

Fairytale house a whimsical landmark

By Nicole Levine

STAFF WRITER

Find yourself in a fairytale when traveling down Mill Street in Raymond. There lies The House That Jack Built, a peculiar town landmark that transports you into the world of a child's imagination.

The House That Jack Built has a distinctive look that stands out amongst the rest of the houses within Raymond Village. It has playful yellow-colored walls with cyan blue framing around its doorways and windows. The house is built to look crooked, resembling an imperfect, yet magical children's drawing.

To people passing by, its presence is a mystery. However, to many locals who have lived in Raymond for years, it is a nostalgic memory and sentimental reminder of their past.

The House That Jack Built was not created by Jack but was originally constructed in the 1930s by the Foster family of Raymond. Its fantastical look is inspired by the nursery rhyme that was favored by their daughter, The House That Jack Built.

The Fosters had opened an ice cream parlor and tea shop within the building, where they sold a variety of knick-knacks in their Maine-inspired gift shop. Some of their products included moccasins and maple syrup products. They also had their own



An old postcard shows The House That Jack Built on Mill Street in Raymond Village. The former gift emporium and ice cream shop is long gone but the building remains and is a local landmark in the town. COURTESY PHOTO

soda fountain within the parlor.

Lucy Foster, also a former teacher, was often seen working within the shop. Many today still have very high regard for her heartfelt dedication to her students and her community. Don Foster, who also owned the business, was said to be "quite the character and funny" during his time working in the shop.

This used to be a very popular destination, as Route 302 originally ran

past The House That Jack Built, before it was redirected to go by Raymond Beach in 1955.

The ice cream parlor was a favorite spot for teenagers during the time it was open. It was "the place to be" for local teens to hang out and socialize with their friends.

One customer reminiscing about the business, says "It sure was a popular place and one all the teens in the 50's loved." Another said, "I had my

first banana split there."

Many of the teens who used to frequent the ice cream parlor would often sign their names on the walls within the interior. The list of those names gives a unique glimpse into the past of those who used to call this their hangout when they were young.

The business within The House That Jack Built was open for around 25 years before it eventually closed. The property was then sold by the Fosters to the Timmons family.

Even though the business that brought so many teenagers fond memories had closed, The House That Jack Built continued

to remain in many locals' hearts.

Alice Bradeen, secretary for the Raymond-Casco Historical Society, grew up right next to the house. She was close with the Timmons family, who were residing on the property at the time. She spent many of her days exploring and playing there.

She described how there was also a wishing well added on to the back of the property. It was something that

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Public Safety memorial a tribute to first responders

By Ed Pierce

STAFF WRITERS

When Windham's first responders and public safety members moved into their newly remodeled building on Gray Road in 2022, something was missing. Plans had been underway for several years to create and place a monument outside the building as a tribute to those who render assistance to the public when emergencies arise, put out fires, and keep residents safe 24 hours a day.

Lengthy delays from the monument company prevented that from happening, but on Memorial Day, Windham's Public Safety Memorial was unveiled and dedicated outside the facility. The monument recognizes the contributions that police officers and firefighters have made to the town through decades of service and is intended as a permanent way to say thanks to those who have served as a member of Windham Fire/Rescue, Police, Rescue Association, or as a dispatcher for the Town of Windham.

Surrounding the monument is a courtyard made up of benches to sit and reflect and special brick paver stones for families of first responders. The monument itself is black granite and stands 6 feet in height with white lettering and contains logos of the Windham Police and the Windham Fire/Rescue Departments, an eagle,

and the American flag. Space is available on the monument to memorialize the names of police officers or firefighters should they perish in the line of duty in the future.

During the dedication event, Windham Police Chief Kevin Schofield and Windham Fire/Rescue Chief Brent Libby shared their thoughts about the monument.

"Today's activities are the culmination of two to two-and-a-half years of work," Schofield said. "This recognizes people in public service to the community, and it means a great deal to all of us."

Schofield introduced Karen Lewsen, the wife of the late former Windham Police Chief Richard B. "Rick" Lewsen Jr., whom he replaced as top law enforcement officer for the town in 2015. A granite bench in the courtyard is dedicated to Chief Lewsen, who died in 2022.

"We are grateful for the work that Nancy Graves, Fire Rescue Coordinator for Windham Fire Rescue did on this and for all those who placed the paver stones and worked on this monument," Schofield said.



The new Windham Public Safety Memorial was officially dedicated during a ceremony on Memorial Day. The black granite monument honors current and past first responders, firefighters, police officers, dispatchers and emergency medical technicians who have dedicated their lives to serving the town. PHOTO BY ED PIERCE

Windham Fire/Rescue Chief Brent Libby said the goal of the project has

been to salute current and past public safety members, volunteers, and call company members, and hundreds of individuals who have served through the years with the Windham Fire Department and the Windham Police Department.

"Our goal is to dedicate and unveil this monument as a tribute and remembrance," Libby said. "The space on the monument is reserved for those who give the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty, but it hasn't happened, and we're committed to keeping it that way."

Libby also pointed out that another of the black granite benches in the courtyard is inscribed "Honor Valor Sacrifice" and he said that exemplifies the mindset of everyone who serves as a firefighter, police officer, or emergency medical technician in Windham.

"Those are core tenets that police and firefighters live by every day," Libby said.

Rev. Tim Higgins of St. Ann's Episcopal Church said he recognizes the courtyard and the new monument at the Windham Public Safety Building as a sacred and mean-

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Hi-fi remorse and new beginnings

Throughout my life, I've heard that you never really miss something until it's gone. I'm here to tell you it's true, and I've decided to do something about that.

This story started a few years ago. A fellow who worked in the same building was creating a stereo system for the warehouse he worked in. I happened to have my old stereo sitting on my back porch for several years gathering dust. I asked him if he wanted it, and he said yes. I boxed it up and hauled it to him a few days later. He thanked me and I left.

The next time I saw him during the following week, I asked how the stereo was working for him. He told me it was not something he wanted so he had thrown it in the dumpster, and it had been hauled away. I was upset and it's eaten away at me for two years.

About a month ago, I told my wife that I was going to try and rebuild my system if I could find the components. When I started looking online, I found a few good deals. Someone who lived about 10 minutes away was selling a Bose Acoutimass 3 speaker set. But instead of paying \$1,000 like I had for the exact same set at Best Buy in 1991, this set was slightly used, but only cost \$75. I then purchased the same model Sansui CD player as I had previously owned for \$40 on eBay, and that's also where I found the same model Sansui cassette deck that I had purchased in Germany in 1979. This time though instead of \$250, I paid just \$50.

Back in 1991, when I was relocating across the country, I had also made the decision to ditch my turntable as record albums were not only heavy to move but were becoming a thing of the past as CDs were all the rage. At that time, it was devastating to part with more than 500 record albums, but I gave them all away. I had been collecting albums since I was first in college and many of them are now considered to be classics and worth a considerable sum if I still had them. But I had made my decision way back when and after moving it was years before I saw new record albums for sale anywhere.

When I first obtained my stereo system from the Base Exchange while serving in the Air Force in Germany, a particular kind of turntable had caught my eye, but in 1978 I simply couldn't have afforded it on my Air Force salary of \$360 a month. It was a Technics linear turntable without a tone arm. The turntable's stylus is contained in an electronic unit that sweeps across the album and senses precisely where the tracks are.

This time, however, I was able to find a pristine Technics linear turntable from about 1982 in near mint condition. That set me back \$200, but when it arrived carefully packed via Fed Ex, I was over the moon. About the same time, my wife had found an old box left in the basement by the previous owners of our home twice removed or so. We opened the box and inside were about 150 old 45 rpm records from the 1960s and 1970s, including some from The Beatles, The Four Seasons, Neil Diamond, Linda Ronstadt, and Elton John. That led me to order a 45-rpm adapter for my new linear turntable.

The last piece of the component puzzle for me was the biggest challenge. I wanted to find the exact same Sansui receiver as I had previously owned. I searched for weeks on eBay without much success. That type of vintage Sansui receiver remains in hot demand from stereo enthusiasts worldwide and the few available on eBay were selling for \$1,000 or more.

After a lengthy search, I found the one I wanted up for sale at a stereo shop in Massachusetts on a website called Reverb. The shop's technicians had cleaned it thoroughly inside and out and reconditioned it to work as if it were brand new. I paid \$500 and am looking forward to having it shipped to me this week.

Finding vinyl records to play on it is a different matter though. Since I last purchased a vinyl recording in the 1980s, the price seems to have almost quadrupled. What used to be \$7.99 is now \$29 and \$30. I've recently visited two Goodwill stores looking at the vinyl albums they have for sale and found two that I purchased for a total of \$2. One of those was a 1965 pressing of Gene Pitney's Greatest Hits. But most of their selection on display were albums my father would have preferred such as Herb Alpert and the Tijuana Brass or the Ray Coniff Singers.

I plan on researching smaller nearby second-hand record shops to see what vinyl treasures I can find there. I'm also now looking for a stereo stand to put my components together and hook everything up.

Of course it may not be the same, but hopefully even better this time.

