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WHS senior places third in Maine App Challenge

By Kaysa Jalbert

STAFF WRITER

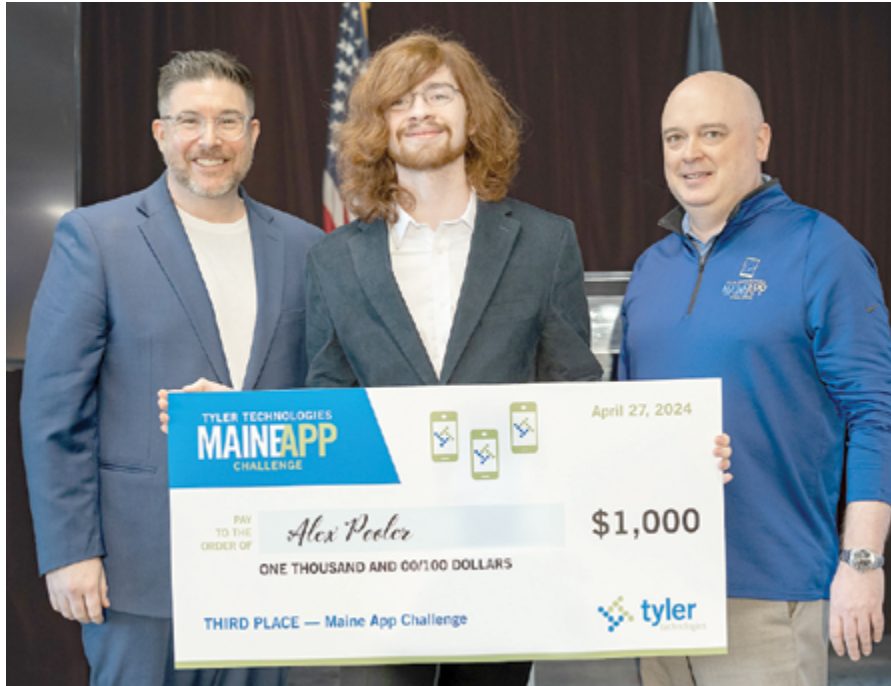
Creativity was on full display in this year's Maine App Challenge as a Windham High School senior, Alex Pooler, placed third among participants, winning a \$1,000 scholarship from Tyler Technologies.

Pooler designed an app that makes it quick and easy for educators to assess a student's well-being. He created the app called *Good Morning Class*, an interactive check-in app for elementary school teachers and students.

He says that he started working on his app idea in fall of 2022. One day at the start of his junior year, he was talking with a primary school teacher, Mrs. Farrin, who thought it would be a good idea to design an app to make it easier for teachers to check-in on their students.

"Last year I developed *Good Morning Class* using MIT App Inventor, a block-based coding program," said Pooler. He first developed a prototype for the app and then tested it with the help of Mrs. Farrin. After testing, he revised the app to better fit her classes.

"This year, I developed version two in Python, a coding language, and Kivy, a graphical framework. This was



Matt Jones, software engineering manager for Tyler Technologies, left, and Chris Webster, president of Tyler Technologies' ERP & Civic Division, right, congratulate Alex Pooler of Windham High School for placing third in the annual Maine App Challenge for students. Pooler earned a check for \$1,000 for his app called *Good Morning Class*, an interactive check-in app for elementary school teachers and students. PHOTO BY WHITNEY J. FOX PHOTOGRAPHY

a major improvement and difficulty, as I was still learning both languages," says Pooler.

Mrs. Farrin would use a Google survey to check in with her students.

Although it is a survey program, its design is not specific to an elementary classroom, leaving room for user error and confusion.

Pooler said that he wanted to make

life a little easier for teachers and students through his creation and thought it would be a nice project for his high school Capstone.

Jennifer Pooler, Alex's mother said her son has always been creative.

"Alex has been making games since he was very young, board games, card games, which eventually led to his interest in making video games," she said. "I don't think Alex thought too much about developing apps until Mrs. Farrin suggested he explore that for his Capstone project, but it aligned well with his interests."

Prior to working on his *Good Morning Class* app, Pooler says he had never developed an app before.

"In my sophomore year I took a computer science class, but most of what I learned was on the fly," said Pooler. "In between last year's submission and this year's, I took an on-line computer science class."

After high school, Pooler will be studying Game Design and Development at Rochester Institute of Technology.

"I can't wait to hear about and hopefully see the projects Alex works on at RIT and after," Jennifer Pooler said. "My hope is that he'll build a solid foundation at college to be successful."

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Memorial Day activities in Windham taking shape

By Ed Pierce

STAFF WRITERS

Since 1971, the last Monday in May is designated as Memorial Day in the United States and it's a holiday where all Americans can pause to reflect on and remember those who have been lost in military service to our nation. This year Memorial Day falls on Monday, May 27 and to mark the occasion, members of Windham's American Legion Field-Allen Post 148 have planned a full slate of activities that the public can attend and participate in.

For several weeks now, Legion members have been assisting in cemetery cleanups across the town. They also have been placing more than 100 American flags on utility poles on major highways in Windham as a reminder that Memorial Day is more than the annual kickoff of summer and the holiday honors those who have died defending America's freedom and liberty. The flags will fly through Labor Day in town.

"This year the American Legion Field-Allen Post has its own set of memories as it celebrates 86 years of service to our veterans and the Windham community," said Post 148 Adjutant David Tanguay. "The Post remembers it founders, World War I veterans, leaders in the community, who established it in 1938 to honor one of their own, Lt. Charles W.W. Field of Windham who was killed in action while leading a charge against



Memorial Day activities in Windham include a parade, a ceremony at Windham High and a picnic lunch and gathering at the Windham Veterans Center. The public is welcome to attend and participate in these activities. COURTESY PHOTO

an enemy machine gun emplacement."

Tanguay said that following World War II, the name Allen was added to its name remembering the ultimate sacrifice made by U.S. Marine Corps Sgt. James Allen of Windham, who was killed in the Pacific Island campaign leading a patrol against the enemy forces.

"Both are local heroes, and both now are the namesakes of the American Legion Field-Allen Post 148-Windham," Tanguay said.

According to Tanguay, the American Legion plans and conducts the traditional Memorial Day events and is looking for public involvement in staging this year's Memorial Day Parade in Windham.

"The Post is asking the community to increase their involvement with floats or decorated vehicles to replace some of the more traditional entries that may not be available," Tanguay said. "At one time in the past the Memorial Day parade was the largest parade in town. Let's make the 2024 parade an event to remember."

He said that teams of veterans will cover the 22 smaller cemeteries in the town to place new flags on the graves of all local veterans.

"On Saturday, May 18, weather permitting, teams of veterans and community members will meet at 9 a.m. at Arlington Cemetery in North Windham adjacent to the Fire Station to place the final 350-plus flags on the veteran's graves," Tanguay said. "For any families or groups interested in helping, this is a great opportunity for the community to have a teaching moment and share in the flag program."

At Smith Cemetery in Windham, ROTC cadets from Windham High School will place flags on veterans' graves there and will also put more than 200 flags along the Route 302 Ro-

tary.

On Memorial Day itself, Windham's Memorial Day Parade starts at 9 a.m. and runs from the Windham Town Hall on School Road and proceeds onto Route 202 in the direction of Windham High School.

"The best vantage point for viewing is from the area around the intersection of Windham Center Road and Route 202," Tanguay said. "This year the Legion is asking for business and community support to make the parade truly memorable by marching or walking in the parade, entering a float or decorated vehicle, or offering a ride to a vet who may not be able to walk the distance. To sign up, please call 207-892-1306."

Tanguay said there is a need for open vehicles with convertibles preferred to provide rides for some of the post's less ambulatory senior veterans.

At 10 a.m. in front of Windham's Veterans Memorial Flagpole at Windham High School, a formal Memorial Day Ceremony will be conducted with the guest speaker being American Legion Past National Commander Vincent James Troiola, who now resides in Windham.

Master of ceremony for the event is Post 148 Commander Tom Theriault. Ceremonial → see MEMORIAL Page 10

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INSIGHT

Moon beams and big dreams

I sat in Miss Weaver's second-grade classroom that day totally in awe of what was happening and the possibilities that a special event held for all Americans.

The date was Friday May 5, 1961, and it started out like any other normal school day at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic School in Brighton, New York. Along with my classmates, we were quietly reading at our desks about 10:15 a.m. when there was a knock at our classroom door, and a priest wheeled in a large portable television set.

Miss Weaver instructed us to put down our books and watch the television because a special event was about to happen that we would remember for the rest of our lives. It was live coverage of the first-ever attempt to launch an American astronaut into space from Cape Canaveral, Florida.

The astronaut aboard the spacecraft called Freedom 7 was Alan Shepard, one of the original U.S. Mercury astronauts. It was the first time I heard NASA's Mission Control Countdown tick away "10, 9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1, liftoff."

We all cheered as the rocket took off and eventually reached a suborbital altitude of 115 miles. Shepard's spacecraft traveled downrange for 302 nautical miles from Cape Canaveral. During the flight, Shepard was able to observe the Earth from space and tested his altitude control system. He also was able to turn the spacecraft around so its heat shield could protect him during atmospheric re-entry and tested Freedom 7's retrorockets.

