone they haven't seen all summer. Its also a great opportunity for kindergarteners who will be new to the school to get a tour of the building to feel more comfortable and to make connections with kids as they take off on their educational journey."

There will be more than just popsicles and time on the playground at the event. There's also music with DJ Dave, tours of the main areas of the school guided by staff members, pick-up cards for student dismissal, and informational booths for parents.

One of the booths will have directions for the Parents Square App, a communication platform that was adopted by the school last year. This year they are offering training for families on how to use the app to make it easier and more effective for parents.

Another booth will display information about the Odyssey of the Mind program. Odyssey of the Mind is a program in which students are presented with a problem that requires an original solution. Students team up and



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work with an adult coach over some months of the school year to showcase their innovative solutions at the state competition in March.

WPS typically has around 50 to 75 students participate in Odyssey of the Mind each year and faces the challenge of having enough volunteers to coach the school's teams. Any parents and community members available to volunteer their time to help coach kids through their creative problem-solving experience are needed. Odyssey of the Mind meets for about one hour every week from late fall until the competition in March.

Also continuing this year at WPS is the Foster Grandparent Program offered by the Opportunity of Alliance organization. Opportunity Alliance hires and trains seniors looking to volunteer at local schools to provide emotional and educational support to children in their classrooms. WPS usually has six to eight foster grand-

parents each year. "They can be helpful to classroom teachers, also great role models for kids," said Rhoads. "It provides a real positive opportunity and they're all really fun."

This fall, Rhoads said that Windham Primary School is welcoming back Trish Haffner, who used to teach at WPS until moving north with her family for some time. Now she is back in Windham and is teaching at WPS. In addition, Joycelyn Coffin will be a new kindergarten teacher at the school after serving as an intern for the past two years.

Going into this new academic year, Rhoads says he plans to bring back popular activities from last year, including the fun Family Nights and the big hit, Glow Night.

"The glow night was a huge success, with many students leaving asking if the event could happen every year," Rhoads said. "Thinking about how we ended on such a great note last year, we are looking forward to a great start this year."

Rhoads has served as WPS principal for 17 years and is the co-chairperson of the national organization called The Collaborative for Customized Learning.

Prior to joining WPS, he was principal of Acton Elementary School. He also worked as an assistant principal and co-director of early childhood in Auburn, as well as working as a kindergarten teacher and elementary curriculum coordinator. <

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Local Cub Scouts preparing for K-5 registration event

By Ed Pierce

STAFF WRITER

The Cub Scout experience in Windham is about children and families having fun times together and guiding boys in kindergarten to Grade 5 to become leaders and outstanding members of the community when they grow up.

As school is about to resume after the summer break, Windham's Cub Scout Pack 805 will welcome new scouts and parents looking to become Cub Scout pack volunteers. At 6:30 p.m. Monday, Sept. 9, Windham Pack 805 will sign up new members at a special Cub Scout Registration and a Question-and-Answer Night in the Windham Middle School Cafeteria.

During this gathering, many of the older scouts will present fun and interesting activities to keep the scouts entertained while the pack leaders talk with the parents of both returning and interested scouts.

According to the outgoing Cub-Master for Windham Pack 805 Casey Melanson, scouting teaches children positive character traits, helps foster relationships, and that they are part

of the community.

This fall Melanson is stepping down from her leadership role and Kayla Desmond will serve as Pack 805's new CubMaster and Josh Smeltzer is the new Pack 805 Committee Chair.

Windham Pack 805 dens meet once a week and then the entire Pack 805 meets once a month for a special meeting, such as a Halloween party, a Christmas holiday dinner, Pinewood Derby model car racing, and an array of other events.

Desmond said that Pack 805's dues are highly affordable and goes toward national Cub Scout registrations, insurance, and other expenses. The pack also conducts a variety of fundraising activities to offset the costs of awards and activities throughout the year.

Windham parents should consider having their sons join Cub Scout Pack 805 because it helps them to work on self-growth, and to not be afraid to try new things, she said.

Joining the Cub Scouts is the first step in a young man's journey to become a responsible citizen who cares about his neighbors and the commu-

nity.

"We want our scouts to learn what it means to be part of something important, what it means to help their community, make new friends, build relationships, and to have fun," Desmond said. "The scout motto is 'Do Your Best' and that's what the kids learn." Melanson said.

Each year Windham Pack 805 scouts have more than three dozen scouts who volunteer to work on meaningful and relevant community

projects.

Some of those activities include picking up trash after Windham Summerfest or hosting a toy collection drive for a local family in need for Christmas. The Cub Scouts also participate in Scouting for Food program each November to collect non-perishable food for the Windham Food Pantry.

The Cub Scout uniforms consist of a shirt, a rank neckerchief, and a

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rank slide. Pants and rank hats are optional. Scouts are encouraged to have a belt (not necessarily a scout belt) to be able to display their belt-loop achievements. Each scout is issued a handbook for each rank so they will be able to learn, perform, and complete each achievement and scout activities emphasize having fun and learning useful life skills.

“Cub Scouts can do anything they put their minds to. We have gone winter camping, hiking, ice fishing, and built lean-tos in the winter woods,” Melanson said. “We also have our annual Pinewood Derby where the boys design and build their own cars and then compete against one another. As a pack we have had beach outings, cookouts, movie nights, and EVO Rock Gym overnights.”

She said that local Cub Scout activities and adventures are centered



Windham’s Cub Scout Pack 805 gather before presenting the colors at a Maine Mainers hockey game in Portland earlier this year. New scouts and parents looking to become pack volunteers are encouraged to attend Cub Scout registration at 6:30 p.m. Monday, Sept. 9 in the Windham Middle School cafeteria. SUBMITTED PHOTO

around earning merit badges that are specific to each school grade level. Each badge represents a rank and advancement and refers to the progress a Cub Scout makes toward their badge of rank.

For Pack 805’s registration night on Sept. 9, registration will be staffed by Windham Cub Scout leaders who will be available to answer any specific questions that parents of children interested in participating in scouting may have.

“New potential scouts who are interested in joining are encouraged to attend the registration with a parent,” Desmond said. “If someone is interested in joining but is unable to make the registration event, they can reach out to us through Facebook or email.”

For more information about getting involved with Cub Scout Pack 805, visit their Pack 805 Windham Maine Facebook page or send an email to: scoutpack805me@gmail.com <

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PWD launches huge project to update service valve locations

The Portland Water District (PWD) has begun an extensive project to identify 40,000 “curb stop” service valve locations throughout its service area.

PWD has engaged Sebago Technics of South Portland to conduct the project. It will use high-accuracy GPS data points to locate and record the curb stop valves, many of which date back decades—or even longer.

The project is estimated to take 2.5 years to complete. Curb stops are water shutoff and turn-on valves between a public street or right of way and a residence, business, or other structure. Currently, PWD has 20,000 curb stops accurately identified in its system; this project will update and confirm the locations of 40,000 more.