< ~ Ed Pierce

Today in HISTORY



MAY 31

- 1634 – The English colony of Massachusetts Bay annexes Maine colony.
- 1790 – The United States establishes copyright laws.
- 1870 – E.J. DeSemdt of Columbia University patents asphalt.
- 1879 – New York's Madison Square Garden opens.
- 1884 – Dr. John Harvey Kellogg patents "flaked cereal."
- 1913 – The 17th Amendment goes into effect providing for the election of U.S. senators.
- 1915 – A German zeppelin makes an air raid on London, England during World War I.
- 1927 – The Ford Motor Company produces the last "Tin Lizzie" automobile.
- 1955 – The U.S. Supreme Court orders that all states must end racial segregation "with all deliberate speed."
- 1977 – The trans-Alaska oil pipeline is finished after three years of construction.

Inspirational Quote of the Week

"A great soul serves everyone all the time. A great soul never dies. It brings us together again and again"

– Maya Angelou

ON THE SPOT

What is your favorite childhood memory from when you were young?

- "Catching fireflies and putting them in a jar when dad came home from the midnight shift at the mill-we would set them by my nightstand." – Pam Varney
- "Camping and surf fishing with my parents down on Cape Hatteras." – Brian Butler
- "Having the freedom of being able to play outside without the danger of today's society." – Tommy Matthews
- "My father building a playhouse for my sister and me. It was awesome like a tiny house." – Deb Hall Mcphail
- "Riding by bicycle I paid for myself, customized with the banana seat and attached playing cards on the spokes for sound." – Stephen Signor
- "Playing flashlight tag." – Christopher D. Wallace
- "Playing in the warm summer rain or catching fireflies." – Hannah Hannah
- "Fishing Pleasant River and riding my mini bike." – Wayne O'Brien
- "Camping every year with my parents and their friends. Traveled all over Maine. Incredible memories." – Wanda Hamilton Grillo
- "When I got my library card at age 7, walking from Clark St in Portland's West End to the Portland Public Library to take out six books." – Bill Keller
- "Swimming all day, then walking to ice cream stand for homemade ice cream." – Ellie MacCallum
- "Living on Mill Pond in Windham and getting to swim every day in the summer!! There was such a beautiful beach there and now it's all overgrown to the point you can't even tell there used to be a beach." – Lynn Bucknell
- "Living in a neighborhood with kids my age, we played Hop Scotch, Jump Rope, Hide and Seek, soft ball, Roller skates, it was a dead end street and it was safe!" – Mickie Danaher-Johnson



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Windham varsity boys' lacrosse team making a difference through Dempsey Center fundraising

By Matt Pascarella
STAFF WRITER

In a home game against Camden Hills on Friday, May 17, Windham's varsity boys' lacrosse team raised over \$2,000 for the Dempsey Center through community donations.

According to its website, the Dempsey Center was founded by actor Patrick Dempsey in 2008 and provides comprehensive cancer care to Mainers at no cost.

A Maine native, Dempsey watched his mother's journey with ovarian cancer and wanted to create a space where those going through any type of cancer could find relief, comfort and resources. The Dempsey Center provides care and support to hundreds of individuals as well as their families.

"Any donation goes to support our clients," said Director of Strategic Relations Lorianne Saniuk. "Broken out fundraising efforts can go to 100 different things. Fundraising goes into our general budget for the year. With that the gift makes everything possible at the Dempsey Center. I know their coach really wanted them to see the 'why' of the center and they were in awe. We want them to continue to support and act as ambassadors and if they know of someone with a cancer diagnosis can suggest the Dempsey Center for support."

Windham varsity boys' coach Peter Small wanted to have his team take the positive experiences and good fortune



Windham High boys' lacrosse team seniors gather with their parents on Friday, May 17 after the teams raised over \$2,000 to support cancer research and services at the Dempsey Center. Back row, from left, are Amanda McPherson, Brooke Buzulchuck, Melissa Holmes-Perkins, Betsy Benish, Karry Joly, Cathy Streifel, Ethan Smith, Stephanie Angelides, and Donna and Joe Somma. Front row, from left, are Windham seniors Blake McPherson, Landon Buzulchuck, Tobias Perkins, Aiden Benish, Graden Joly, Cam Streifel, Finn Smith, Jake Lord and Joey Somma. PHOTO BY KRISTIN DROTTAR

they have to play a game they love and use that to benefit the community. The team embraced the Dempsey Center and all they do for those affected by cancer. Seniors had an informational tour of the Lewiston location. The team wore pink jerseys on May 17 to embrace cancer research and the team bought four jerseys which they have been raffling off for every \$5 donation with every dime going directly to the center.

"The main goal of the Dempsey Center is to help those affected by cancer and give them the services and

goods that they need to have the best life that they can," said Windham senior Finn Smith. "They offer things like massages, acupuncture, wigs, they're entirely fundraising-based - things like this are really important. A couple of our players, me included, have been affected by cancer in our

lives. It's really great to raise that substantial amount of money for an organization."

Windham senior Jake Lord said the fundraising really brought the team together and helped them become stronger.

"It was also pretty cool to play for something bigger than ourselves which was cancer awareness," said Windham senior Tobias Perkins. "That means a lot to me and other players on the team who have friends and family who were directly affected. It really makes you think about the things you do with your money and how they can be used to benefit someone in need ... anything helps and it's really wonderful to see."

If you would like to donate, you can do so directly through the Dempsey Center or through the boy's lacrosse Venmo account @psmalljr. Every cent goes directly to the center.

Windham boys' lacrosse are planning to participate in the Dempsey Challenge, which will celebrate its 16th year in 2024. The challenge will be held in Lewiston on Saturday, Sept. 21 and will feature run, walk and ride events. <

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New citizens take Oath of Allegiance to U.S. in Windham

By Ed Pierce
STAFF WRITER

It was an emotional and highly anticipated event for 21 applicants as they raised their right hand and took the Oath of Allegiance becoming new American citizens during a U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services Naturalization Ceremony held at the Windham Veterans Center on May 24.

Hailing from 20 different nations, those taking the oath at the event successfully met the requirements to become an American citizen, including residing in the United States for at least five years, be at least age 18, demonstrate the ability to read, write and speak basic English, be of good moral character, pass an examination covering U.S. history and government, and swear loyalty to the U.S. by taking the Oath of Allegiance. This group joins 878,500 other applicants who have successfully become U.S. citizens in the past year nationwide.

The new citizens were welcomed to the event by Sergeant James Barlow of

Raymond, who serves in the Maine National Guard. He described how he left his home in Manchester, England and traveled across the Atlantic Ocean to become an American citizen.

Barlow went on to earn a college degree at Saint Joseph's College of Maine and said he wanted to give back to America, so he joined the Maine National Guard where he serves as a recruiter.

"You have no limitations, the sky is the limit," Barlow told the new citizens. "Be inspired, that is the mindset. This opens a new world for you."

Ciaran Gill of South Portland, 35, was one of the applicants being sworn in at the event as a new American citizen. He is originally from Australia and met his American wife, Alexandra Meyer, 12 years ago in Australia. The couple returned to Maine five years ago and Gill works for Idex in Portland.

Starting the process to become a U.S. citizen was something that Gill has strived to achieve for the past few years.

"We have made a permanent life here and to formalize it by doing this is a



21 individuals became new citizens at the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services Naturalization Ceremony held at the Windham Veterans Center on May 24. PHOTO BY ED PIERCE

huge step," Gill said. "The significance of this will probably sink in later today and in the coming weeks."

According to Gill, passing the citizenship examination was not a difficult challenge for him.

"I love history and geography, so it was a fun test," he said.

Meyer said she was proud of her husband for overcoming the various hurdles and requirements to citizenship.

"It's exciting for him to now be able

to vote and becoming a U.S. citizen also means he can receive a U.S. passport," she said.

State Rep. Barbara Bagshaw of Windham was the keynote speaker at the naturalization ceremony and in her address to the new citizens she quoted remarks made by former U.S. President Donald Trump at a Naturalization Ceremony at the White House in 2019.

"There is no higher honor or greater privilege than becoming an American citizen. Our whole nation embraces you with open arms and joyful hearts," Bagshaw said.

Music for the ceremony was provided by the Raymond Elementary School Chorus who performed "The Star Spangled Banner," along with "America the Beautiful," "You're a Grand Old Flag" and "This Pretty Planet."

Also attending the event was State Senator Tim Nangle of Windham, State Rep. Jane Pringle of Windham, and American Legion Field -Allen Post 148 Commander Tom Theriault.

The Oath of Allegiance was administered to the new citizens by Erika Grunnet, acting Field Office Director of U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services in Portland. Greg Marchand, UCCIS Operations Support Specialist, served as master of ceremonies for the Naturalization Ceremony.

Refreshments were provided by the American Legion Post 148 Auxiliary. <

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ATTENTION: RAYMOND CITIZENS

Town government in Raymond has lost its citizen involvement, its integrity, and its transparency.

As a member of the duly elected Budget-Finance Committee for the last three annual Town budgets, I have had an 'up-close and personal' involvement observing the Town's Select Board budget process. I'm intentionally calling it the "Select Board process" because they didn't take one suggestion from any member of our Committee and didn't offer you, the citizen, an annual open public meeting to express your opinions.

