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Burns to lead Windham as Town Manager

By Ed Pierce

When historians look back upon this chapter in Windham govern-

ment, it will show that the town's emphasis on succession planning works.

During Tuesday night's Windham Town Council meeting, Windham Town Manager Barry Tibbetts announced he will step down effective

Assistant Town Manager Robert Burns to succeed Tibbetts as Town

June 30 and councilors appointed

Manager.

Tibbetts has served as Windham's Town Manager since November 2019, first on an interim basis and then was made the permanent town manager in March 2020. He came to Windham with extensive municipal experience and experience in local government, administrative operations, budgeting, regulatory functions, and community relations and had served as the Kennebunk Town Manager through 2017. Upon his retirement with Kennebunk and prior to being hired by Windham, Tibbetts worked with a small energy start-up business and developed a consulting business in energy and governmental services. He earned an undergraduate degree from the University of Southern Maine, and he also earned an MBA degree during his career in government.

Burns joined Windham as the



Windham Town Manager Barry Tibbetts, right, is resigning effective July 1 and will be succeeded in that role by Assistant Town Manager Robert Burns. Tibbetts will remain with the town through the remainder of the year overseeing Windham's sewer and wastewater projects and the creation of access roads in North Windham. PHOTO BY ED PIERCE

town's first Assistant Town Manager in December 2021. He graduated from Yarmouth High School before obtaining a Bachelor of Science degree in Forest Engineering from the University of Maine at Orono. Following college, Burns worked both in Maryland in Public Works and in Florida as a consulting environmen-

tal engineer. After that, he returned to Maine and served as the Public Works Director and Town Engineer in Gorham for 18 years.

As Tibbetts transitions to full-time retirement, he will stay on with the town as Special Projects Manager overseeing several significant projects such as the installation of sew-

ers and the construction of access roads to alleviate traffic congestion in North Windham. But his legacy of accomplishments guiding Windham as Town Manager is lengthy and noteworthy, including being honored with Maine Town, City and County Management Association's 2022 Leadership Award.

He played a pivotal role developing Windham's wastewater treatment solution for North Windham, the creation of a connector road system to alleviate traffic congestion in the Route 302 corridor and Windham's approval of the East Windham Conservation Project in which hundreds of acres were permanently conserved by the town for the enjoyment of future generations of Windham residents. Tibbetts was also instrumental in Windham adopting new land use, floodplain management and shoreland ordinances, and he led the town's conversion to an automated trash collection system in 2024.

Under his watch, the town council approved a cannabis ordinance in 2020 resulting in cannabis shop licensing fees being used by the town to award scholarships to deserving students. In 2021, Tibbetts helped the town adopt a new open space plan, a comprehensive look at Windham's open space network of conservation

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College's first integrated studies grad from Windham

By Dina Mendros

STAFF WRITER

When Joanne Haibon graduated from high school, she didn't consider going to college. The 26-year-old Windham resident has autism. Then her mother, Mary Haibon, learned of a pilot program at Saint Joseph's College of Maine that seemed like it would be a good fit for her daughter.

Joanne was the first to apply to, be accepted into, and complete the Integrated Studies Program (ISP) at the Standish school. The program is designed to provide a college experience for students with intellectual disabilities. It seeks to support every participant at their current academic level. Joanne was the first to graduate from the two-year non-credit certificate program on May 10.

Both Joanne and her mother said the program was "awesome."

Initially, Joanne said she wasn't interested in pursuing higher education. She said the last two years of high school "was not a pretty experience." But after a little nudging from her mom, she applied to Saint Joseph's.

"I was accepted, and it turned out to be a great experience," Joanne said.

"The confidence and self-esteem that Joanne was able to build through this program," Mary said, "all the skills that we've worked on for so long she really got to put into practice."

In the beginning, going to college



Local resident Joanne Haibon was the first to graduate from Saint Joseph's College of Maine's new Integrated Studies Program on May 10. SUBMITTED PHOTO

and attending classes was "overwhelming," Joanne said. "But once you get past the overwhelming, you see it's a lot easier."

Students who enroll in the ISP can register for up to 16 credits per semester. Participants audit classes based on a modified curriculum tailored to their person-centered plans, said Shanna Webster, Associate Dean of Academic Success and Retention at Saint Joseph's.

Joanne took a variety of courses in subjects like science, philosophy, communications and leadership at Saint Joseph's. She also participated in internships each semester. A number of accommodations had to be made to help Joanne succeed.

For instance, she attended classes with a peer partner, which are students studying education and other programs that gave them the skills to help students like Joanne. Her peer partners helped by taking notes for her and helping her complete assignments. Other accommodations that are available include having more time to take a test, completing fewer assignments

During the two-year program, Mary said that she saw her daughter's abilities grow

"They really built up Joanne's ability from the first semester, and the first class, to really doing much more the last semester," Mary said. "By the end of her experience, Joanne was taking more notes, participating more fully in group projects and completing more of her assignments."

"Everything was geared for her to be successful in the classroom," Mary said.

Students in the ISP not only take classes but they can also participate in clubs and other college events and activities, like every other Saint Joseph student. Although Joanne was a commuter, those who want to live on campus can do so

The icing on the cake was when Joanne graduated.

"The ceremony was amazing," Mary said. "When Joanne got up to get her

certificate, the graduating class and everyone stood up and gave her a standing ovation."

Although she has graduated, Joanne said that she plans to continue commuting to campus and work in the college mailroom.

Since Joanne, more students have been accepted into the program, and the ISP has been officially institution-

"In the past year, we had three students enrolled in our Integrated Studies Program," Webster said. "Two of these students were residents on campus, and we are thrilled that both will be returning for a second year. For fall 2025, we have already accepted another student participant and have a final interview scheduled this week for another promising candidate."

Mary said she's thrilled the program is continuing and growing. "Obviously we're so proud of Joanne," Mary said. "She worked through so much and a lot of anxiety to do this and we just want to see this program grow because it's a wonderful opportunity for others."

For those who are unsure if the ISP is for them, Joanne advises them to go for it.

"It will be worth it in the end," she said. <

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Where do nomads go on vacation?

When you sign up for military service, as I did, you learn quickly that where you wake up today may not be the same place you wake up tomorrow. For me, it could be best described as a nomadic lifestyle, and certainly not something everyone can embrace. It takes a person to all kinds of places and situations and looking back on that time of my life years later, how I adapted to constantly moving from place to place can only be attributed to my youth and being open to experiencing new things.

I can recall being with my unit on a wintertime deployment in what was then West Germany in February 1978. Our commanding officer was directed to have us establish a camp at the edge of some woods near Fulda, close to the border with East Germany, which at that time was a communist nation under the control of the Soviet Union. We pitched our tents in darkness and set up a diesel stove inside the tent for warmth.

Outside there was snow on the ground and the temperature was hovering at around 5 degrees. Our unit's tent sat on a massive sheet of ice which never melted, despite keeping the diesel stove going throughout our entire week there.