Although all of the curb stop locations were known and recorded

by PWD at one point or another via “service cards,” over time, changes can occur to obscure locations. Building sizes and locations can change, trees can be planted or removed, and streets and pavements can be widened or altered. Updating exactly where each curb stop is and how to reach it can be critically important.

“Precise GPS location of our service assets allows PWD to efficiently respond to leaks or water quality concerns by quickly locating and shutting off water valves,” said Chris Crovo, Director of Asset Management and Planning at PWD. “This improves our responsiveness, saves time, and reduces costs.”

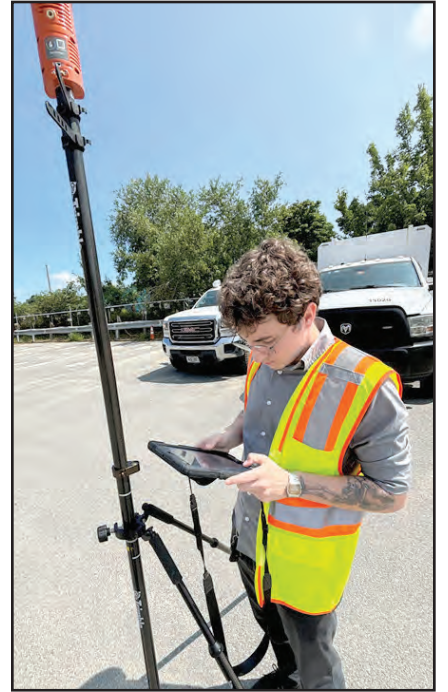
In contrast to information provided via service cards, GPS data points remain stable no matter what happens to the surrounding site conditions.

This technology allows the valves to be located precisely and quickly, even under snow or underground.

For the first phase, Sebago Technics will focus on residential areas with one valve per property. As the project progresses, the work will get into some more challenging locations, such as downtown Portland and the various islands served by PWD.

PWD customers may notice some of the work being done. Finding all the curb stops will require visual inspection, the use of magnetic wands, a limited amount of digging, and possible surveying. <

Portland Water District’s GIS Intern David DelVecchio tests a GPS receiver as he prepares to verify GPS data points in the field. SUBMITTED PHOTO



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LETTER to the editor

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Editor,

Great art but terrible flag. The new state flag is a very well-done work of art but a terrible flag. White Pines have no limbs in the lower half. This fact made them the best ships masts in the world. Twenty years after Plymouth Rock, Maine was swarming with crews in a mad dash, looking for them. The same people settled the region and provided its British character. Just look at all the Royal and King references around you, not to mention the Mast Roads here and there and everywhere. It was that bare lower trunk that did all that.

The ugly plain limbless look with everything bunched up top determined everything about Maine's early history. These are the trees whose

ugliness built the British Navy and the British Empire and America itself. The ugly ungainly Great White Pine changed world history. To cover up its ugliness in a state flag is a McDonalds version of history.

I would not expect a youngster to know much about 1600s Maine yet, the failure was obviously not the artist. She depended on her state rep and the community historical gatekeepers for that! I would like to be the first to call for the artist to give us a second flag, anatomically and historically accurate. Maine only got it right one other time in 1909. In this most superficial of times, let's ask this great artist for a redo.

~ Dan Pride, Windham

→ **LOST RIVER** *Cont. from page 1*

Presumpscot is the Wabanaki word for "many rough places" and prior to colonization, the river may have featured up to 18 waterfalls. Only three falls are now visible including Presumpscot Falls in Falmouth, Saccarappa Falls in Westbrook, and Wescot Falls near North Gorham Pond.

In the rapids of this 100-year-old river near Dundee Park, "Whitney's Falls" have reappeared and are now the fourth set of modern-day waterfalls in the area.

This name dates back to a time when fish such as salmon, trout, eels and herring dominated the river. Bear, otters, eagles, and osprey flocked here to claim these fish as their meal.

"This is a unique and historic moment," said Shaughnessy. "The Presumpscot River at Dundee has been dammed for well over 100 years. For the first, and possibly last time, a wild river with vibrant rapids and falls is revealed. In addition, the historic lands, eerily barren, cracked and shorn, but so well preserved, are likewise momentarily seen again. What

is revealed is indicative of what lays under many of this river's still waters."

The company that manages the dam that malfunctioned unveiling the "lost river," Relevelate Power Management, has estimated that dam repairs will be completed by the end of August and the impoundment will be refilled thereafter, thus reforming Dundee Pond.

Meanwhile, take a walk back in time through this small valley and visualize a landscape that's more than a century old.

Friends of the Presumpscot River will be hosting another informational walk at Dundee Dam at 3 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 25 and the public is welcome to attend.

To learn more, visit the Friends of the Presumpscot River website at www.presumpscotriver.org <



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Windham in the 1960s: Back to school at Field-Allen

► **By Max Millard**
SPECIAL TO THE WINDHAM EAGLE

From 1958 to 1988, my parents and their six children occupied the Goold House on Windham Center Road. Out of those years, perhaps the most memorable for me were 1961 to 1963, when I attended Field-Allen Junior High.

My classmates and I had spent the previous year at Newhall School, an aging barn-shaped structure in South Windham with three classrooms of 30 students each. Windham then had a population of about 4,600, and Newhall was sufficient for all the town's sixth graders.

Field-Allen was named after Charles Field, the first soldier in Windham killed in World War I, and James Allen, a Windham resident who died on Iwo Jima in World War II.

This was the first year that my class had separate teachers for different subjects. It was also the first time I could walk to school, rather than catching the bus. The little store atop Windham Center was the IGA, later to become the Windham Center Grocery and then Corsetti's. Across the street was the tiny Windham Center Circulating Library, where the fine for overdue books was 2 cents a day.

The IGA was a very popular after-school hangout for both junior

high and senior high school students, mostly males. They rushed in like a swarm of locusts, eager to consume Devil Dogs, Drake's pretzels, and as much soda as they could swallow before being held to account.

No one waited patiently in line to pay for their purchase, but grabbed whatever they could and paid afterward. The store owner eyed the crowd warily, but it was a losing effort. My buddy Steve Quimby was a master at gulping down two bottles of Pepsi so quickly that he had to pay for just one.

Outside the store, the boys displayed their skills in cigarette smoking. Some competed to see how long they could keep a smouldering butt alive without burning their fingers. Others blew a cascade of smoke rings, or artfully released the smoke upward from their mouth and re-inhaled it through their nose. The oral gymnasts would curl the end of their tongue around a very short, still-burning cigarette and somehow maneuver inside their closed mouth, then puff out the smoke.

The big event of the fall was the Cumberland Fair, which had the slogan "Always in September." Everyone went. As soon as you entered, you were assaulted by a chorus of "quada quada quada." That's because everything, from the rides to the girly show,



The IGA and Windham library, circa 1950s in Windham. SUBMITTED PHOTO cost 25 cents.

There was a hoop-throwing game, run by a man who echoed, "Prize every time!" The prizes were attached to wooden blocks of different sizes. Most of them were cheap junk, but there was also a \$10 bill that almost no one could win because the hoop barely fit over the block. I heard that in case someone did manage it, the man would quickly remove the hoop and place it over a cheap prize. Most of the players were kids, so he could get away with it.

