

Not forgotten: Memorial recalls loss of two World War II British pilots in Sebago Lake

By Ed Pierce
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A gathering in Raymond 80 years and one day after a fateful crash during World War II remembered two British Royal Navy pilots killed while flying over Sebago Lake on Friday, May 17.

Representatives from Great Britain and the United States dedicated a new memorial at Veterans Park in Raymond in the memory of the British aviators with two nephews of one of the lost pilots in attendance. The special ceremony included sailors from the USS John Basilone, the British Royal Navy, State Senator Tim Nangle, State Representative Jessica Fay, members of the Raymond Select Board, Raymond town officials and Dr. Peter Abbott, the British Consulate General for New England.

On May 16, 1944, a squadron of British Navy D4V Corsairs took off from Brunswick on a low-level formation training flight intended to give the pilots experience flying at low altitude over a body of water. Among the group of pilots that day were British Royal Navy Sub-Lieutenant Vaughn Reginald "Reggie" Gill, 24, who was flying aircraft JT-132, and Sub-Lieutenant Raymond Laurence Knott, 19, piloting aircraft JT-160. Both men



British Royal Navy Commander Vincent Owen salutes two World War II British pilots who crashed and died on a training mission over Sebago Lake during World War II during a memorial dedication ceremony at Veterans Park in Raymond on May 17. Looking on is a contingent of U.S. sailors from the USS John Basilone.

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were assigned to 732nd Squadron based at nearby Brunswick Naval Air Station in Maine.

As the formation passed over Sebago Lake near Raymond, Gill's Corsair JT-132 suddenly banked sharply and struck the lake, sending a large plume of water flying into the air striking

Knott's aircraft, causing it to also crash into the lake. Within a matter of seconds, both aircraft quickly sank below the waters of the lake and disappeared. A military search and crash investigation began for the pilots using amphibian planes and U.S. Marines and a U.S. Navy diving bell was

deployed in Sebago Lake, but no aircraft debris was ever found except for a Corsair D4V radio antenna and a small piece of an aircraft headrest.

The families of the lost pilots back in England were notified of the crash by telegram in 1944 and both pilots were declared missing in action by the Royal Navy.

In the 1990s, the Corsairs were discovered and photographed underwater in Sebago Lake more than 300 feet below the surface. A project was planned to recover the Corsairs but in 2003, a judge ruled that the aircraft and the pilots' remains are not to be disturbed and considered to be war graves.

Last fall, the nephews of pilot "Reggie" Gill, Giles Bradley of Exeter, England and David Gill of Oxford, England, first heard about an effort to create a memorial for the pilots at Veterans Park in Raymond. "Reggie" Gill was born in India to British parents and had studied at the univer-
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Student's speech wins state Speak Out competition

By Ed Pierce
STAFF WRITERS

A Windham High School junior's moving speech about firearm violence won the state Speak Out competition during the recent Maine Lions Convention in Bethel.

Molly Plati, 17, first captured the local Speak Out title sponsored by both the Windham and Raymond Lions Clubs, then won the regional Speakout level in Gorham to qualify for the state championship. In Speak Out, students choose a topic of local, state, national or international interest and research it to develop a four- to six-minute speech. The student speeches are judged for voice, enunciation, pace, appearance, construction, interest and replies to questions posed about their topic.

"My speech was about how stronger red flag laws could reduce firearm-related violence in the United States. I explored different regulations the government has explored and their effectiveness in lowering mass casualties," Plati said. "Furthermore, I researched the different mass casualties that have happened across the United States, specifically in the last 10 years. I studied the Sandy Hook Elementary School shooting, the Las Vegas, Nevada shooting, and finally, the Lewiston, Maine shooting on Oct. 25, 2023. I explored how mass casu-



Windham High School junior Molly Plati, center, is joined by Camille Swander of the Windham Lions Club, left, and WHS teacher Karyl Hazard after Plati won the state Speak Out competition during the Maine Lions Convention in Bethel. Plati's speech about gun violence won a \$500 cash prize. SUBMITTED PHOTO

alties tragically affect the nation and how a reduction of these mass attacks can lead to a better country overall."

During her speech, she said all of this cannot happen without public support for government research on assault weapons, as well as an increase in Red Flag laws.

"I presented this topic because of our research paper in my AP English

class. The assignment was to choose a critical issue that we felt passionate about," Plati said. "I chose this topic because gun violence is something that can affect every citizen in the United States. It has created unrest in students across the country, with an increase in school shootings each year. School is where we should feel safe, a place that is a second home,

as some students spend more time in this building than at their own homes. With an increase in shootings done by assault weapons, student safety is jeopardized. All students deserve to feel safe at school, and I think increasing regulations and knowledge about gun control policies is how we can feel safe again."

She said the most challenging part of creating this speech was delivering a persuasive speech about a sensitive and controversial topic.

"When preparing it, I did not know what kind of audience I was walking into and their various beliefs," Plati said. "I tried to base my opinions on facts backed up by research, but delivering a speech on a controversial topic took a lot of work, as I could not predict how the audience would react. I was introduced to this project because we worked on a circle issue research paper in my AP English class. We worked on this project from late December to mid-February, resulting in participation in the Lions Club Level process. My teacher, Karyl Hazard had assigned weekly checks for our research progress. The
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Tipping the scales

I'm always unsure each time I step up to the cash register at my favorite burger place and the display screen there asks if I want to leave a tip.

For years I've always assumed that tips were supposed to be a way to recognize personalized and exemplary service but now it seems it's something that's expected. The rule of thumb that my parents used was 10 percent if it was a restaurant meal, but that amount seems to have grown substantially with the popularity of digital payment processing.

On a recent visit to an upscale burger establishment, my keypad choices for tipping upon ordering were No Tip, 15 percent, 20 percent, 25 percent, or Other Amount. I didn't know if the digital tip was for the employee taking my order or if it was to be split among the eight employees working there that evening. And I found it difficult to gauge the service in leaving a tip when they had just taken my order. I couldn't know at that point if they would mess up the order or omit a condiment I requested on my burger.

Leaving a tip in an instance like that is always difficult for me. But I do feel for the employees preparing fast food and I want to reward their dedication to preparing and serving great food.

I'm also torn about tipping when my wife and I go out with family at a sit-down restaurant. When we went out to a restaurant during a visit with our oldest son, his wife and two grandchildren last summer, there were four adults and two children under the age of 5 at our table. Each adult meal was more than \$20. The kids had small plates of fries and chicken nuggets under \$12 each. Including drinks, the bill came to \$144. I felt the service was outstanding, so I left the waitress a tip of \$56 which amounts to about 38 percent.

According to a survey conducted by the Pew Research Center, on average 92 percent of Americans report leaving a tip most often at sit-down restaurants and 76 percent of them leave a tip for food delivery employees. But less than 12 percent leave tips at fast-food restaurants.

When I was in high school, I worked as a busboy at the Cartwright Inn in Henrietta, New York. On busy Friday evenings sometimes, the waitresses were overwhelmed and on occasion a customer would ask me to bring them a glass of milk or cup of tea that the waitress forgot to bring to their table. At least twice when I did that the customer would leave a \$1 or \$2 tip for me when paying their bill, but the restaurant's official policy was it was up to the discretion of the waitress to give it to me and I didn't receive that tip either time.

It didn't make me happy then, but in hindsight I know now that the waitresses were paid a minimal wage and most of their income was made through tips from customers for the service they provided. Busboys, dishwashers, and cooks received an hourly wage for their efforts, and it wasn't much.

When it comes to haircare services, I can see first-hand the results of a haircut in the mirror, so it's easier for me to calculate and leave a tip for my stylist when paying the bill before leaving.

I usually choose a hair stylist that I'm comfortable talking to and someone who knows how to cut my hair properly. After the first few visits, the stylist has a good idea of what I want, and I just sit back in their chair and let them do their thing without further instruction. When I lived in Florida, I had the same stylist for 10 years. When I lived in New Hampshire, we lived close enough that I could walk to the barber shop, and I always felt comfortable letting any one of the four barbers working there cut my hair.


My current stylist, Andrea, is the third person who has cut my hair from the shop I go to. The first two became friends and they have since moved on to other locations with that company. At first, I was apprehensive about having to choose another stylist, but Andrea made me feel at ease and has never given me a bad haircut. Each time I always leave her a generous tip equal to at least the same amount as the cost of the haircut itself.

Another sandwich shop that I go to every so often doesn't offer the option of digital tipping. They have a large glass jar on the counter for cash tips only. Since I rarely carry cash with me these days, I feel bad when I receive great service but I'm unable to leave the workers there a decent tip.

As an adult, I've always been generous in tipping making pizza delivery people, taxi drivers, parking lot attendants and hotel concierge workers happy. But I'm always perplexed when it comes to tipping at fast-food places. Maybe I should stop at the bank for tip jar cash before I eat there. <

- Ed Pierce

Today in HISTORY



MAY 24

- 1738** – The Methodist Church is established.
- 1764** – Boston lawyer James Otis denounces "taxation without representation" and called for the American colonies to unite in demonstrating their opposition to Britain's new tax measures.
- 1830** – The first passenger railroad service in the U.S. begins service.
- 1844** – Samuel F.B. Morse formally opens America's first telegraph line.
- 1878** – The first American bicycle race is held in Boston.
- 1883** – After 14 years of construction the Brooklyn Bridge is opened to traffic.
- 1930** – Amy Johnson becomes the first woman to fly from England to Australia.
- 1935** – The Cincinnati Reds play the Philadelphia Phillies in the first major league night baseball game.
- 1976** – Britain and France open the first trans-Atlantic Concorde service to Washington.