There was no mess hall for food, so we ate what were called C-Rations, canned prepared food, much of which was left over and recycled by the military following the Vietnam War. I was informed by other unit members that some C-Ration meals were better than others. The meals were stored in drab olive cans and flimsy brown boxes.

Today in 1848 – W.G. Young of Baltimore, MD obtains a patent for the ice cream freezer. 1854 - The U.S. territories of Nebraska and Kansas are created.

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1922 – The Lincoln Memorial is dedicated in Washington, D.C.

1958 – Unidentified soldiers killed in World War II and the Korean conflicts are buried at Arlington National Cemetery.

1967 – Daredevil Evel Knievel jumps 16 automobiles in a row during a motorcycle stunt at Ascot Speedway in Gardena, California.

1982 – Spain becomes the 16th NATO member and is the first country to enter the Western alliance since West Germany in 1955.

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Inside each box was a canned entrée, a small package of stale crackers, a packet of ground coffee, packages of salt and sugar, canned pound cake or bread, a chocolate bar or chewing gum, matches and a package of three cigarettes. To open the C-Ration cans, we were issued what was known as a P-38, a tiny aluminum disposable tool.

Sometimes by the time I finally got the C-Ration cans open, I would find that what was inside was rotten or moldy. Because of that, I became a bit more selective in meals that I chose when they were offered. I preferred C-Ration cans of tuna and boned turkey over beef slices with potatoes (we called these ones beef with boulders), chicken chunks and noodles, beans with hot dog chunks (known commonly as beanie weenie) or ham and lima beans.

To this day if I see a can of C-Rations for sale somewhere in an antique store, I gasp, and my stomach turns.

There is very little that compares to sleeping in your clothes for a week in a sleeping bag, waking up on a tiny wooden canvas cot and smelling burned coffee grounds on top of the diesel stove in freezing weather. There were no showers, no running water, and no amenities associated with modern life which we all take for granted such as electricity.

Later in my military career, I was a candidate for a TDY, a temporary duty assignment to another location, along with another E-5 staff sergeant who worked in our office with me. It was not disclosed where this temporary assignment would be, and up until the moment that we received our official orders, we had no idea where that location might be.

We were going to flip a coin to see who had to go, but he said he was supposed to be best man at a wedding that weekend and asked me nicely if I could go and he would then gratefully take the next TDY assignment in the future. I agreed and then was informed that my TDY was to Nellis Air Force Base in Las Vegas, Nevada.

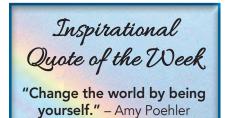
I spent three weeks there and slept in the NCO barracks, getting up early each morning to conduct interviews, gather stories and then produce a newsletter for Air Force air crews participating in an air-to-ground military exercise. Each newsletter was finished and distributed by noon and the rest of my days and evenings were free to see the sights in Las Vegas, go to some shows and enjoy great food served in almost every casino on the Las Vegas Strip.

When it was all over and I had returned to my regular duty station, eight months passed before another TDY assignment arose. The other staff sergeant received orders to travel to a remote jungle location about 75 miles from Tegucigalpa, Honduras. When he got back from his trip, he spoke about living in the utmost primitive conditions there.

He said there wasn't laundry service at the camp he was assigned to. All their clothing was washed in a large boiling vat, which resulted in most of his military T-shirts turning a shade of light brown. He was also receiving medical care for a

mild case of malaria after being bitten by plenty of mosquitoes and hordes of other insects.

I chose not to share with him how different our TDY experiences turned out to be, but I thought to myself how fortunate I was to be sent to Las Vegas, Nevada instead of some remote jungle location in Honduras. < ~ Ed Pierce



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If you could have more of something in your life, what would you want it to be?

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"Another chance to go fishing with my father and grandfather, who have both passed." – Dean A. Smalley

"To bring back my family who have gone to heaven just one more time." – Cheryl L. Page

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"No billionaires allowed on the planet." – Steve Dow

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"More time with my sweetest **grandkids."** – Miki Mayberry

"An end to greed, hate and bigotry of all kinds." Connie McInnis Polomski

"Kindness, respect and integrity in all facets of our daily lives." - Lois Fuller

"Buy a forever home for me and my two kids."

-Samantha Lynn

"More compassion, empathy, laughter and excitement for adventure." - Queni Sweeney

"Money to travel and see the world." - Eleanor Cretchey

"My dogs that have passed." – Rhonda Fenderson

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Route 302 improvements meeting set for June 18

By Dina Mendros

STAFF WRITER

Improvements are being planned for a portion of Routes 302, 35 and 115 in North Windham and a public open house on Wednesday, June 18 at Windham Town Hall will provide an update for plans of the area.

The majority of the about \$31.25 million road project will be paid for through a U.S. Department of Transportation Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity or RAISE grant. In addition to the \$25 million federal grant, the state and town of Windham will each pay half of the remaining \$6.25 million.

The June meeting is basically an update of the North Windham Moves project, Maine Department of Transportation Senior Project Manager Ernie Martin said. An initial public hearing was held in June 2024.

The partnership between the town and the state regarding the project, Martin said, began in 2019 and it will be over a decade later when construction is completed. The two entities worked on a feasibility study in 2022 and applied for the RAISE grant the following year. The final preliminary project design report is due in January, with a final public hearing taking place in February.

The plan impact report will be completed by August 2026 with plans and a cost estimate for the project to be completed by June 2027. Construction is set to begin in October 2027, and the estimated completion date is June 2030.

According to Martin, the goals of the project which will affect 4.85 miles are manifold and are designed primarily to improve "a dangerous and inefficient U.S. highway bottleneck."

Other specific goals include improving "safety and efficiency for motorists;" providing "more uniform accessibility to employment and retail as well as tourism and recreation;" implementing "modern design features that will improve pedestrian and vehicle flow;" meeting the "Americans with Disabilities Act and Maine Department of Transportation standards;" and creating "an efficient and modern supply chain path for goods and services throughout the region."

The project involves redesigning about 9,000 feet of Route 302 from River Road to White's Bridge Road in Windham and the creation of three connector routes - walkable back streets - behind the region's commerce center to ease congestion on Route 302. This project will make improvements to Routes 35 and 115 and it will replace aging traffic signals on Route 302 with smart signals. In addition to making road improvements aimed at benefiting pedestrians and bicyclists, Martin said that this project will construct about 11,700 feet of new multi-use pathway.

Some other key project features in-

clude repaying existing roads and adding new roads, adding and upgrading sidewalks on Route 302, installing new curbs in some areas, roadway alignments to be modified, and adding median islands on Route 302.

