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# JSMS student first winner of Design Your Dream Money Contest

#### By Ed Pierce

STAFF WRITER

Mason Hall is not your typical 11-year-old enjoying the summer before entering sixth grade next month. He's also a skilled artist who has been honored as the first-ever winner of the Finance Authority of Maine's (FAME) "Design Your Dream Money Contest."

The contest was created this spring and intended to help raise awareness of the importance of teaching financial skills to younger students in partnership with the Alfond Scholarship Foundation. Students in first grade through sixth grade were invited to create their own \$500 bill using a template created by FAME.

Hall was a student in Lynne Latham's fifth-grade classroom at Jordan-Small Middle School this past spring and he joined his classmates in learning about basic financial education, capped off by the students entering FAME's "Design Your Dream Money Contest."

He started his design work during school hours and then took it home to finish it. While at home, Hall added specific elements related to Maine to his \$500 bill design including the ocean, a harbor, farms, the Maine countryside, and lobster boats with a village situated in the middle.

Between working on it in class and later at home, Hall says that he spent about an hour and a half working on his design for a \$500 bill.

"I showed it to my mom who is a teacher, and she thought it was really good," he said. "My classmates told me I did a good job too when I showed it to them."

The design was submitted in April and Mason said that he forgot all about it.

But on Memorial Day Weekend in May, school administrators received a phone call informing them that Mason was the winner of the statewide contest.

"My teacher announced it to our class in early June," he said. "I never had any expectation to win. I just did it because it was something that our class was doing."

During a school assembly before classes let out for the summer in June, Jordan-Small Middle School students



cheered when Hall was announced as this year's "Design Your Dream Money" contest winner. His parents were thrilled to learn he had won too.

"When it comes to money skills, parents and caregivers are the most important influence in a child's life," said Mary Dyer, FAME's Financial Education Programs Manager. "Our goal is to make teaching about money fun and easy, and we have created a 

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# Area inventor creates innovative new 'Snow Sling'

#### By Ed Pierce

STAFF WRITER

A Windham inventor is back at it and optimistic that his latest innovation will find a use in the world.

Michael Lyons grew up in Windham and graduated from Windham High School in 1977. He is the founder of Rogue Industries in Standish and known for his patent and design of the front pocket wallet but now he's at it again, this time focusing on making the tough task of snow removal easier.

He's created a new type of snow sling which with the push of a foot lever tosses the snow for you without wrecking your back.

According to Lyons, the idea for the snow sling came to him years ago as he worked late into the night through a Nor'easter snowstorm.

"Nothin' special," Lyons said. "Maybe 8 to 10 inches of wet snow."

His plow guy had blown a hydraulic hose and couldn't show up to plow for him, so, Lyons grabbed a snow shovel and went at it.

"I knew enough to take frequent breaks from the shoveling," Lyons

It ended up taking more than two long hours to clear the entire driveway and parking lot before he could make it home.

He had also forgotten to bring his snow boots, so he shoveled the entire time wearing wingtip shoes.



Inventor Michael Lyons shows a prototype of his 'Snow Sling' creation which he is selling the patent rights to. The device uses a foot lever to toss snow for you without wrecking your back. COURTESY PHOTO

"Not having boots may have added to my cumulative effort, but something fortuitous happened after the first hour," Lyons said. "The shoveling was exhausting, and I started imagining that there had to be a better way to do this without electricity or gas."

After finding himself straining while working with a small, traditional snow shovel, Lyons thought that the snow scoop had originally been invented for storms exactly like this. Yet that scoop was heavy, cumbersome and not ergonomic.

"I thought to myself what if a snow scoop could be designed which had a mechanism so that the snow could be flung without having to lift it," he said.

That idea launched an eight-year journey involving testing, creating a prototype and finally building what he named as a "Snow Sling."

Lyons says coming up with the idea for the device was the easy part.

"The testing of it was actually fun. But the design iterations took the talents of no less than three engineers, each with a different skill set," he said. Before starting Rogue Industries, Lyons ran a small publishing company and had injured his back. His doctor told him that his back issues were attributed to him sitting on his bulky wallet, causing problems with his spine. With that, Lyons then set out to find a wallet that would comfortably fit in his front pocket but had no luck. So, he decided to design his own wallet, one that was curved and would comfortably fit in his front pocket.

"We kind of accidentally went into the design world of leather goods," says Lyons. "Our original design was one wallet and one collar; now, we have more than 100 stock keeping units. We went into women's tote bags, belts, crossbody clutches, coasters, and many more high-quality designs."

Through the years Rogue Industries has developed a stellar reputation for its products and last year his company was asked by designer Ralph Lauren to produce 3,000 leather belts for Team USA for the 2024 Summer Olympic Games. Rogue Industries

now productes products for 500 stores, including LL Bean, The Vermont Country Store, and see INVENTOR Page 5

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# Take this job and shove it

One of the things that I enjoyed the most about working as a journalist in Florida was the sheer number of odd, bizarre and amusing stories to report about in the Sunshine State.

In fact, the daily newspaper I worked for there at one time published a regular feature every day on the back of the local section of unusual articles of interest from locations in Florida.

One that certainly caught my attention involved a radio disc jockey in 1986 who decided he was going to show everyone how much he disliked his work. At about 5 p.m. on Tuesday, April 1, 1986, Charlie Bee was broadcasting his afternoon program of country music for WAPG-AM radio in Arcadia, Florida, east of Sarasota. Without any warning to listeners or radio station management, Bee suddenly locked himself in his broadcast studio and began playing "Take This Job and Shove It" by Johnny Paycheck over, and over, and over at varying speeds.

He ignored hundreds of telephone calls from listeners, friends, the radio station manager and other disc jockeys to surrender his microphone and stop what he was doing immediately.

Not paying any attention to their pleas to stop, Bee continued to repeatedly play "Take This Job and Shove It" and adjusted the radio station turntable to the point that he could slow down the speed of the record or speed it up. No matter what speed

Bee chose to play it, the repeated song angered everyone that day.

If you haven't heard it, the song "Take This Job and Shove It" is about the bitterness of a man who has worked long and hard with no apparent reward. The song was first recorded by country performer Johnny Paycheck on his album also titled "Take This Job and Shove It."

Paycheck's recording was the top country song for two weeks in 1977. The recording spent a total of 18 weeks on the Billboard County Music charts that year and happened to be the only Number One country hit ever recorded by Paycheck.

The radio station switchboard was flooded with more than 250 complaints from listeners while Bee remained barricaded behind the doors of the program's control room.

Stopping the song briefly to air his own personal grievance, Bee complained over the airwaves that April 1, 1986 just happened to be his 49th birthday and the radio station managers were making him work on his very own special day. Then he went right back to playing "Take This Job and Shove It" for listeners tuning in.