The flight itself lasted for 15 minutes and 28 seconds and reached a speed of 5,180 mph before Freedom 7 splashed down in the Atlantic Ocean off the coast of the Bahamas. Our class continued watching the recovery as U.S. Navy frogmen retrieved Shepard and Freedom 7 and flew them by helicopter to the aircraft carrier USS Lake Champlain.

With his successful flight, Alan Shepard became the first American in space and by 11:30 a.m., the large portable television was wheeled out of our classroom and our class got ready to go to the cafeteria for lunch.

It was a significant milestone for this nation and a few days later I was watching the evening news and saw where President John F. Kennedy welcomed Shepard to the White House. He presented him with the NASA Distinguished Service Medal in a ceremony and during his remarks, the president also saluted the work done by so many others for Shepard's flight to be a success.

For days after that, all the members of our second-grade class pretended to be astronauts while out on the school playground. By the end of that month, President Kennedy addressed a joint session of Congress and challenged the nation to claim a leadership role in space exploration and to land a man on the moon before the end of the 1960s decade.

It was a source of pride and common purpose for Americans and each subsequent NASA manned space flight became must-see television, no matter what age you were. Americans were ecstatic when Apollo 11 astronauts landed on the moon in July 1969 and were worried and fearful when an accident crippled the Apollo 13 spacecraft on its mission to the moon but miraculously made it back to earth safely in April 1970.

Shepard had been grounded by NASA following his 1961 spaceflight after suffering from an ear ailment called Meniere's disease but was restored to flight status following surgery to alleviate the issue. He led the Apollo 14 mission to the moon and at age 47 became the oldest astronaut to walk on the moon, and the only one of the original seven Mercury astronauts to make it there.

In 1994, my life came full circle when I met Alan Shepard while he was at a promotional event in Titusville, Florida. Shepard and two journalists, Jay Barbee and Howard Benedict, had written a book called "Moon Shot: The Inside Story of America's Race to the Moon." I got to spend a few moments speaking to Alan Shepard and I told him about how fascinated members of our second-grade class were that morning in 1961 to watch his Freedom 7 flight.

He told me that he felt all Americans were part of his mission that day and he thanked me for watching. Shepard died in 1998 from leukemia and I was saddened to hear that news.

When I landed a job working for a newspaper in Laconia, New Hampshire in 2014, on at least several occasions I interviewed and met several people who had grown up in Derry, New Hampshire with Alan Shepard and had attended middle school classes at Oak Street School in Derry with him.

I also interviewed a U.S. Army veteran who resided at the New Hampshire Veterans Home in Tilton who had been in the same Boy Scout troop as Alan Shepard. He told me the future astronaut loved building things and enlisted the assistance of his fellow scouts to construct a rowboat.

You never know where life will lead you and I certainly never dreamed sitting in my second-grade classroom in May 1961 that I would some day meet the first American in space. < - Ed Pierce

Today in
HISTORY



MAY 17

1733 – Great Britain passes the Molasses Act, putting high tariffs on rum and molasses imported to the colonies from a different country.

1792 – The New York Stock Exchange is founded at 70 Wall Street by 24 brokers.

1875 – The first Kentucky Derby was run in Louisville.

1884 – Alaska becomes a U.S. territory.

1900 – The book "The Wonderful Wizard of Oz" written by L. Frank Baum with illustrations by William Wallace Denslow is first published.

1954 – The U.S. Supreme Court unanimously rules for school integration in Brown vs. Board of Education of Topeka declaring that racially segregated schools are inherently unequal.

1969 – Russian space probe Venera 6 lands on the planet Venus.

1996 – U.S. President Bill Clinton signs a measure requiring neighborhood notification when sex offenders move in.

ON THE SPOT

If you could play one musical instrument well, which would you pick and why?

"Saxophone. The ultimate Blues instrument."
- William D. Reiner

"Piano. It can be hauntingly beautiful or downright funky. An all-purpose instrument."
- Janet Paul

"The drums, played them back in high school but I haven't played for 45 years."
- Tommy Matthews

"The guitar for sitting around the campfire and singing."
- Maureen Darling

"The harp!! I've just always enjoyed the sound of it."
- Morgan Peters

"Cello. It can be beautifully haunting." - Julie Mallett

"Steel Guitar." - Steve Hatt

"Re-learn to play my violin as it can sing, cry, laugh and rejoice in any genre or language."
- Sharon Taylor

"Saxophone - because it has soul." - Rob Juergens

"Piano because I would love to play like Paul Shaffer. He's brilliant." - Rhonda Fenderson

"Already do some trumpet but if I was coordinated enough, the piano for sure."
- Jim Hoar

"Acoustic Guitar!"
- Tricia Patenaude Sabine

"Tenor Sax."
- Christopher D. Wallace

"Harp." - Jocelyn Quimby

"I'd go for the clarinet as my late aunt also loved that instrument." - Anne Glotschuck

"Tuba. Like the way it sounds."
- Dean A. Smalley

"Piccolo, small but mighty."
- Chris Macklin

"Keyboards."
- Mia Potenzio-Ransey

"Lizzo got me interested in learning how to play the flute."
- Jude Orestes-Sanchez

"I have always admired Jimi Hendrix, so I'd choose the electric guitar."
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Mock CSI exercise tests students' sleuthing skills

By Jolene Bailey
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Windham High School has been hosting Mock CSI experiences for students on campus since the 2017-2018 school year and this year's exercise was intended to help participating students boost their speaking and listening skills, as well as writing, pre-calculus, and chemistry skills.

"The CSI unit we developed captured my favorite aspects of teaching, including creativity, authentic learning, true challenge, and student motivation," said WHS teacher Adrienne Shetehelm, a coordinator of the event. "I hoped to create a memorable learning experience that challenges and propels students to think about how their skills translate beyond the classroom."

The Mock CSI unit for students began for most classes on April 22 when there was a controlled burn on campus. On May 1 and May 2, about 100 students explored the burn site to attempt to solve the mock crime. This included student crime scene investigators in Shetehelm and Nicole Densmore's English classes, John Ziegler's Pre-Calculus classes. Students from Lauren Ruffner's Chemistry class visited Central Maine Community College along with representatives of Windham's Public Safety Departments to take on that angle of the mock investigation.

"Math students needed to come to our APEX classroom to ask my students what they learned from a suspect interview," Shetehelm said. "Our interviews informed those lab techs what



WHS students wrapped up their annual Mock CSI exercise with a visit to the Public Safety Simulation Lab at Central Maine Community College in Lewiston on May 2. SUBMITTED PHOTO

evidence to analyze. Collaboration between students from different backgrounds unfolded. Students demonstrated they were clear and effective communicators, integrative thinkers, and practical problem solvers."

Prioritizing math, science and English skills, students were able to crack the case of a mock serial arsonist during their investigation.

"We wrote a narrative of a 'who dunnit' and our School Resource Officer Seth Fournier got involved and he pulled in support from our Windham Police Department," Shetehelm said. "This year, to try something new, we worked with Windham Fire Chief Brent Libby and Forest Ranger Matt Bennett to concoct an arson narrative."

The Mock CSI exercise is different each year. From an educational aspect, students are challenged to the Maine Guiding Principles, such as being a clear and effective communicator, self-directed and lifelong learner, creative and practical problem solver, responsible and involved citizen and an integrative and informed thinker.

"Students practiced the guiding

principles that we want students to master," Shetehelm said. Many students often battle anxiety, which hinders their ability to speak or ask questions in the classroom. Amazingly, these students were leading the questioning of our suspects."

This year's serial arsonist case was completely designed by Windham teachers and part of the experience included a controlled burn on campus, interviews with actors as suspects/witnesses, and cell phone triangulation. The unit's grand finale included a day at CMCC's Public Safety Simulation building so students could learn from Public Service Department Chair Matt Tiff, Forensic Science Professor David King, and other CMCC staff.

This not only gave students insight into what it is like to solve a crime, but it also taught participants academic

skills that they will need in and outside of a classroom environment.

"I was so proud to see my students, even often quiet ones who may not respond to a lesson within the classroom, engage with police officers, members of the community, and ask hard questions and work with peers to solve the crime. Many demonstrated clever problem-solving and leadership skills," said Shetehelm.

The planning process for this Mock CSI exercise started way back in September with the officers tasked with setting up the mock crime scene working collaboratively with the educators at Windham High. Expectations are that students will understand how the different pieces of evidence collected come together to show what happened, which tests are reliable, and which ones have a high possibility of error. <

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Mock interviews help teens find summer employment

By Masha Yurkevich
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As the school year comes to an end, many teens may be thinking about starting a job and setting aside some money for college, a first car, or personal spending. Starting a first and new job may be frightening and stressful for some, especially a first job interview.

While the Sebago Lakes Region Chamber of Commerce does not di-

rectly help teens look for jobs, they do help with an important and vital part of getting a first job: an interview.

Robin Mullins, President/CEO of the Sebago Lakes Region Chamber of Commerce says that the chamber does not have a direct role in helping teens looking for work. They do, however, partner with local high schools in offering “mock interviews” for students.