Inspirational Quote of the Week

"Let us make our future now and let us make our dreams tomorrow's reality."
- Malala Yousafzai

ON THE SPOT

If your life was a movie, what would be its title and what actor or actress would portray you in the leading role?

- "The manuscript and casting are still in progress."**
- William D. Reiner
- "Katherine Hepburn. Loved her."** - Julie Mallett
- "My life story could be called 'A Month in Montreal' and the best actor to portray me in the movie would be Dennis Quaid."** - Len Mickles
- "Darkness before Dawn. Emily Blunt would play me."**
- Lois Fuller
- "Maine Forever. John Wayne."**
- Dean A. Smalley
- "Twins. Mark Harmon would be the star of the movie."**
- David D. McCoombs
- "The Scarlet Letter and Emma Stone will play my character."**
- Anne Glotchshuk
- "Life by the Lake. Meryl Streep."** - Chris Macklin
- "No Hard Feelings with Anne Hathaway as Mia."**
- Mia Potenzio-Ransey
- "Retired at 55 starring Ben Affleck as me."**
- Lane Marmol
- "My life story would be called In the Woods. I'd like to see Kevin Costner cast in my role."**
- Jerry Greene
- "Streets of Westbrook. Not sure what actress would play me though."**
- Audrey Marmol
- "Married at 17. I'll say Rachel McAdams."**
- Jude Orestes-Sanchez
- "My movie would be called 'My Family Comes First.' The actress that I'd pick to play me is Jodie Foster."**
- Sarah Singer-Miller



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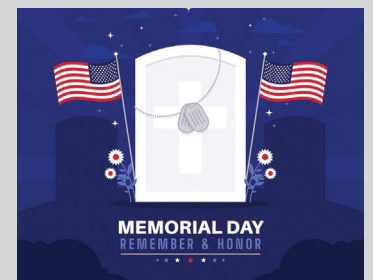


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Southpaw Packing Company recipient of prestigious award for mental health work with NAMI Maine

By Kendra Raymond

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May is Mental Health Awareness Month – a time designated to recognize and raise awareness to reduce the stigma associated with behavioral and mental health issues. What better time to recognize local business owner Nichole Sargent’s Southpaw Packing Company of Raymond that was recently honored as the recipient of the C.A.L. ME Award. The acronym stands for “Caring About Lives in Maine” and aims to recognize those who advocate for mental health.

Presented by the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) of Maine, the notable recognition aims to promote caring about lives in Maine. The C.A.L. ME Award is presented to a person, group, or organization in recognition of heroic accomplishments that increase suicide prevention. Southpaw Meat Market was nominated by a representative of NAMI for their Herculean efforts in this area.

The NAMI Maine website lists their mission and vision providing advocacy, education, and support so that all individuals, families, and communi-



Nichole Sargent of the Southpaw Packing Company of Raymond, left, was recently honored as the recipient of the C.A.L. ME (Caring About Lives in Maine) Award by Hannah Longley, Clinical Director of Advocacy and Crisis Interventions with NAMI Maine. SUBMITTED PHOTO

ties affected by mental illness can live fulfilling lives. NAMI Maine envisions a world where all people affected by mental illness live healthy, fulfilling lives supported by a community that cares about mental health.

A 30-year veteran in the health and human services field, Sargent realized the need for mental health awareness and knew she had the skillset to do something really powerful.

“We saw an increase in suicidal deaths around us, especially males,” Sargent said. “I decided to reach out to NAMI because we’ve got to do something.

Along with her husband Leon, Sargent owns and operates Southpaw Packing Company, Windham Butcher Shop and the Southpaw Meat Market.

Sargent developed a campaign aptly named “Slicing through the Stigma.” The fundraising effort looks to increase awareness and

to start conversations about encouraging mental health support and suicide prevention. The effort works in partnership with NAMI Maine.

“Our campaign right now is a raffle for Mental Health Awareness Month,” said Sargent. “We have already received a sizeable donation from Mac Medical, 100 gift cards, and over \$1,000 in cash donations. So many local businesses have rallied around it. For me it is so cool to see this kind of support. I love the way the community is coming to this to support the cause. Our goal is to raise \$5,000 for NAMI Maine this year.”

Sargent said that she was looking for something unique and different to get people to talk about mental health. She came up with the idea of a raffle, and one thing led to another. The funds raised will help NAMI provide education and support to the residents of Maine.

The NAMI website says that 1 in 5 U.S. adults experience mental illness

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Party marks 100th birthday for history-making mom

By Ed Pierce

STAFF WRITER

From a business career to serving as a town treasurer, becoming a wife and a mother, to making history as the first elected selectwoman of Weld, Maine, Dorothy “Dot” Weld Reynolds Skolfield has led quite a life, but now she’s added another accomplishment to her life story – reaching the milestone of turning 100 years old.

Skolfield passed the century mark and celebrated her birthday May 14 with her family at her daughter Sharon Bickford’s home in Windham. She was born May 14, 1924 in Boston, Massachusetts to Howard G. and Lotie Wetmore Reynolds.

The Reynolds children included Florence Barber, Edith McDaniel, Howard E. Reynolds, Caroline Rackliffe and Dot who is the only one still

alive.

After completing school in Newtonville, Mass., Dot went on to attend Fisher College in Boston. She spent many summers growing up in Weld, Maine and that’s where she met someone who would change the direction of her life, her future husband, Stanley Skolfield.

Stanley and Dot were married in Scarborough on March 5, 1948, and had two children. Thomas, who lives in Weld, and Sharon who lives in Windham with her husband Charlie. Thomas Skolfield represents Weld as a State Representative in the Maine Legislature.

Through the years, Dot worked as a clerk at Jordan Marsh in Boston, then she went on to be a store manager, a realty researcher, and she also worked for a time at a shop in Atlan-

tic City, New Jersey. She also was the Weld Town Treasurer and was the first woman ever elected to serve on the Weld Board of Selectmen.

“What I remember most about growing up was she was always an easy going, gentle, supportive, creative, and fun-loving mother,” her daughter said. “We loved everything she cooked for us, that is, anything except liver. In those days, much was grown in the big family garden, and we weren't picky.”

For anyone who would ask, Dot would tell them that she grew up in a barn and that’s literally the truth.

“Her parents renovated an old barn into a lovely home for five active children,” her daughter Sharon said. “After she and her husband were married, they were homesteaders who cleared their land, one on each end of a crosscut saw, milled the lumber, and built a home.”

Sadly, her husband Stanley passed away in 1991. Stanley had earned a degree in Electrical Engineering and Technology and was employed by Edison Electric in New Jersey. He moved the family back to Weld where he was a highway supervisor in charge of construction and maintenance of highways in that section of Maine.

These days Dot lives with the Bickfords in Windham and she’s a little hard of hearing but says the greatest invention of the 20th century is without a doubt the airplane.

For fun, Dorothy says she loves spending time with and enjoying her family. She has four grandchildren,



Dorothy ‘Dot’ Weld Reynolds Skolfield celebrated her 100th birthday on May 14 with family members at her daughter Sharon Bickford’s home in Windham. She made history when she was the first woman elected to serve on the Town of Weld’s Board of Selectmen. SUBMITTED PHOTO

six great-grandchildren, one great-great-grandchild and one great-great-great-grandchild.

Right now, she’s the current holder of the Boston Post Gold Cane for longevity in Weld and an official “Rosie the Riveter” and collective recipient of the civilian Congressional Medal of Honor.

To honor her birthday, the Bickfords hosted an open house for Dot at their home in Windham on May 11. <

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Cyclist launches 1,100-mile benefit ride for Fuller Center

By Kaysa Jalbert
STAFF WRITER

If there's anything we know about Bill Turner, it's that he likes a challenge. At 73 years old, Bill Turner is taking on his fifth bicycle adventure ride with a goal of raising \$15,000 for the Sebago Lakes Region Fuller Center for Housing where he will complete 1,100 miles in three weeks starting Thursday.

The trip will start in Seattle, Washington and end in Green River, Wyoming. The planned schedule goes as follows: bike for five days, stop to

sleep in church or community hall basements on a blow-up mat; on the sixth day stop to do a build project, if there is one, then have Sundays off. So far, Turner has raised over \$12,500 through pledges.

"Currently our projects include ramps, decks, repairing and replacing doors and windows and roof repair for seniors, veterans and people with disabilities," said Diane Dunton Bruni, Board Chair and President of the Sebago Lakes Region Fuller Center for Housing. "This will be a very busy summer and the money Bill is raising

will help pay for materials. We are grateful for all Bill is doing for us."

The dynamics of the bicycle groups are typically 20 to 30 people riding and split in teams of five or less for safety and car courtesy. Teams cycle through chores each week such as cooking, laundry, shopping, and clean-up, to share the different challenges of cross-country biking.

Training for this year's ride has been especially challenging for Turner. In 2021, he underwent a prostatectomy and is now living cancer free.