He also explained to listeners that he was "fed up" with not receiving an adequate salary and would play the song until his employers agreed to give him a raise.

Hearing Bee's broadcast complaint and with the situation now having stretched to more than an hour, the station manager resorted to calling the police. The DeSoto County Sheriff's Department and officers from the Arcadia Police Department responded to the radio station studios and sheriff's deputies began to knock loudly on the barricaded control room door. They demanded that Bee remove the barricade, unlock the door, and stop playing "Take This Job and Shove It."

The deputies were banging on the door so loud that it could be heard over the airwaves as Bee continued to play the record repeatedly.

The embattled disc jockey then proclaimed over the air, "This is my show and they're not going to tell me what to do."

With the situation at a stalemate, Arcadia Police Officer Dan Ford asked Bee politely through the barricade, "Charlie, don't you want to go home now?"

With that, Bee took down the barricade and unlocked the control room door. With the tension seemingly resolved, Bee left the radio station studio with Officer Ford.

No charges against Bee were filed over the incident, although the station manager terminated his employment as a disc jockey with WAPG-AM. With the radio studio control room now empty, WAPG-AM disc jockey Bill

Madison replaced Bee at the microphone and he dedicated his first song to Charlie Bee, playing "Take This Job and Shove It" one last time that evening.

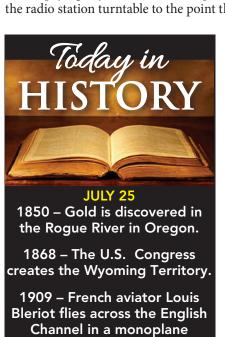
When reached by telephone at his home later that week by a reporter, Bee said the incident arose out of sheer frustration.

"I was fed up and playing 'Take This Job and Shove It' expressed my sentiment exactly," Bee told a Florida newspaper the weekend following the incident.

He refused to give any further details in subsequent newspaper articles, but his fellow DJ and friend Bill Madison eventually confessed that the entire situation and incident was an elaborately staged prank with which the police were cooperating.

Charlie Bee was never heard again on the airwaves of WAPG-AM after April 1, 1986, and it is unknown what happened to him thereafter.

Paycheck was sentenced to seven years in jail for shooting a man at the North High Lounge in Hillsboro, Ohio in 1985, and he spent 22 months in prison before being pardoned by Ohio Gov. Richard Celeste in 1991. He was inducted into the Grand Ole Opry in 1997 but died at Nashville's Vanderbilt University Medical Center in 2003 at the age of 64 from emphysema complications. < ~ Ed Pierce



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freezes all Japanese and Chinese assets.

1946 - Dean Martin and Jerry Lewis perform their first show as a team in Atlantic City, NJ.

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1978 – Louise Joy Brown, the first test-tube baby, is born in Oldham, England having been conceived through in-vitro fertilization.

1999 – Lance Armstrong wins the Tour de France cycling race and is only the second American to win the race.

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"Farrah Fawcett." – Craig Elliott

"Davy Jones."

– Jennie Moroney Butler

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- Stephen Signor

"Way back in the day, Neil **Diamond."** – Julie Mallett

> "David Cassidy." Celine Carland

"Patrick Swayze."

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"Latto." - Can Neault

"Angela Cartwright, Natalie Wood, Maureen McCormick."

- Ed Pierce

"Cheryl Tiegs and Catherine **Bach."** – David D. McCoombs

"Steve Grogan."

Shelley O'Rourke

"Goldie Hawn and Julie Christie." – Dean A. Smalley

"Richard Chamberland."

- Ruthie Jackson

"Robert Mitchum."

– Ellen Palmer

"Bobby Sherman."

Miki Mayberry

"Lol, a very long time ago, the boy who played Toby Tyler, Kevin Corcoran! So much so that I considered that name for one of our sons! He played in a lot of Disney movies. Swiss Family Robinson being my favorite." – Paula Sparks

"Richard Chamberlain."

- Lorraine Brennan

"Farrah Fawcett."

- Tommy Matthews

"Montgomery Clift, James Dean, Ricky Nelson and Sal Mineo." – Anne Glotchshuk

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# Raymond appoints new director for Parks and Rec

By Dina Mendros

STAFF WRITER

The Raymond Parks and Recreation Department is relatively new, only starting in February 2020, and it has undergone a number of changes in that short time. The latest change is appointing Riley Silvia as the department's new full-time director.

Silvia, 23, who grew up in Raymond and graduated from Lasell University in Massachusetts with a degree in Sports Management and a minor in Communication, started working for the department during the summer of 2020 and every summer since until last July, when she was hired full time as the assistant director before her recent appointment as director.

Though young, Silvia has a history of excellence. As a student-athlete, she competed during both high school and college in both women's soccer and track and field. While in college, Silvia was a two-time Great Northeast Athletic Conference champion, winning the discus title in 2022 and indoor shotput title in 2024, as well being a two-time GNAC runner-up with Lasell University's women's soccer team. She was selected as the "Scholar Athlete of the Year" for Lasell University in 2024.

She also has had a history of success during her tenure with the Raymond Parks & Recreation Department. In 2022, she created the department's first-ever summer camp, building it from the ground up and serving as camp director until becoming the department's assistant director.

"One of my proudest accomplish-

ments while being assistant director was introducing a variety of new programs and events that strengthened community involvement," she said in an email. "I launched the Camp Raymond After School Program, as well as several events including Merry and Bright Family Night, Elf Workshop, Kids Night Out, and the Sweetheart Soirée. On the athletic side, I introduced our futsal program, goalkeeper training clinics, and brought in Challenger Soccer Camps to provide a new level of instruction. I also brought the Summer Ticket Program to Raymond to help families access local attractions at a discount. Most recently, I helped bring back the UCan 5K."

She also made strides in enhancing the department's marketing strategy, expanding its social media presence, and building stronger connections with local families and partners.

Silvia credits much of her success to her predecessor, Joseph Crocker, who stepped down as department director earlier this year to focus on his own new position as Raymond's Town Manager.

Crocker, Silvia said, "was a very important mentor to me. He saw potential in me early on and gave me opportunities to step up, take on responsibility, and grow within the department. The foundation he built and the guidance he gave me played a huge role in preparing me for this new position, and I'm incredibly grateful for the path he helped me take."

For his part, Crocker said that Silvia was a natural fit for the director position as she continued to grow and



Riley Silvia, 23, has been appointed by the Raymond Select Board as the director of the Raymond Parks and Recreation Department. She has been serving as the town's assistant director of Parks and Recreation Department. SUBMITTED PHOTO

be promoted within the department. She was first hired as a Tassel Top Park attendant six years ago while still in college, he said, and by the end of the first summer she was promoted to park supervisor. She led successful initiatives for the park and was appointed as the first-ever childcare camp director.