“These practice interviews allow students the opportunity to learn valuable interview skills and receive useful feedback and tips on what potential employers are looking for in great employees,” says Mullins.

Having the opportunity to practice these skills in advance can help alleviate some of the stress of interviewing and give the student an indication of what the interview process will look like.

“During these ‘mock interviews,’ I talk with teens about the importance of looking for work they will be hap-

py doing,” Mullins says. “Teens work in the summer for a number of different reasons. The need to spend money, to save for college, and to spend time with friends are just a few examples. No matter their reason for working, it is imperative they enjoy the work they are doing. If they like the work, they are more apt to stay for the entire summer and come back the following year.”

For some it could become the full-time career they choose to pursue once they graduate.

Once the teen has determined what areas they may enjoy working in, they should look to see what businesses offering that type of work are hiring. This information can be found on company websites, Facebook pages and signage at the business locations. Other resources can include word of mouth from family and friends or using an employment agency or website, such as Indeed, Zip Recruiter or Bonney Staffing, located in Windham.

“The need for good summer employees is always great this time of year in our region,” says Mullins. “Tourism is a huge part of our economy in the late spring, summer, and fall. Having teens fill many of these roles is a win for the employers who can invite the students back each summer and will not need to lay people off at the end of the season. It is also a win for teens who can work during the summer when they have the flexibility and time off from school.”

Maine Department of Labor regulations stipulate that those 14 years old and older can work within certain boundaries that are in place to ensure that working does not interfere with the health or education of the minor, such as minimum age for employment, work permits, hours of work, and dangerous prohibited occupations.

All minors under 16 years old must obtain a work permit before beginning a job. This includes home-school students and they must obtain a new permit every time they begin a new job until they reach 16 years old, even if they work for their parents.

In order to apply for a work permit, the minor must be enrolled in school, not habitually truant or under suspension, and passing a majority of courses during the current grading period.

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First-ever Pride event nearing in Windham



By Ed Pierce

STAFF WRITER

Final preparations are under way for the community's first pride celebration next month in Windham.

According to Kate Turpen, Board Chair of Windham & Raymond Pride, the event will be called "Together We Rise!" and will be held from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday, June 2 at the Windham Town Hall Gym, 8 School Road in Windham.

"We've been lucky to partner with the Windham Police Department so we can ensure a safe day of community fun," she said.

Turpen says the event will include activities both outside Windham Town Hall and inside at the Town Hall Gymnasium.

"Outside there will be an artist market with some of our local queer makers and allies where you can chat with makers, purchase their goods, and mingle with the community," she said. "There will also be community resources with local non-profits and organizations, food trucks for lunch

and treats that can be enjoyed under one of our community tents, and a playground hangout for little kids and parents to enjoy the outside and get to know each other."

Additional outdoor activities will be a photo camper where participants can take photographs with friends and family to remember and the See-what-sticks Axe Throwing will be on hand for demonstrations in their mobile axe-throwing trailer. Live music will be performed by Viva! The Sensation.

Inside activities include bracelet making with Black Maple Piercing, Storytime, karaoke, special guests and performers on the event's Main Stage.

There will also be a donation and information booth and a raffle of items donated from businesses and individuals in the community will take place, Turpen said.

"Little Chair Printing will be live printing our limited edition Together We Rise! tee shirts," she said.

June has been globally recognized as Pride Month, a time of celebration,

commemoration, and activism for the LGBTQ+ community. The activities during Pride Month are not only a vibrant celebration of diversity and self-affirmation, but also a potent reminder of the need to promote equity, acceptance, and respect for all, regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity.

Through parades, parties, protests, and educational events, Pride Month activities, such as the one in Windham underscore a rich diversity within the LGBTQ+ community, acknowledge

the significant achievements made in the pursuit of equality, and highlight the ongoing struggles faced globally. It serves as an essential platform to increase visibility, encourage conversation, and further progress towards true equity and acceptance.

All ages are welcome to attend the Together We Rise! event in Windham, Turpen said.

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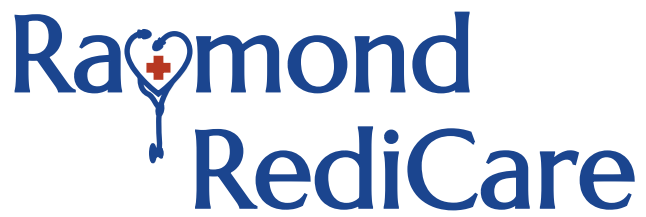
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Time has arrived to get your spring bedding plants

By Kendra Raymond
STAFF WRITER

Most everyone in our area can agree, it has been a tough winter. From early to late-season storms and the damage that ensued, it is time to recoup our losses and move forward with yard beautification.

The storm damage clean up continues in our area and neighbors are coming together to help each other regain some sense of normalcy on their property. The Town of Windham brush disposal area on Enterprise Drive has extended their closing until 6 p.m. June 9.

Now it's time to think about adding some color and pizzazz to your yard

with flowering annuals, vegetables, and perennials. The chance of frost has passed, and local garden centers and big box stores are brimming with colorful options ready to plant.

As a horticulturist, I have spent plenty of time in greenhouses during the spring season. Most customers arrive, list in hand with a laser focused expression on their face. They wander through the rows of colorful annuals, fulfilling the "mandatory" bucket list.

I am pondering the question, why does this seasonal rite of passage hold such reverence for us Mainers? To look for answers, I spoke to a couple customers at a local greenhouse who were purchasing contents for planters

which are often located on steps or decks.

The two said that they plant the same annuals every year and they wouldn't consider changing up their yearly purchases. Both explained that there is no need to deviate as the planters have always flourished.

Another group had a different opinion, telling me that they are willing to try anything new, and that they "like surprises." The shoppers also expressed interest in the new farm to table trend, as well as untraditional container plantings like herbs or vegetables.

The Mid-Maine Greenhouse Growers Association reminds home gardeners to stay connected, listing their mission as: "Our goal is to help you find the right plants to get the

most out of every flower bed, vegetable patch and patio pot - because we grow the plants we sell."

Containers or gardens

For container planting, that is anything being placed in a hanging basket, plant pot, window box, or other receptacle - it is important to think ahead. Most seedlings are sold in 4- or 6-packs and are often root bound and still immature. Most of these plants will expand substantially when transplanted into a larger space, so make sure to allow room for expansion. I learned a little trick, which I will share here: mix up a bucket of fertilizer, remove the seedlings from the packs, dip the roots into the solution, and then plant into new soil. This gives the plants a boost of energy.

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WMS students donate socks to Windham Clothes Closet

By Jolene Bailey
STAFF WRITER

Last winter, Windham Middle School seventh- and eighth-grade band and orchestra students conducted a fundraiser called “Rock Your Socks for Toes in Need” and proceeds from the event help the students with expenses to participate in the upcoming Trills and Thrills Music Festival for WMS musicians.

The event was such a success that it gave WMS students an opportunity to also give back to their community. For every pack of colorful, fun socks that the middle school students sold in the fundraiser, the company agreed to give students a pair of free socks to donate to the Windham Clothes Closet.

“I heard about this fundraiser and like that it emphasizes giving back to the community, as well as raising much needed funds,” said Morgan Riley, WMS music teacher.

The students say it gives them a good feeling to know they can help others in need.

“It felt really nice to know that people who need some clothing will get some from us buying socks and selling them,” said eight grader Aiden Hall, who is a tenor and saxophone player at WMS.

The Windham Clothes Closet is open to residents and non-residents of Windham who are in need of clothing. Donations of clean, usable clothing are accepted at the facility on Gray Road in Windham.

On May 7, WMS band and orchestra members Hall and Annabelle Riley delivered 96 pairs of brand-new socks to Windham Clothes Closet as a result of their school’s fundraising success and the company’s match.

This was the second consecutive year that WMS students were able to make a sock donation to the Wind-

ham Clothes Closet.

Collette, the manager at the Clothes Closet, told us that last spring’s donation was very well received by Windham residents in need. “This is just a feel-good fundraiser all the way around,” said Morgan Riley.

Hall said it’s nice to know the socks will be put to good use.

“It’s super fun and I hope a lot of other people should try being a part of a fundraiser,” he said. “My favorite part would have to be seeing all the socks we are able to donate.”

For further fundraising informa-

tion for WMS band and orchestra students, or to participate in next year’s “Rock Your Socks for Toes in Need,” contact the school. A link will be posted alerting the public to the fundraiser on the Windham Maine Community Board Facebook page. <



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OUR LATE NIGHT WILL BE THURSDAY, JUNE 6 UNTIL 7:00 P.M.
This is the last day to absentee vote.

**NEW* Maine transitioned from a closed primary system to a semi-open primary. Unenrolled voters are now able to participate in the June 11, 2024, Primary.*

- UNENROLLED VOTERS – Voters who are not enrolled in a party may choose to vote one party ballot (Democratic, Republican or Green Independent in June)
- VOTERS ENROLLED IN A PARTY – may only vote in that party’s primary. Democratic, Republican and Green Independent parties are the only parties that will hold primaries on June 11.