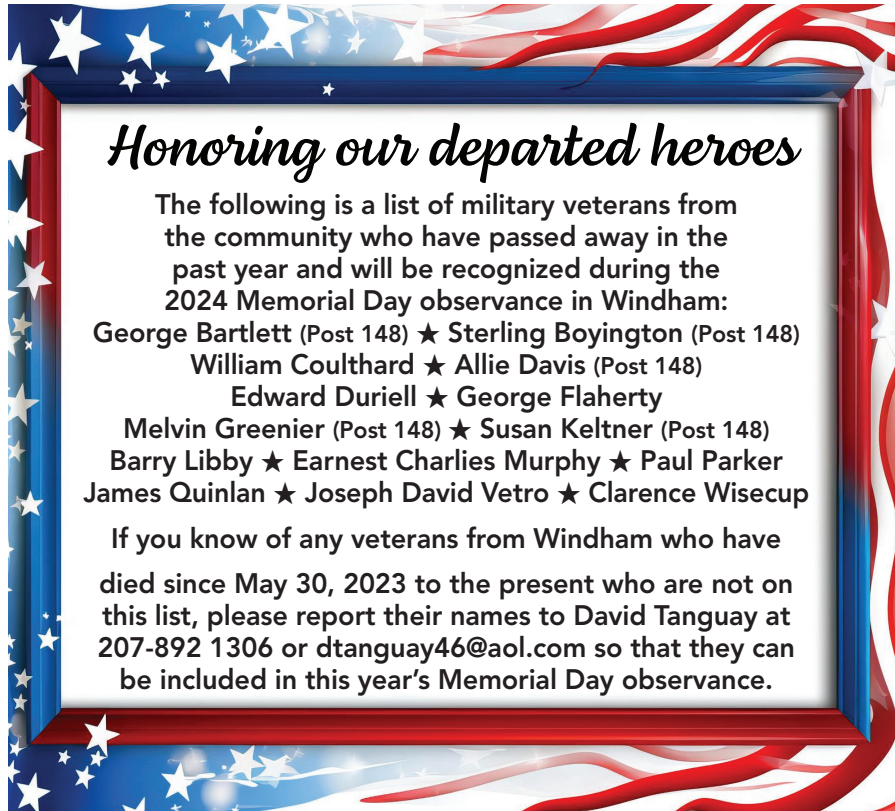
"That's an interesting adjustment,"

he said.

Then, in 2022, Turner was given a new bionic right shoulder. "It's working wonderfully to the point where I'm considering having my left one done," he said.

Turner began riding for the Sebago Lakes Fuller Center for Housing six years ago and he was partly retired at the time. He had a dream of biking across the country, and asked himself if he could find a way to do that. He was inspired by a friend's son who had done something similar, so, he did

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Honoring our departed heroes

The following is a list of military veterans from the community who have passed away in the past year and will be recognized during the 2024 Memorial Day observance in Windham:

George Bartlett (Post 148) ★ Sterling Boyington (Post 148)
William Coulthard ★ Allie Davis (Post 148)
Edward Duriell ★ George Flaherty
Melvin Greenier (Post 148) ★ Susan Keltner (Post 148)
Barry Libby ★ Earnest Charlies Murphy ★ Paul Parker
James Quinlan ★ Joseph David Vetro ★ Clarence Wisecup

If you know of any veterans from Windham who have died since May 30, 2023 to the present who are not on this list, please report their names to David Tanguay at 207-892 1306 or dtanguay46@aol.com so that they can be included in this year's Memorial Day observance.



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Retiring teacher's influence connects generations of Windham Middle School students

By Ed Pierce
STAFF WRITER

Editor's note: This is another in an ongoing series of Windham and Raymond town employee profiles.

The final day of classes at Windham Middle School next month will be bittersweet as Wendy Day-Maynard will retire following a 38-year career as a teacher in Windham.

A sixth-grade math and science teacher at WMS, Day-Maynard has worked closely with other teachers to plan curriculum, lessons, as many hands-on activities as possible, while planning and giving formative and summative assessments, and offering students feedback about their work.

"Arriving daily with a smile and energy to work with sixth graders is a must," Day-Maynard said. "Besides teaching though, the other part of the job that is even more important is spending time each day building relationships. That's the best part of my job. It's getting those kids who 'hate math' to buy into what we're doing and help them to see they are capable and can find success. It's getting kids engaged in the science and math curriculum and showing them how it relates to their lives now and in the future. Our science curriculum focuses on Earth Science. Many of the lessons are around water, and living this close to Sebago Lake and other water bodies allows them to really think about how humans impact our community and

its ecosystem every day."

She was originally hired in 1986 as a seventh grade English and Language Arts teacher and with the exception of two years at Manchester School as a sixth-grade teacher, the other 36 years have been at Windham Middle School.

"When I started at the middle school it was grades 7 to 9, and then they moved ninth grade to the high school and grade six from Manchester to WMS," she said. "It was a great move. And while I hadn't wanted to move to Manchester, my move from grade 7 to grade 6 was the best thing that could have happened. Having one group of kids for the day instead of seeing 100-plus students per day was the perfect match for me. It allowed me to better connect with my students. For me, I've always felt that smaller is better, especially as they transition from elementary to middle school."

She says that the kids, the faculty, and the community are what have kept her coming back to teach in Windham year after year.

"Although I live in South Portland, Windham has really been my home in many ways since I started working here. I love the relationships I've made over the years with families," Day-Maynard said. "In many cases I have taught my students' parents and now have them in the classroom. I love showing my students old pictures of their parents as sixth graders or sharing stories about them. At confer-



Wendy Day-Maynard is retiring at the end of the school year after working 38 years as a teacher in Windham. She is currently a sixth-grade math and science teacher at Windham Middle School. SUBMITTED PHOTO

ences I enjoy catching up with former students and getting to know them as adults."

Day-Maynard grew up in Waterville and graduated from Waterville High School in 1981. She attended the University of Maine Farmington and earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Elementary Education and then obtained a master's degree from the University of New England.

She said it was her parents who encouraged her to apply for a position in

Windham.

"I was subbing during the day and working in Portland at the time and making a lot of money, but they were adamant that I had gone to college to get a teaching degree and needed to get serious about finding a full-time job," Day-Maynard said. "I applied for a long-term substitute position at WMS for a teacher on maternity leave, but she decided not to return, so I stayed for the rest of that year and never looked back."

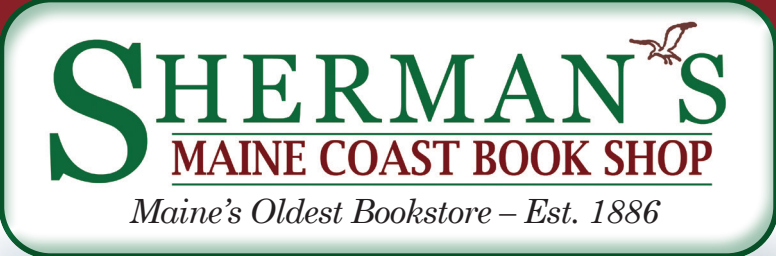
It's tough for her to single out her most memorable moment working for WMS.

"I was lucky enough to be hired by Hal Shortsleeve in 1986," she said. "I had no experience other than subbing, but he gave me the chance and I've never looked back. It's also the people I work with. Over 38 years you get to see many amazing people do great things in education. I've been blessed to have amazing co-workers each of my 38 years. While the names and faces have changed, the passion and enthusiasm they have for kids and teaching has not."

According to Day-Maynard, the most important thing she's learned while working for WMS is that Windham is a very lucky community.

"I work with the best educators around," she said. "The community should feel very blessed to have so many loving and caring adults working with their kids each day." <

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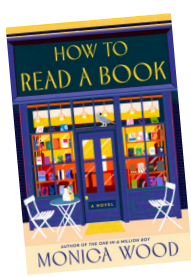


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Local students earn degrees from Saint Joseph's College

On Saturday, May 11, Saint Joseph's College of Maine celebrated the accomplishments of its Class of 2024 during a Commencement ceremony held outside at the college's Alford Center. Close to 400 graduates were honored during Commencement, representing eight states for Saint Joseph's on-campus programs and 30 states plus Canada for its online programs. The ceremony featured addresses by speakers including student representatives, the Roman Catholic Diocese of Portland's new bishop, the Most Reverend James Ruggieri, and College President, Joseph L. Cassidy.

"Today we celebrate a new beginning as you — our graduates — advance your careers or continue your education following your success here at Saint Joseph's College," said Joseph Cassidy, President. "At Saint Joseph's kindness abounds. I see it in our students. I see it in our staff and faculty, and I see it in the classroom, on the field of competition, and in the quiet moments around campus. Surely, this is the legacy of the Sisters of Mercy who founded this college, and who continue to guide us today with their presence and with their prayers. The sisters have given us a great gift, and it is our responsibility to steward and care for that legacy. As graduates of Saint Joseph's College, I challenge you to embrace the responsibility of carrying our shared Mercy values out into the world. I challenge you to make a difference, indeed, to make the world a better place."

The Commencement ceremonies began with representatives of the



Claddagh Mhor Pipe Band leading the procession of the graduates. This tradition is to honor the origins of the Sisters of Mercy in Ireland and was followed by a performance of the National Anthem by Holly Sanborn, M.A., Manager of Student Accessibility Services (ACE).

Class of '24 valedictorian, Hailey Anderson, gave the first student address during Saturday's Commencement ceremony. Anderson is from Beverly, Massachusetts and graduated as a biology/pre-physician assistant major with a chemistry minor. In her time at Saint Joseph's, she was vice president of the Delta Epsilon Sigma chapter, a member of the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC), and a two-year captain of the Saint Joseph's women's basketball team, contributing to back-to-back GNAC conference championships.