"With her deep knowledge of the town, having grown up in Raymond, combined with her energy, creativity, and commitment to expanding community opportunities, Riley was a natural choice for assistant director of Parks & Recreation and then as department director," Crocker said.

Her new position will shift Silvia's

focus from primarily running programs to leading the entire department's vision, resources, and growth.

"In my new role, I'm responsible for setting long-range direction, managing the budget, guiding full-time and seasonal staff development, overseeing projects and facility planning, and strengthening partnerships across town departments, schools, and community organizations," she said.

Silvia says that one of her biggest challenges so far has been balancing limited space with increasing demand for programs.

Since the department's inception, revenue has grown over 25 percent from nearly \$125,000 in the first fiscal year to about \$383,700 in the last, according to figures supplied by Crocker. Silvia said she is excited that more full-time staff will be hired to help meet department demands.

Silvia's long-term goals include growing programs and capacity.

"I'm most looking forward to expanding our audience and creating more opportunities for all members of the Raymond community," she said. "I want to ensure our department reaches beyond traditional youth programs and offers something meaningful for teens, adults, and older residents as well. With more staffing support and a growing foundation, we're in a strong position to introduce new ideas, strengthen community connections, and ensure everyone in town feels they have a place in our programs and events. It's an exciting time to build on what we've started and continue growing." <

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# Two WHS graduates honored as 2025 Mitchell Scholars

#### By Ed Pierce

STAFF WRITER

Two 2025 graduates of Windham High School have been honored as 2025 Mitchell Scholars by the Mitchell Institute.

Jolene Bailey and Fiona Harmon both graduated from WHS with the Class of 2025 in June and now join more than 3,800 past recipients as Mitchell Scholars who have been unlocking their potential, having successful college experiences and contributing to the vitality of their communities. Students receiving this honor are awarded a \$10,000 scholarship, along with ongoing personal and professional support to ensure they find success in their journey throughout college and beyond.

Harmon will attend Husson University in Bangor while Bailey will attend college out of state in Michigan.

The Portland-based Mitchell Institute was founded by former U.S. Senator George J. Mitchell of Maine to improve college outcomes for students from every community in the

"Senator Mitchell realized a bold vision when he created the Mitchell Institute in 1995 which is to increase

the likelihood that young people from every community in Maine will aspire to, pursue, and achieve a college education," said Jared Cash, Mitchell Institute President and Chief Executive Officer. "In our 30th year, his vision is more important than ever before. We're proud to support these remarkable young people as they begin journeys that will benefit Maine for generations to come."

Throughout their college experience and in the years following, both Bailey and Harmon will have opportunities to engage with Mitchell Institute programs and resources focusing on financial assistance, leadership training, and academic and career support, Cash said.

Some of those resources include participation in signature events and providing valuable information designed to meet Mitchell Scholars where they are and to support them in college and well into their professional careers.

"Each scholar represents the best of our great state and reflects Senator Mitchell's vision of investing in young people so they, in turn, can strengthen their communities," Cash said.

Each year the Mitchell Institute receives more than 1,600 applications and is tasked with choosing at least one student from every public school in the state. Scholars are chosen with a balanced view of their financial needs, academic achievement, and commu-

This year marks the largest class in Mitchell's 30-year history with more than 200 scholars in total.

But 2025 was unique in more ways see SCHOLARS Page 11



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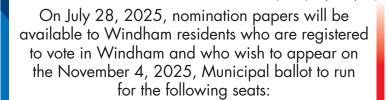
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# **Deadline nears for Senior Tax Assistance applications**

By Ed Pierce

STAFF WRITER

Time is running out for eligible residents to apply for the Town of Windham's Senior Property Tax Assistance Program.

Adopted by the Windham Town Council in 2017, the program provides for a refund of up to \$700 for residents ages 65 and over or 100 percent disabled, maintain a homestead in Windham, meet the established criteria, and have paid their previous year's property taxes. The Senior Property Tax Assistance Program is administered by the Windham Town Manager's Office.

Eligibility requirements specify that an applicant:

\*\*Be at least 65 years old at the time of an application

\*\*Have a home (owned or rented) in Windham that they have lived in for at least one year prior to the time of application

\*\*Been a Windham resident for at least the last five years

\*\*Paid property taxes in Windham (due Oct. 2, 2024, and April 1, 2025), or have rented in Windham on a home for at least a year

\*\*Have an annual household income of less than \$64,900

\*\*Are 100 percent disabled with Social Security Administration document verification and meet all eligibility requirements excluding age.

A maximum benefit amount for Senior Property Tax Assistance Program recipients in Windham is \$700, but officials say that it could be less than that depending on your actual property taxes and your annual household

Only one application may be sub-

**INVENTOR** Cont. from page 1

Hammacher-Schlemmer.

Now with his latest "Snow Sling" invention tested and proven, Lyons says the next step will be to find someone with both the vision and resources to take this new product from a proven prototype to full-on production.

Recognizing the uniqueness of this design, the Maine Technology Institute became one of the early backers of this new creation, he said.

"Many companies originally started with a simple idea and then built from that," Lyons said. "LL Bean created their iconic boots, Singer with an automated sewing machine, Orvis with a novel fly-fishing reel. This snow scoop has the very real potential of being that seed concept for an entirely new business venture. It won't be easy, but it could be an interesting and rewarding journey."

Lyons and his fiancé, Mary Anne Hildreth, currently run two companies together, Rogue Industries and Tower Publishing, and they have decided that adding a third business into the mix would take too much time away from their family. So, the patent for Lyons' new invention, the "Snow Sling," is now available for either an outright purchase or a license.

He says it's an opportunity to introduce an innovative new product to the market and that doesn't happen often. To discuss this further, call Lyons at Rogue Industries, 1-800-786mitted per household.

The total household income includes both taxable and non-taxable income and refers to the combined gross income of all members living in a household.

The following income information is required for by the program for verification:

\*\*Federal tax forms 1040 or 1040SR

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Applicants who qualify for payment under the program will be mailed a check for the benefit amount for which they are eligible no later than 14 days from the date of Windham Town Council's approval of the applications for the year in which participation is

For further details, visit www.windhammaine.us/616/Senior-Property-TaxAssistance for specifics or to file an application.

Printed applications are also available at Windham Town Hall, 8 School Road, Windham and at the Windham Public Library, 217 Windham Center Road, Windham.