The North Windham Moves, Regional Mobility, Local Access Transportation Planning and Feasibility Study was commissioned in 2021 as a joint venture between the Town of Windham and the Maine Department of Transportation, with the study conducted by Gorrill Palmer and North Star Planning. The study recommended transportation improvements along Route 302 in North Windham area through the phased creation of three connector roads, addressing access management along Route 302 such as limiting left turns through deployment of a center median, and making corridor and intersection improvements in the area. Heavy traffic during peak travel times remains a problem along Route 302 from the intersection of Route 115 to Franklin Road and causes congestion, motorist delays and a high accident rate for motorists.

Some of the challenges to the area began in the 1990s, Martin said, when

Route 302 was expanded from two to five lanes in North Windham with few sidewalks in the area.

"Route 302 was never designed to serve as both a local street dotted with businesses and a through-route for travelers heading to Sebago Lake and other western destinations," he said. "Routes 35 and 115 are facing similar challenges."

Traffic has increased so much in recent years it has taken a toll on safety.

"The project area had seven highcrash locations in the three-year period from 2018 to 2020. The construction of the numerous safety elements on this project is expected to reduce vehicle crashes by 21 percent," Martin said. "The safety improvements to be implemented will aid in reducing crashes and injuries in a commercial area that has grown rapidly around outdated safety features - or no safety features at all."

The North Windham Moves road construction project's open house will be held from 4 to 7 p.m. June 18 at Windham Town Hall in the Gymnasium. Questions can be directed to MDOT Senior Project Manager at 207-592-0567 or ernest.martin@maine.gov. <



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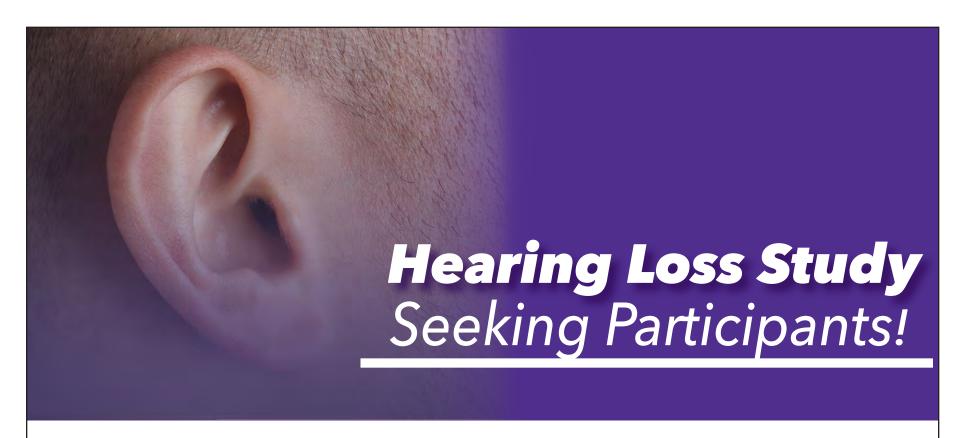
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'MS is BS Gala' provides support for families in community

By Ed Pierce

STAFF WRITER

When Skylar Welch's husband Bryan was diagnosed with Multiple Sclerosis three years ago, she could have given up and become just another family member victimized by this tragic disease. But as many people know, Skylar Welch is no ordinary individual, and the former Windham resident helped her family create a gala to support MS families and raise awareness about MS in the community.

The Second Annual "MS is BS Gala" will be held from 6 to 10 p.m. Saturday, June 14 at Moonlit Ride Estate in Otisfield with proceeds to benefit 'MS is BS New England," assisting those with MS with expenses not covered by insurance.

"I knew the first thing I had to do was to host a gala to raise money for the cause and raise awareness about MS,"

Welch said. "It affects so many people. In everyday conversations I have with others, I hear about cousins, aunts, nieces and hardships faced by those with MS. There are needs that insurance isn't covering such as some people who can't get their scooter into their car and need an attachment to do that."

Through last year's event at Moonlit Estate, Welch and her family raised \$68,000 for "MS is BS New England" at the 300-seat venue.

"We are incredibly grateful for the outpouring of support and are excited to build on that momentum this year" Welch said.

Multiple Sclerosis is a long-lasting (chronic) disease of the central nervous system and is thought to be an autoimmune disorder, a condition in which the body attacks itself by mistake. Physicians say that MS is an unpredictable

disease that affects people differently. Some people with MS may have only mild symptoms while others may lose their ability to see clearly, write, speak, or walk when communication between the brain and other parts of the body becomes disrupted.

The Welch family lived in Windham for five years before moving to Falmouth and she said it was heartwarming to see so many of her former neighbors and friends attend last year's MS Gala.

"It's been honestly so amazing to see the support for this and to see so many businesses donating to help," Welch said. "We know what people are going through. The newly diagnosed are looking for support but find that there aren't a lot of resources out there."

The Welchs and their three children ages 7, 10 and 13 are all actively

involved in the fundraiser, including making "MS is BS" bracelets.

The formal-attire event features a live and a silent auction with more than 100 items, including a full weekend wedding and planning services and a gorgeous new wedding dress.

There will be live bands and live performers, dessert bars, cocktail stations, an aerialist stilt troupe and a 360-degree photo booth.

Tickets cost \$100 and that includes a drink, a food ticket and shuttle service if needed. The Moonlit Ride Estate is 6 miles from Oxford Casino and onsite parking is available.

"It's very fulfilling to see so many people to love and support us," Welch said.

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and recreational assets.

Tibbetts says he's been fortunate to have two great "runs" leading both Kennebunk and Windham as Town Manager.

"Being a member of Maine Town City Management Association (MTC-MA) along with the International City Managers Association has been a great experience," he said. "I am humbled to have been given the opportunity to serve both organizations. Serving Windham has been an incredibly rewarding chapter in my career. Together with a talented and dedicated staff and in collaboration with the Town Council, we have made meaningful progress in infrastructure, environmental initiatives, community planning, and public service delivery.

"From the North Windham Sewer Project, North Windham Moves, to the East Windham Conservation Project, Fire and Police Station facilities and through numerous ordinances and policy initiatives, I am proud of the impact we've made to position Windham for a strong and sustainable future. Windham has been placed in a strong financial position

for the future," Tibbetts said. "With this planned transition, I am pleased to note that Assistant Town Manager Robert Burns will be stepping into the role as part of our ongoing succession plan. Robert has proven himself to be a capable and committed leader, with extensive project and managerial skills and I am confident he will continue to serve Windham with integrity and vision. Knowing I cannot stand still, I will be there to support Bob for a few months to assist in the major municipal infrastructure projects and out of the limelight."

Windham Town Council members expressed sadness that Tibbetts will be retiring, but praised his leadership, what he has accomplished for Windham, and believe Burns will do an excellent job in succeeding him as Town Manager.