"The class of 2024 did not have an easy route to get to this point," remarked Hailey Anderson, '24, during her address. "The last time we received a diploma, we were in the heightened stages of a global pandemic. Some of us had drive-through graduations, virtual ceremonies, or no ceremony at all. But now, here we are, finally getting the moment we all so right-

ly deserve. To say I am proud to be a part of this group that has shown such perseverance is an understatement."

In addition, the Invocation and Benediction at Commencement were provided by Bishop James Ruggieri. Saint Joseph's College's Baccalaureate Mass and Commencement were two of his first public events as bishop following his ordination on Tuesday, May 7. The attendance of Portland's newly ordained bishop reflected the College's connection to both the surrounding community and its Catholic identity.

"This is a beautiful occasion for us to come together, and pray for our graduates as they go forward," said Bishop Ruggieri during Friday's Baccalaureate Mass. "Saint Joseph's College is a community. As you have had the chance to be a part of this community, one that has nourished you and you have nourished with your presence, I pray that the relationships you have built here will endure and carry on for the rest of your lives. The communities and friendships we find ourselves a part of, within and beyond Saint Joseph's College, can make a difference in the lives of others."

Following the Baccalaureate Mass on Friday, May 10, Saint Joseph's College hosted a nursing pinning ceremony. Held to recognize the successful completion of a nursing graduate's education, nurse pinning ceremonies date back to the 19th century and were

first held at Saint Joseph's in 1978.

Local graduates from Saint Joseph's College, and the degrees and honors earned are:

- MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION:**
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- MASTER OF SCIENCE IN EDUCATION:**
 - Ashley Bigda (Windham)
- MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NURSING:**
 - Nicole Lentendre (Windham)
- BACHELOR OF ARTS:**
 - Chelsea L. Welch (Raymond), *summa cum laude, Honors Program*
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- BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION:**
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his research until finding the Fuller Center for Housing Bike Adventure, which runs several bike trips a year in the United States.

Not sure if he could complete the challenge, Turner first signed up to ride from San Francisco, California to Santa Fe, New Mexico to raise funds for the Fuller Center.

The next year, now fully retired and after consulting with his wife, Turner signed up for a ride from Portland, Oregon to Portland, Maine.

"I successfully did that for 10 weeks. My body didn't rebel too much," said Turner, who was 70 at the time.

Turner says he has been involved

with Faith Lutheran Church in Windham for years and one day, after his ride across the country, discussion about forming a Fuller Center chapter in Windham with the pastor came up.

According to Turner, he and Windham resident Lorraine Glowczak put together a PowerPoint presentation to offer at churches around Windham. Six churches came on board and since then, Turner's riding has been for fundraising for the Sebago Lakes Fuller Center for Housing.

During the pandemic, the Sebago Lakes Fuller Center for Housing implemented a ride from home program that Turner participated in, cycling the 40-mile route around Sebago Lake in September 2020. Turner says the



Cyclist Bill Turner is riding 1,100 miles from Seattle, Washington to Green River, Wyoming to raise money for the Sebago Lakes Region Fuller Center for Housing. This will be the fifth time that Turner has taken on the cycling challenge. COURTESY PHOTO

biggest challenge for him at that time was adjusting to riding alone versus in a group.

On a larger Fuller bike adventure, riders can choose to ride in segments. This year Turner will be cycling in the first 3 segments.

"Timewise three weeks is what I can afford right now," says Turner. "I have grandkids so to be gone for 10 weeks would not necessarily be a blast family wise."

Turner has been riding bikes for 15 years. He says his son decided one day that he wanted to race cross-country mountain bikes and asked his father to join him. Turner went from 220 pounds to 180 pounds in a year and said his knees didn't complain like they did when running.

"Bicycling has been an important part of my life for staying healthy at this point," he said.

To stay in training year-round, he bought a fat-tire bike with studded

tires and rides all winter with his rescue dog, a black 40 pound he says is a "I'm-ready-to-go-anytime dog" that the Turners rescued from the Texas shelter.

Prior to everything he is doing now, Turner used to manage an engineering office as a building scientist.

Sebago Fuller Center for Housing is an affiliate of the non-profit national Fuller Center for Housing that was founded by Millard and Linda Fuller, the founders of Habitat for Humanity. The local Sebago Lakes Fuller Center for Housing was founded by members from Faith Lutheran Church, the Unity Church for Spiritual Growth, the North Windham Union Church, Windham Hill United Church of Christ, Raymond Village Church and Saint Joseph's College of Maine, and serves the towns of Windham, Raymond and Standish.

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Barbara Bagshaw: Legislature failed to address the needs of most Mainers

► **By Rep. Barbara Bagshaw**
SPECIAL TO THE WINDHAM EAGLE

The 131st Legislature has concluded its business. The general effective date for nonemergency laws passed in the Second Regular Session is Friday, Aug. 9, 2024. It has been a very difficult two years with the Maine Legislature breaking with its long-standing tradition of bipartisan budget work and taking Maine in a decidedly different direction.

In a few short years, the overall state budget has ballooned to well over \$10.3 billion. During that time the problems facing Maine have gotten worse. My biggest disappointment is

that with billions of dollars in excess tax revenues, the Legislature did not pass structural income tax reform to let taxpayers keep more of what they earn. I am also disappointed that the Legislature did not address the issue of skyrocketing electric bills.

The drastic price increases Mainers are experiencing can be absorbed by those who are well off, but they are increasingly troublesome to Mainers that live paycheck-to-paycheck or who are part of the declining middle class.

Maine's housing situation gets worse by the day, yet tens of millions of taxpayer dollars are being spent to temporarily house economic migrants

at the expense of our own homeless population, seniors, veterans, and young people seeking housing. I question whether Maine has the housing options to absorb the 75,000 new Mainers the Governor has pledged to attract to Maine.

I believe that citizens are best served when Democrats and Republicans are able to work together on solutions to make life easier for those trying to earn a living and raise a family.

A prime example of that was the Legislature's adoption of a long-term funding solution to help improve Maine's roads, bridges and transportation infrastructure. The law we passed last year created a sustainable source of funding for the Highway Fund by dedicating 40 percent of the 5.5 percent sales tax on vehicle purchases and 40 percent of sales and use taxes collected by the Bureau of Motor Vehicles. It was expected to generate more than \$200 million for infrastructure repair per biennium.

Sadly, even that achievement was almost eliminated in the middle of the night. I salute citizens that expressed their displeasure with taking money from the highway fund and raiding retiree pensions to fund additional spending. Cuts were restored with the exception of \$11 million that has been taken from the transportation budget. That still means that, with the federal match, there is roughly \$33 million less going to fix our roads and bridges.

I remain hopeful that the dramatic increase in citizen participation that we have seen this session will lead to a more congenial, productive, work environment that prioritizes the pressing concerns of all Maine citizens over special interests.

Representing part of Windham in the Legislature is an honor. If there is any way that I can be of assistance, email me at: barbara.bagshaw@legislature.maine.gov or call 207-287-1440. You can find me on Facebook. To sign up for my e-newsletter at mainehousegop.org <

Network group launches in Windham



The first meeting of a new Business Network International (BNI) chapter for the Lakes Region was held Wednesday, May 22 at the Microtel Hotel in North Windham. It brought together a diverse group of local professionals dedicated to helping each other grow their businesses. BNI is a global networking organization founded in 1985, designed to help businesses and professionals increase their visibility and generate referrals through a structured, positive, and supportive environment. With over 325,000 members worldwide, BNI chapters meet weekly to share contacts, develop relationships, and provide mutual support. The organization's philosophy, 'Givers Gain,' emphasizes the importance of contributing to the success of others. SUBMITTED PHOTO



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each year and that 223,000 adults in Maine have a mental health condition. Many Mainers are not receiving the mental health support they need. Of the 65,000 adults in Maine who did not receive needed mental health care, 46.1 percent did not because of cost. About 8.1 percent of people in the state are uninsured. On average, 1 person in the U.S. dies by suicide every 11 minutes. In Maine, 270 lives were lost to suicide and 52,000 adults had thoughts of suicide in the last year.

Sargent said that the agriculture industry is a male-dominated field, and to that end, many men battle with the shame associated with mental health conditions.

“General wellness and mental health is something that I’m very passionate about,” she says. “Shortly after purchasing the slaughter and processing plant and meeting with farmers, it be-

came shockingly evident that most did not have access to mental health services, let alone healthcare,” she wrote in an American Association of Meat Processors newsletter.

Tapping into her experience in the health and human services and agriculture fields, Sargent recognized that NAMI resources could help fill a need in the agriculture industry. Her intention is to get people more comfortable talking about mental health and she has experienced first-hand the impact of mental health struggles of farmers and friends she encounters through her profession.

Southpaw developed a Health and Wellness tab on their website, filled with valuable resources to benefit both employees and the public. The company supports mental health, offers wellness and lifestyle benefits, as well as support to locate mental health services.

Sargent explained her position in

The NAMI Maine Helpline is a referral line that offers mental health resources, information, and support. Open Mon-Fr, 8a.m. to 4p.m. Call 800-464-5767 & Press #1 or email: helpline@namimaine.org

The NAMI Maine Helpline is NOT a crisis line. If you believe that you or someone you know could be in crisis, please CALL or TEXT 988, the Nation’s Suicide and Crisis Lifeline.

the AAMP newsletter.