Deadline to change party enrollment is May 23, 2024, by 4:00 p.m. to be able to participate in the primary.

All ballots must be returned to the Clerk’s Office no later than 8:00 p.m. on June 11 to be counted.

For your convenience you may deposit your absentee ballot envelopes in the Secure Ballot Drop Box at the Town Hall’s front entrance, bring them inside or mail them with return postage of .68¢

Election Day voting will take place at the Windham High School, 406 Gray Road in the Auxiliary Gym. The polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

***CLERK’S HOURS:** Monday/Wednesday 7am - 5pm, Tuesday 7am - 6pm & Thursday 7am - 4pm
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For more information please call the Town Clerk’s Office at 892-1900. Thank you, Linda Morrell - Town Clerk

BRIEFS

Windham Leaf and Brush Disposal

The Windham Leaf and Brush Disposal Site, located at the very end of Enterprise Drive off Route 302 behind the self-storage building will remain open through 6 p.m. Sunday, June 9.

Retirement Party

A party will be held from 1 to 4 p.m. Sunday, May 19 at Camp Hinds in Raymond to recognize Don Williard, who served 23 years as Raymond Town Manager prior to his retirement earlier this year. The public is invited to attend. FMI, call 207-756-2374.

Citizenship ceremony

The American Legion Field -Allen Post 148 will host a Naturalization Ceremony where new citizens will swear allegiance to the United States at 10 a.m. Friday, May 24 at the Windham Veterans Center, 35 Veterans Memorial Lane. This event is open to the public. FMI, send an email to aileenpelletier22@gmail.com

Church Supper

The First Congregational Church of Gray will host a Saturday Night Church Supper at 5 p.m. Saturday,

May 25 at the church parish house, 5 Brown St. The event is handicapped-accessible. Meals are \$10 each, pay at the door. The menu includes casseroles, salads, baked beans, red hot dogs, breads, desserts and beverages. FMI call 207-657-4338.

Spaghetti Dinner

It Takes a Village 207 will host a spaghetti dinner starting from 4 to 8 p.m. Saturday, May 25 at 175 Northeast Road in Standish. They will also be taking "text to go" orders. To-go orders must be submitted 24 hours prior to the dinner - time slots for carside

pickup are 4:30 p.m., 5 p.m., 5:30 p.m. and 6 p.m. The cost is \$12 per adult and \$7 per child for one serving of spaghetti, garlic bread, salad, dessert, and drinks. There will be a 50/50 and raffle table. Upon request, ITAV207 will also be selling spaghetti sauce. All proceeds from this event stay in Maine helping struggling Maine families. FMI or for text orders, call 207-322-7065.

Cancer Support

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Reaching a Century Milestone

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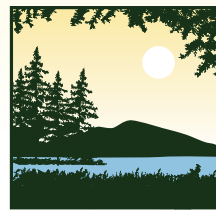
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events will include patriotic selections performed by the Windham High Band, a wreath laying, bell tolling for Windham veterans who died in the past year and the ceremonial burning of tattered flags removed from veterans' graves, followed by the traditional rifle salute and the playing of Taps.

To wrap up activities that day, American Legion Field-Allen Post 148 will host an open house at noon at the Windham Veterans Center, 35 Veterans Memorial Drive, with a picnic-style luncheon open to the public. There will also be a brief wreath ceremony prior to the picnic in the Veterans Center Memorial Garden. <

Nangle's water protection legislation signed into law

AUGUSTA – On May 10, Maine Gov. Janet Mills held a ceremonial bill signing for legislation sponsored by State Sen. Tim Nangle, D-Windham. LD 2101, "An Act to Strengthen Shoreland Zoning Enforcement," will give municipalities effective tools for combating shoreland zone violations.

"This bill is a significant milestone in ensuring that Maine's communities have the authority they need to manage their natural resources effectively," Senator Nangle said. "I'm thankful to my Senate and House colleagues for their bipartisan support and to Gov. Mills for signing this into law."

LD 2101 allows but does not require municipalities to deny, suspend, or revoke locally issued permits to property owners who violate shoreland zoning ordinances. Under current law, even with ongoing violations, municipalities are required to issue permits, limiting their ability to ensure compliance with state and locally established regulations. The municipality would be required to provide the property owner with a 10-day notice, ensuring fairness and due process to property owners.

Typically, when the violation is resolved in court, the court assigns the cost of enforcing the violation and any applicable fines to the property owner. Then another fight ensues to collect those costs, which places another undue burden on the town's taxpayers.

To help combat this, LD 2101 al-

lows a municipality to file a civil action against the owner or occupant to recover unpaid penalties; the cost to remove, abate, or otherwise correct the violation; and court costs and reasonable attorney's fees necessary to file and pursue the civil action.

If the case is resolved and the court has awarded costs in favor of the municipality, the town would then be authorized to claim a lien against the land on which the violation occurred to ensure that the legally awarded costs are paid.

LD 2101 also enhances transparency in real estate transactions by requiring sellers to disclose any known shoreland zoning violations to potential buyers.

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GARDEN *Cont. from page 6*

If your bedding plants are being moved into a garden, the fertilizer dip can also be used in this application. You may also want to consider a soil test just to make sure the garden will provide the necessary conditions for growth, including the proper pH and



nutrient content. Before planting, it is a good idea to turn over your soil with a rototiller or pitchfork, amend with manure and peat, and rake flat.

Sun or shade

Before purchasing annuals, I would recommend considering the destination for the plants. Once this is determined, simply ask an employee at the greenhouse which plants like sunny or shady locations. There are also many plants that thrive in both sun and shade.

Maintenance

Another important factor to keep in mind is the time you are willing to invest in caring for your annuals. Most container plantings are quite low maintenance, and only need watering about once a

week. Gardens are usually watered by the rain, with just a bit of supplementation during dry spells or when the plants are first moved.

The University of Maine's "The Garden Pro Answer Book" by Dr. Lois Berg Stack, is filled with copious amounts of information for home gardeners, landscapers, and garden center owners. It provides information on challenging sites, gardening, and many tables and charts.

Check out the Maine Landscape and Nursery Association website at: www.melna.org and The University of Maine bulletin, "Annual Flowers for Special Uses" is a great resource and can be visited at: <https://extension.umaine.edu/gardening>

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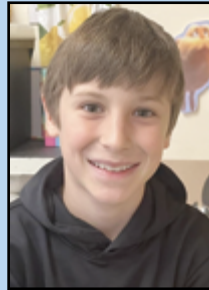
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This adjustment is being made to better serve our residents and improve operational efficiency. After careful consideration, it was determined that closing an hour earlier on Tuesday evenings & opening at 8am instead of 8:30am will enhance our customer experience. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause and assure you that we remain committed to providing you with the highest quality service.

Should you have any questions or require further clarification on this change, please do not hesitate to contact us.



ELECTION NOTICE

Voting Day is June 11th, 2024, 7am-8pm

at Jordan Small Middle School Gymnasium, 423 Webbs Mills Road
 Polls open at 7am and close at 8pm.

VOTING ON:

MAINE STATE PRIMARY ELECTION

(offices other than President)

MUNICIPAL ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Select Board & Budget-Finance Committee

THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT *via secret ballot*

RSU #14 BUDGET VALIDATION

Sample Ballots & notices will be posted at: www.raymondmaine.org as available

Office Hours are Tuesday from 8:30am-7pm and Wednesday through Friday from 8:30am-4pm for any resident wishing to register to vote, to vote by absentee ballot in-person or to pick up an absentee ballot to take home. The last day for in-person absentee voting & requesting an absentee ballot will be Thursday, June 6, 2024. Voted ballots can be returned to the secure drop-box in front of the Town Office at any time before Election Day.

Residents may register and vote at the polling location on Election Day. You must provide proof of identity and residency. All eligible voters may vote on the local ballots.

The State Primary portion of this election is open only to anyone enrolled in the Democratic, Republican, and Green Independent parties or those who are Unenrolled.

Voters can change their party status up to 15 days before Election Day. You must be in a party for three months before changing to another party. The deadline to change parties for the June 11th election is May 24, 2024.

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MILFOIL SEASON IS UPON US AGAIN!

The Town of Raymond received grant monies last year that extend into the 2024 season for the removal of Variable-Leaf Watermilfoil in Sebago Lake.

We will be working closely with Maine biologists from DEP, Divers from New England Milfoil, Raymond Waterways, and 3 local marina associations to remove milfoil in the Raymond areas of the lake.

It is the responsibility of all residents and tourists using Sebago Lake, especially with watercrafts, to help mitigate the spread of invasive aquatic species.

The smallest fragment on a boat is all it takes for this species to start growing. Milfoil in Sebago poses an ongoing threat to native species, the economy, recreation, and human health and safety. It forms dense mats that block sunlight and starves aquatic life of oxygen. These mats often crowd out native vegetation which provide food, shelter, and nesting areas for fish and other wildlife.

The removal of milfoil is costly, time consuming, and Sebago will likely never be completely free of this invasive plant but **with a few simple steps you can help mitigate the spread!**

CLEAN off visible aquatic plants, animals, and mud from all equipment before leaving water access.