"Working with Barry these last five years has been a great experience as he has dedicated himself to making Windham a better place for all residents," said Windham Town Council Chair Jarrod Maxfield. "When we hired Barry Windham was in transition and in need of someone to lead us and he did just that and more and he has given more years to Windham

than he originally planned, showing his commitment to us. Without Barry I know we would not have accomplished half of what has been done in the last few years; he has been instrumental in Windham's success. And he has worked hand in hand with Bob Burns who has proven himself to be a great leader who will take the hand off and continue the success Windham is and will see. Windham is lucky to have both of them working for our success."

Town Councilor David Nadeau agrees.

"After a two-year search the town and town council was blessed to find Barry. His work efforts, drive, and creativity cannot be matched," Nadeau said. On his arrival he was pointed to a shelf which contained studies and projects going back to previous years but never put in play. Barry prioritized them and then proceeded to put them in play. First by using different ways to finance them such as using TIF, grants, impact fees, and layering bonds, which will help Windham in the future. This approach raised Windham's bond rating to AA. The project consisted of a sewer project, connector roads, 500 plus acres of open space, growth ordinance, and the list goes on. Knowing his time was short Barry looked at staff and developed a succession plan, one of the holes filled was an assistant town manager, enter Robert Burns. Mr. B is not Barry but under Barry's tutelage has developed the skill set needed to Keep Windham moving forward.

I would like to thank them both for their effort."

Town Council Bill Reiner said having Burns available to step into the Town Manager role is of great benefit to Windham.

"As Barry moves into retirement, Bob will move up internally into the Town Manager Role. Bob has served as Assistant Town Manager since I have been on the council, and I have confidence in his capability moving forward," Reiner said. "While he was offered several manager positions in several other towns, Bob chose to remain with Windham. He has been involved in all ongoing projects and has excellent knowledge of each and what will be needed to bring them home. While the town is in an excellent position both financially and in regard to ongoing projects, Barry will remain on until early January as a Special Projects Manager. While he will now answer to Bob, Barry will provide additional support while the town looks for a new Assistant Manager to fill the now vacant position."

Reiner said the council did not look at this change in position lightly, but the contract hammered out involving both Tibbetts and Burns were acceptable by both the town and individuals.

"The town council could have interviewed for the position, but with multiple Town Manager positions unfilled within the state, and the lengthy search for finding Barry several years back, the town would have been remiss in not attempting to keep Bob," he said. <







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Memorial Day events honor fallen Windham veterans

By Ed Pierce

STAFF WRITER

Once again, Windham residents were reminded that Memorial Day is about more than watching a parade or enjoying a picnic lunch, it serves to honor the men and women of the United States military who unselfishly gave their lives in service to the nation. It is not just a day off from work or the official start of summer. It is a solemn day to remember those who have perished in the defense of liberty.

During a Memorial Day observance at Windham High School on Monday morning, members of Windham American Legion Field-Allen Post 148 showed reverence and respect for their fellow veterans and recalled their sacrifices.

Post 148 Tom Theriault intro-

duced Don Swander, who served as Grand Marshal of Windham's annual Memorial Day Parade, and a Korean War veteran. Swander, who lives in Windham and formerly was the president of the Windham Veterans Association, helped to place a wreath at the Windham Veterans monument as part of the observance.

Lee Humiston, the founder, director, and curator of the Maine Military Museum & Learning Center in South Portland, was guest speaker at the observance. A retired U.S. Air Force colonel, Humiston created the museum with a desire to honor Maine's men and women who have served the state and the nation for the last 300 years.

Theriault said that Humiston has amassed one of the largest collections of Prisoner of War artifacts and related items in the world. He said that he has extensive experience building exhibits and played a significant role in creating exhibits at the Nixon Library celebrating the 25th anniversary of the Vietnam Homecoming, as well as two exhibitions at the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, D.C., and the museum in the Hindenburg hangar at Naval Air Station Lakehurst, New Jersey.

Humiston discussed how the museum continues to grow and remains relevant for future generations of Mainers as they learn about American veterans and their wartime experiences.

"I built this museum not for me and not for you but for your kids," he said

During the observance, old unserviceable U.S. flags which were collected last week at gravesites at cemeteries across Windham were properly burned.

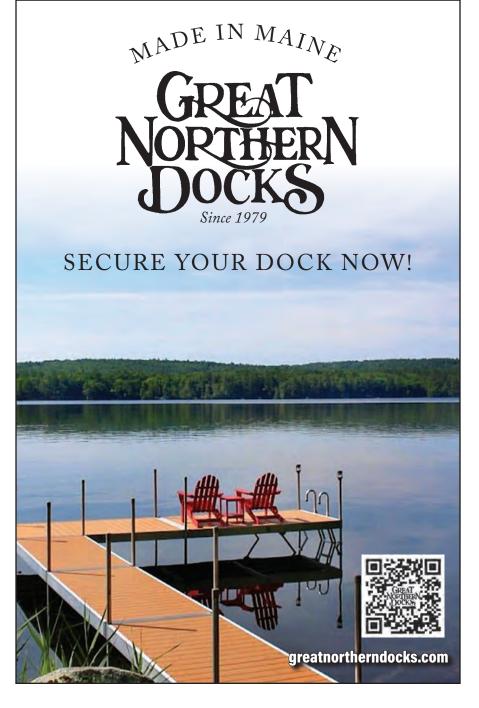
"The American Legion's Ceremony for Disposal of Unserviceable Flags is a dignified tribute to the U.S. flag and to its symbolism." Theriault said. "This ceremony is an effective instrument for promoting enhanced respect for the U.S. flag."

For several weeks before Memorial Day, volunteers picked up old flags and replaced them on the graves of Windham veterans with new flags. Legion members also obtained new flags hung by the Windham Public Works Department on utility poles throughout the town. Those flags will fly all summer long through Labor Day in Windham.

The observance wrapped up with a reading of the names of military veterans from Windham who have died in the past year. Each time Theriault read one of their names, VFW Post

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Building positive relationships leads to success for Windham Middle School health teacher

By Ed Pierce

Anne Fougere believes that developing and fostering positive relationships with students and leveraging that into better classroom results and an overall better classroom environment is crucial to her success as an educator at Windham Middle School.

Fougere has taught at WMS for the past eight years and for the last seven years she's served as the school's health teacher. It's a challenging role covering topics related to physical, mental, and social health including nutrition, physical activity, and substance abuse prevention, with a goal of empowering students to make informed decisions about their own health and well-being.

"As a middle school health teacher, I help students learn how to take care of themselves physically, emotionally, and socially," Fougere said. "I spend a lot of time creating lessons and activities that get students to think about real-life situations and choices, like how to eat well, handle stress, and build healthy relationships. I strive to make my classroom a place where everyone feels comfortable asking questions and sharing ideas. One of my main priorities is to build trust with students, support them through challenges, and encourage healthy habits that will stick with them as they leave middle school."

She says that the best thing about her job is building real connections with my students and watching them grow into more confident, thoughtful people.