“As a processor, we believe we are a central informational hub, and therefore have an opportunity to make a difference. I am merely a drop in the ocean,” she said, “but I can Slice Through the Stigma around mental health services by speaking openly about it and offering resources and a safe space for people.”

The Southpaw Packing Company website lists as its goal to promote and support an atmosphere that encourages health and wellness and working together to enhance awareness of available services and resources.

Southpaw Packing Company, Inc. is excited to share with the public a wealth of information, thanks to the dedicated support of Hannah Longley, LCSW, Clinical Director of Advocacy and Crisis Intervention of NAMI Maine. Monique Coombs of Maine

Coast Fisherman also provides support, and both are recognized by Sargent for the work they do above and beyond the campaign.

Sargent has plans to launch her Slicing the Stigma campaign nationwide through another organization soon.

“It’s all about awareness; The time has come to talk about it. People need to talk about mental health,” said Sargent.

For more details and to make a direct donation, visit the Southpaw Packing Company website’s Health and Wellness tab at southpawpacking.com/health-wellness

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sity level before wanting to serve his country as a Royal Navy pilot.

Bradley and Gill had heard stories through the years about their late uncle from relatives and both say they consider themselves fortunate to be able to travel to Maine and represent their family for the dedication. Surviving family members of Sub-Lieutenant Knott were unable to attend the ceremony.

“We think it’s amazing that they finally have a memorial,” Bradley said. “It’s a splendid occasion for such a fitting tribute.”

David McIntire of Raymond, the lone member of Raymond’s Veterans Committee and a retired U.S. Army officer, worked closely with James Normington, a representative of the

British Commonwealth and Remembrance Project – USA to create a lasting memorial lakeside for the two Royal Navy pilots Gill and Knott.

A granite memorial was purchased from Collette Monuments in Lewiston and designed by David McIntire and Collette Monuments and approved by the British and Commonwealth Remembrance Project and the British Consulate General Peter Abbott.

Funding for the memorial was paid for by the British and Commonwealth Remembrance Project. That is a British organization situated in New England, which recognizes the service and sacrifice made by British and Commonwealth service personnel in times of war. Its volunteers help look after more than 200 British war grave sites throughout the New England area from World War I and World War II.

The day before the memorial’s dedication, the Maine Warden Service took “Reggie” Gill’s nephews out on Sebago Lake by boat and showed them where the Corsairs crashed, and where the planes sank below the water.

“We feel very privileged and honored to have done that,” Gill said. “And for us to be here on the 80th anniversary of the accident is very moving.”

The memorial dedication ceremony included speeches by Royal Navy Commander Vincent Owen and USS John Basilone Commander Carne

Livingston.

Wreaths were placed on the memorial recalling the pilots’ ultimate sacrifice by Abbott and Peter Richardson, president of the British Officers Club of New England.

Normington said that dedicating the memorial almost 80 years to the day that the pilots died reinforces how difficult it was to serve in the military at that time.

“We remember what brought them here to Maine to begin with and we cannot forget,” he said. <

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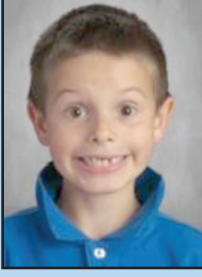
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Parents’ names: Mike MacVane and Kelly Chambers
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LETTERS to the editor

Editor,

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sionate about the Town of Raymond and would be an outstanding Select Board member!

~ Leigh and Brian Walker, Raymond Editor,

I am writing in response to an article that appeared in last week's Windham Eagle mentioning the pride event that is taking place in Windham on June 2, called Together We Rise!

The article talked about some of the activities that would be taking place but failed to mention that "the special guests and performers" on the main stage would be drag queens by the names Mama Martini, Chartreuse Money, Ophelia, and Letta the Queen.

Drag, by its very nature, is an adult performance art that often involves exaggerated gender stereotypes and sexualized elements. This performance is not happening in an adult venue, where adults only will be in attendance, but this will be performed in our town

hall, which is considered a public area, where children will be present.

Being touted as a family-friendly event there should be concern about exactly what will be going on. Family-friendly events should be safe spaces for learning and enjoyment for children and adults, not platforms for advancing ideologies and agendas.

As a Windham resident I am disheartened to know that a drag performance will be happening in my town. We need to advocate for the protection of childhood innocence and the preservation of moral values in our community. We need to be a counter-cultural voice and stand for traditional family values in Windham.

~ Maria Clark, Windham

Editor,

We were soldiers, sailors, and later airman. We fought for our land and freedom not known in the world before our time. We fought to save a great nation and help it heal. We fought for the rights of others to have the same freedom we enjoyed. It was the "War to end all Wars," and "It was the great war." We fought in bitter cold, in jungles, in deserts, in hell holes around the world. Later, in due time, we were called vet-

erans. We loved, built our communities, raised families, had lots of kids and grandkids and descendants.

At an advanced age, we passed from this earth to the earth. We were loved, mourned, remembered. In the beginning we had few neighbors. Now they number in the hundreds.

In the early years, we had many visitors. Family, sons and daughters, grandkids, all would visit on an annual cycle when the grass above turned green, and the Lily of the Valley or creeping phlox was in bloom. They talked briefly about their lives and the impact we had on them. Sometime there were tears or was it just the rain? There were little feet and small voices asking in wonderment why they were here.

There are flowers above and a flag.

Decades pass. The visits are fewer. There are no longer small footsteps. Only the slow movement of the aged.

The stone above is weathered. Moss and lichens now cover the name. Some stones have fallen, broken and no one seems to notice. Does anyone care?

It is May I believe because we hear activity. Groundkeepers mowing the green carpet above. The sounds of digging and planting surround us. But no visitors.

Then we hear the footfall of a lone stranger. They stop, brush away the unkept grass, remove the worn flag that has been our only refuge for the last year and replace it with a bright new flag.

They step back, salute and say my name! They, like myself, are a veteran and they remembered.

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~ David Tanguay, Windham

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→ SPEECH *Cont. from page 1*

method of researching, taking notes, annotating, and synthesizing into a final essay took around two months to complete.”

According to Plati, Hazard was very generous in mentoring me through this experience.

“She would not hesitate to allow me to practice in her room before, after, or during the school day,” Plati said. “She helped me refine my speech for every competition level and practice my public speaking skills standing on a podium rather than a stage. I practiced two to three times a week with Ms. Hazard and independently.”

Hazard says that Plati has clear strengths in English Language Arts as a reader, writer, and speaker.

“She has proven to be a conscientious, motivated, and dedicated student here at WHS,” Hazard said. “She is genuinely interested in learning, she is a doer, and she is a respected leader. These are all fabulous strengths that have and will continue to serve her well in life. The perfect complement to her academic, leadership, and performance strengths are her kindness and compassion for those around her.”

Gun control can be an emotional and heated topic to address publicly, especially for a teenager, but Hazard said researching this topic was important to Plati and her passion for it showed in the content and delivery of

her speech.

“Molly’s love for and training in musical theater serves her well in public speaking,” Hazard said. “She applied her knowledge of rhetorical strategies from our class and her talent in performance to deliver a passionate and persuasive speech about the need for expanded gun control laws. Molly is quick-thinking and articulate, but she is also quite humble. Not only did she deliver her speech with passion and poise, but she also navigated the questions from the judging panel and engaged with members of the audience with maturity and ease.”

Camille Swander of the Windham Lions Club said everyone who has heard Plati’s speech has been impressed.

“We are extremely proud and impressed with Molly’s presentations at all levels of the contest. She demonstrated confidence, poise and was extremely knowledgeable about her topic,” Swander said. “She was approached by many in attendance at the state level, thanking her for her insight, her manner of delivery and her ability to really connect with her audience. We also want to thank all the students that participated at the local level of the competition. The topics were quite varied, and all students were wonderfully prepared to share their knowledge. Windham High School and community definitely should be proud as are we of these tal-

ented students we were lucky enough to meet and listen to their speeches through this program.”

Plati is the daughter of Josh and Heather Plati of Windham, and she received a \$500 cash prize for winning the state Speak Out competition. She is a performing artist and actress and is also involved with the Windham High School Drama Club and

One Act Play. She is an officer for the Windham Chamber Singers and a recreational dancer, taking classes at Atlantic Dance Arts in Gorham.

After completing high school, she plans to attend a four-year university to study communications, specializing in advertising and media studies and minoring in musical theater and public relations. <

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Before the memory fades: Provocations on the 18th century eastern frontier - Windham's part in the French and Indian War

► **By Walter Lunt**
SPECIAL TO THE WINDHAM EAGLE



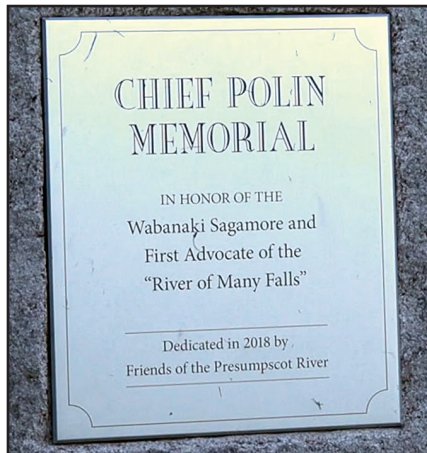
— Walter Lunt

Archaeologists have determined the first people arrived in certain regions of Maine over 11,000 years ago, including the Sebago Lake-Presumpscot watershed.