The application must be filed no later than Aug. 1 to receive consideration for Senior Property Tax Assistance refunds. Call 207-892-1907 for questions about the program. <



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# **Hawthorne House to host Emerging Artists Show**

# By Kendra Raymond STAFF WRITER

It seems that full house, sold-out events are becoming a pattern at Nathaniel Hawthorne's Boyhood Home on the Raymond Cape. After a packed Strawberry Festival, the venue recently hosted a folk performer, filling the building to capacity.

But just when you think that things can't get any more exciting, another popular event is on tap to return for its second year. The Emerging Artists Show is returning to the Hawthorne House, hosted by the Hawthorne Community Association. The event will showcase emerging painters, photographers, sculptors, and more.

The art show will begin with a wine-and-cheese opening reception from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday, Aug. 8 and offer participants a chance to meet the artists. The show will continue from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 9 and Sunday, Aug. 10 with all art available for viewing and sale. The three-day event is free to attend, with donations for the continuing maintenance of Nathaniel Hawthorne's Boyhood



Visitors to the Emerging Artists Show at the Hawthorne House observe local artwork on display in 2024. This year's Emerging Artists Show returns to the Hawthorne House from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 9 and Sunday, Aug. 10 with a wine-and-cheese opening reception from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday, Aug. 8. PHOTO BY SYLVIA SULLIVAN

Home gratefully accepted.

Dave Carew is the volunteer publicist for the Hawthorne Community Association and said he hopes to spread the word to the community about this fantastic opportunity to take in some great local art, all in one place.

Event coordinator Sylvia Sullivan is a long-time member of the Haw-

thorne Community Association.

"We're excited to have the opportunity to open up the newly restored Hawthorne House and give local, emerging artists an opportunity to show and sell their work there," she said. "We're especially pleased to be showcasing such a wide range of local artistic talent, including painters, photographers, sculptors, and more."

A vast array of local artists will be showcasing their work at the event. Among the talent participating are: Kathleen Gerdes (nature watercolors); Kalee Charette (landscapes and creatures in pen and ink); Cole Phillips (wet plate photography); Bruce Small (landscape and wildlife photography); Trish Kohler (mixed media); Linda Kranich (pastels); Donna Kantor (watercolor); Ben Steeves (mixed media); Ruth Gorton (acrylics and pastels); Sam Sparling (oils and pastels); Bunny Wescott (photography); Lynn Ericson (acrylics) Marylyn Clegg (to be determined); and Monica White (alcohol inks and acrylics).

Sullivan explained that the exhibition is a great opportunity for local artists to share their work.

"Having known some talented artists in the area who, for various reasons, had never or rarely shown or sold their creations to the public, I thought it would be fun to give them

that opportunity. Being a member of the Hawthorne Community Association, I felt Nathaniel Hawthorne's Boyhood Home here in Raymond would be the perfect venue," she said.

This is the second year for the Emerging Artists Show, and it features both new and returning artists.

The participants will include artists working with oils, pastels, acrylics, watercolors, mixed media, as well as photography," said Sullivan.

"Last year I approached artists I knew and asked other Hawthorne members and friends for recommendations," she said. "I found many talented people who wanted to participate," she said. "Some had never shown their work, while others had shown their work before, but were happy to be part of our first show. With the help of Tom Hall, a talented and successful artist, our 2024 show was a success for both the artists and art lovers who attended."

A portion of some of the artists' sales will be donated for the preservation of the boyhood home of the great American author, Nathaniel Hawthorne.

Sullivan said because of the 2024 art show success, local artist and participant Kathleen Gerdes now teaches an art class at the Hawthorne House. Upcoming dates for her class are from 1 to 4 p.m. on Aug. 18, Sept. 15, and Oct. 13. The cost is \$35 per session and includes all supplies. Preregister by emailing: gerkat214@gmail.com

Aside from an opportunity to view and purchase great art. Sullivan said that it's a wonderful chance to meet and reconnect with old and new friends.

"Last year was a huge success and we are hoping for the same this year," she said

The Hawthorne House is located at 40 Hawthorne Road, off Cape Road in Raymond.

For more info. about the Emerging Artists Show, please contact Sullivan by email at: rsssm@maine.rr.com or call her at 207-239-6010. <







# Huge yard sale event major annual fundraiser for HART

# By Dina Mendros

STAFF WRITER

If you love cats, love a good bargain or both, the Homeless Animal Rescue Team's (HART) annual yard sale next month is the place for you. This event takes place at Cumberland Fairgrounds Exhibition Hall from Aug. 7 to 10, with a Sip and Shop preview on Wednesday, Aug. 6.

The event is an important one for the no-kill cat shelter and adoption center, raising about \$80,000 last year and hoping to raise even more this year. Fundraising income makes up about 16 percent of the organization's income. Other funding comes from donations and grants, adoption and surrender fees, and fundraising programs.

Event organizers are hoping lots of shoppers will attend the yard sale and are also counting on people to donate items before the event. Everything from kitchen small appliances, clothing, jewelry, and more are being accepted at the HART office through Saturday, July 26. After that, items including things like large furniture can be dropped off at the fairgrounds.

HART, which started in 1997,



deals exclusively with cats and focuses on "giving them the best care that they can get until we find their forever home," said HART board Vice President Sarah Michniewicz.

The shelter takes in surrendered, abandoned, injured and abused cats.

"We never turn away cats due to medical needs," according to the HART website. "Every cat receives vaccinations, a microchip, spay or neuter surgery, testing, and, when necessary, extensive medical treatments - sometimes costing thousands of dollars."

Michniewicz said that in 2024, more than 489 felines were taken in and about 36 cats are adopted out each month. As a no-kill shelter, cats that are not are adopted remain with

with the care or someone has passed away and their family needs to find a placement for the cat. Sometimes people just get in a rough spot, and they just can't

take care of the cat anymore."

The shelter was custom-designed and built in 2004.

"We have open rooms where the cats roam free," Michniewicz said.

"We have an intake room where we will bring them in until they're ready to go out in the general population," she said. There's also a storeroom, a veterinary care room and a front office

HART has more than 100 volunteers she says who perform a variety of functions such as fostering cats, working in the office, fundraising and more.