"It is incredibly rewarding to create a space where all students feel seen, heard and supported no matter the context," Fougere said. "Knowmeaningful to me."

how to navigate the SUBMITTED PHOTO tough, real-life topics in a way that students feel safe, she said.

"Each student comes from a different background, and I try to honor their experiences while still giving them the honest and accurate information that they need," Fougere said. "Sometimes it can also be emotionally tough when a student is clearly struggling and you want to help them, but I can be limited on what support I can provide. Moments like this stick with you but they are also a reminder of how much students need someone



ing that I can be some- Anne Fougere has worked al technology. one they trust and can for Windham Middle School turn to makes the job for the past eight years and Saint Joseph's College for the last seven years she of Maine, Fougere One of the more has been the school's health says that she spent challenging parts of teacher. She also serves as a lot of time doing her job is knowing the WMS swimming coach. internships and at

throughout RSU 14.

"I met a lot of awesome teachers and some that I currently work closely with that I knew would be great coworkers," she said. "I felt welcomed at each school I went to and knew that this would be a good fit for me. I started at Windham Middle School as an educational technician. During that time, my current position became available, and I decided this would be a great opportunity for me and I have been here ever since."

She's been coaching swimming at

who cares and show up for them."

Originally from Hampshire, Fougere attended Saint Joseph's College of Maine in Standish where she earned a Bachelor of Science degree in physical education, and she's currently attending the University of Maine to obtain a master's degree in instruction-

While she was at different placements

effort and care goes into creating my classroom climate and creating a space where students feel safe opening up. It becomes a place where they talk about things they are struggling with,

share anywhere else."

The most important thing she's learned while working for Windham Middle School is simple.

possibly things that they may not

Saint Joseph's College of Maine for

eight years and has been the WMS

may think that being a health teacher

means covering basics like nutrition,

hygiene or puberty, but it's so much

dents can open up about real things

like stress, relationships, identity and

mental health to name a few," she

said. "It's not just about teaching the

facts; it's about creating a space where

they feel safe, heard and supported as

they figure out who they are and how

to take care of themselves. I feel that

the public may not realize how much

"Health class is a place where stu-

According to Fougere, people

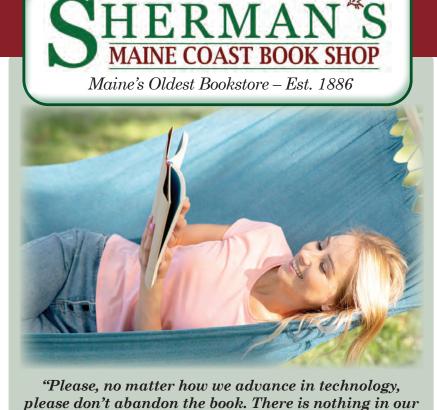
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"I have grown so much as a person and as a teacher over the years and I owe a good portion of it to my work family I have formed," Fougere said. "There are a lot of great people that work at this school, and I know I wouldn't be here without them. I've learned to trust my instincts and know that I am here for a reason and that I belong here." <

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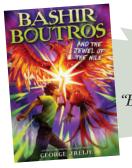
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The Windham Eagle

Volunteers clean up Windham Veterans Center during Sebago Lake Rotary Club's 'EPIC Day of Service'

By Ed Pierce **STAFF WRITER**

Love for their community and a willingness to help prompted Sebago Lake Rotary Club volunteers to lend a hand May 17 in cleaning up the Windham Veterans Center grounds after a long

The volunteers were inspired as part of Rotary International's initiative of action, impact, and unity called the "EPIC Day of Service" which united more than 2,500 Rotary clubs and 75,000 Rotarians, community volunteers, and partners across the globe in a single day dedicated to making the world a better place. In all, 1,264 projects worldwide were completed during the "EPIC Day of Service."

Sebago Lake Rotary Club President-Elect Robin Mullins said that the "EPIC Day of Service" is an unprecedented day for members to give back to the community because service is at the core of Rotary's mission.

"We use our knowledge of local issues to identify areas of need, then apply our expertise and diverse perspectives to find a solution," she said.

Mullins said that as part of the "EPIC Day of Service," the Sebago Lake Rotary Club reached out to the Windham Veterans Center to see if they needed help.

"I worked with Dave Tanguay and Dave Langway on a list of outside items such as raking, leaf blowing, weeding, and more to help get the property ready for the landscapers, LJ Gagne Landscaping and Excavation, to come in and mow and mulch."

The prep work was completed Saturday, May 17 as part of the "EPIC Day of Service in Windham.

ry Club partnered with the Sebago Lakes Region Chamber of Commerce and the Lakes Region BNI chapter to do the work," Mullins said. "We had a dozen people representing

"What's cool about it though

was that the Sebago Lake Rota-



Sebago Lake Rotary Club members Mark Morrison, left, and Robin Mullins take a break from volunteering to help clean up the Windham Veterans Center grounds during Rotary's 'EPIC Day of Service' in Windham on May 17. SUBMITTED PHOTO

> all three groups that came together that day to get the work done. It is often hard to find enough volunteers to get

things done, so by teaming up we were able to get everything complete in three short hours on a Saturday. LJ Gagne was then able to mow and mulch there and the property was ready to host the Memorial Day activities for the Windham Veterans Center."

Rotary International brings together a global network of volunteer leaders who dedicate their time and talent to tackling the world's most pressing humanitarian challenges. Rotary connects millions of members from more than 200 countries and geographical areas. Its work impacts lives at both the local and the international levels.

The Rotary was created in February 1905 by a Chicago attorney named Paul Harris. He intended to create a space for professionals with diverse backgrounds to gather, creating meaningful and lifelong friendships and exchanging ideas. Now with more than 1.4 million members worldwide, it's the biggest service organization in the world. Members are currently working on helping save

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mothers and children, supporting basic education for children, fighting diseases, promoting peace, providing clean water, sanitation, and hygiene. Rotary has no religious or national affiliation.

The Sebago Lake Rotary Club was originally chartered on March 15, 1983. In 2006, it officially changed its name to better reflect the club's membership from throughout the Lakes Region of Maine. It has served the local community for decades by raising money for charitable causes, distributing college and career technical education scholarships, and participating in service projects.

"Our club members are dedicated people who share a passion for both community service and friendship," Mullins said.

She said that becoming a Rotarian connects you with a diverse group of professionals who share your drive to

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The Sebago Lake Rotary Club meets on Thursdays at 12:15 p.m. at Pat's Pizza in Windham and all are welcome. For more details, call 207-577-6654 or visit www.sebaolakerotary.org. <



My name is MaryAnn Amrich, and I am a 28-year resident of Raymond. As a registered nurse, I worked for 20 years at Portland Public Health and Maine CDC, managing the Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program. Prior to retiring, I was a District Liaison for the Maine CDC, coordinating public health activities for three coun-

I have known Sue Accardi since moving to Raymond and I know Sue is uniquely qualified to represent Raymond on the RSU 14 school board. Having been a school nurse for 25 years in Raymond and Windham schools, Sue grasps the complex range of requirements for children of all ages to succeed in their school life. She cultivated the skill of listening to

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10643 and American Legion post member Willie Goodman of Windham rang a ceremonial bell paying tribute to their service to America. At the conclusion of the reading of those names, a contingent of Legion Post 148 members fired a 21-gun salute in their memory.