After Columbus' journey to the New World, European countries brought explorers, trade, intrusive practices, and bloodshed.

Windham's first settlers were not exempt from the ravages of war between two European powers that sought domination of the North American continent. Beginning in the early 1600s, England and France sought absolute control of the New World, building forts, expanding early fur trading posts into permanent settlements and establishing alliances with the Native tribes.

Ultimately, by 1763, Britain would be the victor. France, despite its strong alliance with the Natives, was defeated outright; for the Natives, it would be the beginning of the end. Over the next century they would be forced to



A memorial to Chief Polin, sagamore of the Wabanaki tribe, was dedicated in Westbrook in 2018. COURTESY PHOTO

sacrifice their numbers, their land, and their customs.

The early English settlers and the tribes of the Wabanaki battled for supremacy for nearly a century through four wars: King William's War (1689-1697), Queen Anne's War (1701-1713), King George's War (1744-1748) and the French & Indian War (1754-1763). And to be clear, the intent of the English immigrants was to further an imperial policy of eliminating Indigenous people from the eastern frontier.

Anthropologist Patrick Wolfe called it settler colonialism, or empire building with "the express purpose of taking and repurposing indigenous lands" and replacing the Native cultural landscape with one that was Anglo-American. The process became known as Eurocentrism. Further, the new power base could then scheme to reinvent itself as native born and characterize the new settlers as persevering and courageous as they turned a barren wilderness into a fruitful field while taming the savage Indian.

The wars over contested territory extended from the frontiers of western Massachusetts at North Adams to

eastern Maine at Thomaston.

In addition to Britain's imperialistic policies, disharmony between the settlers and local tribes aggravated and hastened hostilities. Chief Polin's band of Sebago-Presumpscot Wabanaki fell into disaffection early on when the proprietors of early Windham, known as New Marblehead, voted to begin construction on the grounds of the new settlement.

Progress was well underway in the spring of 1738 on building a 40X30 foot meeting house for the purpose of public worship near the present-day Parson-Smith house, clearing for a

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The Town of Windham is accepting price proposals from qualified contractors to provide Design/Build Services for the Universal Access Trail at the East Windham Conservation Area, located at 189 Falmouth Road.

A copy of the Contract documents & bid specifications may be viewed at: www.windhammaine.us

A mandatory pre-bid meeting will be held on June 6, 9:00 p.m.
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Eagle SPORTS



Perkins first 100-goal scorer for WHS boys' lacrosse

By Matt Pascarella

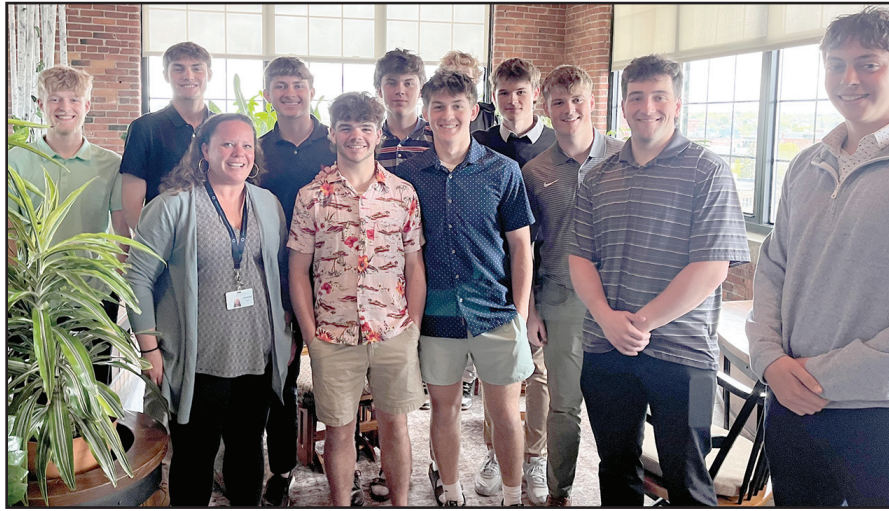
STAFF WRITER

It was a big night for Windham varsity boys' lacrosse during their home game on Friday May 17 against Camden Hills. The team raised over \$2,000 for the Dempsey Center through community donations, nine seniors honored nine individual teachers in the ninth annual Teacher Appreciation Night, Windham senior Tobias Perkins was the first 100 goal-scorer in program history and the Eagles flattened Camden Hills, 15-1.

"I thought the team came out strong from the start," said Windham varsity boys' lacrosse coach Peter Small. "We have been looking to play consistently for 48 minutes and I think the strong start was indicative of that focus. The players showed a marked improvement in some skills which have been a focal point for us - from stick skills to positioning on both sides of the field. The team has developed more of a trust in each other to execute and that has helped; knowing that teammates are strong in positioning and movement both on offense and defense has led to a better flow of tempo for the game."

Each year, boys' lacrosse seniors reflect on their entire education and who has had a meaningful impact upon their growth and development as students, as athletes, and as citizens. In the ninth annual Teacher Appreciation Night, Beth Bubier, Erin Doran, Rae-Ann Guzman, Melissa Holmes-Perkins, Alissa James, Deb Lebel, Chris Livengood, Karen Petcher, and Wayne Rathburn were presented with a token of appreciation for all they've done for students and outgoing seniors.

Perkins was the first player in program history to score 100 goals in his



Windham seniors visit the Dempsey Center in Lewiston on Friday, May 9 as they prepare to begin fundraising efforts and learn about the services the center provides for those impacted by a cancer diagnosis. Front row: The Dempsey Center's Director of Strategic Relations Lorianne Saniuk (left) with seniors Jake Lord, Aiden Benish, Tobias Perkins, Joey Somma and Finn Smith; Back row: Graden Joly, Blake McPherson, David Daignault, Cam Streifel, Landon Buzulchuck and Lukas Hammond. PHOTO BY PETER SMALL

athletic career. He scored his goal 100 just 3:30 into the first quarter.

"It's a personal accomplishment, but it's only made possible by my team," said Perkins. "On paper you see that I'm the one that got the goal, but it's only due to my teammates who made the plays to get me the ball. I care a lot more about team performance than personal performance; I was just focusing on winning, like a regular game."

The Eagles were definitely focused on the 'W,' as a multitude of players scored from start to finish. Senior Blake McPherson scored early. Perkins was next, then senior Landon Buzulchuck. Junior Lukas Hammond followed, as the boys moved the ball well.

Windham defense was strong and

remained so all game.

Senior Jake Lord scored one of four goals for him. Windham led 10-1 at halftime.

"It's a lot of hard-work and teamwork throughout the entire week," said Lord. "We just had a very long four game streak that did not go our way. During that four-game streak we started getting down on each oth-



Senior Jake Lord heads toward the goal. PHOTO BY MATT PASCARELLA

er, but I think we've done a good job of pulling ourselves out of that hole. Our defense was on fire, they came out with something to prove. Teamwork was going really well for us ... we all find each other at the right spot ... we worked pretty well."

Intensity remained in the second half. Lord scored again followed by back-to-back goals from Perkins. Defense remained unbeatable.

"It is a result of the hard work he's done," said Small about Perkins. "He has worked his craft by picking up a bucket of balls and shooting every day, he's gotten in the weight room ... he does everything to just improve and what it does is it's a huge example for everybody else. The coolest thing is he has seen the results of all of his efforts. When I look at our starting midis and our starting attack, we can move the ball, and everyone uses space ... Blake McPherson gets goals because [Tobias] and [Buzulchuck] are using space ... I think that he attributes a lot to his teammates, is a testament to No. 1, our teammates but No. 2 who Tobias is." <



Windham senior Tobias Perkins moments before he scores his 100th career goal in a boys' lacrosse game against Camden Hills on Friday, May 17. Perkins is the first student athlete to score 100 goals in the program's history. PHOTO BY MATT PASCARELLA

ATHLETE OF THE WEEK



Brady Harvie

Age: 18 Team: WHS varsity baseball

Coach: Chris Doughty

Parents' names: Bryan and Stephanie

Reason for selection: Brady is a senior captain and three-year starter for Windham High's baseball team. He's an excellent leader, and he well may be the best pitcher in the league and one of the team's top hitters. He is an excellent competitor and an all-around great kid. He's a lead-by-example type of player but isn't afraid to speak up when necessary.

He is tough, disciplined and consistently gets the job done with whatever he is asked to do. An excellent pitcher, he's thrown a no-hitter and one-hitter this season, has a 2.30 earned run average with 39 strikeouts in 24 innings pitched.

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Windham High senior Tillery commits to USM track

By Matt Pascarella

STAFF WRITER

Windham senior Marcus Tillery is headed to the University of Southern Maine in Gorham to major in criminology and be part of the men's track and field team. He signed a letter of intent in front of a large group of friends, family, teachers and supporters on Thursday, May 16 at Windham High School. His coaches spoke very highly of him, emphasizing his leadership qualities, positivity as well as his skill on the field and the track.

"It feels kind of unreal," said Tillery. "Seeing all these people from the past three years in one room, they all in some way, somehow impacted my life – I love it; seeing everybody together like that brings joy to my heart."

As a freshman, Tillery attended Lake Brantley High School in Florida. He competed in track and field as a way to train for football in the off-season. He quickly fell in love with track and field. He transferred to Windham High School as a sophomore where he faced adversity early on and felt like he didn't fit in. It was Windham's athletic program that opened big arms for him, to which he is forever grateful.