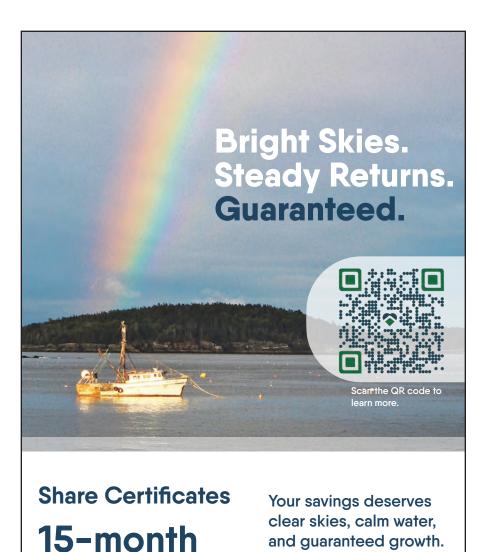
Those interested in adopting a HART cat can fill out an application at the organization's website har-

→ see **HART** Page 8









be imposed for early withdrawal. Minimum opening balance of \$500 required. Rates current as of 609/2025 and are subject to change without notice. Certificate rates quoted are fixed for the term of the account. Certificates renew at the end of the quoted term with a 10-day grace period. "Subject to additional terms & conditions, contact us for more information."

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tofme.org. Then "people come in and meet the cats and we have adoption coordinators at the shelter who will try to match people with the cat and see if it's a good fit for them," Michniewicz said. "Just trying to make sure that it's the best fit possible so that it's a forever home."

The upcoming yard sale is important in helping HART fulfill its mission of caring for cats, Michniewicz said.

It first started at the parking lot of the shelter on Range Road until it outgrew that site and moved to the Cumberland Fairgrounds. Over the years the event has grown "and we've ended up having more and more merchandise and more and more shoppers," she said.

"We take all kinds of things in, kitchenware, dinnerware, antiques, collectibles, furniture, tools, books, craft items, clothes and shoes, purses, jewelry, and all kinds of things, and we just ask that they be clean and in sellable condition," Michniewicz said.

Items to donate can be brought to the shelter facility at 302 Range Road in Cumberland through Saturday, July 26. After that they can be brought to the Cumberland Fairgrounds at 197 Blanchard Road in Cumberland in the Exhibition Building.

The HART yard sale takes place at the Exhibition Hall at the Cumberland Fairgrounds from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Aug. 7, Aug. 8 and Aug. 9 and from 8 a.m. to noon Aug. 10; the Sip



The Homeless Animal Rescue Team (HART) annual yard sale takes place from Aug. 7 to Aug. 1010, with a special preview event on Aug. 6, at Exhibition Hall at Cumberland Fairgrounds. SUBMITTED PHOTO

and Shop preview is Aug. 6 from 4:30 to 7 p.m., tickets for that event are \$28 online and \$30 at the door.

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or if you are interested in adopting, volunteering, fostering or donating visit their website at hartofme.org. All donations are tax deductible. <

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# Raymond-Casco Historical Society to host 'Night at the Museum'

By Kendra Raymond STAFF WRITER

How does an evening of free outdoor games and fun sound? What about free admission to a museum campus, with a food truck available if hunger strikes? Well, you are in luck, the Raymond-Casco Historical Society will host a "Night at the Museum" where guests can partake in a variety of games, all while taking in the museum campus for free.

"We're spreading out on our beautiful campus lawns for a fun night of various lawn games on Tuesday, July 29 from 5 to 8 p.m. with a rain date of Wednesday, July 30. Croquet, badminton, corn hole, and more. A food cart will be on premises when hunger strikes. No skills required, all ages welcome. No registration fee, donations help support our collections, exhibits, events, and \$20,000 balance construction costs for our new kitch-

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en and renovation of the fully accessible handicap bathroom," according to information posted on the historical society's website.

Sue Pride is Collection manager for the Raymond-Casco Historical Society.

"We are hosting a family night of fun on our beautiful campus lawns for an evening of outdoor games," she said. We are looking to repeat this fun night again this summer."

Pride says that they have been wanting to do this kind of event, sort of like an old-fashioned block party. The concept was originally pitched by RCHS member Greg Plummer. While he's not hosting the RCHS Early Bird Show on YouTube, Plummer can be found doing a variety of renovations and upkeep at the facility.

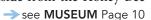
Kim Allen of RCHS is helping organize the upcoming event.

"The lawn games evening is the

result of several people mentioning that the well-groomed lawns around the RCHS museum would be ideal for lawn games. We quickly chose three popular games - croquet, badminton, and lawn darts," she said. "We decided to have the whole campus open during the event to keep people engaged. Games are free of charge, geared for all ages with no special skills required. Come to have fun."

Allen said that Cormier's Dog House of Windham will be on site with their food truck selling hot dogs and snacks for anyone who gets hungry.

Things are really bustling at RCHS this year. Aside from the Honey Bee







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228 Windham Center Road, Windham, Maine 04062 (207) 892-1800

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MUSEUM Cont. from page 9

Family Celebration, the museum forge is open for demonstrations most

weekends, with free admission for everyone.

Pride says pleased with the increased community interest in RCHS, with the recent Canal Boats in Sebago presentation filling the house.

"This summer I have put on various hats including publicity, event

coordinator, setting up displays, putting packets together, even caterer for our events," she said. "With all the board members and volunteers, we get it done. Greg Plummer works tirelessly contributing to RCHS."

She said that she has even started painting on reclaimed blackboard sections from the Casco Memorial School as a fundraiser.

Pride is excited for the upcoming family event.

Please join us and "let the good times roll," she said.

Visitors are reminded to arrive early and are welcome to tour the campus to visit the collections and displays.

"Night at the Museum" is open and free to the public. Donations are always welcomed to support collections, exhibits, and programs.

The Raymond-Casco Historical Society Museum is located at 1 Shadow Lane in Casco.

To learn more, visit the RCHS website at: raymondcascohistoricalsociety.org or check them out on Facebook.

Greg Plummer's Early Bird Show can be viewed on YouTube. <



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SCHOLARS Cont. from page 4

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board to help select recipients."

She said that the benefits of this unique program can be proven through its statistics. Mitchell Scholars graduate college at a rate 30 percent higher than the national average; 81percent are working in career-related jobs; 29 percent report they hold a master's degree; 10 percent hold either a doctorate, JD, or an MBA; and 71 percent say access to the Mitchell Board, donors, and alumni network



2025 Windham High graduates Jolene Bailey, left, and Fiona Harmon have been honored as Mitchell Scholars by the Mitchell Institute. The distinction includes a \$10,000 scholarship, along with ongoing personal and professional support throughout college and beyond. COURTESY PHOTO

have had a positive impact on their careers.

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# Windham patrol officer dedicates career to serving community with distinction

#### By Ed Pierce

Windham Police Officer Nicholas Sanborn believes that working tough shifts builds a strong spirit and he gratefully accepts his service to the community on the night shift.

Sanborn is a Windham Patrol Officer assigned to the "late out shift" from 9 p.m. to 7 a.m. and his duties involve calls for service, enforcing Maine Traffic Laws, and patrolling an assigned district of the town. On any given shift, he conducts traffic stops, property checks, and assigned calls for service.