- Rinse equipment and boat hulls (with high pressure, hot water when possible).
- Rinse interior compartments of boats with low pressure, hot water (120°F).
- Flush motor with hot water (120°F) for 2 minutes (or according to owner's manual).

DRAIN motor, bilge, live well, and other water containing devices before leaving water access.

DRY everything for at least five days OR wipe with a towel before reuse.

For ANGLERS, the additional step of DISPOSE is recommended:

DISPOSE of unwanted bait, worms, and fish parts in the trash. When keeping live bait, drain bait container and replace with spring or dechlorinated tap water. Never dump live fish or other organisms from one water body into another.

Announcements from Raymond Code Enforcement CODE OFFICER BY APPOINTMENT ONLY

The Raymond Code Enforcement Office is currently down to just one Code Officer. We are in the process of trying to fill the vacant position and are working as hard as we can to keep up with permit and inspection requests.

This is the busy season for Code Enforcement so please be advised that approval times and appointment request times are delayed.

Please have patience & understanding on this matter.

Please use kindness when working with our staff!!

THINGS TO NOTE:

- ▶ Electrical and plumbing permits can be issued immediately. No appointment is necessary.
- ▶ You do not need an appointment to come into the office to review a building file.
- ▶ Electrical permits ARE required.
- ▶ If the Code Officer is in the building, it does not necessarily mean he has time for questions, please make an appointment. We are operating on a limited schedule

OFFICE HOURS

Monday: Closed • Tuesday: 8:30am – 7:00pm
Wednesday, Thursday & Friday: 8:30am – 4:00pm



Sheri Gagnon Memorial equipment is finally installed,

This has been a hot topic for a couple results and so happy this project is co

ROADRUNNER

ND – MAY 2024 NEWSLETTER



AGE FRIENDLY RAYMOND is a part of the Lifelong communities through the University of Maine Center on Aging and AARP. It is this organization's goal to have ALL ages & abilities thrive, & have Raymond become a great place for all to work, play, & do business, in an atmosphere that is inclusive and respectful of all generations. *We want to help Raymond foster economic growth & make residents of all ages happier & healthier.*

COVID STOPPED A LOT OF THIS GROUP'S ACTIVITIES, BUT SOME HAVE STARTED BACK UP AGAIN!

We've had 2 successful BINGO nights at Jordan Bay Place for seniors (with fourth graders assisting by calling the numbers), & we hope to be hosting an ALL AGE BINGO night in the near future.

Several Raymond seniors have visited Raymond Elementary School & interacted with fourth graders.

They have also written back & forth to each other several times.

CRIBBAGE is now being enjoyed at the Raymond Village Library on Tuesdays from 10-noon.

R.E.S. first graders have colored pictures that were placed around Jordan Bay at each apartment door, along with a 'Kindness Banner' that was placed in their lobby for everyone's enjoyment.

Work is also underway behind the senior housing to improve their garden area, so more residents can participate in the joy of gardening. It is our hope to get some fresh vegetables this summer to those who are unable to maintain a garden on their own. By tapping into the skills & experience of older residents, we will in turn positively influence people of all ages!

IF THIS SOUNDS LIKE SOMETHING YOU'D LIKE TO PARTICIPATE IN, PLEASE JOIN US!

We've only been back up and running for less than 3 months now, & we could really use your thoughts and input going forward!

WE WOULD LOVE VOLUNTEERS!

You can volunteer as much or as little as you're able.

Citizen involvement is critical for this program's success!

If interested email Debby Tarr, Age Friendly Raymond coordinator at: Agefriendlyraymond@yahoo.com

The Town of Raymond is seeking a FULL TIME

Director of Code Enforcement & Planning

WE ARE HIRING

This is an opportunity to join a well-run town and play a part in serving our community. We are seeking a steady individual with solid communication skills to collaborate with the Code Enforcement Officer and to act as a resource for our residents.

Job description and fillable application are available at: www.raymondmaine.org.

To apply please send a cover letter, resume, application and three professional references to

sue.look@raymondmaine.org, or mail them to:

Town of Raymond ~ Attn: Sue Look, Town Manager
401 Webbs Mills Road, Raymond ME 04071

APPLICATIONS ACCEPTED UNTIL POSITION IS FILLED

The Town of Raymond is an equal opportunity employer.

Check out Raymond.recdesk.com for a list of current and ongoing program offerings and to register.

Mill St) playground mulched, and ready for use!!

After years, and we are thrilled with the playground completed just in time for nice weather!



Raymond Community Garden SPACE STILL AVAILABLE!

The Community Garden is located next to the Raymond Village Library on Meadow Road has available garden plots.

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN GROWING ORGANIC VEGETABLES FOR YOUR FAMILY, WE CAN HELP.

We work with Master Gardeners who can answer any questions & have an organic garden so only organic practices can be used.

Our roughly 15x8 plots are only \$15 for the growing season.

We have expanded each plot by 2' to provide each gardener a row to plant food for the Raymond Food Pantry.

Twice a month we harvest for the food pantry and ask each gardener to designate one row in their garden for the food pantry. We can supply seeds for that row if needed.

FMI, email Leigh Walker at Lwalker4@maine.rr.com or call/text 207-310-0741.

Community Garden brochures are available at the garden kiosk by the parking lot at 3 Meadow Road.



Raymond Schools PTO

MAY 6TH – 10TH, WE CELEBRATED TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK!

A HUGE shoutout to all the incredible school staff superheroes!

The PTO made sure our amazing staff got the VIP treatment they truly deserve! With the help of our Raymond Aroma Joe's and Village Donut Shop & Bakery, we kept our educators fueled up! We also provided a delicious lunch spread to keep the appreciation going! A special round of applause for the rockstar Delaine Brown for her invaluable help in making these setups extra special! Let's keep spreading that appreciation all year round!

Raymond Schools PTO is a registered 501(c)3 organization! Connect with our events & fundraising initiatives at: www.raymondschoolspto.org

EVENTS



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Open Mon, Wed & Fri 9am-6pm;
Tues. 9am-12pm (Seniors only); Sat. 9am-4pm

Look Out for Loons!

Thursday, May 30th • 6pm

Join Master Naturalist Cheryl Laz as she discusses the lives of loons and how we can help them thrive.

Annual Plant Sale

Saturday, June 1st • 7-11am

Plant and seedling donations can be dropped off at RVL. See the Facebook for available plants or reach out to Leigh Walker with questions at: lwalker4@maine.rr.com.

Hunger Hill, by Maine Author Philip C. Baker

Thursday, June 6th • 5:30pm

In this exciting crime thriller set in Portland, Maine, Detective Basil Keene must solve the murder of the unlikeable butcher of Hunger Hill. Meet the author – Phil grew up in Falmouth, Maine sailing on Casco Bay and now lives in Southern Maine with his family and two rescued beagles. Hunger Hill is his first full-length novel.

Free Painting Class: Watercolors with Kayley!

Tuesday, June 11th • 2-4pm

Join us for painting with watercolors with Kayley of Crafted Fitness and Art. Supplies provided but registration is required.

Please contact RVL to register for any of these events at 207-655-4283.

Eagle SPORTS



Trainor scores 100th goal in WHS girls' lacrosse win

By Matt Pascarella

STAFF WRITER

Windham sophomore Abby Trainor was just four goals away from scoring her 100th high school career at home on Saturday, May 11 during a home girls' lacrosse game against Bonny Eagle. She became the third player to accomplish this milestone in Windham's history and the Lady Eagles commanded the field and earned a solid 18-3 win over the Scots.



Windham sophomore Abby Trainor scores her 100th goal during a girls' lacrosse game against Bonny Eagle at Windham High on Saturday, May 11. Trainor is the third athlete in the program's history to achieve this distinction. PHOTOS BY MATT PASCARELLA

"It feels really good, but the main focus today was just winning," said Trainor. "I'm really proud of myself, I know my teammates are proud. I wasn't focused on the achievement as much ... I was like 'let's win, let's ... hustle' the accomplishment came along the way. This [happened] because of the incredible coaching and all the teammates around me that helped with some of these goals, because a goal is the end of a good play. It's great to do it with this team, my 100th goal was assisted, and I think that shows teamwork. I'm really hard working, people around me are hardworking. When we all come together, so many people can achieve so many different things."

Windham came out aggressive from the very start; senior Mallory Muse scored in the first 25 seconds. Sophomore Neve Ledbetter scored next. The Lady Eagle offense then began crushing it in this game.

"It's really just a time to grow as a team and at these times we can focus in on the littlest thing so when it comes to big, big games, we're ready," said Ledbetter. "Having a team like this and being able to play with each other is one of the most rewarding things ever. Hustle, defense [went well]. Ev-

eryone was playing together and passing to each other. It was such a team contribution to the whole game and it was so impressive to watch. I think we still need to work hard and hustle, but overall, I think we are extremely talented."

Windham junior Grace Joly scored next, followed by Trainor who was only three goals away from 100. Trainor then scored back-to-back goals. With 3:46 left in the first quarter, Trainor scored her 100th goal, assisted by Ledbetter.