The process has been surprising, at times shocking, and very much frustrating not only to me but every town citizen on the Budget-Finance Committee. We were elected and empowered by written ordinance to oversee and research the financial components of the town's government - to serve as a 'financial check and balance' to the Board.

This year has been especially difficult - the Select Board proposed Referendum X for the construction of a new Public Works facility at an estimated cost of \$8,100,000 (with estimated bond interest). Importantly, the normal Town standard practice for new facility construction was not followed - no neutral current space analysis or needs assessment, no use of a citizens' building committee, the delay of information being provided to the Budget-Finance Committee, and ultimately the Select Board's refusal to consider any of our committee's concerns or recommendations. These issues were sufficient enough to have the Budget-Finance Committee unanimously vote to reject Referendum X on the June 11 ballot.

Our committee, by town ordinance, is required to vote in your interest and with integrity. We didn't try and sway each other before our vote - we came to independent conclusions and then unanimously voted against the Select Board's recommendation. It was a historic vote - never had there been a unanimous vote against the Select Board's recommendation since the ordinance was created in 1980. Budget-Finance Chair Karen Lockwood read her reasons for the recommendation of "No" on Referendum X, which was a summary of every members' concerns and feelings. Knowing the Board would be upset wasn't our concern and some of us weren't surprised by the verbal and public abuse at the next meeting by Board Chair Bruno.

At the following Select Board meeting, the Board nullified our committee's vote to oppose Referendum X as "against recommendation" with the words, "no recommendation" citing the slightest of errors regarding the vote. I urge you to listen to the "Emergency Meeting of The Budget and Finance" this past April 11th (available at www.raymondmaine.org and at www.denismorse.me.) We need to bring transparency and integrity back to Town government.

I would personally and humbly ask you to take the time to vote for me on June 11th or by absentee ballot (now available at the Town Hall). I truly know it is time for the change to start.

Together we can make a change!

Learn more about me at: denismorse.me



The following are just a few of the many citizens that wanted to publicly endorse me.

- Able Bates • Abigail Geer • Laurie Forbes
- Mary-Therese Duffy • Jan & Charlie Miller
- Matt Sanborn • Natalie & Jeff Morse
- Dave McCourt • Dana Desjardins (past Selectman)
- Dan Phelan • Shawn McKillop (current Budget)
- Wendy Thoren • Deanna Lee (current Budget)
- Gary Wittner • Bob Gosselin (current Budget)
- Sylvia Sullivan • Frank McDermott (current Budget)
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"As someone that has lived and served Raymond for well over 50 years, I fully support Denis Morse in seeking a seat on the Raymond Select Board in June. Denis has served Raymond in many capacities over the years and presently serves on the Budget Finance committee. He is a person with integrity and always tries to do the right thing. Raymond needs a change of leadership and Denis will work to see it happen."

~ Frank McDermott

"Recent actions of the current Raymond Selectboard are yet another clear indication of the growing disconnect between town leadership and our community. It is time for a change in leadership. Elect Denis Morse on June 11."

~ Peter and Grace Leavitt

"Denis is a strong advocate for transparent government and has served successfully in many leadership capacities. He has compassion for others, personal integrity, respect for the rule of law and fresh ideas to lead Raymond into the future."

~ Don and Megan Willard

"We have admired Denis' strong and steady leadership as Raymond's fire chief, and his advocacy for the needs of the town. He will respect the rules of town government, listen to the people, and put public services before his own interests, for the benefit of all Raymond residents."

~ Kathy and David Brown

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"We fully support the candidacy of Denis Morse for the Select Board of Raymond. We very much appreciate his belief in the necessity of open communication as a bedrock of good government. We have lost that part of our government over the past years and Denis' experiences in government during the past 20 years will help to restore the responsive type of government that we used to have in this Town. Denis will be a strong voice on the Select Board and we sincerely ask that you explore his website to get more info on his positions and support him on June 11."

~ George and Joan Clark

"As residents of Raymond for 47 years we are very pleased to see Denis Morse step up to be one of the leaders for our community on the Select Board. Denis is a capable candidate with experience in several leadership positions. He is enthusiastic about involving residents in the changing needs of this beautiful town. Vote for Denis and let him be your agent for the changes you desire!"

~ Raul Freyre and Christina Keilt

"We've known Denis for 15 years. He is a rare individual who can meld ideas gained in discussion with his own notions and come up with creative solutions to problems that seem to have no good answer. He's honest, conscientious and very generous with his time and support. Raymond is lucky Denis is willing to serve as a Selectman. He's got our votes."

~ Frank Jaffe & Carol Piotti

"I have served Raymond in many ways over the years in volunteer and elected positions. Denis reflects the views of many of our residents and certainly mine. Involving the residents of Raymond is critical. I heartily endorse him for Select Board."

~ Sheila Bourque

I believe Denis, while he is only one voice, will be a positive voice for change and a brighter future for all the citizens of Raymond.

~ Steve Bortles



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ingful space.

“When you come to this space to be quiet and sit and remember those who came before us, it’s really like visiting a sacred space,” Higgins said. “Sacred space is critical in our community as it is holy.”

Higgins then offered a blessing to those to whom the new monument is dedicated.

“Bless them and bless their safety,” he said. “And bless the holy space.”

He then led those attending the monument dedication in reciting the Firefighters Prayer and the Police Prayer.

Additional paver stones are available for the Public Safety Building courtyard and may be purchased by calling Nancy Graves at 207-892-1911. <

Science experiments chart new path for students at Manchester School

By Kaysa Jalbert

STAFF WRITER

Small steps are being made by students for another giant leap for mankind. This spring, six teams from Manchester School in Windham participated in the Plant the Moon and Plant Mars challenge, a global science experiment and inspirational project-based-learning challenge to see who can grow the best crops using lunar and Martian regolith simulant.

One of the groups of students, who call themselves the Green Team, earned Best in Show awards at the school level for their experiment to grow lettuce. The Green Team’s hypothesis tested how layering soil, compost, and regolith differently would affect the growth of lettuce.

“I am incredibly pleased for them,” says Manchester School fifth-grade teacher Tracy Henderson. “It was a tremendous amount of work. But it’s a really big deal that they won this.”

Two classrooms at the school participated, with three teams in Henderson’s classroom who participated in Plant the Moon Challenge where students used lunar regolith simulant to test plant growth, and another three teams in Cindy Moore’s classroom who experimented for Plant Mars using Martial regolith simulant.

Henderson said the experiment gave students the opportunity to exhibit extraordinary leadership. “That was really fun to watch over the course of a couple of months watching kids really become leaders,” she said.

The Plant the Moon and Plant Mars Challenge is part of a new United States initiative to explore more of the lunar surface than ever before through NASAs Artemis Campaign. Its purpose is to explore the moon for scientific discovery, make technology advancements, and to learn how to live and work on another world as humans prepare for manned missions to Mars.

The other two teams in Henderson’s class called themselves the Blue Team and Red Team. The Blue Team tested the differences in growth of radishes and spinach using a blue light or

regular grow light, and the Red Team tested how different amounts of soil, compost, and regolith would affect the growth of spinach.

In Moore’s classroom for Plant Mars, teams included The Seven Seeds who grew radishes, Team Astreaus who grew lettuce and radishes, and Team Nyx who grew bok choy. Their independent variables were either the amount of water or type of fertilizer based on pH, and use of pink light.

“It involves a lot of work, for Mrs. Moore and myself because no one in Maine has ever done something like this before and we certainly have never done this kind of project before,” says Henderson. “It involves teaching a lot of vocabulary like what is a variable and what does control mean in an experiment.”

The classrooms of Henderson and Moore received a grant to complete their experiment from the Maine Space Grant Consortium (MSGC), a non-profit organization that is affiliated with NASA.

“There is a Space Grant in every state, including DC and Puerto Rico. We run, conduct, and fund NASA and other STEM programs in Maine,” said Jana Hall of Maine Space Grant Consortium. “Plant the Moon/Mars is a NASA program and so far, that we are aware of, we haven’t had any Maine schools participate yet until Manchester Elementary.”

Henderson said that the idea of par-

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WHS National Honor Society to conduct bottle drive

By Jolene Bailey

STAFF WRITER

An upcoming bottle drive will help fund activities and scholarships for National Honor Society students at Windham High School.

The bottle drive collection will take place between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. Saturday, June 8 under the canopy at Windham High.

The National Honor Society is an organization that recognizes high school students for both their academic integrity and respectable identities. Students are considered for induction as they have proven themselves to be strong individuals in their freshman and sophomore years of high school. Once inducted into NHS, students are expected to withhold their responsibilities of demonstrating their leadership skills, maintaining good character, and committing to serve their community.

“Students have the opportunity to demonstrate qualities by participating in volunteer opportunities both within the society and outside of it, said



WHS National Honor Society President Jordyn Davis-Belanger. “Overall, being a member of the National Honor Society is both a huge accomplishment and a responsibility for those involved. Our society recognizes outstanding students and gives us a chance to make a difference in our school and community.”

NHS members have hosted numerous fundraising events throughout each and every school year. Some they have done in the past include several food drives, a blood drive done in the fall, and the spring and the winter clothing drive from which the items collected were donated to the Preble Street Homeless Shelter in Portland.