Along with that, Sanborn is also a member of the Cumberland County RIDE Team (Regional Impaired Driving Enforcement), a group of municipal and county officers and deputies from Cumberland County that work together to target impaired driving in the county.

He joined the Windham Police Department in December 2023 and has been working with the department for just over a year and a half.

"The best thing that I am able to do in my job is to bring people back to safety," Sanborn said. "This is something that I have enjoyed in my endeavors with lifeguarding and search and rescue, and most definitely applies here. For instance, when I am able to locate a person who is missing and in need of medical attention,

or in a domestic violence call where someone in the home may be making matters unsafe by being there. This job allows me to bring safety to those people and see the impact that it makes firsthand."

According to Sanborn, the most challenging aspect of his work is responding, or being present for situations that result in the loss of human

"It is a necessary part of the job, but it is the most difficult because no matter how hard you try and even if you do everything right, there is no easy way to tell someone they just lost a loved one and nothing to say that will make them feel whole again in that moment," he said.

The biggest misconception Sanborn thinks people may have about police work is that some believe they only see officers on their worst days.

"Despite that being true some of the time, it is our goal and our duty to help and hopefully improve the lives of those we meet," Sanborn said. "We are also very involved in our community with sporting events, parades, and community outreach events."

Originally from Standish, Sanborn attended Bonny Eagle High School where he graduated in 2018. Through the years he was involved with many extracurricular activities in Windham. That includes Boy Scout Troop 805, Windham Center Stage Theater, and



Officer Nicholas Sanborn has worked for the Windham Police Department since December 2023 and his duties involve handing calls for service, enforcing Maine Traffic Laws, and patrolling an assigned district of the town. He conducts traffic stops, property checks, is assigned calls for service and is a member of the Cumberland County RIDE Team (Regional Impaired Driving Enforcement).

the Maine Dance Center in Raymond where he would perform at Windham High School every year. He also worked for Windham as a lifeguard at

Dundee Park in 2017 and remained at

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the park for the next four years with the various positions of Lifeguard Supervisor, Assistant Park Ranger, and Facilities Management Intern.

He studied Recreation and Tourism Management with a Concentration in Conservation Law Enforcement at the University of Maine at Machias and graduated as Salutatorian of his class.

"All my life I have been working to become a Maine Game Warden," Sanborn said. "Despite my success in school and extracurriculars related to the career field, I did not have success in this career field. I then reached out to a few close friends within the town that helped me along my way. They encouraged me to apply to become a police officer in Windham and continued to support me through each step of the application process. I was hired in December 2023, and the rest is history."

Sanborn's family is greatly supportive of my position with the Windham Police. He says his family is aware of the dangers that come with his job but find comfort that he is close to home and that he's well-supported by a department of well-trained officers. His parents are also both involved in the community as his mother has been a Windham teacher for more than 20 years.

His most memorable moment as a see SALUTE Page 16

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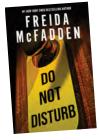
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#### **Cancer Support**

The Windham Cancer Support Group will meet at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday July 29 at the Windham Public Library, 217 Windham Center Road. All those who have been affected by cancer are encouraged to join the group for discussion and support. FMI, email: coppjanet@yahoo.com

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#### By Matt Pascarella

STAFF WRITER

One of the most prestigious prep football games of the year is the Maine Shrine Lobster Bowl Classic, a senior-only game to benefit Shriners Hospitals. This year's game was hosted by Lewiston High School on Saturday, July 19 and Windham was well represented this year by East players Brayden Penney and Byron Rubito, and for the first time since 2017, Windham was represented on the East cheerleading squad by Ella Roberts.

Although East squad lost to West 41-6, football is only part of this event. The players each fundraised for Shriners Hospitals with 100 percent of the net proceeds donated to The Shriners Hospitals for Children, a network of 22 non-profit medical facilities across North America providing a variety of services and care to children in need. A gross amount of more than \$235,000 was raised by all participating athletes in this year's Maine Shrine Lobster Bowl Classic.

"It's way more than a game," said Penney. "Most of those kids wish they were in my spot, playing football ... and it's a blessing to raise the money to help them out – just an awesome feeling. It means a lot to me."

Penney began playing football in second grade and says he loved it right away; football has always been a part of his life. Next year, Penney will attend Husson University in Bangor to major in business and play football.

"I want to thank my coaches, especially Coach Perkins for nominating me, and my boys back in Windham, I couldn't be here without you guys," said Rubito. "To be in a game like this,





(Top L to R) Windham High senior and East player Byron Rubito, back in red, goes after a West opponent during the 35th Maine Shrine Lobster Bowl Classic at Lewiston High School on Saturday, July 19. Senior Brayden Penney blocks a West lineman. (Right) Seniors Byron Rubito, left, cheerleader Ella Roberts, and Brayden Penney gather following the game. PHOTOS BY MATT PASCARELLA

regardless of the outcome, to be able to raise money for people who are less fortunate than you and to have the ability to give back to them ... that's one of the biggest things that I'll cherish in my life is being able to say I raised a lot of money for them."

Rubito started playing football because he was a little too aggressive at soccer. It was the coaches and the friendships that made him stick with it. He doesn't remember the scores, but time spent with his teammates. He will attend the University of Maine to major in criminal justice.

East football coach Kyle Gallant from Hermon said both Brayden and Byron are really good football players and super positive on the field. They did a good job of keeping their nose to the grindstone, he said. Byron played on the offensive line and Brayden on the defensive line; Gallant said

they were glue guys; and when the team struggled, they got them back on track. Both are good leaders on and off the field, the coach said.

"I was really excited and really happy (I was picked for the Lobster Bowl); and I'm really happy to be part of the team," said Roberts. "It really wasn't about the game, although it was fun; it's more about the children. It's more than a game because it gives (less fortunate) children more opportunities in life."

Roberts moved to Windham during her freshman year and saw a girl in a cheerleading uniform and then commented that she liked that uniform. That cheerleader signed her up for tryouts and before Roberts knew it, she was on the team. She's continued to cheer because she said it's fun.

She will attend Eckerd College in Florida to major in animal studies and is committed to be a cheerleader in college.