Attending the Memorial Day ceremony were State Senator Tim Nangle of Windham, State Rep. Mark Cooper of Windham, State Rep. Barbara Bagshaw of Windham, Cumberland County Commissioner Tom Tyler of Windham, Windham Town Councilor Mark Morrison and Windham Town Councilor David Nadeau.

Prior to the observance, dozens of vehicles and marchers paraded down Gray Road from Windham Town Hall to Windham High School to the delight of children and their families

watching. The annual Memorial Day Parade featured members of the Windham Fire and Police Departments, a small marching band WHS, Cub Scouts, Girl Scouts, Boys Scouts, old military vehicles, Wind-Republicans, Honor Flight Maine, Miss Teen Windham, WHS's state championship boys' basketball team, and the Knights of Columbus.

After the observance a ceremony was held in the Memori-

al Garden at the Windham Veterans Center, a 25th granite bench was added to the garden in memory of U.S. Marine Corps Sergeant and Korean War

A 25th granite bench in memory of U.S. Marine Corps Sergeant and Korean War veteran Walter Braley of Windham was dedicated in the Windham Veteran Center's Memorial Garden with much of his family in attendance. SUBMITTED PHOTO

veteran Walter Braley of Windham, who passed away last June. The bench

was dedicated after a eulogy by American Legion Post 148 Post Adjutant Dave Tanguay followed by the traditional tolling of the ceremonial bell. Braley family members in attendance included his wife Nina, daughters LuAnn Mc-Laughlin, Lisa Sperin, and Cheryl Braley, and his son Rodney. Grandchildren attending included Lyndsey McLaughlin, Spearin; and Rodney Braley. Great-grandchildren participating

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For most people, dental disease prevention typically involves daily brushing, flossing, and a cleaning every 6 months by a dental health professional. Since pet teeth are not unlike our own, a comprehensive plan for dental disease prevention for pets is much the same. We recommend some form of daily homecare which can be daily brushing, dental chews, and/or a water additive and professional cleanings or COHATs every 6-12 months.

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Full mouth dental x-rays: Once your pet is safely under anesthesia, the first step in a COHAT is full mouth radiographs. Approximately 2/3 of the tooth is under the gum line so we cannot fully assess the health of the tooth without looking there. Each tooth is assessed with x-ray looking for bone loss around the teeth, abscessed tooth roots, changes in the pulp cavity, cysts, unerupted teeth and other changes. If dental x-rays are not performed it is impossible to completely address oral health and make a comprehensive treatment plan and diseased teeth maybe left in your pet's mouth. Additionally, dental radiographs are a must for extractions to ensure that the entire tooth was removed without leaving behind root tips or other missed pathology.

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Loon Echo Land Trust is looking for volunteers to plant chestnut seedlings as part of The American Chestnut Foundation's "Chestnuts Across Maine" initiative on Saturday, May 31 at 9 a.m. at Sebago Lake State Park in Casco. Sign up at this link: https:// forms.gle/7d2RsPSMoCh3Hf8EA

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A final retirement sign off



Captain Jason Andrews signs off on his police radio during a farewell ceremony at WHS on Thursday, May 22. During the event, Andrews was part of a police procession from the Windham Public Safety Building to the Windham High campus. Andrews is retiring from the police force and RSU 14 officials say that he has been a valuable resource to the school district over the years. In his supervisory position with the Windham PD, Andrews has guided school resource officers and school safety teams in the development of school safety plans and safety

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if they need a hand. She puts great effort into her writing and comes to school with a smile every day. She is helpful in the classroom and can light up the room with her giggles. She is a good friend to her peers and is a joy to have in class. Maddie deserves this recognition because of these impressive qualities. Teaching her for the last two years has been an honor and a pleasure. Keep up the great work, Maddie! You make our days better!

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Windham varsity baseball drops road game to Sanford

By Matt Pascarella

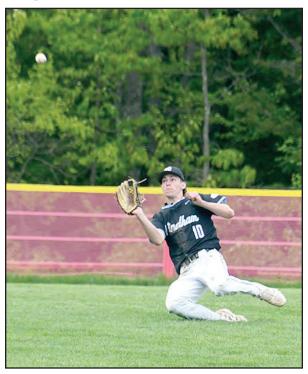
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In a hard-fought road game against Sanford on Saturday, May 24, Windham varsity baseball tied the game 1-1 early on and later Windham freshman Aiden Rinaldi hit his first varsity homer, but Windham ultimately lost to the Spartans, 9-2.

"You saw the momentum shift," said Windham varsity baseball coach Chris Doughty. "We had a 1-1 game; in the third you drop an infield popup, walk, two guys on, hit, they score two runs - things like that tend to compound on each other and swings the momentum. We kind of got it back ... when we tied it up, gave it back to them, had a couple of errors and had some stuff not go our way. Once that momentum shifts, if you don't do something to stick your foot in the ground and grab it back quickly, it can go downhill fast. Some of the mistakes we made today were mental ... we're a young team, building toward the future. Aiden Rinaldi hitting that homerun - great attitude, great kid, coachable, in the gym, little things like that pay off, you can always take some positives from our failures. We can't let fastballs go by early in the count and then swing at the other team's pitch. We got caught doing that a lot today and that's why we struck out a lot today. Just being aggressive and trusting themselves and having confidence (needs work), because we're young that's something that'll come with time."

Sanford scored in the second in-





(L to R) Windham freshman Aiden Rinaldi receives congratulations from his teammates after hitting his first home run on Saturday, May 24. Senior Grant Coppi gets to the ball in time to make a catch in center field. PHOTOS BY MATT PASCARELLA

ning on a passed ball.

Windham was quick to answer in the third inning when senior Grant Coppi walked. Then freshman Mason Rulman reached first base on an error after he hit a ground ball to the shortstop and Coppi scored.

In the fourth inning, Sanford added more and more runs to the scoreboard, and then in the fifth inning, Rinaldi blasted a home run to left field.

"The home run felt great," said Rinaldi. "If we made some better fielding (to flip the score), pitchers threw fine, really, it's fielding. We had better attitudes, but getting more hits (needs work). We were nervous (at the plate), eager to hit the ball."

In the top of the sixth inning, Windham sophomore Alex Pastore singled, but was left on base.