“We have drives that we do yearly, but we are also always willing to find new ideas and opportunities. This bottle drive, as I mentioned before, has become almost a tradition in our society,” said Davis-Belanger.

The bottles donated and collected by NHS supervisor Brandon Champion will be redeemed at Patmans for money. A significant amount of the proceeds raised throughout the school year including this drive will go to grant two \$800 scholarships to students at WHS.

“As of right now, this will be our last fundraiser of the school year. But starting back up with the next school year, we will have fundraisers or opportunities to volunteer at least once a month” said Davis-Belanger.

When students are involved in the NHS, volunteering gives them service hours which goes toward the required 24 hours each member needs per year. It is also just a great way for them to

get involved, and demonstrate their leadership skills, which had nominated them in the first place.

“We already have our blood drive scheduled for November 20, as well as our annual poinsettia fundraiser that raises money for our scholarships. Other fundraisers are in the works, but we are continuously finding ways for students to get involved in the community and in our school,” said Davis-Belanger. “For those in the community, the bottle drive is a way to get rid of your empty bottles, but you are also a part of giving away two huge scholarships to help out students outside of high school.”

Davis-Belanger said this is important as it makes a difference in the community and allows kids to take part in this activity.”

For more details about the bottle drive, send an email to NHS President Jordyn Davis-Belanger at jjdavisbelanger2025@rsu14.org <

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Former State Representative and State Senator Gary Plummer of Windham drives Jerry Black, the Grand Marshal of the 2024 Windham Memorial Day Parade, along Route 202 in Windham. Black, 95, is a Navy veteran who served during the Korean War and his late wife taught for many years at WHS. The parade started at Windham Town Hall and ended at Windham High School.



PHOTO BY ED PIERCE

New work overtime rule to go into effect July 1

The U.S. Department of Labor has announced that a final rule regarding overtime compensation will take effect on July 1, 2024. The final rule updates and revises the regulations issued under section 13(a)(1) of the Fair Labor Standards Act implementing the exemption from minimum wage and overtime pay requirements for executive, administrative, and professional (EAP) employees. Revisions include increases to the standard salary level and the highly compensated employee total annual compensation threshold, and a mechanism for the updating of these earnings thresholds to reflect current earnings data.

While this new rule will take effect in Maine, Maine law does not have an exemption from overtime for highly compensated employees.

Background

Employees are exempt from the Fair Labor Standards Act's minimum wage and overtime protections if they are employed in a bona fide executive, administrative, or professional capacity, as those terms are defined in the Department's regulations at 29 CFR part 541. To fall within the EAP exemption, an employee generally must meet three tests:

- be paid a salary, meaning that they are paid a predetermined and fixed amount that is not subject to reduction because of variations in the quality or quantity of work performed;
- be paid at least a specified weekly salary level; and

- primarily perform executive, administrative, or professional duties, as provided in the department's regulations.

Those regulations also provide an alternative test for certain highly compensated employees who are paid a salary, earn above a higher total annual compensation level, and satisfy a minimal duties test.

The final rule will increase the standard salary level and the highly compensated employee total annual compensation threshold on the rule's effective date on July 1, 2024, and on Jan. 1, 2025, when changes in the methodologies used to calculate these levels become applicable. The final rule also provides for future updates of these levels every three years to reflect current earnings data.

How will this affect Maine?

When there is both a federal and state wage and hour law, whichever law is most protective is the enforced law. In this case, this means that the new federal rule will be enforced in Maine by the Maine Department of Labor beginning on July 1, 2024, except for the exemption from overtime for highly compensated employees.

- The current minimum salary in Maine is \$816.35 per week.
- The new minimum salary as of July 1, 2024 will be \$844 per week.
- The new minimum salary as of January 1, 2025 will be \$1,128 per week.

See more info on the rule at: www.dol.gov/agencies/whd/overtime/rulemaking

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icipating in the challenge was brought to her by a mother of one of her previous students whose younger sibling is now in Moore's class. The student's mother, Nikki Becker, is a scientist and on the Board of Directors with the Maine Space Grant Consortium. She proposed the idea in Henderson's classroom while giving a presentation one day, and since then has helped the school get in contact with MSGC to receive the grant and sign up for the competition.

"We really owe it to her," says Henderson.

After signing up for the challenge, each team of students received a lunar or Martian soil simulant package complete with pots, masks, and a pH meter or strips and a digital Project Guide from the Institute of Competition Sciences. The lunar and Martian soil simulants are specially designed to mimic the soil of the Moon or Mars in chemistry, composition, grain size, and density. Following the Project Guide,

students create your own experiment to examine important variables related to plant growth in the simulant.

In their experiment to grow lettuce from lunar soil by layering the compost, soil and regolith, the Green Team faced student-scientist type challenges such as going on February vacation, which was solved by another teacher taking care of the plants while they were away. At one point, they faced "having no school, no power, and no water for our plants for about four days, but luckily they survived," as the team described their findings.

In their report, the Green Team wrote that they kept track of data by measuring the height of their lettuce plants every week, however the results showed "the (plants) that didn't grow had moss that absorbed most of the water and the ones that didn't grow that didn't have moss but had bad seeds." The team concluded by saying "we think that the layers did not work because the plant that grew the best did not have any layers. It was mixed together." <

JACK BUILT *Cont. from page 1*

kids could climb inside and play. The wishing well just created all the more magic to this already fairytale-inspired home.

When describing the inside of The House That Jack Built, Bradeen says it was incredibly "quirky and neat" to go along with its eccentric exterior.

"You could picture how the tables were set up, and there was a bar where they served the ice cream with stools," she said. It was almost as though she could still visualize what it once had looked like, when it was a thriving town scene. "Because it was something I saw every day, I did not appreciate how unique it was until later on."

Nowadays many of us pass by this one-of-a-kind treasure, wondering to ourselves, "What is this quirky story-book-like building?"

The truth is, this Town of Raymond gem is truly something magical and serves as a looking glass back into local history.

Today, The House That Jack Built remains in the Timmons family. There has been some discussion of preserving the house as a historical landmark, however its future is unknown.

This charming feature of the town of Raymond brought a fairytale to life, and has created many fond memories for local residents, thanks to the Foster family. <



Manchester School fifth-grade students called the Green Team earned 'Best in Show' awards at the elementary school level for their scientific experiment to grow lettuce in the Plant the Moon challenge from the Maine Space Grant Consortium. SUBMITTED PHOTO

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What is Tooth Resorption and How is it Treated?

If you have a pet, especially a cat, you may have heard the term tooth resorption during your pet’s oral exam. So, what is tooth resorption? Tooth resorption is a condition in which the tooth or teeth are reabsorbed by the body. The cells that are responsible for breaking down the baby teeth called odontoclasts become reactivated and start breaking down the adult teeth. This process often starts at the root of the tooth and eventually makes its way to the surface. Most of the time, tooth resorption is not painful until it affects the crown of the tooth. When the crown is affected the nerves of the tooth become exposed and bacteria can enter the tooth and cause inflammation and infection. Sometimes periodontal disease and inflammation can lead to tooth resorption, but often we do not know what caused tooth resorption in our pets, especially when it comes to cats.

Cats are especially prone to tooth resorption. It is estimated that approximately one third of cats will develop tooth resorption in their lifetime and unfortunately, tooth resorption becomes more common as they age. There is no effective known treatment to reverse or deter further resorption, so these affected teeth must be extracted. Tooth resorption is the most common oral abnormality found in cats.

Dogs can also develop tooth resorption, though not as often as cats. It can often go undiagnosed if dental x-rays are not utilized, as it commonly affects a large part of the root of the tooth. Tooth resorption can also progress more slowly in dogs and it is possible for a tooth with root resorption to remain stable for years. Dogs that chew on hard objects such as antlers and marrow bones may have an increased risk of root resorption. Older dogs are more likely to have severe resorption of the crown, a very painful condition.

Clinically, severe tooth resorption can be easily seen on oral examination. Other times tooth resorption may present like a mild case of gingivitis. In cats, the most common teeth to be affected are the upper and lower third premolars. If gingivitis is seen on these teeth, tooth resorption should always be a differential and further investigation with dental x-rays and an oral exam under anesthesia are necessary.

Dental x-rays are critical when it comes to diagnosing and treating tooth resorption. Tooth resorption can present in different types or stages, each requiring a different type of treatment. If the roots of the affected tooth appear to be resorbing and those roots have been replaced with bone, then the resorbing roots do not need to be removed, and the oral surgeon can remove the crown and any part of the root that is still visible. Sometimes one root may be resorbing, and the other is still intact and other times it is determined that both roots need to be removed. Dental x-rays determine the type of resorption occurring, the appropriate technique for extraction, and confirm whether the tooth was properly removed via extraction.

Research is still being pursued on this disease, especially in cats, but as of right now we do not have a way to treat it once it starts. Good oral hygiene and regular dental cleaning and exams under anesthesia may help in some cases, but, for the most part, we do not know how to prevent it either. Once tooth resorption is diagnosed, especially on the crown, the tooth must be extracted because it will continue to progress and cause pain.