"It's been an absolute pleasure; I've worked with Marcus for three years," said boys' track and field coach Paula Pock. "He picks up his entire team; he picks up his entire league; we can go to any meet and Marcus knows just about everyone, they all have to check in on him, it's like one big family. His work ethic and commitment are great examples of what coaches want in their athletes. Once he leaves, there are going to be some big shoes to fill at Windham, but his positive role-modeling will last for many, many seasons."

Tillery chose the University of



Windham senior Marcus Tillery (left) addresses family, friends and supporters, next to father Michael, before signing his letter of intent to attend the University of Southern Maine in Gorham where he will major in criminology and be on the men's track and field team. PHOTO BY MATT PASCARELLA

Southern Maine because in talking to the players and the coaches there, they all seemed like a family; very supportive of each other. He said the coaches were phenomenal and are all USM alumni, so they know what it feels like to be in his shoes.

"His work ethic, like pushing us all ... the way to states, no matter who you are, what you do, he's always going to push you," said Windham senior track and field teammate Aiden Hanson. "He's going to bring out the best in all his teammates, no matter what, just a great person all around. He's going to uplift people even as a freshman."

Tillery said it felt great to sign his letter of intent. He said he loves getting the opportunity to compete at the next level and knows not every-

one gets that chance. He's excited and can't wait to start.

"I met Marcus as a sophomore," said varsity football coach Matt Perkins. "Big personality, right away the way he talks to people at their level looks you in the eye, is as real as the day is long. He's very kind, does anything for anybody and is a phenome-

nal teammate. This year he had a great year in football – he had many yards and touchdowns, he was more impactful as a person, because of who he is and what he is and what he stands for. What he's done in the classroom from day one to now is very impressive ... he put the time in to get the grades and now he's moving on. I'm proud of him and feel very, very fortunate to have coached him."

Tillery's advice to underclassmen is to know your priorities.

"Don't take the classroom lightly," said Tillery. "You're a student and then you're an athlete. Care about your academics, go to class every day, respect your teachers, respect everyone ... be a great student in the classroom and a great person in the community. Be a good example – lead by example."

Tillery said he would like to thank Coach Pock, Coach Flaherty, Coach Blood and give a special thank you to Coach Perkins, and Coach Estey. <

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PUBLIC HEARING & SITE PLAN REVIEW

APPLICANT: Scott Simons, Simons Architects
LOCATION: Map: 009 Lot: 19 Zone LRR1
85 Plains Road – Camp Timanous
DESCRIPTION: Site Plan – Youth Camp Barn & Kitchen Renovations

PLAN REVIEW

APPLICANT: Nicolas Cummings by Dustin Roma
LOCATION: Map: 004 Lot: 15B Zone LRR2
Mila’s Woods Road
DESCRIPTION: Road Construction Permit

SITE PLAN REVIEW

APPLICANT: Keystone Investment Group LLC by Dustin Roma
LOCATION: Map: 007 Lot: 32 Zone VR
Alfred Mann Drive
DESCRIPTION: Road Construction Permit

PUBLIC HEARING – AMENDMENT TO APPROVED SUBDIVISION

APPLICANT: Derek Ray/Cousins Development Corporation
LOCATION: Map: 018 Lot: 18C, 16C, 18 Zone R
Tenny Hill Road Extension
DESCRIPTION: Waive requirement of underground power to overhead lines

PRELIMINARY SITE PLAN REVIEW

APPLICANT: Matt DiBiase
LOCATION: Map: 017 Lot: 19 Zone Rural
138 North Raymond Road
DESCRIPTION: Site Plan to Create Backlot Driveway

PUBLIC HEARING & SITE PLAN REVIEW

APPLICANT: Town of Raymond – Parks & Recreation Dept.
LOCATION: Map: 048 Lot: 11 Zone VR1
63 Mill Street – Sheri Gagnon Memorial Park
DESCRIPTION: Site Plan for construction of two (2) tennis courts (78’ x 36’) and two (2) pickleball courts (44’ x 20’) in an approximately 17,880 s.f. fenced area

Review Letter from owner of Lot 5, Woodstone Way to appeal against requirement of a sprinkler system in construction of new house.

The meeting will be streamed in real time from the local Government channel. This live stream is also hosted on YouTube (www.raymondmaine.org/content/live-video-streaming), so make sure your computer or router/firewall does not block YouTube content.

Copy of the submitted applications are available for review on the town website (www.raymondmaine.org/content/planningboard-agenda) after September 19, 2023, or at the Town Office (401 Webbs Mills Road) by appointment during regular business hours.

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WHS SCOREBOARD

★ **Track:** Windham’s Lady Eagle track team has been working hard all season and saw a big payout in their home meet against Marshwood and Scarborough on Wednesday, May 15. Two school records were shattered by considerable amounts.

In the 4x800-meter relay team of senior Beth Bearce, sophomore Emma Fox, junior Tayla Pelletier and sophomore Sydney Broadbent set a new Windham High School record of 10:21.24 minutes, destroying the old record from 1999 of 10:39.60.

In the 4x100 relay, sophomore Myla Vercoe, junior Ava Gerrity, freshman Eva Vancelette, and senior Khalysa Hammith set a new Windham High School record of 51:77 seconds, beating the old one from 1985 of 52:10.

On the boys’ team, Windham sophomore Karl Longstreth set a new Windham High School record in the 100-meter of 11.09 breaking the old record from 2021.

The 4x100 team of Longstreth, junior Ethan Fletcher and seniors Marcus Tillery and Ezra Foster broke the Windham High School record set last year with a time of 44.10.

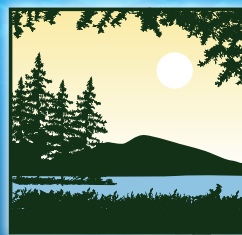
Pelletier also set a new Windham High School record in the 100-meter hurdles on May 1 at Massabesic in Waterboro of 15.28 seconds, beating the old record from 1997 of 15.40.

★ **Tennis:** On Friday May 17, Windham senior Alyssa Conley competed in the Maine Principal’s Assoc. singles championship at Bates College in Lewiston. She beat her Brunswick opponent, 6-2 and 7-5 and her Thornton Academy opponent, 6-0 and 6-2. She advanced to round 16 where she lost to her Yarmouth opponent, 6-0 and 6-0. In the double’s championship on May 20, Windham senior Samantha Bell and junior Katelyn Cotter lost to Camden Hills, 6-1 and 6-1.



(Left) Windham sophomore Mayla Vercoe (left), freshman Eva Vancelette, senior Khalysa Hammith and junior Ava Gerrity celebrate after they set a new WHS record in the 4x100-meter relay. (Right). PHOTO BY KRISTA WHITE GERRITY Windham sophomore Karl Longstreth (right), with senior Marcus Tillery not far behind, moments before Longstreth set a new WHS record in the 100-meter. PHOTO BY MARINA LONGSTRETH

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Cooking Corner

By Ed Pierce
STAFF WRITER

Harriett's Banana Cake

Anyone who knows me well is aware of how much I love anything associated with bananas. It's probably because my mother would frequently make this cake which she saved from a newspaper clipping from the 1940s. I discovered it stashed away in some of her old photographs after she passed away and I offer it to you here. It's simple to make, not very expensive, and maybe it will become a family favorite for you too.

INGREDIENTS

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| 1/2 cup of butter | 1 teaspoon of baking powder |
| 1 1/2 cups of sugar | 1/2 teaspoon of salt |
| 2 eggs, separated, egg whites vigorously beaten | 1/2 teaspoon of baking soda |
| 2 cups of cake flour | 1/2 cup of milk |
| | 1 cup of mashed bananas |

INSTRUCTIONS

Cream the half-cup of butter, add in the 1 1/2 cups sugar, stir well, then add the 2 egg yolks. Sift 2 cups of cake flour, 1 teaspoon baking powder, 1/2 teaspoon salt three times. Dissolve 1/2 teaspoon baking soda in a half-cup of sour milk, add alternately to mixture. Add 1 cup of mashed bananas and fold in the 2 beaten egg whites.

Pour the mixture into two greased 8-inch round cake pans. Bake at 350 degrees for 30 to 35 minutes, checking if they are done with a toothpick.

When the toothpick comes out clean, the cake is done. Set on racks to cool and turn out of the pans after 10 to 15 minutes. Allow them to cool completely.

Make a filling of either vanilla or banana icing or cream cheese.

When cakes are completely cool, split them in half to make four layers. Put a dab of icing on the cake plate, then a layer of cake, then a layer of icing, then a layer of cake until all of the layers are stacked.

Ice the top and sides if enough icing remains and you can include chopped nuts if you wish.