Another huckster was a man who called himself the guesser. He would guess your age, your weight, and for those of driving age, the type of car you drove. His routine was to say,

"You drive a Ford, don't you?" If the person said no that it was a Chevy, he'd open his hand and show a note that read Chevy. He'd smile smugly and announce, "That was my real guess."

Then there was the spook house, a large trailer equipped with false passageways and buzzers, and lined with foam rubber. It was completely dark inside. Kids would emerge with foam rubber bulging under their shirts. Others, as hinted by the odor, would use it to relieve themselves.

Field-Allen served lunch in the cafeteria each day, featuring such delicacies as creamed chipped beef, a staple of the U.S. Army, which the kids

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Elmira College Key Award recognizes two recipients from Windham High School

ELMIRA, NEW YORK – Elmira College recently announced this year’s recipients of its annual Key Awards which were presented to 831 students in 17 different states. It’s a tradition that goes back to 1935 and the Key Award is presented to outstanding students in their junior year of high school or preparatory school.

Students recognized this year include Luke Cunniffe and Brianne Johnsen of Windham High School.

Cunniffe and Johnsen will receive an \$88,000 scholarship over a four-year period, or \$22,000 per year, upon their enrolling at Elmira College.

“This award is given to students with the potential to excel academically, serve as leaders, and go on to enjoy



success in life,” said Charles Lindsay, president of Elmira College. “We hope they will choose to make Elmira College their place.”

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dubbed “sh** on shingles.” Another offering was bubbling squeak, a mixture of unidentifiable flesh, mushy vegetables, and a pungent broth. By the time it was served, it was no longer bubbling, and though I never heard it squeak, I suspected that some of its components once did.

The meal usually included a dry, crumbly biscuit, which few people ate unless there was a tasty gravy for dipping. But the biscuits were a welcome addition because they always came with a pat of butter – never margarine, even if the rest of the meal was indigestible. It could be used for playing with your food after a meal, adding a touch of greasy yellow to a potpourri of mashed-up peas, milk, and peach syrup.

Best of all, it could be placed on the end of a fork handle and launched into space. If perfectly aimed, it would

stick to the ceiling. Some boys got so good that they could design a face by shooting up separate pats for the eyes, nose and mouth. Further entertainment was provided by the frequent unsticking of the butter. Especially on hot days, the stuff would melt and release its grip on the ceiling, sometimes plopping down in kids’ lunches, to their great disgust.

My four sisters all graduated from Windham High, but I did not. For Ninth Grade, I was sent away to the all-boys North Yarmouth Academy, which was not an upgrade.

But the five and a half years that I spent in the Windham public schools far exceeded any other school or college I attended, and I have always considered the Windham class of 1967 as my only real classmates. I’m still in touch with some of them today, and we talk nostalgically about those distant days when life was so uncomplicated. <

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Staci Warren: Her Mainely Girl Adventures

By Staci Warren
SPECIAL TO THE WINDHAM EAGLE



Staci Warren, Columnist

Bear baiting season kicked off the last week in July and the season begins on Aug. 26. I'm excited to report that we've had several bears, a few large, a couple medium and some small ones, visiting our baits.

While I would target a single dry sow, I don't even consider sows with cubs as an option. I watch them and hope that the sow doesn't get too aggressive. Their noses know when

I'm there, but their eyesight prevents them from easily spotting me covered in camouflage. I usually give my foot a good stomp on the treestand, if I think that she is getting too close. It usually sends them all scattering. This year there has been a sow with one cub, and a sow with two cubs, so far. The cubs are cute as can be, and they love to try to climb into our barrels.

As we learn to identify potential targeted bears, we name them simply for ease in figuring out which one is which. I don't name the sows or cubs; I only name single bears. Little Bear, a small boar that showed up late

in the season last year, is back visiting the baits during the day. I'm happy to report that it is much bigger and looks healthy, but he's still too small to consider a target bear. "Scar" is the bear that interests me the most due to the large scar down its backside. Scar is an older boar that's been on my bait since at least 2020, and apparently a very smart one since he's still around. A few years

ago, I had another bear that was a fighter; its name was Scrapper. Its ears were all torn up and it had a big scar across its neck. Scrapper came into my stand right at dusk while I was hunting. It was right behind me and by the time it made it where I could take a shot, it was too dark. My simple move to look through my scope to see if I could get a shot from my blind was enough to send the bear scrambling, and it never came back. You can find the entire story in my blog. That encounter is one of the reasons I love bear hunting. It's not easy, and even when everything falls into place, it's not a guarantee.

After baiting, we spend a considerable amount of time working on the road for the landowner. We cut brush



Staci Warren has had a bear sow and her cubs visiting her baits so far this year. Warren will not hunt sows with cubs when the bear season officially opens in Maine on Aug. 26. SUBMITTED PHOTO

and haul it to keep the mile long road from growing in. To keep up with the work, we bought a brush cutter this year, and have spent our weekends mowing down brush and plants that have already begun to grow. We'll be working on a large washout that the spring storms created so that the owner and hikers can make it to the vista, a remarkable view on the mountain that is the Bigelow range and Flagstaff Lake. We love this mountain and treat it as if it were our own.

August also means I'm busy picking black trumpet mushrooms. If we're lucky, these episodes of rain will continue to produce trumpet mushrooms right into the fall freeze. I've picked trumpets while walking out

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Check out the website for Raymond Casco Historical Society or stop by their Facebook page to see their list of ongoing events.

Website: raymondcascohistoricalsociety.org
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**BACK TO SCHOOL INFORMATION
 RSU #14 WINDHAM/RAYMOND SCHOOLS START THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR ON SEPT. 3RD, 2024.**

This will mean school buses, slowed commute times, and young drivers and pedestrians on the roads. Going back to school always brings traffic congestion with kids trying to get to school on time and harried parents trying to get to work. **Be aware and alert when you are traveling in school zones!**

**CAMP WILLIAM HINDS SHOOTING EVENT
 Friday, Sept. 6th**

Hosted by the Boy Scouts of America, Pine Tree Council #218. The event will take place at Camp Hinds on Plains Road from approximately 8:30am-4:30pm. The gunfire noise from this event will be heard throughout Raymond. If you have any questions contact Matthew Klutzaritz, Scout Executive/CEO at matt.klutzaritz@scouting.org



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- 3. Create an Emergency Plan:** Know your risks. In Maine, potential emergencies can include: severe winter weather, flooding, house fires, power outages, and extreme temperature fluctuations. Also consider what would happen if you were suddenly unable to care for your pet. If you live alone, have someone you check in daily with. Coordinate with friends and family to collaborate effectively.
- 4. Prepare Your Home and Practice Drills:** Establish safe areas and secure hazardous items in your home in case you need to leave and are unable to immediately bring your pets with you. Conduct practice drills so everyone is familiar with the plan, including children. Ensure they understand their roles and the importance of staying safe themselves to effectively assist pets.
- 5. Assemble an Emergency Kit:** Include food, water, medications, a first aid kit, comfort items, and identification for your pet. Ensure health records are current and easily accessible. Add a list of resources such as contact info for family members, local shelters, veterinarians, and pet-friendly accommodations.