Clinical signs that you may notice in a pet with tooth resorption could be avoiding chewing on one side of the mouth, chewing with the head tilted, dropping food, avoiding hard food or treats, not playing with toys, eating less and eating slower. If you notice any of these signs in your pet or see inflammation, redness, or bleeding in their mouth, we highly recommend an oral exam with a veterinarian and scheduling dental x-rays and an oral exam under anesthesia. Since this condition is more commonly seen in older pets, bloodwork and other diagnostics may be necessary to ensure anesthesia safety, but, thankfully, age is not a disease, and most of these pets can undergo anesthesia safely, with the proper protocol.

If you have not talked to your veterinarian about your pet’s oral health recently, we highly recommend it. Tooth resorption can have a huge impact on their quality of life and dental disease can even shorten their lifespan due to infection and inflammation in the body. Schedule your pet’s oral exam and consultation today!

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WMS student’s interest in photography takes off

By Jolene Bailey
STAFF WRITER

Taking a photo is as easy as the click of a button on a phone. However, that simple click can capture a moment in time and the calling of creating a returning memory.

“Before my grandfather passed away, he used to take so many photos. He took photos of loons, my mom’s graduation, and some of me. I just kind of want to carry on his legacy” said Windham Middle School eighth-grade student Aiden Hall.

Hall uses a Nikon D5300 camera to capture his passions and interests. The camera itself costs between \$500 to \$600.

“The camera has really good quality in my eyes and is really good for beginners,” said Hall, who has been taking photographs for about a month.

Photography can tell a story and inspire others. Pictures can be taken in different ways and are commonly seen as a unique art form. While it can give someone a closer look into what is happening in a scene, it can also require a process. After the anticipation of waiting for the right moment, the one taking the photo is not actually done with it. The next steps after the capture include downloading and editing.

“When it comes down to the editing, it is not really that hard for me,” Hall said. “I use an app called Canva and it has helped me a lot with my vision of what I want the photo to turn out as.”

After the editing process, then comes the finished product. Most of Hall’s photos are related to sports. He recently took photos at a girls’ lacrosse

game in Windham.

“The game was at a little field near the Windham Middle School as we like to call it the bowl because it’s shaped like one. I guess this game lifted my photography and kind of got me started,” said Hall.

“A coach asked me if I wanted to help out with the team and I said yes. She is my English teacher, Ms. Blair, who’s the best teacher I have ever had. Now I play the role of their team manager/assistant coach in baseball,” said Hall.

Despite his interest in lacrosse, he also helps players in softball and baseball with everlasting memories in the form of a photograph. A typical game lasts around an hour and a half. These games and players have provoked Hall’s motivation.

“Just the way where people are always nice, treat me with respect and care about me really makes a difference,” said Hall. In fact, his sports friends constantly asking him to be around their games with his camera has given him hope for his future passion.

“Taking photos is something I do want to keep doing in the future, but I also want to be in the NFL, be a beta tester or game designer. It feels good that I know that people are liking the pictures I take,” he said. “Although most of my photographs are sports related, I do like to take some other pictures from time to time. One example is a nice close-up photo of grass moving from the wind and just like anything that’s really cool I see.”

A passion for encouraging surrounding people can make a difference in many lives. With kind and supportive teammates, you can bring out the best in someone and yourself, Hall said. <

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SPECIAL TO THE WINDHAM EAGLE



- Andy Young, Columnist

Here's the latest sign my eyesight might not be what it once was. I bought a book of stamps at my local post office one day a couple of months ago, but when I got home realized I didn't need them right away, as I already had an entire unused sheet. Eventually I used up the old ones, so last week I finally pulled out the stamps I had purchased back in late March. I couldn't tell if what was pictured on them were the Northern Lights or a watermelon, so I put on my glasses. They were tulip bulbs.

Regardless of optical shortcomings, I enjoy having a platform on which to share my ideas, or what passes for them, on a weekly basis. But it isn't easy to write exactly 600 words on any one particular topic. There's a whole lot of subjects I know virtually nothing about. Take technology, for example. I don't do any social media, and recently when an electronically adept individual I work with at school showed me an "app" that documents how much time a person uses their Smartphone, it revealed I'm on mine for an average of just under eight minutes a day.

Pro Football Hall of Famer Jimmy Johnson died earlier this month at age 86. Not 82-year-old Jimmy Johnson, who coached the Dallas Cowboys to two Super Bowl victories in the early 1990s. The just-departed Johnson was



a standout cornerback who played 16 seasons for the San Francisco 49ers from 1961 to 1976. Yet despite his impressive resume, the late Mr. Johnson wasn't even the best athlete in his own family. That honor rightly belongs to his older brother Rafer, who was considered by many to be the world's greatest athlete after winning the gold medal in the decathlon at the 1960 Olympics.

It's possible Rafer Johnson was destined to stand out. He was born Aug. 18, 1934, the same day of the same year as Vincent Bugliosi, the Los Angeles deputy district attorney who successfully prosecuted 105 of his 106 felony jury trials, including 21 murder cases, one of which involved the infamous Charles Manson "Family." Also born that day: Roberto Clemente, the first Puerto Rican major league baseball superstar, who perished at age 38 when the plane he was on, loaded with relief supplies for the victims of a

Nicaraguan earthquake, plunged into the Atlantic Ocean on New Year's Eve in 1972.

Many famous people were born on the same day of the same year. Take, for example, Dec. 29, 1936, the birth date of entertainer Mary Tyler Moore and Green Bay Packer Hall of Fame linebacker Ray Nitschke. Or Jan. 30, 1937, when British actress Vanessa Redgrave and Russian chess champion Boris Spassky were born. Hall of fame hockey star Stan Mikita and professional baseball home run king Sadaharu Oh both began life on May 20, 1940. Actresses Diana Rigg and Natalie Wood shared a birth date (July 20, 1938), as do current entertainers Angela Bassett and Madonna

(Aug. 16, 1958).

In my opinion no single event last week merited 600 words. However, having internet access made it possible to consult various reasonably reliable sources, which allowed me to further explore subjects ranging from declining eyesight to the Northern Lights. Reading about Jimmy Johnson led to Rafer Johnson, which led to Roberto Clemente and Vincent Bugliosi, which led to Mary Tyler Moore, Ray Nitschke and all those other famous people born on the same day. That ultimately generated six 100-word paragraphs, or a half-dozen 100-word mini-essays. All of which makes me wonder if perhaps I really am addicted to technology after all. <

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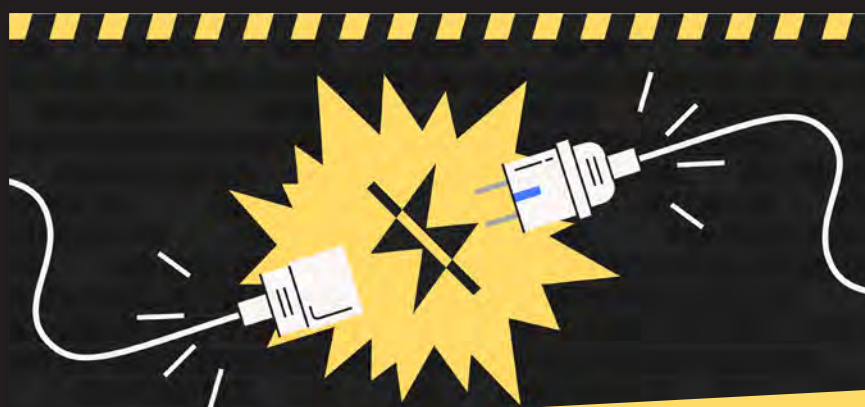
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Grave of Civil War Medal of Honor recipient Daniel Scammon can be found in Raymond cemetery

By Kendra Raymond
STAFF WRITER

Civil War hero Daniel Scammon Milliken is one of the least-recognized residents of Raymond, but his heroism endures to this very day.

Milliken was awarded the Medal of Honor on Aug. 30, 1870 to recognize his meritorious conduct during the U.S. Navy attacks on Fort Fisher, North Carolina in the Civil War. He served as Quarterdeck gunner on-board the USS New Ironsides.

He received the Medal of Honor for his leadership and heroism specifically in the Jan. 15, 1865 Second Battle of Fort Fisher where he manned a cannon that laid fire to the fort. Unfortunately, for more than 100 years Milliken's accomplishments remained wholly unrecognized, and a simple marble stone was placed on his gravesite following his death, notating only his birth and death date.

Milliken was born in Saco in 1838 and joined the U.S. Navy in New York City. Following his Civil War military service, Milliken married a Raymond resident, moved to the town, and went on to establish a local farm. He died in Raymond on May 3, 1899, at the age of 58.

The Congressional Medal of Honor Society website honors Milliken's heroism in an excerpt from its "Stories of Sacrifice" section.

"The ship steamed in and took the lead in the ironclad division close inshore and immediately opened its starboard battery in a barrage of well-directed fire to cause several fires and explosions and dismount several guns during the first two days of fighting. Taken under fire as she

steamed into position on 13 January, the New Ironsides fought all day and took on ammunition at night despite severe weather conditions. When the enemy came out of his bombproofs to defend the fort against the storming party, the ship's battery disabled nearly every gun on the fort facing the shore before the cease-fire orders were given by the flagship."