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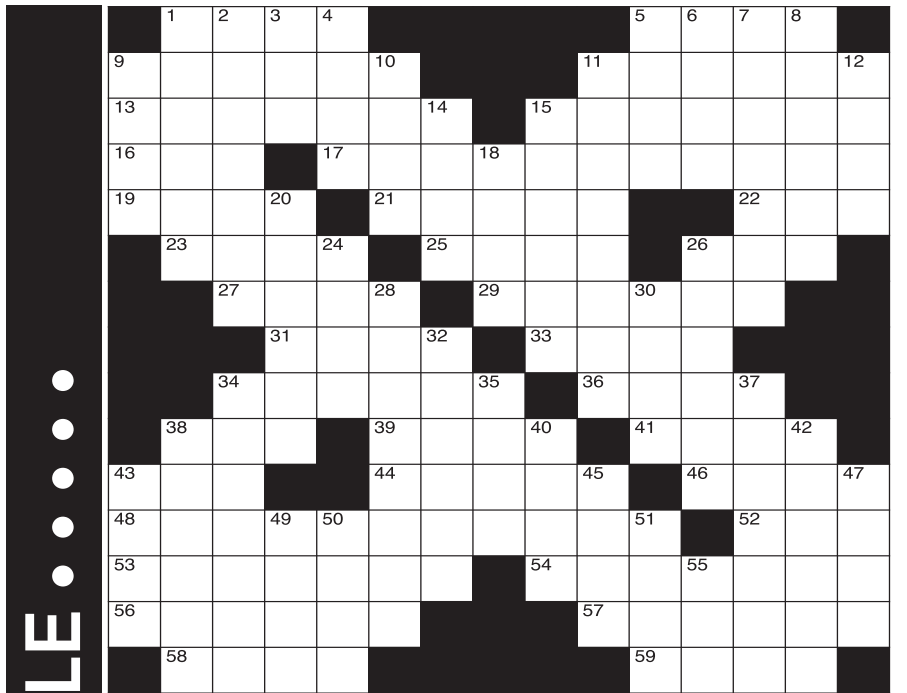
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| 5. Not the front | 34. Ancient measure of length |
| 9. Japanese female entertainer | 36. Concubine |
| 11. Soars up | 38. One billion years |
| 13. Proof you paid | 39. Not false |
| 15. Immobile | 41. Vienna (German) |
| 16. Type of drug | 43. Short-term memory |
| 17. Traveling from place to place | 44. Actresses Meg and Jennifer |
| 19. So | 46. Clothed |
| 21. Los Super Seven member Cesar | 48. Basketball's "Zen Master" |
| 22. Small insect | 52. Irish bar |
| 23. Ancient Hebrew measure | 53. Age-old |
| 25. Beginner | 54. Pride |
| 26. Consumeda | 56. Niger's capital |
| 27. Fruit of the true service tree | 57. Makes amends |
| 29. Part of Congress | 58. Sound made by horses |
| 31. Needlefishes | 59. Russian river |

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| 1. Cut the baby teeth | 26. Uncoordinated |
| 2. Reflexes | 28. Deceased actress Murphy |
| 3. Midway between east and southeast | 30. Get into ___ : fight |
| 4. Beat | 32. Inflexible |
| 5. Sign of aging | 34. Amusing |
| 6. Goidelic language of Ireland | 35. Be morose |
| 7. Raise public concern | 37. Reviewing online |
| 8. Make new again | 38. Denoting origin |
| 9. Something unpleasant | 40. In addition |
| 10. Roman orator | 42. The state that precedes vomiting |
| 11. Flavored | 43. Ballplayer Denard |
| 12. Subdivision | 45. Spiritual discipline |
| 14. A pace of running | 47. Database management system |
| 15. Allows to live | 49. Fancy car |
| 18. Terrorist organization | 50. Off-road vehicle |
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BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT

Whether you've lived in the Lakes Region for your entire life, here for the summer, or just passing through town, visiting a new store called On The Docks is a must.

The store offers quality customer service, personalized orders, and a relaxed shopping atmosphere from its convenient location at 889 Roosevelt Trail, Suite 1, in North Windham.

On The Docks owner Jaime Anderson has assembled a collection of unique gifts, local apparel, Maine goods, and home decor with the Lakes Region in mind. "The inspiration behind our store stems from a profound appreciation for the tranquil beauty of the Lakes Region," Anderson said. "Our mission was to curate a collection of offerings that cater to our community's needs, providing them with gifts and home decor that capture the essence of serenity and tranquility. Imagine the peacefulness of sitting on a dock, gazing out at the shimmering waters of Sebago Lake, Little Sebago Lake, Long Lake, or Panther Pond. That is the feeling we aim to evoke with our carefully chosen items, a sense of calm and contentment."

Anderson that vision extends beyond the lake shores.

"We want to transform your home into a sanctuary, regardless of its location," she said. "That is where our customization comes in. What is your sanctuary? Is it by the pool, amidst the trees, at a cozy campfire, or in the gar-



den? Whatever it may be, we can tailor our offerings with drinkware, signs, accents and more."

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With reasonable pricing, On the Docks is happy to help any customer with their home decor or gift-giving needs, even outside the geographic area of the Lakes Region, Anderson says.

"We can custom order any lake and create personalized signs based on customer need," she said. "We offer Maine merchandise, gifts, candles, faux floral,



Jaime Anderson welcomes shoppers to On the Docks in Windham for all your gift giving and home decor needs. PHOTO BY ED PIERCE

and many other things." Originally from Windham, Anderson owned a gift shop 15 years ago in a small town in rural Pennsylvania.

"I loved everything about owning and running a gift shop. We had to close due to some family health issues and it has been a dream of mine to open a store again," she said. "I moved home to Maine about three years ago and have been dreaming, planning, and hoping to open a gift shop in my hometown of Windham. In November 2023, all the pieces fell into place, and we were given the keys to our amazing location.

The store includes a craft area where local artists can offer instruction and classes and Anderson said she hopes the location becomes a new focal point for local vendors in Windham.

Since opening its doors earlier this year, word is getting out about how friendly everyone is at On The Docks, their fantastic selection of unique gifts

and lake-related items, their knowledge and expertise and exceptional customers service.

"We want everyone to know we are here and what we have to offer," Anderson said. "We do not sell docks or dock supplies, but we do encourage everyone to stop in and see what's available. We believe you will like what you find here."

For those who have visited, their social media reviews of On The Docks are fantastic.

"We have received amazing feedback from our customers," Anderson said. "We have five 5-star reviews on Google and have had many people say similar things in person at the store."

Some of those comments include: "On The Docks has really great local stuff. Not the typical selection of home decor. Much of it is designed for Sebago Lakes area. They also have a great craft room. Looking forward to shopping here for gifts, definitely some unique stuff here. Looking to coming back again."

"The owners were amazing to deal with. On the Docks is a beautiful store! We will definitely visit again soon! Love my table and chairs!!!"

On The Docks is open daily from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. For more info call 207-332-5231 or go to their website at: onthedocksme.com. Also follow them on Facebook under On The Docks Gifts and Home Decor to see new items being added all the time and to follow their DIY class events. <



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road that would follow roughly the course of the Presumpscot River (to be known as River Road) and the construction of a sawmill at Mallison Falls (including claim on 10 acres around it). All work came to a halt with the sudden appearance of a contingent of the Sebago Natives who claimed ownership of all the land on both sides of the river, a claim that was disputed by Massachusetts Governor Belcher who stated that the Indians had given over deeds to the lands in question – he could not, however, produce such documents, claiming they had been lost in earlier wars.

But even if the documents had been revealed, it is doubtful the disagreement could have been resolved. Historian David Ghery points out the Wabanaki was an oral society and put little value on the written word that they could not read. Natives, he maintains, negotiated from a different

perspective and never found that European translations reflected the terms as they remembered them. The Maine Historic Preservation Commission has written "...the Wabanaki viewed land sales as a means for cementing reciprocal social relationships with European people that included perpetual gift giving as well as cooperation."

Chief Polin, sagamore (chief) of the Sebago band of Wabanakis, traveled to Boston and presented Governor Belcher with a list of grievances, including a complaint that a power dam constructed by Col. Thomas Westbrook, a wealthy landowner and entrepreneur, at Presumpscot Falls restricted the passage of salmon, a significant food source of the Sebago Indians. The governor responded by instructing Col. Westbrook to install a fish passage, but it never materialized. Further, the new settlers were clear cutting their lots which, according to the Indians, adversely affected game distribution and water quality. Essen-

tially, colonialism seemed a serious threat to the lives and livelihood of the Presumpscot Wabanaki who claimed the Sebago region as their territory.

Finally, in what can be viewed as the crowning antagonistic event, the Massachusetts General Court (legislature) appropriated money for the construction of home garrisons and forts in the hostile territories of the eastern frontier. In New Marblehead, the block house was built on high ground near the present-day Parson Smith house.

To the Sebago Natives, the move was interpreted as an act of provocation. It was a message that the Massachusetts government intended to exercise complete authority over the Presumpscot-Sebago region. War ensued.

King George's War would rage on the eastern frontier from 1744 to 1748, then following a brief peace, the French & Indian War from 1754 to 1763, during which 46 destitute souls would live in fear and isolation within the defensive walls of New Marble-

head's province fort until the battle of 1756 on present-day Anderson Road. In that clash, Stephen Manchester would kill Chief Polin; as a result, the Presumpscot band of Wabanakis, after thousands of years, abandoned forever their settlement on Sebago Lake.

Following almost 80 years of warfare, Wabanaki communities on the eastern frontier suffered immensely. Abandoned and burned-out encampments emigrated to Canada. Townships like New Marblehead and Gorhamtown served as buffer zones for settlement expansion, including Naples, Raymond, and Sebago.

By the year 1900, census statistics recorded only a few Native American communities in Maine: Greenville, Calais, Perry, Indian Township and Old Town. In Cumberland County, just three individuals were identified as having Native American ancestry – all were incarcerated in the Cumberland County Jail in Portland. <

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