"The thing about Abby that really is impressive to me is this year she has really elevated her game in not just how she scores, but how she drives and draws attention, dishes and gets assists," said Windham varsity girls' lacrosse coach Matt Perkins. "Her creativity on offense is creating pockets for everybody. She does an awesome job of passing the ball, getting her teammates open, their teammates do a great job finding her. She does a phenomenal job causing turnovers. She's a full all-around player; she's not just

a scorer. She brings so much to the team."

Trainor scored twice more along with Ledbetter and senior Marlie Ennis before the first buzzer. Windham led 13-1 at the half.

Muse scored in the first minute of the second half. Lady Eagle defense remained intense as Bonny Eagle had a very hard time scoring. Windham sophomore Brianna Duarte scored her first varsity goal, easily sending the ball past the goalie.

"It was a big rush for me and that was like my biggest, crazy moment that I've ever really had and I'm working to get the next one," said Duarte. "We worked



Senior Mallory Muse maneuvers her way through defenders.

really well getting the ball around and running our offense, working together as a team. We've been getting that one percent better at practice and we're going to continue to push ourselves to get better. We need to work on our ground balls and obviously defense a little bit, on transition, everything, and getting the ride. We need to use our aggression and teamwork and push ourselves to continue winning games and pushing each other to get better."

Windham stayed with the ball and sophomore Mady Donnelly scored before the last buzzer.

"Practice contributed to this win," said Perkins. "The girls showing up ready to go, not wasting time, but buying into what we're doing and us working on what our weaknesses are ... them getting after it in drills and focusing on those things has helped us improve as a

whole. Today we saw a much better job of driving [Bonny Eagle] out of the eight [meter arc], controlling the eight, making sure they didn't have free shots in front of our goalie - that was huge. Continuing to work on passes and putting the right amount of zip on them, that's just something that's a work-in-progress." <

ATHLETE OF THE WEEK



TJ McAllister

Age: 18 **Team:** WHS Unified Bocce
Coach: Anne Blake and Connor McNeill
Parents' names: Corey and Gigi McAllister
Reason for selection: Of all the players on the WHS Unified Bocce team, TJ has shown the most improvement, not only as a player, but socially as a member of the team. For him, it's an opportunity to be involved in school outside the regular school hours and to interact with students he doesn't normally get to see, and that has allowed him to grow and have conversations and even do things like walking to practice by himself is huge, tremendous growth for TJ.

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Unified bocce team making progress in second season

By Matt Pascarella

STAFF WRITER

In just its second season, Windham High School's varsity unified bocce team played Fryeburg Academy at home on Thursday, May 9 and put in a great effort but eventually fell to Fryeburg, 3-1.

"I think bocce is the most inclusive of the unified sports," said Windham unified bocce assistant coach Connor McNeill. "It doesn't require a lot of physical exertion, but it requires a lot of thinking and different strategies. The best part about bocce is we're able to recruit some players who wouldn't otherwise play sports. Our team is really independent; they play by themselves, and they strategize by themselves; as coaches, we're able to step back and let them play and have fun and I think that went really well today. Our team has shown growth in taking charge of themselves and doing things on their own without needing the support of an adult which is really the focus of unified sports."

In bocce, one team throws a small white ball called the pallina, and the goal is to throw larger balls, called bocce, to get as close to the pallina as possible. Only the team closest to the pallina scores points. Each match consists of two 30-minute games with the winner being the first to reach 16, or whomever has the most points when time is up.

Although the score is kept, the object of the unified bocce game is more geared toward having fun and being part of a team.

Everyone on the Windham team played very well including senior Dani Iaconeta, sophomore Mary Jean, senior TJ McAllister, sophomore Zachary O'Brien, junior Colby Schmid, sophomore Jack Shirley, and senior



(L) Windham senior Jacob Smith keeps his eyes fixed on the pallina as he throws during a Unified Bocce match against Fryeburg Academy at Windham on Thursday, May 9. Senior Dani Iaconeta concentrates before making a throw. Sophomore Jack Shirley gets a good throw. PHOTOS BY MATT PASCARELLA

Jacob Smith.

Windham players were high-fiving each other, focusing on their throws and celebrating their wins. Many Windham players had at least one throw where they got close to the pallina.

"We did pretty good, but we still need to focus on throwing the ball [closer to the pallina]," said Iaconeta. "We did really awesome; I got to hold the scoreboard that was awesome too. [Bocce] is really fun, and I get to see my friends and it teaches me teamwork."

Iaconeta said that she had fun

during the match and was eagerly awaiting the next bocce match.

"What went well was in the first year we were a little bit worse at throwing the balls and this year we got a lot better," said Smith. "Our teammates were getting along a lot better. What needs work was we were struggling with sportsmanship because we had never met this team before. I like that we get to be outside, we get to have fresh air, and I get to see Ms. Blake a lot more. I had a ton of fun and I can't wait until our next game." <



Sophomore Mary Jean gives a strong toss toward the pallina.



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ENTERTAINMENT

THE WINDHAM EAGLE PRESENTS...
A REVIEW OF AN IN-THEATER
MOVIE
'The Fall Guy' (PG-13)

By Matt Pascarella

STAFF WRITER

Runtime: 2 hours, 6 minutes

Both Ryan Gosling and director David Leitch described the movie "The Fall Guy" as a love letter to stuntmen; the guys who do all the cool moves like get thrown through windows or out of vehicles, set on fire and blown up, but don't really get the credit they deserve. The plot involves Colt, a stuntman for popular actor Tom Ryder. When Ryder goes missing, it's up to Colt, who is in the middle of shooting a movie with director Jody, someone he used to date and might still have feelings for, to find him or the studio will shut down production. Colt only has 48 hours; can he find Ryder before it's too late?

This movie literally has it all – action, adventure, romance, twists, and a fast-moving plot with a strong cast. This was excellent on the big screen.

"The Fall Guy" stars Emily Blunt, Ryan Gosling, Hannah Waddingham, Aaron Taylor-Johnson, Teresa Palmer, Stephanie Hsu, Winston Duke, Ben Knight, Mause, Adam Dunn and Zara Michales.

Colt Seavers (Gosling) is the stuntman for actor Tom Ryder (Taylor-Johnson). Jody (Blunt) is a camerawoman. Colt and Jody are dating.

When a stunt goes horribly wrong for Colt, he retreats and breaks up with Jody. He is now a valet and has little interest in returning to the stunt world. Gail (Waddingham) tricks Colt into coming back to stunt work by telling him Jody wants him for her new movie "Metalstorm," which Jody is directing.

However, Jody is still upset about the breakup, but may still have feelings for Colt. She is not happy to see him on set. She wants another stuntman, but options are limited. Colt tells Jody that he's been living his life in regret and is afraid she's moved on.

Gail tells Colt that Tom is missing, and he needs to find him, or the studio will pull the plug on production.

Colt promises to make it up to Jody and they have somewhat of a reconciliation after Jody catches Colt jamming to Taylor Swift.

Jody says if Colt stays with the production, he needs to keep it professional.

Colt goes looking for Tom in his home and finds there are Post It notes everywhere. He is attacked by Iggy Star (Palmer), Tom's girlfriend.

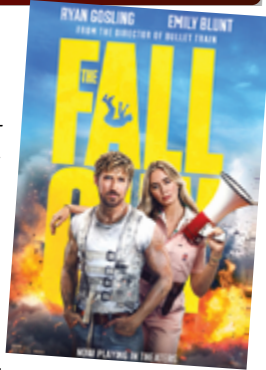
Iggy gives Colt some clues as to where he might be able to find Tom. Colt makes a shocking discovery in his search for Tom and gets closer to Jody in the process.

Gail continues to encourage Colt to keep looking for Tom. If Tom doesn't show up to production tomorrow, the studio will axe it.

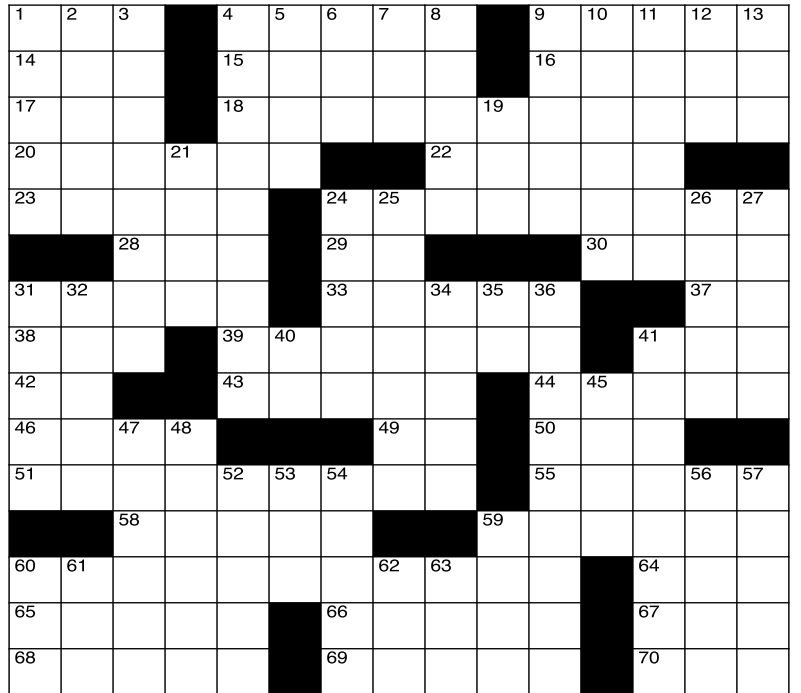
Colt meets Alma (Hsu) in his search for Tom, but things don't go smoothly – there is some stellar action here.