Fortunately for residents and visitors to the Lakes Region, the national Medal of Honor organization contacted the American Legion Field Allen Post 148 in Windham to ask for assistance in honoring Milliken with an appropriate monument. Momentum built as Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 10643, the Raymond Casco Historical Society, the Windham Historical Society, and the Town of Raymond all joined forces to raise funds to honor the distinguished veteran.

On July 4, 2015, local dignitaries joined with town officials and Third Maine, a Civil War reenactment group, in presenting a Medal of Honor Memorial Service in Raymond honoring Milliken and issued a proclamation recognizing his extraordinary contributions during the Civil War. Members from the American Legion Field Allen Post joined with the Town of Raymond to unveil a new gravestone for Milliken to commemorate his achievements.

Milliken's grave can be found at the Riverside Cemetery, located at 168 Plains Road (off Route 85) in Raymond. His plot is in Section C, Row K, Lot 10 in the cemetery. Visitors are welcomed and reminded to observe all cemetery ordinances set forth by the town. <

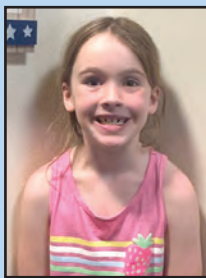


The grave of Civil War hero and Medal of Honor recipient Daniel Milliken of Raymond can be found at Riverside Cemetery located at 168 Plains Road (off Route 85) in Raymond. COURTESY PHOTO



STUDENT OF THE WEEK


Penelope Beach



School: Raymond Elementary School
Grade: Second Grade **Teacher:** Mrs. Pennington
Parents: Justin and Susan Beach
Favorite Subject: Her favorite subject is writing because she gets to write about things she's never written before. Her informative writing "All About Seahorses" is the best writing she says that she's ever done.
Reason for selection: Penny always puts forth her best effort. She is kind, caring, and respectful to everyone. She has grown by leaps and bounds this year and her teacher can't wait to see what she accomplishes as a third grader.


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Eagle SPORTS



Windham softball beats Cheverus to remain undefeated

By Matt Pascarella

STAFF WRITER

Two juggernaut undefeated teams, Windham and Cheverus, met for the final game of their regular season on Friday, May 24 at Windham High School and the Lady Eagles battled and secured a 3-1 win over the Stags.

It was Senior Night for WHS players Brooke Gerry and Jaydn Kimball who were presented with gifts for their dedication to Windham athletics throughout their high school careers.

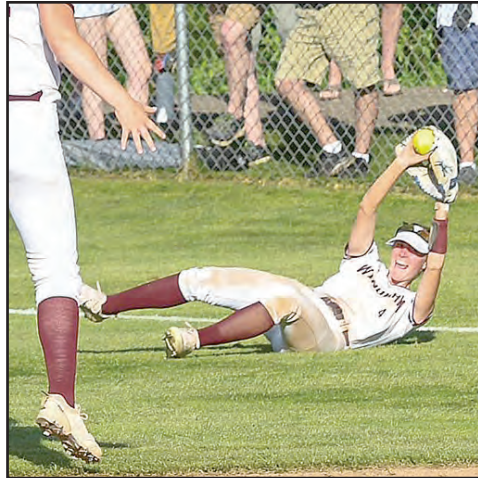
"I needed to be my best for the team and think positive thoughts," said Windham junior Kyla Harvie who had an amazing catch in right field in the sixth inning with the bases loaded. "We've been working up to this game, and it was just really exciting to get the win. I'm just really proud for the team, we've had an amazing season; we've worked really hard. Our defense was very solid; Brooke did great in the circle, our infielders and outfielders made all the ground balls and pop flies they could get. We were able to get the hits, Brooke getting on to start the rally for us and we did a good job in all parts of the game."

Cheverus put one run on the scoreboard in the first inning. Both teams' defenses held off their opponent for large portions of the game.

Windham scored in the fourth inning when Gerry reached second base on an error after bunting safely. Gerry quickly stole third base and scored on a passed ball.

Gerry was exceptional pitching with 14 strikeouts.

"Seeing the crowd today reminded me a lot of states," said Gerry. "I knew I had to keep my composure. I knew I had to complete every pitch, I knew I couldn't be one pitch off or they were



(L to R) Windham High junior Kennedy Kimball slams the ball to left field and sends it over the fence during the final game of the regular season on Friday, May 24 against Cheverus. PHOTO BY MATT PASCARELLA Junior Kyla Harvie makes a critical catch in right field. PHOTO BY ALLISON TALON

going to go with it. I strive under pressure ... so when they scored with a runner on, it made me throw harder and lock in. Our energy was up the whole game, the energy from the crowd definitely helped; if we made a mistake, it was OK because we would have picked up the next play."

In the fifth inning, Kennedy Kimball rocketed a ball to left field that cleared the fence for a home run. Harvie reached first on an error and stole her way around the diamond. She got past the catcher and scored. Windham led, 3-1.

"After my first at-bat, I came in with a whole new mindset and game plan and made a bunch of changes and it felt really good that that paid off," said Kennedy Kimball. "We knew how good Cheverus was and that was a lot of pressure, but we've been in pressure situations before and thrive under pressure. Our defense was incredible - great catches all around great plays, good baserunners. We came together

to find a way to move people around and get little hits where we really needed them."

According to Kimball, they need to work on being aware of every pitcher's movement so they can adjust sooner in the game and make sure they're smooth on defense.

In the sixth inning, Cheverus walked, doubled, and had an intentional walk; with the bases loaded, Harvie's catch from right field was crucial.

Cheverus put a runner on in the

seventh inning, but Windham defense remained solid and left them stranded.

"Going into this ... our biggest focus was Brooke and Jaydn," said Windham varsity softball coach Darcey Gardiner. "We knew this was going to be a great game, we knew a lot of people were going to show up. If we can support our two seniors today, then it will be a good game no matter the outcome. Brooke did a great job; Stella [Jarvais] called a phenomenal game. And one through nine you see our hitters, Kennedy coming up big, once Brooke scores that first run for us, we know it's a long ballgame, but to get runs like that, to be able to support Brooke in the circle, makes her job a lot easier when we can score on our end. Our hitters did a great job communicating with each other to say what to expect. I thought we did a great job keeping our composure."

Gardiner said the big thing for the postseason is staying focused on the team and staying focused on what Windham can do as a group. She doesn't want to put a lot of pressure on the playoffs, but also knows that other teams are going to a next level, so they've got to be able to rise to that occasion as well. She loved seeing a big crowd supporting female athletics. <



WHS varsity softball team waits at home plate while cheering for junior Kennedy Kimball after she hit a home run. PHOTO BY MATT PASCARELLA

ATHLETE OF THE WEEK



Alyssa Conley

Age: 17 Team: WHS varsity girls' tennis

Coach: Katy Dresnok

Parents' names: Amy and John Conley

Reason for selection: Since the summer after her freshman year, Alyssa has played tennis year-round. Her coaches have never seen her make a bad call. She is humble. She is quiet. She is calm, cool, and collected. She flies under the radar and needs to be recognized for her hard work. Her effort has paid off

tremendously. She has been WHS girls' tennis team captain for the past two years and has been a perfect role model for her team. She was a state qualifier every year of her high school tennis career; this season has been her best season so far with a record of 14-2.

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Little League's CR Tandberg rolls by MPM Sealcoating

By Matt Pascarella

STAFF WRITER

It was a beautiful night for baseball when Windham Little League's CR Tandberg and MPM Sealcoating took to the diamond at Ciccarone Field at Lowell Farm in Windham on Tuesday, May 28. CR Tandberg got the bats going early and kept them going right until the end to earn a 16-0 win. MPM Sealcoating did a fantastic job, with great efforts and several great plays.

"Some timely hits and we made some really great pitching," said CR Tandberg coach Johnathan Bassett. "Charlie [Sanicola] stepped up, helped us out, did better than I anticipated. Good to see them all working together and getting better, that's really what it's all about. Watching guys who haven't played at this level improve, that's what I'm looking for. Defense needs work - understanding the game. At this level they don't always understand situational plays and where to make plays and where to throw the ball, so were still always learning with that."

In the first inning, CR Tandberg fifth grader Maxwell Inzerillo got things going when he singled. He quickly made his way to third base and after a hit from sixth grader Robbie Sanicola, Inzerillo crossed home plate. Sanicola stole third base after sixth grader Nolan Harvie walked. Sanicola scored on a passed ball. Fifth grader Wesson LeDuc walked and after a single from fourth grader Charlie Sanicola, LeDuc and Harvie scored.