ROADRUNNER

AUGUST – AUGUST 2024 NEWSLETTER



PLEASE REGISTER FOR ALL PROGRAMS AT Raymond.recdesk.com

Outdoor Pickleball

held at Sheri Gagnon Memorial Park (63 Mill Street)



ADULT PLAYERS ONLY; 25+ YEARS OF AGE

- **Mondays 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. ~ Intermediate/Advanced**
(Experienced players with the ability to play at least the first 4 strokes consistently)
- **Tuesdays 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. ~ Beginner/Intermediate**
(Understands the game and the rules and has had some limited playtime)
- **Wednesdays 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. ~ Intermediate/Advanced**
(Experienced players with the ability to play at least the first 4 strokes consistently)

NOTE: All players must sign in to the TeamReach App.
(Directions are presented during the registration process)

All players must be registered at Raymond Parks and Rec website
All nights will be limited to 15 players maximum.
Walk ons are only allowed up to the Maximum number of players.
There are no sessions for first time players during the summer.
These will resume in the fall.

Karate Program Fall Session

WHEN: Wednesdays, September 11th to November 20th
(when school is in session)
TIME: 12:30pm to 1:30pm
COST: \$125, optional add on uniform \$35
WHERE: Raymond Elementary School Gym (Grades K through 4th)
Children will be dismissed directly from school to the instructor.
Parents and guardians will need to pick up students at the school.



Raymond Running Club-Cross Country

WHEN: Wednesdays September 4th to October 3rd
COST: \$25 Early Registration
TIME: 5:00PM to 6:00PM
GRADES: 1st through 4th
Raymond Running Club will be participating in the Dynamo Running League and will run XC meeting on Saturdays.



Outdoor Pickup Basketball

FOR ADULTS 25+:
WHEN: Basketball will run from June 6th – September 12th
TIME: Thursday evenings from 6:30-8:30pm
WHERE: Sheri Gagnon Memorial Park, 63 Mill Street



RAYMOND CODE ENFORCEMENT REMINDER

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Raymond Village Library

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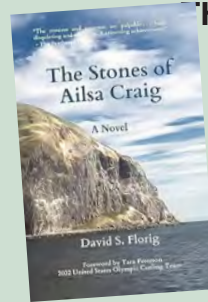
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Adult Programs

The Raymond Village Library is committed to providing opportunities for people of all ages to promote individual and community growth. We are always interested in your ideas! If you have something to share or would like to offer a program, please contact us at any time.

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TUESDAYS FROM 9AM TO NOON

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Preschool Storytime

WEDNESDAYS AT 10:30AM

Best for ages 2-5.

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Drop-in Table Activities

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Patron Passes

The Raymond Village Library has passes available to the Maine Wildlife Park, the Maine Children's Museum and Theatre, the Southworth Planetarium and Maine State Park Pass. These passes offer either discounted or free admission. Call for more info.

For more information on any of the listed programs, please contact RVL: 207-655-4283 • rvldirector@gmail.com



Get Involved with the Town!

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

- Tuesday, August 27th at 7pm - Zoning Board of Appeals
- Wednesday, August 28th at 6:30pm – Select Board Workshop
- Wednesday, Sept. 4th at 6:30pm – Comprehensive Plan Committee
- Tuesday, September 10th at 6pm – Select Board Meeting
- Wednesday, September 11th at 7pm – Planning Board Meeting

All meetings take place at the Broadcast Studio,
423 Webbs Mills Rd, Raymond.

Zoom links are also available for those who cannot attend in-person.

Agendas and Zoom links can be found on our website: raymondmaine.org and clicking on the CALENDAR tab.

→ **MAINLY GIRL** *Cont. from page 14*

of my hunting stand in November. These are my favorite mushrooms to forage and this recipe makes for a remarkable soup, to either eat with some added cream, or to add to a crockpot roast in place of the dry mushroom/onion soup mixes. I use this soup in my bear roasts and any venison or

moose roast that I make in the crockpot. I can't take credit for it; my friend Alicia shared it with me years ago. I've tweaked it a bit, but here it is.

INGREDIENTS:

- 2 tablespoons of extra virgin olive oil
- 3 pounds of fresh black trumpets
- 1 large Vidalia onion, chopped
- 1 tablespoon of ground sage
- 1 tablespoon of coarse black pepper

- 1 tablespoon of ground thyme
 - 1 tablespoons of minced garlic (dry or fresh)
 - 48 ounces of chicken stock (not broth)
 - 1/2 cup of cream sherry (find it in the wine section)
 - 1 stick of salted butter
 - 1/2 pint heavy cream
- Coarsely chop mushrooms in food



Black Trumpet mushrooms are abundant all across Maine this time of year. They are a highly sought after edible mushroom that is nutritious and delicious.
PHOTO BY STACI WARREN

processor. Small batches work best to prevent pâté. Using a large stock pot, sprinkle salt over mushrooms to release water. Add olive oil, onion, sage, thyme, pepper and garlic-mix well. Sauté over medium heat stirring with wooden spoon until mushrooms start to stick on the bottom of the pan. Add chicken stock and sherry. Adjust seasoning to taste.

Bring to boil, reduce heat and simmer until soup is thick. Puree soup with hand blender or countertop blender but allow soup to cool before using later. Add butter.

Soup is now ready to be eaten by adding cream to taste or omit the cream and ladle into clean half pint or pint canning jars. Wipe rims, add lids and cook in pressure cooker on high for 25 minutes. Label and store on shelf until ready to use. Save a couple pints for my next recipe: Trumpet Jelly.

Wish me luck bear hunting! Hopefully the right one will appear, and I'll have bear roast and bear bacon for the winter.

Staci Warren provides a unique woman's perspective and column on the outdoors every month. She is a freelance writer whose blog, My Mainly Girl Adventures, is about a woman hunting, fishing, trapping, foraging and living in the Maine outdoors. She also loves camping, star gazing, wildlife watching, and hunting for fossils. She's an active member and board member of the New England Outdoor Writers Association and is a monthly columnist and feature writer for The Maine Sportsman Magazine. In her free time, she enjoys mentoring women hunters and trappers. <

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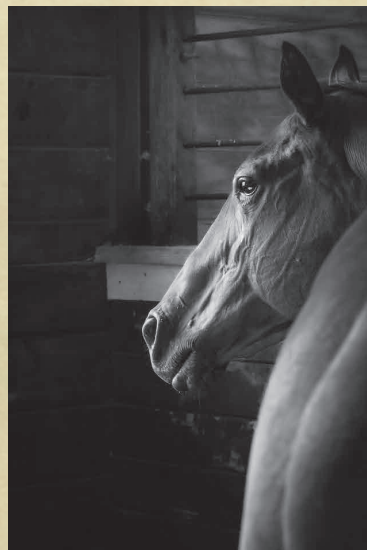
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Langstaff completes shining college running career

By Matt Pascarella
STAFF WRITER

Just like she made an impression while running for Windham High School's cross country and track and field teams, University of New Hampshire graduate Hannah Langstaff did the same in college while majoring in nursing. She currently works as a registered nurse in the Barbara Bush Inpatient Unit at Maine Medical Center in Portland.