"Ella was fantastic," said East cheering coach Annie Dobos from Waterville/Messalonskee. "She conquered a lot of challenges this week and took it with grace and applied every correction that we were able to give her. She continued to push her team to be better and held herself accountable to make the team a complete success. Without her, when we were in some tough times, I don't know how we would have had such a positive result as we did. Ella understood that at the end of this game, win or lose, regardless of what you did, the real winners are the Shriners patients and that's why we're here." <

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# **Marley Jarvais**

**Age:** 16 **Team:** Windham I (varsity) summer soccer **Coach:** Deb Lebel

Parents' names: Nikki and Kregg Jarvais

**Reason for selection:** Marley is going to be one of four seniors on the WHS varsity girls' soccer team this fall; she's a kid who has come so far since freshman year. She tore her ACL during her freshman

summer soccer season and had to sit out her whole freshman year. We didn't know what we were missing during her sophomore year and coaches were like "wow, this kid can play." She's had a great career; she's got a great left foot and is becoming more confident in her right foot, which if she can strengthen that she's going to be really hard to stop. She plays with a lot of intensity; she doesn't give up, and she's a gritty player. Marley is very welcoming, she's super funny. She's going to lead by example, but she'll also be a vocal leader.

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# Windham I girls' varsity soccer team shuts out Greely

#### By Matt Pascarella STAFF WRITER

The Windham I girls' soccer team, similar to the WHS varsity soccer team, played their final summer game of the season against Greely at the Twin Brooks Recreation Area in Cumberland on Wednesday, July 16. Windham played hard for two halves and mowed down the Rangers, 7-0.

"The takeaway from this game is how strong the team's going to be, working together and how we can build throughout the season," said Windham junior Maya Dries. "At the beginning of summer soccer we were starting to piece things together and getting comfortable with everybody and having this be our final game really showed how we can piece things together with our hard work and determination. Today, our defense went well, throughout the season our communication has really built (up), which has helped. Our passing through the middle has gotten way better and being there for our teammates when we need them and our communication out of the back has been really helpful."

In the first half, both team's defenses were strong, and no one scored until roughly midway through the half. Windham senior Nola Bryant scored on a direct kick that went out of reach of the goalie.

Windham players took multiple shots at the Greely goalkeeper, and a short time later, senior Marley Jarvais scored, followed by Dries. At the half, Windham led, 3-0.

Intensity did not dip for the Eagles despite the heat. Jarvais scored twice at the top of the half.

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(L to R) Windham sophomore Morgan Clark navigates the ball around Greely in a girls' varsity summer soccer game at the Twin Brooks Recreation Area in Cumberland on Wednesday, July 16. Sophomore Maria Rose is the first player to the ball. Junior Maya Dries looks to pass. PHOTOS BY MATT PASCARELLA

son)," said Jarvais. "Our passing, our building out of the back, our goals, everyone was there ... to finish. Our crosses were amazing; we just played amazing as a whole team tonight."

Windham controlled the field, and their defense remained tough. Dries scored and then sophomore Maria Rose found the back of the net.

"From this game, I think we've

"This was probably our best Senior Nola Bryant is about to score on

grown even from just like a month of soccer," said Rose. "I think our season is going to be really good, we have very strong relationships on the team and we're going to have a great year. I saw good communication, we're fast, our passing and everything is really coming together."

Windham varsity girls' soccer coach Deb Lebel said they had some big holes to fill after losing nine seniors last year. Initially, they thought this might be a bit of a down year but quickly realized this could be a team they have the most depth on; they're going to be able to rest kids a little bit. Last year, kids didn't come off the field, and there's more opportunity for that this year which has been a goal of Lebel's; to get more players in and to get more kids involved and they should be able to do that in the fall.

"Great chance for some of the underclassmen to step up and give everyone a lot of playing time," said Lebel. "We're really starting to communicate better, so when they keep the width and play with each other that's starting to really come together, making runs and it's that second ball that they're automatically getting there. That's evolved over the summer. We're still figuring out, where we can get the most out of kids; as we continue to gain confidence, we'll still be in the thick of things come tournament time." <











police officer was helping find a missing woman.

"I received a call for a missing person who had left her doctor's appointment around 5:30 p.m. and not returned home," Sanborn said. "The call came in well after 10 p.m. The missing woman had diabetes and other conditions and did not have her medications on her. I knew the clock was ticking. I eventually found her phone ping in Portland and was able to send officers to check the location which resulted in her receiving much

needed medical treatment. The woman had fallen inside her church and was alone with no way to reach help or self-rescue."

He considers his duties essential to the public.

"I have always wanted to have more than just a regular 9 to 5 job," Sanborn said. "Part of becoming an Eagle Scout is to live your life in service every day and I believe that this job embodies that. Furthermore, this is not just a job but a lifestyle. It's a reminder to live each day as a role model for the community and that an officer is never truly off duty." <

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variety of programs that do just that. Through Invest in ME Reads, families will find extensive games, activities, and conversation starters to help them begin the money conversation at home. The 'Design Your Dream Money Contest' is just another way to inspire young people to learn about money and to dream about their future."

For his winning design, Hall received an Amazon gift card and a box of prizes including a T-shirt with his \$500 bill design printed on it.

"I was really surprised by winning," he said. "I truly felt like I accomplished something."

Despite being recognized for his artistic design, Hall says art and drawing is just a hobby for him and he thinks of it as merely a way to pass time when he's not doing something else. He says he likes art and plans to

take the subject when he goes to high school, but other topics also interest him.

He participates in school in track and field, cross country and lacrosse and he also helps at his father's business when he can.

"When I finish school, I want to own my own business someday," Hall said. "I want to own a septic tank company because they make a lot of money. Or maybe own a landscaping business."

Hall thinks he won the "Design Your Dream Money Contest" because of one thing he always tries to do, no matter what he is involved with.

"I pay attention to detail," he said.
"I think I won because I tried hard, paid attention to detail and thought about it when I worked on it at home. The aspects of Maine pointed out the differences between our state and other places. Maine is our state, and people should take pride in it." <

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# NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING & SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

Tuesday, August 12, 2025 at 6:00p.m.

## at the Broadcast Studio

423 Webbs Mills Road, Raymond, ME 04071

The Town of Raymond Select Board will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, August 12, 2025, at 6:00pm on the 2025 Town of Raymond Comprehensive Plan to be included in the Town Warrant for adoption at the Special Town Meeting to be held <u>immediately</u> following the Public Hearing.

The complete text of the Comprehensive Plan is available online at <a href="mailto:compplan.raymondmaine.org">compplan.raymondmaine.org</a> and at the Town Office.

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TOWN OF RAYMOND, MAINE

# PLANNING BOARD PUBLIC MEETING

Broadcast Studio - 423 Webbs Mills Road and Via ZOOM

# Wednesday, August 13, 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, August 13, 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 (https://www.raymondmaine.org/content/live-video-streaming), so make sure your computer or router/firewall does not block YouTube content.