Jody is mad Colt left the set. He finds Tom's phone and once he unlocks it, it reveals vital information, but finding Tom won't be straightforward.

This is a fun, high-energy adventure from start to finish; don't let the runtime fool you, it's a fast-paced ride with a solid plot, twists, turns and great action that pays tribute to all the incredible things stuntmen do. It's funny and somewhat of a romantic comedy, but a romantic comedy that doesn't take itself too seriously. It has great music. Blunt and Gosling are an amazing pair, who have on-screen chemistry. It's a feel-good movie that will have you smiling by the end. It does have mild language and violence. Stick around through the credits for more stunts and behind the scenes stuff. This one is definitely worth seeing on the big screen – you won't regret it.



CROSSWORD PUZZLE



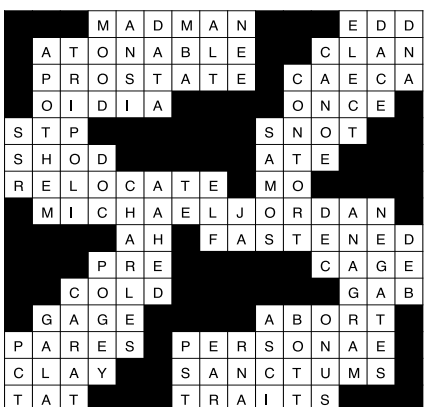
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- 4. Fathers
- 9. Wine grape
- 14. Al Bundy's wife
- 15. Organic compound
- 16. Venezuelan state
- 17. Interest term
- 18. Experts
- 20. Central cores of stems
- 22. Smooth and glossy
- 23. One-time S. Korean city
- 24. One from Damascus
- 28. Short message at the end of an email
- 29. It cools your home
- 30. Oh, God!
- 31. Intestinal pouches
- 33. Men
- 37. Popular English soccer team (abbr.)
- 38. Former CIA
- 39. Arrange in steps
- 41. A baglike structure in a plant or animal
- 42. The Great Lake State
- 43. Dog-__: to mark a page
- 44. Stop moving
- 46. Ancient Dead Sea region
- 49. Of I
- 50. Clerical vestment
- 51. Songs sung to a lover
- 55. Charges
- 58. Popular design program manufacturer
- 59. Where to park a boat
- 60. One who values reason
- 64. Slang for cigarette
- 65. Sailboats
- 66. Actress Zellweger
- 67. Screen material
- 68. Country music legend Haggard
- 69. Puts together in time
- 70. When you hope to arrive

CLUES DOWN

- 1. An involuntary and abnormal muscular contraction
- 2. Philly's rail service
- 3. Leaves a place
- 4. No longer be a part in
- 5. Guitar players use them
- 6. Cease to exist
- 7. General's assistant (abbr.)
- 8. Shaking of the earth
- 9. Strong winds
- 10. For each one
- 11. A bog
- 12. The creation of beautiful or significant things
- 13. Affirmative
- 19. Pie ___ mode
- 21. Nonclerical
- 24. Inspirational football player Hamlin
- 25. Learning environment
- 26. Khoikhoi peoples
- 27. Bring out or develop
- 31. Shows up
- 32. Theatrical device
- 34. Loads
- 35. Popular Hollywood alien
- 36. Distinguishes
- 40. College dorm worker
- 41. Secondary or explanatory title
- 45. Resembling wings
- 47. One who delivers a speech
- 48. In the middle
- 52. Loop with a running knot
- 53. Airborne (abbr.)
- 54. Beloveds
- 56. Ordain
- 57. Breed of small cattle
- 59. Very small period of time (abbr.)
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- 62. Longtime ESPN anchor Bob
- 63. A place to stay

LAST WEEK'S ANSWERS



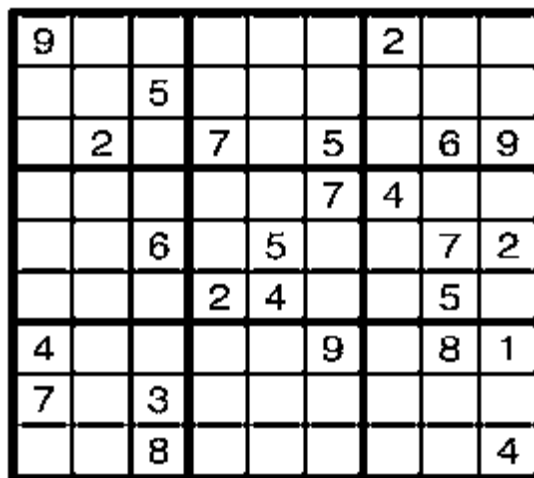
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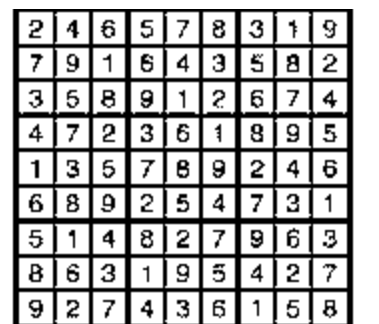
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LAST WEEK'S ANSWERS



Eagle REAL ESTATE & Home

Kitchens are my favorite

► **By Warren O'Shea**
SPECIAL TO THE WINDHAM EAGLE



— Warren O'Shea
Owner, O'Shea Builders

I love kitchens. It's where I keep my dark roast coffee and thick-cut bacon. Speaking of coffee, there is a rising popularity of kitchen remodels utilizing integrated coffee and beverage stations. These drink centers keep supplies organized and readily available for guests and family members. Positioning the location of the beverage station just on the outskirts of the main prep and cooking area allows for the thirsty hordes to comfortably craft their concoctions without getting in the way of the cook! Upper cabinets may have glass doors and interior glass shelves and be back lit to show off your collection of fine crystal or Cristal. Under cabinet lighting with adjustable light tones and colors illuminate the workspace below.

The countertop may be of almost any material but my go-to is an oiled cherry butcher block. Natural wood does need a bit more maintenance over time compared to a stone or engineered surface, but I feel it's well worth the extra effort for its warm color and it's softer on your delicate stemware.

Having the beverage station plumbed in can be a bit of a project if it doesn't currently exist in that location, but the benefits are worth the expense.

The installation of a small bar sink allows you to not only do some basic washing but can also double as an ice bucket for highly popular and most consumed beverages. Having water available also allows you to have a hard-plumbed espresso or coffee maker, and an on-demand, high temperature water faucet for tea and cocoa. For larger appliances, a dedicated ice machine and a dishwasher will make hosting your gatherings exceedingly more efficient. Let's not forget the refrigeration. Many wine refrigerators fit nicely under a countertop as well as regular refrigerators that have drawers instead of doors.

There are many new innovations aimed at making both cooking and cleanup easier and healthier. Some products are available now; others are rolling out in the coming months. One of the new features is a hinged cooktop grill and griddle. As anyone with a gas cooktop knows, removing and cleaning under the grates can be a real chore. First, the users need a clear safe space to set the grates down. And then, they must avoid dirtying or scratching that surface, and back to the cooktop

itself, with the heavy grates.

Whirlpool recently introduced a simple solution to the problem with its 30-inch gas cooktop with EZ-2-Lift hinged cast-iron grates, which users can lift so they can clean easily underneath. For a deeper clean, the grates can be removed and popped in the dishwasher.

Not as innovative but incredibly useful are the smart solutions for storing food and kitchen tools. Roll-out drawers behind cabinet doors make accessing items much less arduous. Many rollouts are rated for up to 100 pounds so heavy pots and even small heavy appliances like a 5-quart mixer will store comfortably. Double-sided spice racks speed up your flavor game, and drawers made specifically designed to hold aluminum foil, plastic wrap and parchment paper help with prep, cooking, and food storage.

An item that has seen many transformations is the humble kitchen sink.

Stainless steel is commonly used, but there are still slate and soapstone used as well as other materials. Many are divided on the question of one bowl vs two bowls, but most can get behind the new sink workstations that contain myriad accessories built to perfectly fit on the lip of the basin. The choices include cutting boards, prep bowls, knife blocks, colanders and racks for dishcloths or cleaning utensils. These items can centralize and organize prep work.

This is just a short list of what your kitchen could have, follow O'Shea Builders LLC on Facebook for remodeling tidbits.