"College was definitely an adjustment from high school," said Langstaff. "Everything is bigger, the campus, the classes, and the competition. I started my freshman year in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic and that was very challenging, it made it difficult to meet new people and experience what college is all about. Freshman year I did not compete due to COVID-19 restrictions and a couple injuries I was struggling with. The summer going into sophomore year I decided I was going to work really hard on getting my mileage in and doing all the little things, this all paid off and I was able to race really well during cross country and indoor; I even was able to be a part of a school record relay team which was by far my favorite memory from my time at UNH. The summer going into junior year I did the same thing and again was able to gain some personal records throughout cross country and indoor. Unfortunately, in outdoor I got a stress reaction, (and) senior year I struggled to get back to where I had been. However, it allowed me to experience other exciting aspects on my senior year of college and



(L to R) Windham High and University of New Hampshire graduate Hannah Langstaff competing during indoor track 2021-2022 season at UNH. COURTESY PHOTO Hannah Langstaff awaits a handoff in a relay race at the New Balance Indoor Facility in Boston during the 2022-2023 season. PHOTO BY UNH ATHLETICS, FOLEY CREATIVE INC.

focus on my academics." As a nurse, Langstaff is responsible for caring for patients, making sure they are comfortable, administering medications, assessing, providing interventions when necessary and communicating with the team. Langstaff would love to stay at the Barbara Bush Unit long-term and continue to add competencies to her license. She's already learned so much from the month and half she's been orienting and is excited to continue to learn and grow within the field.

During her sophomore year competing for UNH's outdoor track and field team, Langstaff placed first in the 3,000-meter at the UNH season opener. During her senior year in indoor track and field, she finished third in the 4 x 800 during the New England Intercollegiate Amateur Athletic Association Track and Field Championships. She

also excelled in the classroom, making it on the America East Commissioner's Honor Roll and into the National College Athlete Honor Society.

As a sophomore, her relay team set a new school record in the 4 x 800 with a time of 8:50.67 minutes. This meant a lot to her because it included three people that she really looked up to who were dedicated to the sport.

"I believe that is how we were able to succeed and get the school record," said Langstaff. "It is my favorite memory at UNH because it is something that I had never dreamed I would be able to be a part of, but I exceeded my own expectations for myself."

When Langstaff looks back on her time competing for Windham High School cross country and indoor-outdoor track and field teams, she said it taught her that hard work and that consistency pays off. She says she also learned the importance of having fun and enjoying what you are doing. She is often asked how she balanced nursing school and running and her an-

swer is that she simply loves running and enjoys having fun with teammates.

"I got to run cross country, indoor, and outdoor track with Hannah from 2020 to 2023," said UNH graduate Caley Archer, a member of the UNH relay team. "As an athlete in high school, I struggled greatly with anxiety-related to performance in sport. The switch flipped for me when I got to college and began running relays. The change came because of the immediate support that I felt from teammates like Hannah and her uplifting positivity. She was such a critical member of the team not only for her blazing fast times and unmatched work ethic, but in her compassion and attitude that fostered the belief that together we could do anything. Hannah served as a leader on the team in regard to hard work, academic excellence (in a taxing major of nursing requiring clinical rotations) and being the best type of friend on the track and off. I know that she will make a fantastic nurse because helping people is one of the things she does best." <

ATHLETE OF THE WEEK



Mason Bragdon

Age: 15 **Team:** WHS Cross Country camp
Coach: Jeff Riddle and Jeff Conant
Parents' names: Becky and Brenden Hole
Reason for selection: Mason is back for his sophomore year after finishing as the fifth runner on last year's Windham High School Boys' Cross Country team at the Southern Maine Class A Regional XC Championships. Mason is totally immersed in all things running as evidenced from his participation not only in all camp activities but also running in the Beach to Beacon 10K road race and completing a Tough Mudder event at Sunday River. If there is a starting line and a time can be taken, Mason is more than ready to toe the line. Mason's passion for running will serve not only him personally but to provide a great example for his teammates to emulate as well going into the upcoming season. The sky's the limit for Mason. His tremendous attitude and knowledge that hard work will pay off are only parts of the winning combination that is Mason Bragdon.

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All-America soccer team honors 2024 WHS graduate

By Matt Pascarella

STAFF WRITER

Windham High graduate Connor LeClerc received one final recognition for his time on the varsity boys' soccer team before he heads to the University of Southern Maine in Gorham this fall to major in exercise science and play college soccer. LeClerc was one of 43 senior boys' players nationwide to be a part of the United Soccer Coaches 2023-2024 High School Scholar All-America team.

This honor is based on cumulative classroom achievement as well as success on the soccer field during their high school careers.

"I had always held myself to a very high standard in the classroom and on the soccer field," said LeClerc. "To me this was the perfect way to end my senior season. It felt good to be recognized for my hard work not just on the soccer field, but also in the classroom. This award was the one that I felt the strongest about and was really hoping to be honored with. When I got the call from Coach Neal, it made me feel as though all the work I had put in the last four years was worth it. It also motivated me to continue working harder than I ever have as I take on harder challenges in college."

To be eligible for this award a player must have a Grade Point Average of 3.75 and above through the first semester of their senior year – LeClerc's GPA was a solid 4.00. Nominations come from high school coaches and the athletes must have shown excellence on the soccer field and also have



Windham graduate Connor LeClerc displays his certificate and medal as one of 43 senior boys nationwide to be chosen for the United Soccer Coaches 2023-2024 High School Scholar All-America team. He will attend the University of Southern Maine in Gorham to major in exercise science and play soccer this fall.

PHOTO BY RACHEL LECLERC

performed community service of some kind.

When LeClerc started playing soccer at 3, he never knew how big a role

it would play in his life. His father's passion for the game is what motivated him at a young age to keep playing. LeClerc has been playing year-round since he was in middle school.

"Connor is very deserving (of this honor) because he stands out on the field," said teammate and Windham graduate Nick Marion. "He also stands out in the classroom; he puts a lot of effort into his schoolwork and is always willing to lend a hand whenever it is needed."

According to LeClerc, it took a lot of self-discipline to excel on the field and in the classroom. Late-night homework was no fun, but LeClerc knew it was necessary. His mother was a big advocate for him and made sure he stayed on top of his schoolwork. LeClerc said none of this would have been possible without the amazing teachers at Windham who were always there for him when needed.