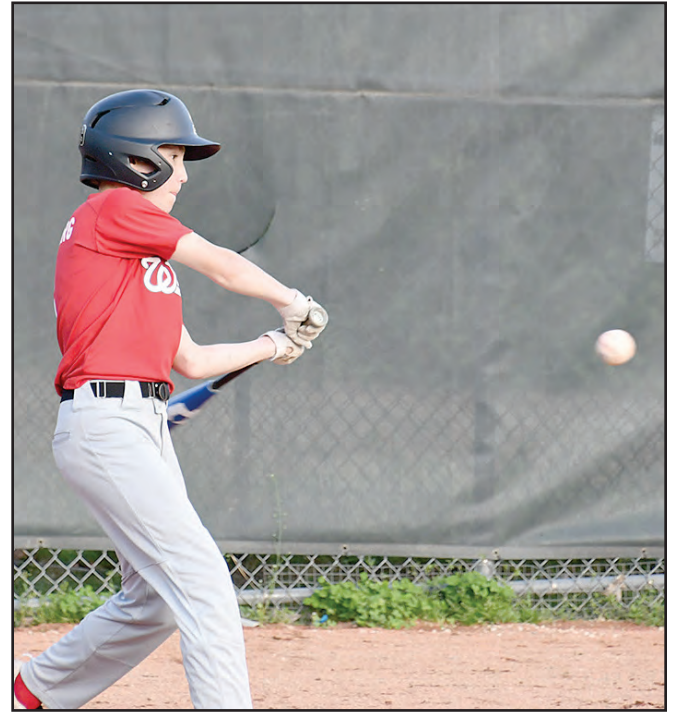
MPM Sealcoating fourth grader Tanner Pulkkinen walked.

In the second inning, fifth grader Kainen Pouliot walked and later scored after third grader Grady Inzerillo advanced to second base after being hit by a pitch.

In the fourth inning, MPM Sealcoating's defense was solid when a sixth grader Caitlyn Halladay made a stellar catch at second base. Two strikeouts and MPM Sealcoating



(L to R) Windham MPM Sealcoating sixth grader Caitlyn Halladay makes a throw to first base during a Windham Little League game against CR Tandberg at Ciccarone Field at Lowell Farm in Windham on Tuesday, May 28. CR Tandberg sixth grader Nolan Harvie bats. PHOTOS BY MATT PASCARELLA



CR Tandberg fifth grader C.J. Bisson steps on second base during a double play.

made this just a three-batter inning.

Halladay said their defense was good; as they got multiple outs throughout the game, working well as a team. Halladay was focused on the ball in the fourth inning when it was hit her way; she was ready. She said batting, infield and outfield could still use a little work.

In the fifth inning, CR Tandberg led 9-0 after fifth grader C.J. Bisson and Maxwell Inzerillo singled; both runners scored. Robbie Sanicola singled. Harvie smashed a double and fifth grader Bronson Bassett singled. Robbie Sanicola scored. Leduc walked, Harvie scored. After another walk, Bassett scored. CR Tandberg knocked in four more runs.

MPM Sealcoating's Halladay walked; Pulkkinen singled on a fly ball to center field. A fly ball to Bisson is caught and stepped on second base for a double play. Fourth grader Ma-

son Cieslak hit a long ball to left field, but unfortunately it was caught.

"I would say teamwork led to the win," said Bisson. "We did good communication and good hitting, and we played as a team and got the [runs needed]. Knowing when to slide and stealing still need work."

It felt great for Bisson to get such a big win.

"All these kids are like best friends," said MPM Sealcoating coach Aaron Cieslak. "It's good to be able to play a team from Windham. We got our butts kicked, but that's part of the game and the kids learned, and they got to learn how to grow from it. We pitched well ... they hit the ball; we were throwing strikes; we've got a bunch of pitchers that haven't pitched a lot. Our defense needs work for sure, hitting the cutoff guy, just thinking ahead - our team's young - they're learning a ton and having a blast." <

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Editor,

Memorial Day is a day Americans honor and remember our armed service members who have passed away. They have given and sustained our freedom. We all know that freedom is not free. Hundreds of thousands died so young, so many families have grieved. Many more lived a long life but never forgot those who did not. We owe all of them heartfelt thanks, gratitude, and remembrance.

Our local American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars did an amazing job in organizing the parade and memorial services at the high school and Veteran's Center so that we never forget the gift of all who served gave to each of us. A big thank you to them.

In past years the third-grade chorus had been a pleasure to hear and

see. It was an opportunity for them to learn about patriotism and to be part of a special community ceremony. It would be nice to have these young people restart that tradition.

In the past it was also nice to see our elected officials walking together as a team, handing out American flags, and supporting our community in remembering our fallen. It would have been nice this year to again not see them being identified by party affiliation, not walking separately, and not campaigning. They should know that Memorial Day should be reserved for focusing on our fallen heroes.

~ Liz Wisecup, Windham

Editor,

I am a resident of Raymond and grandmother to three students who attend Raymond Elementary and

Jordan-Small Middle School. I see the Town of Raymond, in its unrealized potential, as a place of personal growth and enrichment for my family and future generations. To reach its full potential, Raymond needs a fresh and honest approach to collaborative governance.

That is why I am endorsing Denis Morse for Town of Raymond Select Board. Please go to denismorse.me for his detailed and thoughtful approach to the future of Raymond. You may also call Denis directly at 207-232-7534 with your thoughts or questions.

The time is now to replace the apathy of our current governing body. Add your voice to the future of our very special town on June 11 and vote Denis Morse for Raymond Select Board.

~ Jo-Ann Mitchell, Raymond

the Select Board.

Please join me in voting for Denis on June 11 and also in voting against Article 26, the proposed \$8 million Public Works building. It's important to know that the Raymond Budget-Finance Committee also unanimously recommends voting against that proposal. Instead, they recommend revising the plan to a smaller, yet still appropriately sized building, and using the \$2 million savings on a Community Center in the soon to be vacant Jordan-Small building. This makes great sense to me.

Vote on June 11. Vote for Denis. Vote against Article 26.

~ Steve Mortimer, Raymond

Editor,

We are writing to endorse and support Denis Morse for the Raymond Select Board. Denis has a unique combination of experience and skills as a small business owner, longtime professional firefighter/EMT and Raymond Fire Chief, as well as serving in several other elected and appointed capacities for the Town of Raymond.

Most recently, he has been a member of the Raymond Budget-Finance Committee, where he has championed the need for transparent local government, appropriate capital project due diligence and fiscal responsibility.

In that regard, Denis will work to reinstitute the open annual town meeting where Raymond citizens can receive detailed information and explanations about budgetary initiatives, debate the merits of these proposals and then make informed voting decisions.

This is just one example of his commitment to representing the interests of all Raymond citizens. Please visit his website at (Denismorse.me) or call Denis directly at 207-232-7534 to learn more about his candidacy, and the fresh ideas he will bring to the position of select board member.

Be sure to vote on June 11. Together, we can make a real difference and move our town in a positive new direction.

~ Don and Megan Willard, Raymond

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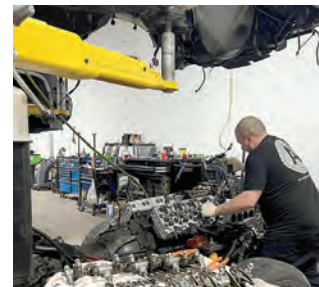


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— Matt Trudel, Five Star Realty

The Memorial Day Weekend was fabulous, and summer has finally arrived. Also heating up is the real estate market with inventory still being low keeping buyers aggressive with their opening offers.

Sellers who are prepared and have done all the things sellers should do before putting their house on the market are being rewarded handsomely for their efforts.

Here is a recent example of how it can be very effective in getting the most for your home.

Seller X has his home and wants to list it for sale for a certain price. Upon doing the walk-through prior to doing the Market Analysis, it is obvious the house needs major decluttering inside and outside. There are some repairs that are needed. This is sometimes one of the hardest things to explain to sellers, but it is important to explain it thoroughly and give them the hard facts. Seller X committed to everything on the list and was shocked he was able to accomplish it



all in such a short time. His property sold for more than \$50,000 over the asking price on the first day it hit the market.

This is a good example of why you want to hire an experienced broker when selling your home.

Find a broker with a proven track record and who knows the location and how the market is trending. Just hiring a friend who has a real estate license is not always the best choice when getting ready to sell or buy.

Experience is a very valuable asset when it comes to real estate and successfully achieving your real estate goals. It can easily be the difference in getting the home you want or missing

out on putting it under contract. Here is a good example of a buyer who recently was successful in the process and strategic planning and aggressive negotiating skills prevailed.

Buyer Z was looking for a new house with me. She did all the preplanning we discussed with getting financials in order, all pre-approved, and was ready to go if we found the right property. In my daily search that I do, I also check the “coming soon” market to see what is about to hit the market. That’s where I found the right house and it was going to hit the market the next day. I scheduled the first appointment the next day for us to view it.

She loved it but I warned her there were eight other showings scheduled over the next two days. We went back to the office and wrote a very strong offer, slightly over the list price with a short window for the seller to respond within about eight hours. We successfully blocked out all the buyers

in the other showings and went under contract that evening.

These are just a couple of examples of recent transactions that have taken place. Hopefully they will help you think about how important it is to find the right broker for yourself. Interview or at least talk to a couple of real estate brokers about what their own strengths are in real estate.

Hopefully they can easily provide you with some recent examples or even provide a few previous clients you can talk to. And if you do have a friend who has a real estate license, you should not be concerned about not using them. We are professionals and should never get upset about our friends choosing to work with someone else. It is part of the business and nothing to take personal. If they do get upset with you that is not your fault and maybe it’s a good thing you don’t use someone who isn’t professional.