#### JOIN ZOOM MEETING

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# TOWN OF WINDHAM, MAINE PLANNING BOARD NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

Monday, July 28, 2025 • 6:00PM Town Hall, Council Chambers, 8 School Road

- Public hearing for #25-14 Land Use Ordinance Amendments to Article 9 Subdivision Review - Occupancy of Dwellings Proposed amendment to Chapter 120, Land Use Ordinance (LUO), Article 9 Subdivision §120-915C, to limit occupancy of dwellings based on completeness of street construction to be determined by the street design instead of dwelling type.
- Public hearing for 25-11 4 Roosevelt Trail Redevelopment Tax Map: 7, Lots: 1, 3E – Roosevelt Trail Major site plan for redevelopment into two, multi-unit contractor services buildings and parking.
- Public hearing for 24-29 Camping World Expansion
  Tax Map: 15, Lot: 1A Roosevelt Trail
  Amended site plan and conditional use to add a canopy
  addition to a recently site plan approval for sales and service.
- 25-19 High Street Duplex Development
   Tax Map: 38, Lot: 1D High Street
   Minor subdivision and site plan review of four proposed dwelling units in two (2) two-story duplex buildings.
- Planning Board Land Use Ordinance workshop.

FMI go to windhamweb.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx or contact (207) 894-5960 ex. 2. Written comment may be submitted to the Board at PlanningBoard@windhammaine.us.

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# Five small home projects that make an impact

By Lisa DiBiase SPECIAL TO THE WINDHAM EAGLE



Summer is a great time to take a fresh look at your home. The sun is shining, the days are long, and it's easier to spot the little

Landing Real Estate have been ignored through the winter. You don't need a huge budget or full renovation to make meaningful improvements. In fact, here are five small, focused projects that our sellers often find useful. These small improvements don't just check boxes off your to-do list; they help your home feel more cohesive and well-maintained.

#### 1. Tidy Up Your Entryway and Exterior Details

Instead of repainting the entire house or replacing large fixtures, instead focus on smaller areas that catch the eye. The front door and surrounding area make a significant difference in how your home feels when you approach it. If the paint is chipped or the light fixture is dated, those are quick fixes. The aim of these small projects is to make your home feel well-loved, not well-lived in.

You might also look at:

- Replacing your house numbers if they're faded or missing
- Cleaning the storm door glass or switching out the screen insert
- Adding one or two pots of local plants

#### 2. Clear the Corners of Your Yard

Most people mow their lawns, but it's easy to overlook the side yard, the space behind the shed, or the wooded edge where branches are creeping over the fence. These spots can start to

close in around the house if they're not trimmed back.

Take a weekend to:

- Remove dead limbs or scrubby brush
- Cut back any branches that touch or hang too close to the roof
- Rake out leftover leaves or needles that have collected near the foundation

# 3. Clean Walkways and Hard Sur-

Instead of a full deck replacement or a new driveway, try a deep clean. You'd be surprised how different your property can look with just a bit of pressure washing or scrubbing.

- Walkways made of brick, concrete, or pavers
- Wooden stairs or deck areas that have turned gray or green
- Garage doors and trim that may have collected dirt from plows or splashback

Especially in Maine, where homes often have a mix of woods, waterfronts, open yards, and gravel driveways, these areas get a lot of wear. You don't have to make them perfect, just clean enough to feel fresh again.

#### 4. Inspect and Flip Your Ceiling **Fans**

You probably haven't thought much about your ceiling fans since last fall. Now's the time to check that they're working correctly and spinning the right way for summer. A small switch on the base allows for the direction to be reversed, so that the fan pushes air down and creates a cooling effect.

Other small maintenance tasks:

- Dust the blades
- Make sure the mount is still tight and not wobbling
  - Swap out any dim or mismatched

bulbs

# 5. Sharpen Up the Kitchen Sink

This might sound small, but I can't count the number of homes I've walked into where the kitchen looks great at first glance, but something smells off at the sink. The garbage disposal is often the culprit.

Quick fix:

- Toss in some baking soda and
- Let it sit, then rinse with boiling
- Run a few ice cubes and lemon peels through the disposal to finish

#### It's the Little Things

You don't have to renovate your kitchen or install new windows to make your home feel better. These smaller updates help maintain your home's value and make it more enjoyable to live in on a day-to-day basis.

If you're ever unsure where to focus

your energy or wondering which updates will matter most in today's market, our team at Landing Real Estate is always happy to discuss it with you. No pressure, just honest advice from Realtors® who know the area and have walked through a lot of homes just like yours.

Enjoy the season, and if you're out and about, be sure to say hello. We're always here to help guide you home.

As I have said before, please call a local REALTOR® for all your real estate needs no matter how big or small. It's best to surround yourself with the right team of professionals that can continuously give you the right advice for all your circumstances.

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- 13. Leafy appetizer
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- 15. Norse personification of old age
- 16. Athletes
- 17. Closes tightly
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- 19. Where the reserves stand
- 21. Sword
- 22. Begat
- 23. Damage another's reputation
- 24. Northeast
- 25. Turf
- 28. For each 29. Hours (Spanish)
- 31. Western state
- 33. One who offers help
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- 38. A woolen cap of Scottish origin

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- 1. Vipers
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- 6. Bleated

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- 10. Commoner

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  - 12. Cave deposit material
  - 14. Home energy backup
  - 17. Begets
  - 21. Frocks
  - dishonesty
  - 26. About ear

- 39. Free from drink or drugs
- 41. Tunnels
- 44. Mature
- 45. More dried-up
- 46. News organization
- 48. Steal something
- 49. Forms one's public persona (abbr.)
- 51. Female fish eggs
- 52. Small petrel of southern seas
- 54. Edible starches
- 56. Historical
- 60. In a place to sleep
- 61. Horse grooms
- 62. Off-Broadway theater award
- 63. Chinese dynasty
- 64. Resembling a wing
- 65. Small projection on a bird's wing
- 66. Of the Isle of Man
- 67. Derived unit of force (abbr.)
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- 9. One who takes apart

- 20. Face part
- 23. Hill or rocky peak
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- 27. Male parents
- 29. Popular grilled food 30. Vaccine developer
- 32. Not conforming
- 34. Polite address for women
- 35. 1970 U.S. environmental law
- 37. Astronomical period of 18 years 40. One who fights the government
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#### LAST WEEK'S ANSWERS

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He said that Casco Bay Generators and Heat Pumps provides all Kohler® and Generac warranties and maintenance services.

"These are the industry's best products for backup protection at your home or office," Gardner said. "We

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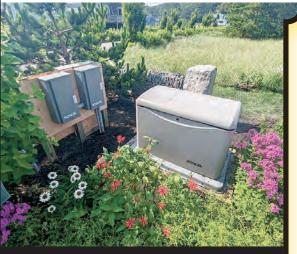
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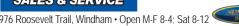
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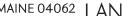












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