"Connor places the idea of team before himself," said Windham varsity boys' soccer coach Jeff Neal. "He is also a very coachable athlete. Early in his junior preseason he volunteered to play a position that was identified as a team priority, yet one he had never played before and was definitely something out of his comfort zone. In an incredibly short period of time, Connor transformed himself and meteorically emerged as a premier player at that field spot. He isn't afraid to put in the work, and he expects others to do the same. This was also witnessed this past fall as he helped captain Windham to a season record of 14-1-

1. Whether it be on-field leadership, behind the scenes locker room interactions, being the face of the program and interacting-mentoring our youth soccer players – I had complete trust in Connor to do the right thing. He can be counted on to be a leader in the classroom. He managed a challenging and diverse course load of studies, and he prides himself on doing his best and being successful. The caliber of athlete, student, and all-around human being that he consistently demonstrates has placed him as one of the very best I've had the pleasure of working with in my thirty-plus years of coaching and teaching."

LeClerc says that he would like to thank his family and friends for being there and supporting him, his teachers for pushing him to be a great student, and all of the coaches who helped develop him into a great soccer player. He would like to give a special thank you to Coach Neal who changed his soccer career and was more than just a coach to him in the past two years. <

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Same-day arrivals and departures

► **By Andy Young**
SPECIAL TO THE WINDHAM EAGLE



- Andy Young, Columnist

Ingrid Bergman, the actress who memorably starred alongside Humphrey Bogart in Casablanca, the 1943 Oscar winner for best picture, was born on Aug. 29, 1915. That makes next Thursday the 109th anniversary of her birth.

But it's going to be a bittersweet day for her remaining devoted fans, because it also marks the 42nd anniversary of the day the three-time Academy Award winner drew her last breath, Aug. 29, 1982.

The glamorous Swedish actress's arrival and departure on the same calendar day seems like quite a coincidence. After all, what are the odds of someone's birthdate and death date being on the same day of the same month?

Well, basic math says they're approximately four in 1,431. Or, for those born on February 29, one in 1,431.

Given the number of people who've inhabited Earth over the past few thousand years, it shouldn't come as a surprise that Ms. Bergman is hardly the only person to have arrived and left on the same calendar day. Arguably the most noted individual having that distinction was William Shakespeare (1564 to 1616). The Bard of Avon not only died on his birthday (April 23), he did so at Stratford-upon-Avon, Warwickshire, England, the very same location where he had been born 52 years earlier.

Feminist writer and activist Betty Friedan (1921 to 2006) was born and died on February 4. Country music legend Merle Haggard's earthly incarnation (1937 to 2016) started and finished on April 6, and singer/entertainer/talk show host Mike Douglas (1920 to 2006) both began and ended life on August 11.

Hall of Fame jockey Johnny Longden was born on Valentine's Day 1907 and expired exactly eight dozen years later, on Feb. 14, 2003. Another accomplished individual who passed away on his 96th birthday: Levi P.

Morton (1824 to 1920), who served as vice-president from 1889 to 1893 under Benjamin Harrison. His four score and 16 years began and ended on August 11.

Not everyone with a recognizable name who was born on the same date they died was famous for what many folks might assume they were. For example, Franklin Delano Roosevelt, Jr. (Aug. 17, 1914 to Aug. 17, 1988) wasn't the president of the United States during the Depression and World War II. He was, however, FDR's son. And Raphael, (1483 to 1520) who like Merle Haggard was born and died on April 6, isn't the famous Ninja Turtle, but rather Raffaello Sanzio da Urbino, a renowned Renaissance-era Italian artist and architect.

Not everyone who departs on their birthday dies of natural causes. "Crazy Joe" Gallo, a notorious New York City mobster, was celebrating his 43rd birthday with his family in Little Italy at 4:30 a.m. on April 7, 1972, sitting with his back to the door of Umberto's Clam House when an

unknown assailant walked in, shot him three times, and subsequently jumped into a waiting getaway car. And Bob Moose, a Pittsburgh Pirates pitcher, died in an auto accident on Oct. 9, 1976, his 29th birthday. Oddly, 39 other major league ballplayers, including Hall of Famers Gabby Hartnett (Dec. 20, 1900 to Dec. 20, 1972), Joe Tinker (July 27, 1880 to July 27, 1948) and Bucky Harris (Nov. 8, 1896 to Nov. 8, 1977) have died on their birthdays, according to baseball-reference.com.

For those who consider studying the lives of people who were born and died on the same calendar date a waste of time, think again. Thanks to what I've learned about Johnny Longden and Levi P. Morton, I won't be taking any unnecessary risks on my 96th birthday, which means no skydiving or bungee jumping that day.

And while I'm not sure how many birthdays I've got left, I won't be spending any of them going to a restaurant for clams at 4:30 in the morning. <

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Lots: 20-5, 23-3, 23-3B, 23-6, 23-7, 23-8, 23-9, 23-10, 23-11, 23-12 - Lockland & Flintlock Drives.
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- 24-20 Lampron Subdivision Tax Map: 6:
Lot: 38E, 38-E01, 38-E02 Barnes Road & Meredith Drive.
Subdivision plan review for three lots.
- 24-24 Miscellaneous Amendment to Code of the Town of Windham Chapter 120 Land Use Ordinance, Article 3 Definitions, Article 4 District Standards, Article 8 Site Plan Review, and Article 9 Subdivision Review.

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New real estate regulations take effect

► **By Matthew Trudel**
SPECIAL TO THE WINDHAM EAGLE



— Matt Trudel, Five Star Realty

In August we have just had some significant changes to how we can do business as REALTORS®. This applies to every REALTOR® and real estate company actively practicing brokerage across the state. Some of these changes were minor and we don't need to really discuss those in depth.

One example would be the new requirement for the Flood Hazard disclosure for all properties including just land. There are some significant changes about how we can work with sellers and buyers. These are the things that I really want to share with you and explain how it might affect buyers and sellers.

Let's first talk about buyers and buyer's agreements. A buyer's agreement is a written document that is an agreement between an agency and a buyer. This explains what type of

property the buyer is looking for and more importantly how the agency is going to be compensated and how much they will be compensated. We have had buyer's agreements around for years, but they were not required. Now they are required before you can show a buyer any listing. The exceptions to this rule are if the property being shown is the REALTOR's listing that they have listed for sale, or for any open house. Basically, if a buyer finds a house online that they like and would like to see it, they have only two options. Option 1 is to call the listing agent to set up a showing. Option 2 is to enter into a buyer's agreement with a REALTOR® and have them set up a showing.

Option 1 is something I think most people should avoid. Going directly to the listing agent does not provide you with any representation. The listing agent is looking out for the seller and their best interest. The listing agent cannot or should not be advising a buyer who is not a client about negotiations, representations, value, and many more things. In addition, the listing agent is likely going

to make double the commission and remember they are not looking out for the buyer's best interest.

Option 2 is a much better plan that will provide you with representation from a professional REALTOR® that will be looking out for your best interest. This also allows you to negotiate exactly what the compensation will be for the service that the agency is providing. If you negotiate a buyer's agency fee of 2.5 percent of the purchase price and the property you want has a listing agency that is willing to pay 3 percent to any broker who brings a buyer, then you should get that extra ½ percent as a credit toward closing costs. I would also suggest entering into a buyer's agreement before you find that perfect home. Remember to interview a few REALTORS to find the right fit with a realtor with plenty of experience.