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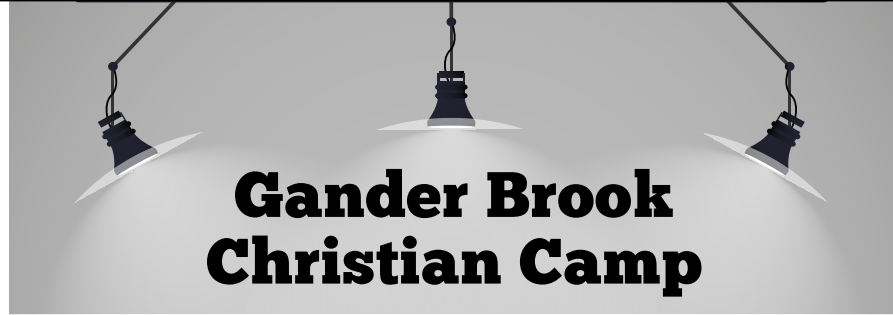
NONPROFIT SPOTLIGHT

A beautiful camp in Raymond exists where children can experience adventure and what life was like decades ago, in a positive, safe, and encouraging setting. Gander Brook Christian Camp provides kids 8 to 18 with a rustic camping experience where they can make lifelong friendships, strengthen their faith and simply to enjoy what it is like to be a child.

Owned and operated by the Churches of Christ in New England, Gander Brook Christian Camp is located at the corner of Ledge Hill Road and North Raymond Road and sits on 222 acres as well as additional waterfront property on Raymond Pond. Sessions are overnight and conducted weekly, running from the last week of June through the first week of August.

The camp is non-denominational, open to all children, and Gander Brook Christian Camp can accommodate up to 120 campers per session. Campers bunk in cabins with kids their own age for their weeklong stay and their daily schedule includes, meals, Bible classes, earning merit badges such as outdoor cooking, archery, ropes course, tie dyeing, sign language and more, afternoon sports and swimming/kayaking, cabin challenge games, evening activities such as skit nights, Crazy Olympics, scavenger hunts, nature classes, bonfires, and cookouts.

Steve Mezzapelle of Gander Brook Christian Camp first came to the camp at age 8 and attended every year until



Gander Brook Christian Camp

he was 18 and even returned as a camp counselor for several summers when he was in college and is currently on the camp Board of Directors.

“It made such a huge impact on my life,” he said. “This is a hidden gem nobody knows about. Gander Brook is the reason why I fell in love with Maine and the reason I wanted to move here. It had that great of a positive impact on my life.”

The camp has been operating in Raymond since 1959 and is guided by a Board of Directors of 17 people from around New England. It is staffed by two directors, a staff of 16 to 20 camp counselors and an activities director. Volunteers staff the kitchen, the camp canteen and camp laundry, and there are also merit badge instructors, nurses, and Bible instructors. Camp counselors change each year and are recruited from the leading Christian colleges across America. The two camp directors have been with the camp for over 20 years.

Gander Brook provides campers with a good, healthy, faith-based envi-

ronment away from the chaotic stresses that can often surround children. No electronic devices are allowed so it’s a great place for kids to unplug and connect with people and nature and to just have fun. For many campers, lifelong friendships are forged, and those friendships and the people associated with Gander Brook Christian Camp are what make this camp special.

Mezzapelle said that campers find encouragement and an environment of making everyone feel special and respected like they are family.

The Gander Brook Christian Camp site itself is one of Maine’s historic properties. On the site, the Wilson Hotel and Spring Company, with its centerpiece inn known as “The Wilson” was built in 1890. In a newspaper ad from 1892, promoters of this impressive structure touted its “Spring of Wonderful Purity and Curative Properties.” Guests coming to “The Wilson” would only be able to enjoy those ‘curative’ waters for five years though, because it burned to the ground in 1895. The Noraco Inn was built on the

site in 1929 on the berms seen in the Wilson Hotel pictures, and which still surrounds the lodge today at Gander Brook.

The Noraco Inn was owned by Joseph Dellamano and the property in its heyday was a getaway vacation retreat for summer vacationers from urban areas of New England and New York. Promotional literature from the Noraco Inn enticed the guests to visit “Maine’s Log Cabin Resort” and stay in the “well furnished” cabins and eat at the lodge in the spacious “Sunset Dining Room.” When the inn closed around 1950, the property was vacant for nine years. The Churches of Christ in New England saw a need for summer camping and organized a Board of Directors which purchased the property in 1959 and has been operating a summer camp program each summer since then.

“This is such a beautiful place, and we want the community to know about it and young people to experience it,” Mezzapelle said.

Openings for children locally are currently available at Gander Brook Christian Camp for this summer.

You can sign up online or call 207-998-4369 or 501-827-7432 for the registrar throughout the year.

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Based in Gorham and servicing Greater Portland and the surrounding cities and towns, Robbins Pest Services offers a wide range of services tailored to meet the specific needs of each customer with reliability and affordability.

Owned and operated by Rick Robbins and his wife Nicole, the company's core services include general pest control by addressing common household pests such as ants, cockroaches, spiders, and rodents through targeted treatments and prevention strategies, including organic options for environmentally conscious customers. It also provides bed bug extermination and mosquito and tick treatments.

"Bed bugs can be a major nuisance and difficult to eradicate without professional help," Robbins said. "We utilize advanced techniques, including organic solutions, to eliminate infestations and prevent future outbreaks. We also offer specialized treatments to control mosquito and tick populations, reducing the risk of bites and potential disease transmission to humans and pets."

Robbins said the company is aware that every customer's pest control needs are unique.

"We offer a variety of customizable plans to accommodate different sched-



Robbins Pest Services, LLC

ules, budgets, and pest concerns," he said. "Whether it's a one-time treatment or ongoing maintenance, we work closely with our customers to develop a plan that fits their specific requirements. We also understand the unique pest control needs of businesses and offer tailored solutions to keep commercial properties pest-free and in compliance with health and safety regulations, including organic treatments for businesses seeking environmentally friendly options."

He said that Robbins Pest Services uses an Integrated Pest Management (IPM) system.

"We advocate for sustainable and eco-friendly pest control practices through our IPM approach, which emphasizes prevention, monitoring, and targeted interventions to minimize environmental impact, including the use of organic treatments as part of a holistic pest management strategy, Robbins said. "Our experienced technicians utilize a combination of expertise and advanced methods to ensure thorough inspections and precise treatments, delivering long-lasting results. Additionally, we provide organic options for environmentally conscious customers

seeking sustainable pest control solutions. Overall, our goal is to provide reliable, effective, and environmentally responsible pest control services that give our customers peace of mind, including personalized plans to meet their individual needs."

What sets Robbins Pest Services apart from the competition is its commitment to customer satisfaction.

"As a family business, we prioritize personalized solutions tailored to each customer's needs," Robbins said. "Our experienced team stays ahead of the curve with innovative techniques while promoting sustainability. We offer organic options for those seeking environmentally friendly solutions, ensuring effective pest control with minimal environmental impact. Ultimately, we're dedicated to making our customers happy and providing peace of mind. We aim to keep things competitive without sacrificing quality. Our prices are fair and upfront, with no hidden fees. We might not always be the cheapest, but we're all about giving you value. And hey, we've got different service plans to suit your needs. Our goal is to make sure you're getting top-notch

pest control without breaking the bank. It's all about giving you the best bang for your buck."

Having worked in the Pest Control industry for almost 10 years, Robbins said he recognizes the importance of offering reliable and personalized pest control services that prioritize both quality and community well-being.

"Leveraging that experience in the industry and fueled by a passion for making homes and businesses pest-free, my wife and I established Robbins Pest Services," he said. "From day one, we've infused every aspect of our business with a family touch, ensuring that each customer receives the care and attention they deserve. Our mission is simple, to protect your family and property as if they were our own, all while building a stronger, pest-free community together. We are deeply rooted in family values and community. My wife Nicole and I, along with our 4-year-old son Nolan, have made this area our home. Our commitment to serving the community drives everything we do, from our personalized approach to pest control solutions to our dedication to sustainability and customer satisfaction. When you choose Robbins Pest Services, you're not just getting effective pest control, you're supporting a local family business that genuinely cares about making a positive impact in the community."

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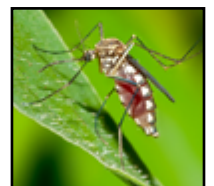
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ful in developing video games or apps or whatever he decides to create.”

In addition to the scholarships, the top 10 finalists of the Maine App Challenge also received Beats Headphones and are granted a guaranteed internship interview at Tyler Technologies.

“I was very excited for Alex to win third place in the Maine App Challenge,” Jennifer Pooler said. “I was already so proud of him for putting in months of work to see it through, but I have to say it was really special to see him recognized by Tyler Technologies for all of the effort.”

The Maine App Challenge is a contest hosted annually by Tyler Technologies Inc., a Plano, Texas-based provider of software and technology services with around 1,200 employees in Maine. Each year, students develop

their own mobile software programs that introduce them to science, technology, engineering, and math, also known by the acronym STEM.

Prior to the contest, Tyler Technologies collaborates with the Foster Center for Innovation at the University of Maine to host a series of free workshops for students to help with brainstorming, prototyping, and testing their applications. According to its website, Tyler Technologies also partners with the University of Maine on a Fundamentals of Innovation course available online to high school students as an early college course that allows them to earn college credits while designing an app submission for the Maine App Challenge.

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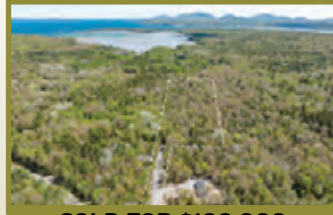


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