'We're all just trying to get hits and I'm just trying to put the ball in play to help the team," said Rulman. "I feel like our team could do better at that. We need to start swinging more earlier in the count. Personally, I'm not swinging for the best pitches, and I know a lot of the kids in the dugout aren't either. If we get our mindset right and swing for the first pitch, we'll see that's good and then we'll have better outcomes. The other team put a bat on it and did their job. I feel like everyone is mad at themselves, performance-wise. When one person gets mad and there's no cheering in the dugout, we have no chance to go on a rally. We just need to hit the ball, we can't score without hitting."

Windham starting pitcher and junior Anthony Rinaldi said he didn't think they were fully prepared. He agreed with his teammates and said he thought that some were more focused on getting a big hit than just trying to hit the ball. There was a lot of waiting for the perfect pitch. Anthony Rinaldi said they need to work together as a team and be more prepared. <



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Katelyn Cotter

Age: 18 **Team:** Windham High School Girls' Tennis Coach: Katy Dresnok

Parents' names: Mandi Cotter-Woodward, Patrick Cotter **Reason for selection:** Playing at the number two position, Katelyn brings both skill and grit to every match. She picked up tennis as a freshman and quickly improved, putting in the work year-round through clin-

ics and extra practice. This year, she took her leadership to the next level by focusing her senior capstone project on how high school athletic mentors can influence relationships in youth sports. She didn't just write about it, she lived it, helping lead the Windham Middle School fall tennis program while diving deep into her research. She's welcoming, inclusive, and always positive. You'll never hear her say a bad word about anyone - she treats teammates, coaches, and opponents with genuine kindness, on and off the court. The team will miss her next year, but we're proud and excited to see her continue both her academic and athletic career at Husson University, where she'll major in education and play on their tennis team.

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Girls' tennis falls in indoor match against Cheverus

By Matt Pascarella

The Windham varsity girls' tennis team left it all on the court during an indoor match at Foreside Fitness in Falmouth on Friday, May 23, but fell to Cheverus High School, 4-1.

"Our match went really good," said Windham senior and doubles player Afomiya Timerga. "Our placement was the best part of playing; we kept hitting it down the alleys, so it was just picking up our feet and hitting it right where it needs to be. Playing with Callie was really good; our communication was really good. Whenever I called a switch or she called a switch, our dynamic was really good. I'm glad I was able to play with her today. You don't have to hit strong balls as long as where you place it is good. Getting to the ball and our mindset on the game (needs work). Tennis is a lot of mindset and focusing; I think that just needs a little bit more work."

In the singles matches, Windham junior Jasmine Lucas lost her match, 6-0 and 6-0; senior Katelyn Cotter lost 6-2, 6-1, sophomore Denali Momot lost 6-3 and 6-2.

"Today was not my best match," said Momot. "I think I played well, but the score says something else. My opponent had really good skills, nice hits and I'm proud of how I played. Mentally I stayed positive and that's a big part of singles tennis, you're the only one on the court ... and I was just telling myself to stay with it. Placement (needs work) because sometimes I





(L to R) Windham junior Jasmine Lucas sends the ball back over the net with power during a girls' prep tennis match on Friday, May 23. Sophomore Denali Momot focuses on the ball before returning a serve. PHOTOS BY MATT PASCARELLA

hit right to my opponent, and it gives them an advantage."

In the doubles matches, senior Zoe Dries, and junior Sydney Harmon lost their match 6-4 and 6-2. Timerga and senior Callie Barber won their match, 6-1 and 6-3.

Windham had had several matches during the week, so it was impressive to see them give such a strong effort, even if the result wasn't what they hoped for.

"It's been a really busy week," said Windham girls' tennis coach Katy Dresnok. "The weather hasn't helped, we haven't had many practices, but it's the same all around. The girls played really well today for the competition; I'm really pleased with every single match I watched. I'm super happy for my second doubles who won, Callie has been swinging junior varsity to varsity, and she's a senior just graduating, so it's great to see her finish the season with a win. I thought my sin-

gles players ... had super long matches, lots went to deuce. They really got some good practice in with hard heavy hitters, and in front of my eyes I watched them improve. I'm happy with the results even though it was a loss; I'm leaving the court today really proud of my girls." <

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munity.

Sue Accardi has clearly demonstrated her strong commitment to our town. As a volunteer ballot clerk for 15 years, a member of several town committees and a Friends of the Raymond Village Library board member, Sue is an example to us all.

I'm voting for Susan Accardi for the RSU 14 School Board, and I urge you to vote for her as well.

~ MaryAnn Amrich, Raymond **Editor**,

Another school year is coming to an end and thanks to the generosity of residents, businesses and organizations we have been able to send food home to over 100 students in Windham and Raymond every weekend.

I would be remiss if I didn't acknowledge the many volunteers that also make this program successful and the assistance from the RSU staff. This program will be ready to serve these students in the coming years because of your continued support so on behalf of these students I thank you for supporting this program and please keep those monetary donations coming.

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~ Marge Govoni, Program Coordinator **Editor**,

Returning from a recent trip, I was pleased to see numerous signs along Raymond roads announcing Diana Froisland's candidacy for reelection to the RSU 14 School Committee, representing Raymond. I'm excited that she is willing to continue serving our town in this important role.

Diana is one of *those* Raymond residents – the kind who actively participate in and contribute to the life of the community so many of us cherish. She and her husband have lived in Ray-

mond for many years and have been involved in numerous ways, including elected service on the school committee, volunteering in our schools, and helping during elections. Diana has also served her church as a Sunday school teacher.

I've known Diana for many years, though we don't often cross paths now that our children are grown. But whenever we do meet, I'm reminded of her deep love for Raymond and her passion for life. She's thoughtful, committed, and effective – whether as a member or Chair of the RSU 14 School Committee. Her leadership stands out.

Diana's strong core values make her an ideal leader for our schools, especially at a time when education faces complex challenges. I have every confidence she will continue to serve the children and families of Raymond with integrity and dedication.

~ Mike McClellan, Raymond

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NOTICE OF SITE WALK Monday, June 2, 2025 • 5:30PM

 25-06 Shepherd Lane Subdivision (formerly 421 Falmouth Road Condos)
 Tax Map: 19; Lots: 104 & 90G - 421 Falmouth Road Major subdivision and site plan review.

Public comment during the site walk is not permitted, unless requested by the Planning Board. FMI go to https://windhamweb.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx or contact (207) 894-5960 ex. 2. Please notify us if you need accessibility accommodations.

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PLANNING BOARD PUBLIC MEETING

Broadcast Studio - 423 Webbs Mills Road and Via ZOOM

Wednesday, June 11, 2025 • 7:00 PM

You are hereby notified that the Raymond Planning Board will hold a meeting at the Raymond Broadcast Studio and via Zoom on **Wednesday, June 11, 2025, at 7:00 pm** on the following matters:

PRELIMINARY SUBDIVISION PLAN REVIEW

APPLICANT: Brandon Chase – Pine Ridge Estates **LOCATION:** Map: 004 Lot: 29 Zone LRR11 Raymond Cape Road

DESCRIPTION: Proposed 11-lot cluster subdivision

The Planning Board will be reviewing and discussing proposed Ordinances to regulate Marijuana for Registered Caregivers and Short-Term Rentals.