Let's switch gears and talk about sellers and how these changes affect them. REALTORS are no longer allowed to post on any listing the

amount or percentage that the agency is willing to compensate another agency who brings a buyer that is their client. Sellers can really negotiate what that amount will be or if there will be any compensation offered. Every real estate company has their own policy about how they are handling these changes. Now that buyers are going to likely have their own representation from another agency, the question that is now being asked is should the seller be responsible for paying that other agency? Why wouldn't each party pay their own REALTOR® respectively? There are many reasons why it is easier for agencies to share the commission that the seller is willing to pay, and I can't get into all of them. A lot of it has to do with financing and closing cost limits for buyers.

These changes just went into effect and like with any changes, there will be a learning curve as we get used to working within the new guidelines.

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ENTERTAINMENT

THE WINDHAM EAGLE PRESENTS...
 A REVIEW OF AN IN-THEATER
MOVIE
 'Inside Out 2' (PG)

By Matt Pascarella
 STAFF WRITER

Runtime: 1 hour, 36 minutes

It's been 11 years since we first met Riley in the first "Inside Out" film. She's now officially a teenager as she prepares for high school while attending a hockey camp. Her current emotions of Joy, Fear, Anger, Disgust and Sadness are smoothly operating inside her. When the Puberty Alarm sounds and new emotions Anxiety, Envy, Embarrassment and Ennui come aboard, they make Riley's life complex. Anxiety takes hold of Riley and things get out of control. Joy and the crew must get to Riley's sense of self before it's too late.



"Inside Out 2" stars Amy Poehler, Maya Hawke, Kensington Tallman, Liza Lapria, Tony Hale, Lewis Black, Phyllis Smith, Ayo Edebiri, Lilimar, Adele Exarchopoulos, Diane Lane, Kyle MacLachlan, Paul Walter Hauser, Yvette Nicole Brown and Ron Funches.

Teenager Riley (Tallman) is playing an intense game of hockey. Her emotions of Joy (Poheler), Fear (Hale), Anger (Black), Disgust (Lapira) and Sadness (Smith) are helping to keep Riley in check. She's the top of her class and is a really kind person. Her original five emotions are helping to protect Riley. As she grows up her memories are creating beliefs, and her beliefs are creating a sense of self.

When the high school hockey coach (Brown) invites her to a hockey camp, she sees it as a promising chance for her to show how good she is.

Out of nowhere, the Puberty Alarm sounds, and everything goes off the rails. A demolition crew comes in and starts ripping Riley's command center apart.

New emotions of Anxiety (Hawke), Envy (Edebiri), Embarrassment (Hauser) and Ennui (Exarchopoulos) become a part of Riley. On her way to hockey camp, Riley gets some upsetting news.

At the hockey camp, Riley meets the star high school hockey player, Val (Lilimar). Val is very nice to her and Riley picks hanging out with Val over hanging out with her friends, Bree and Grace.

Over time, the new emotions want to rebuild Riley's sense of self. The new emotions bottle up the old emotions. This makes Riley experience a lot of change. Riley has trouble fitting in.

"Inside Out 2" features a lot of jokes for kids and adults; one of my favorites is when the 'old' emotions are heading down Riley's stream of consciousness and encounter a sar-chasm, which creates problems for the original five emotions. They also come across a rumor mill and Mount Crushmore featuring boys Riley likes. The dialogue that accompanies the discovery of these places is extremely well-written.

Anger accuses Joy of being delusional on their way to save Riley from Anxiety's takeover. Anxiety is using Riley's imagination against her. It's not about who Riley is, it's about who she needs to be. Joy doesn't know if she can stop Anxiety.

What a phenomenal movie; full of laughs, lessons and, in typical Pixar fashion, heart. Like most movies Pixar has released in the last 10-plus years, this one really works on a level that appeals to kids and adults. The characters are funny, and this movie does a good job explaining various emotions to a younger audience. What really stood out to me was the incredibly intelligent dialogue and storyline as well as the off-handed comments made by these characters that really made this movie enjoyable. I would even wager that this sequel is better

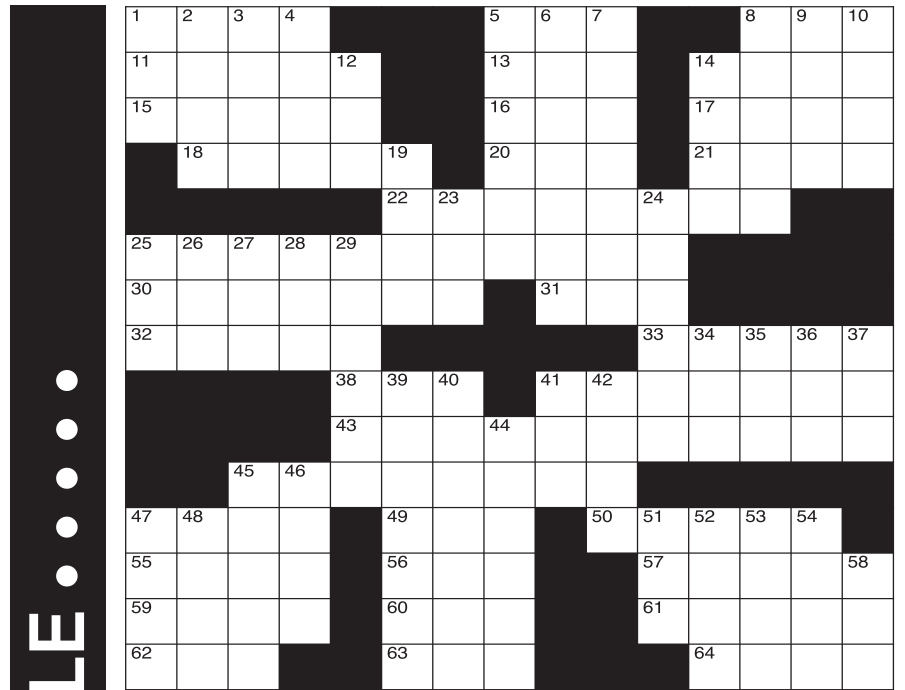
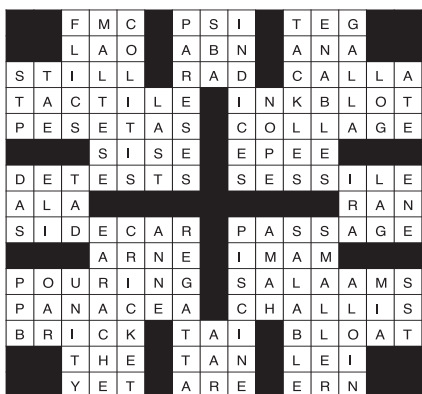
than the original – something I haven't experienced since "Toy Story 2." Anxiety being the villain in this movie resonated with me, for reasons I don't need to get into here. This was a sweet movie that I encourage parents and kids to watch together. It will definitely put a smile on your face.