This article was written by Matt Trudel, Broker and Owner of Five Star Realty, Windham. 207-939-6971. <

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 A REVIEW OF AN IN-THEATER
MOVIE
 'IF' (PG)

By Matt Pascarella
 STAFF WRITER

Runtime: 1 hour, 44 minutes
 12-year-old Bea has been through a lot. She recently lost her mother, and her dad is in the hospital awaiting heart surgery. She is moving in with her grandmother until her dad gets out of the hospital. One night Bea notices someone who could be about her age heading upstairs. She's looking for a friend and goes upstairs but is told there is no one there. However, soon Bea realizes she and Cal (who lives upstairs) can see everyone's forgotten IFs or Imaginary Friends. There are so many of them, once a child outgrows their Imaginary Friend, they need to be re-matched with another kid. It's up to Bea and Cal to see if they can connect kids, current and former, with their Imaginary Friends.



This was a very sweet and sincere movie that makes you feel many emotions but is ultimately fun, too.

"IF" has a star-studded cast of Cailey Fleming, Ryan Reynolds, John Krasinski, Fiona Shaw, Steve Carell, Phoebe Waller-Bridge, Louis Gossett Jr., Alan Kim, Bobby Moynihan, Awkwafina, Emily Blunt, George Clooney, Bradley Cooper, Matt Damon, Bill Hader, Richard Jenkins, Keegan-Michael Key, Blake Lively, Sebastian Maniscalco and Brad Pitt.

Bea (Fleming) is moving in with her grandmother (Shaw) after losing her mother and her father (Krasinski) is in the hospital for heart surgery. Bea is feeling sad and alone.

One night, she notices someone that looks to be about her height, but they hurry upstairs before she gets a chance to see them. Bea meets Cal (Reynolds) who lives upstairs.

She spies on him breaking into a home one night. After addressing Cal about this Bea learns he's there for Blue (Carell) a giant fuzzy – and purple – IF, or Imaginary Friend. For whatever reason, Cal, an adult, is able to see all the forgotten Imaginary Friends that children leave behind; Bea can also see them and meets Blossom (Waller-Bridge) who lives with Cal and Blue.

Cal explains that the right IF needs to be matched up to the right child. Only children who need IFs can see them.

Cal takes Bea to an amusement park where they meet more IFs. "They're not scary, they're worse – desperate," says Cal.

At a retirement home for IFs, Bea meets Louis (Gossett Jr.), a bear, who wants her help with placement. He tells her the retirement community can be anything she wants; it just takes a little imagination. Bea decides to take on the task of matching IFs to the right children.

Cal and Bea interview IFs for Benjamin (Kim), a child patient, at the hospital where Bea's dad is. However, Benjamin cannot see the IFs.

"Will you please put some pants on, you're freaking everybody out," Cal says to Banana (Hader). This was one of my favorite lines.

Bea helps Blue find his child (now an adult), but it doesn't go well. On their second attempt, the result is different.

Bea learns some touching lessons throughout the movie.

Written and directed by John Krasinski, who was inspired by his own children as he watched them use their imaginations, "IF" hits all the points of being a near-perfect family movie that works on multiple levels to entertain, touch, inspire and open the imagination of both children and adults. It deals with some pretty tough subject matter, the loss of a parent at a young age, but then turns that into something magical through the IFs. It's heartfelt and gentle and reminded me of a simpler time when there wasn't so much to focus on – and worry about. Performances all around are spectacular, especially from Fleming and Reynolds. In addition, the voice acting will undoubtedly bring a smile to your face, regardless of age. This is one you can watch over and over and I recommend seeing it on the big screen. It's definitely worth it.

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CROSSWORD PUZZLE

CLUES ACROSS

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- 8. Indonesian Island
- 13. "The Sopranos" character
- 14. Plants often found in stews
- 15. Stern
- 19. Atomic #52
- 20. Often seen after a company name
- 21. Silk garments
- 22. Inhibiting hormone (abbr.)
- 23. Type of beer
- 24. Margarine
- 25. Throw lightly
- 26. Explains again
- 30. Raccoon-like animal
- 31. Sneaker parts
- 32. Platforms
- 33. Scored perfectly

- 34. One's essence
- 35. Strikes with a firm blow
- 38. Makes tractors
- 39. Music term
- 40. Lack of energy
- 44. Vestments
- 45. ___ and feathers
- 46. Total
- 47. Gobbler
- 48. One with Japanese immigrant parents
- 49. Type of braking system (abbr.)
- 50. Home of Rudy Flyer
- 51. Manageable
- 55. Lugged
- 57. Irritated
- 58. Sea eagles
- 59. Warm seasons

CLUES DOWN

- 1. About visual sense
- 2. Part of a horse's saddle
- 3. In a way, interchanged
- 4. Rocker's accessory
- 5. Very important person
- 6. It precedes two
- 7. Flavored
- 8. Musical notes
- 9. String instrument (slang)
- 10. Mister
- 11. Fine, light linen fabric
- 12. Absence of bacteria
- 16. Discounts
- 17. Area units
- 18. A description of one's life
- 22. Gazelles
- 25. Plumbing fixture
- 27. Makes especially happy
- 28. One side of something many-sided

- 29. Frosts
- 30. Defunct monetary unit of Guinea
- 32. Female animal species
- 34. School terms
- 35. Written law
- 36. Unpleasant aroma
- 37. Nuclear weapon
- 38. One who challenges
- 40. Opposite of first
- 41. Able to be utilized
- 42. Less interesting
- 43. Implants
- 45. Canister
- 48. Gestures
- 51. After B
- 52. Romanian monetary unit
- 53. Long-term memory
- 54. Cash machine
- 56. The Volunteer State

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The company is involved in all aspects of home care including insulation installation, painting, remodeling projects, windows, siding, roofing, and property maintenance.

"We are local Mainers with a passion for craftsmanship, superior work ethic, and attention to detail," Ames said. "Our craftsmanship warranty and attention to detail ensures every job gets completed with quality and efficiency in mind. With a comprehensive range of services, we tackle

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projects of any scale, leaving no detail untouched from deck board replacements to complete home rebuilds."

Ames says he launched Coastal Elite Exterior Care after leaving one of the largest corporations and seeing just how little they cared.

"We wanted to be different. We wanted to do good work, at fair prices, and be exactly what Maine needs," he said.

According to Ames, no matter if you are looking to breathe new life into an outdated kitchen or bathroom or in need of a new roof, energy-efficient windows or siding, Coastal Elite has solutions to all those issues and more without breaking the bank.

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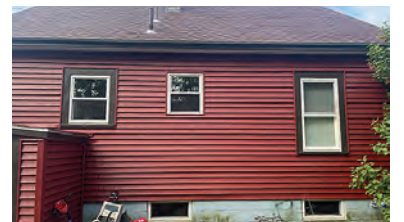
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BRIEFS

Four Seasons Walk at Black Brook Preserve

Join Presumpscot Regional Land Trust and the Wild Seed Project as they offer a series of Four Seasons Walks at Black Brook Preserve in Windham. The first one will be from 4 to 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, June 6. These walks showcase native plants and how they change throughout the year. Join Nell Houde, Wild Seed Project's education lead, as we explore the preserve, participants will learn how to identify and form relationships with many of the native plants that grow in the places we live, work and play. These walks will be plant identification. This will be the first walk of a four-part series. Space is limited; reserve your spot by RSVPing at www.prlt.org/events

Memorial Bench

A memorial bench will be dedicated in memory of local businessman George Bartlett at the Raymond Veterans Memorial Park at the corner of Routes 302 and 85 at 11 a.m. Saturday, June 8. George Bartlett was a member of the Sebago Lake Rotary Club for over 30 years and owned the Busy Bee Laundromat business in Windham for nearly 40 years before his death last July. He was very involved in the community and was instrumental in the planning and preparations of the Rotar's Polar Dip for the Rotary Club's Ice Fishing Derby. Family and friends are welcome to attend the bench dedication. The bench was donated in George's memory by the Sebago Lake Rotary Club.

Pot Roast Supper

Raymond Village Community Church's Pot Roast Supper returns Saturday, June 8. The meals are take-out only with pick-up between 5 and 6 p.m. June 8 at the church, 27 Main St. in Raymond. The meal includes pot roast and gravy, potatoes, green beans, carrots, a roll, and a brownie for \$15. New this year, you can order in advance for all four Pot Roast Suppers this summer for a discounted cost of \$55. Meals will be hot and ready when picked up and please order in advance as it is unlikely that extra meals will be available. To order your meals call 207-655-7749 before noon on June 8 and leave a message with your name, number of meals and pick up time. Or e-mail the info to office@rvccme.org

New library kit

Windham lost a lovely member of the community in 2023, Elaine Dickinson. The Windham Public Library mourned her loss from their weekly afternoon movie program. To honor her career in the nursing field, the memorial funds that were donated were used to create a new item in the library's circulating "Library of Things" collection: an Adaptive Tools Kit. Adaptive tools can give people the independence they need to do everyday tasks. This Adaptive Tools Kit lets you try equipment before you invest in your own tools. It contains a variety of tools to assist with strength, dexterity, mobility, and visual issues. The kit is free to check out for anyone with a valid Windham Public Library card. FMI, call 207-892-1908, Ext.7.

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