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.

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Route 302 and Enterprise Drive intersection needs signal

► By Larry Eliason SPECIAL TO THE WINDHAM EAGLE



Over the past several years, I have written articles about commercial real estate, lot sales and development activities at Quarry Ridge Business Park

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and Bedrock Terrace. Enterprise Drive is just off Roosevelt Trail/Route 302. This business park is a Grondin Family investment in Windham.

As many will agree, the intersection of Route 302 and Enterprise Drive has become a very busy intersection as Enterprise Drive, Bedrock Terrace and Storm Drive have several businesses from retail, office, service, manufacturing, engineering, and public storage with many valued business owners, their employees and customers. Many will agree that as you drive by Enterprise Drive, you often see trucks and cars of all sizes waiting long periods of time to pull out onto Route 302.

One of the biggest challenges that I see at Enterprise Drive is that it is accessed from Route 302 via Enterprise Drive, a non-signalized intersection. We could certainly use help from stakeholders such as our town leaders and staff, legislators, business and real estate owners, residents, and others to seek a partnership with the MDOT to make a signalized light at Enterprise Drive a reality. And as a practical matter, en-

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trance to Enterprise Drive should be widened as I have witnessed tractor trailer trucks having to tactfully and very slowly enter the business park as the turning radius appears inadequate from my personal observation. I think that everyone will agree that this intersection is not safe and a preventable tragedy could certainly happen any day the longer we wait to correct this unsafe intersection. Just look at all the families with young children that visit this area for ice cream each year.

There is a "trips per day" generated threshold to trigger the signal installation which certainly appears to being getting close to the thresholds as per MDOT standards and a traffic count in 2025 should be a consideration to better gauge where traffic flows stand. Windham, like a lot of towns, has its strengths and weaknesses that help or hinder economic development. This is a large part of why towns or cities located near the I-95 corridor and these types of developments with signalized intersections and efficient ingress and egress, are generally built out sooner than we have seen at the Quarry Ridge Business Park.

Quarry Ridge Business Park off Enterprise Drive is located on about 1,000 acres of land and is poised to become a commercial business park center and future commercial tax base for the Town of Windham. Phase 1A was built in 2004 and was anchored by Genest Concrete products and LaValley Lumber Building Supply. The LaValley property was acquired by Tube Hollows International in 2012.

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Phase 1B was approved by the town of Windham in 2006 and since then mining of the gravel pit and quarry has progressed enough to leave behind flat buildable lots available for industrial use. The entire development is served by public water, electricity (including 3-Phase) and natural gas. The Grondin Family is working on another phase of additional commercial lots as well and new lots should be available in the future.

A cannabis operator acquired 2-plus acres of land at the corner of Enterprise Drive and Bedrock Terrace in 2021 and built a 12,545-square-foot cannabis facility. Co-Part of Connecticut, Inc. acquired 50 acres of land on Bedrock Terrace and built a 7,836-square-foot commercial building for their auto auction facility. An Ice Arena Operator acquired Lot 10, a 4.30-plus acre parcel, in 2024 and has plans for an outdoor ice arena and commercial building. Lot 11, a 3.70-plus acre parcel, is currently available for sale and listed with Butts Commercial Brokers.

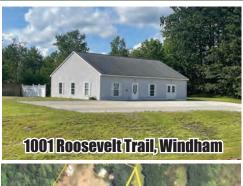
The intent of the Enterprise Development District is to provide a unique area within the Town of Windham to allow manufacturing, processing, treatment, warehousing, storage, research, and distribution with safe, well-regulated vehicle access located off a major street which can conform to the performance standards set forth in this section and in all other applicable ordinances of the Town of Windham.

There are many uses are currently allowed in the Enterprise Development District.

As a Commercial Real Estate Broker and a Windham Economic Development Corp. (WEDC) volunteer, I see millions of dollars in new investment coming to this business park in the coming years. The commercial tax base being generated will provide the Town of Windham with a valuable commercial tax base to help provide additional infrastructure and services to the residents of Windham.

This article was brought to you by Larry Eliason, a Commercial Broker with Butts Commercial Brokers in Raymond. Reach him at: 207-415-2112 or email: LarryEliasonBCB@gmail.com. <







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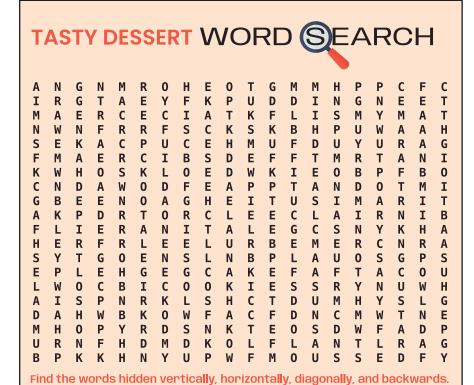
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Clue: Sweetener

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Clue: Special food

Clue: Portable dessert

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- 7. Peyton's younger brother
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- 9. Tree-dwelling animal of C. and S. America
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bar, and deftly able to cruise the locks of the Songo River.

The Carvalho Family is now in their third season of owning the company, which has been in continuous operation for 52 consecutive years and has a perfect safety record. The cruising season runs from Memorial Day to Halloween and scenery viewed by passengers is constantly changing and varies according to the time of year.

Pricing is highly competitive and is just \$35 for two hours of cruising, which is an outstanding recreational value.

Reviews for the Songo River Queen II and Songo River Princess are extraordinary.

"A great experience. The scenery you will enjoy is beautiful, perfect for taking pictures and videos. The food is good. They have a variety of drinks. The boat looks great, and the atmosphere is fun." ~ Andrea S.

"Had my wife's surprise birthday party there and the venue is perfect for larger crowds! All of the staff and captain were amazing with everyone. They even let the little kids "drive" the boat!! Very accommodating with letting us decorate and organize the boat how we want. Perfect day and would highly recommend it for big parties!! Thanks to the entire Songo River II team for making the day so special!" ~ Mitch S.

"We took a group to celebrate birthdays and a new baby arrival and had a wonderful experience. The captain invited our 3-year-old grandson to steer the riverboat and learn more about it. He was thrilled and beamed from ear to ear. I would highly recommend this narrated two-hour cruise! Everyone had a fabulous time!" ~ Ruby C.

"Such a relaxing trip. Perfect way to catch up with friends and learn a little too. The staff was super friendly." ~ Heidi D.

For Ryan and Kellyann Carvalho, the business is all about creating memories for its customers and delivering an exceptional experience with every cruise.

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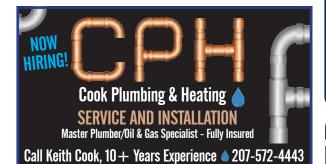
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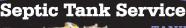
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