Pouchy gives it two sticks of dynamite up.

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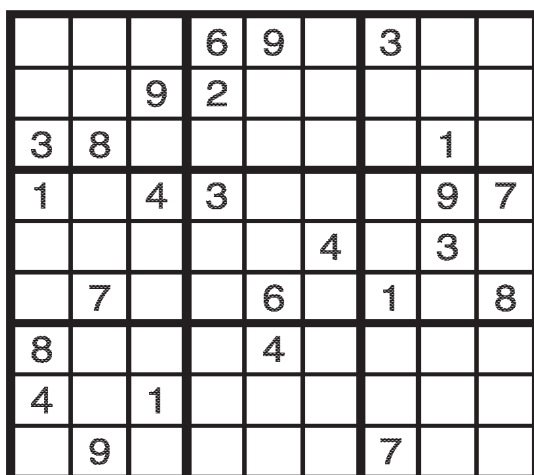
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- 5. ___-fi (slang)
- 8. Synthetic resin
- 11. Chadic language Bura-__
- 13. Influential come Election Day
- 14. Bucket
- 15. European river
- 16. Earn a perfect score
- 17. Horizontal passage
- 18. Barely sufficient
- 20. Dekaliter
- 21. Goo Goo Dolls hit
- 22. Australian city
- 25. Female servants
- 30. Plumbing fixtures
- 31. Tooth caregiver
- 32. Book of Esther antagonist
- 33. Say aloud
- 38. Thyrotrophic hormone
- 41. Absolute
- 43. Untimely
- 45. Area or neighborhood
- 47. Juicy fruit
- 49. Expresses distaste, disapproval
- 50. S. American rodents
- 55. Swedish rock group
- 56. Influential American president
- 57. Volume
- 59. Begged
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- 61. Spiritual leader of a Jewish congregation
- 62. Good friend
- 63. Body part
- 64. Tableland

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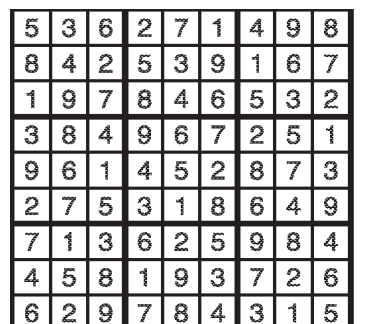
- 1. Barrels per day (abbr.)
- 2. Body parts
- 3. Invests in little enterprises
- 4. Rock legend Turner
- 5. Dug into
- 6. Laughed
- 7. Northern European nation
- 8. San Diego ballplayer
- 9. Eight
- 10. Substitutes (abbr.)
- 12. Moved swiftly on foot
- 14. Compensated
- 19. Volcano in the Philippines
- 23. Speak ill of
- 24. One who publishes
- 25. Expression of bafflement
- 26. Macaws
- 27. Matchstick game
- 28. We all have our own
- 29. Divinatory
- 34. Explosive
- 35. Follows sigma
- 36. Sea eagle
- 37. Type of bread
- 39. Bit used with a set of reins
- 40. Time away from work
- 41. Parts per thousand (abbr.)
- 42. Lots on your plate (abbr.)
- 44. Actor Brosnan
- 45. It's part of packaging
- 46. Towards the oral region
- 47. Public Theater creator Joseph
- 48. Ancient Syrian city
- 51. Swiss river
- 52. Mollusk
- 53. A French abbot
- 54. Hoagies
- 58. Not present (slang)

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Alec, Andrew, and Dan Emerson of Allagash Waste Services. SUBMITTED PHOTO

said. "We believe in full transparency at Allagash and therefore don't charge additional fees on top of your base rate. Our prices have our costs included."

Launched on June 3, Allagash Waste Services has seven employees currently. Dan is joined by his sons Alec and Andrew Emerson, Andrew's girlfriend Leah Girouard, Dan's cousin Rusty Poland, a friend of the family, Kim Burnham, and Joe Richard. Combined, they have more than 60 years of waste industry experience.

The company is built on the fundamentals and foundation of Dan's experience and the desire to build a company that serves our local communities while caring about building a better

Maine and economy. Dan's family has been in the waste industry since the mid-1950's. George and Pat Emerson founded George Emerson & Sons in Windham, Maine and were joined by their sons, George Emerson Jr., Dan's late father, and Vern Emerson. In the 1980s, the company was branded as Enviropac and continued the legacy of providing the highest level of service excellence, quality and safety. In 1996, George Emerson & Sons was sold, and Dan continued in the waste industry in various leadership roles including his last role as Regional VP of Operations before starting Allagash Waste Services.

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It encourages buyers to obtain representation and a clear understanding of what the compensation will be. In the past I think this was sometimes not really clear to buyers and probably because the real estate agent did not properly explain the whole process. Sellers should hopefully have a better understanding of the compensation they are paying and that it might be negotiable depending on the listing agency's policy. This is also why it is a good idea to talk to a few different agencies regarding what options each might offer.

This article was written by Matthew Trudel, Owner and Broker of Five Star Realty in Windham. Call him at 207-939-6971 or email him at: matt@fivestarrealtymaine.com for all your real estate needs. <

Italian Dinner

American Legion Field-Allen Post 148 will host a special Italian Style fundraising dinner for its annual Everlasting Gratitude Wreath Program that places wreaths on the graves of Windham Veterans. The dinner will be held starting at 5 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 24 at Windham Veterans Center and will include a variety of spaghetti and sauces, meatballs, lasagna and other side dishes. The donation at the door is \$10. FMI, call 207-892-1306.

WVA Meeting

The Windham Veterans Association (WVA) will hold its annual membership meeting open to all American Legion Post 148, VFW Post 10643 and DAV members associated with

the Windham Veterans Center at 6 p.m. Monday, Sept. 16. As members of these organizations, you are also members of the WVA and are a voting member at the annual meeting. Meeting topics include establishing goals for 2024-2025 and the election of WVA Officers for the coming 2024-2025 cycle. This will be the community notice required by the WVA bylaws.

Church Supper

The First Congregational Church of Gray is hosting a Saturday Night Church Supper at 5 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 24 at the Parish House, 5 Brown St. in Gray. The meal is handicapped accessible. Meals are \$10 each. Please pay at the door. The menu includes a variety of casseroles and salads, baked

pea beans and red kidney beans, red hot dogs, biscuits, desserts and beverages. FMI, call 207-657-4338.

Barbecue fundraiser

The annual Chicken Barbecue to raise funds for the restoration of Nathaniel Hawthorne's Boyhood Home returns at 5 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 25 at Camp Wohelo, 25 Fire Lane 24, Raymond. The supper features grilled chicken and "all the fixin's," including coleslaw, chips, dessert, coffee, and punch. A donation of \$15 each, payable at the entrance, is asked, with the funds being used to help restore the very old kitchen at "the Hawthorne House." A short annual meeting of the Hawthorne Community Assoc. will take place after. Reservations are strongly suggested. Email info@hawthorneassoc.com or call 508-498-3724.

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