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Young boat builder achieves dream of constructing first floating vessel

By Ed Pierce

STAFF WRITER

If dreams are the touchstone of our character, then Brysen Sheridan, 10, has a very bright future ahead of him and because of his persistence and determination, his dream of building a boat and taking it out on the water has come true.

Brysen just completed fourth grade at Raymond Elementary School and will be in fifth grade at Jordan-Small Middle School this fall. He has spent much of the past 10 months designing his own boat and working to pay for materials to build it.

The son of Rob and Chanelle Sheridan of Raymond, Brysen came up with the idea for a small boat last fall.

"I just had the idea and wanted to make it happen," he said. "I thought of the idea before bed one night and I drew it out and started making it the next day."

The first obstacle he had to overcome in his plan was figuring out how to pay for the building materials he needed to construct the boat and then saving up to purchase them.

Throughout the winter, Brysen shoveled snow from driveways and sidewalks for his neighbors and



Brysen Sheridan of Raymond, 10, right, takes his younger brother Benny, 5, fishing on his boat 'the unsinkable' in a small cove near Jordan Bay. He conceived the idea and built his own boat after working shoveling snow and mowing lawns to earn enough to buy materials for the boat. SUBMITTED PHOTO

helped them with yard work. As the weather slowly warmed up this spring, he earned some additional money from mowing lawns and stacking firewood.

After school officially ended for the summer in June, Brysen discovered that he finally had saved enough money to purchase the materials he needed for the boat.

"We went to the store I bought them with my money," he said.

Working steadily in his family's garage and outside in his yard from → see **BUILDER** Page 5

Great Falls Bridge Project in Windham nears start

By Ed Pierce

STAFF WRITER

After appearing on Maine Department of Transportation's annual Three-Year Plan list for the past few years, work on the Great Falls Bridge connecting Windham and Gorham will be starting in a few weeks.

The project was first unveiled on MDOT's list of road and bridge projects in its annual Three-Year Plan in January 2023.

MDOT Commissioner Bruce A. Van Note says that the preliminary scope of work for this bridge project consists of replacing the wearing surfaces on both Great Falls Bridges. The east and west bridges span the Presumpscot River between North Gorham and Dundee Ponds.

Van Note says that replacing the wearing surfaces will preserve the longevity of the bridges' existing decks and superstructure.

Bridge wearing surface replacement involves 350 feet of approach work, guardrail transitions and flare terminals, and expansion joint modification. Workers will also install concrete coring connect to bridge beams and remove a light pole that conflicts with a new guardrail.

The reason MDOT cites for the project is to improve the condition of the existing structure while preserving the existing deck and super-



Crews will start work on the Great Falls Bridge connecting Windham and Gorham on Aug. 18. The project involves 350 feet of approach work, replacing guardrail transitions and flare terminals, and expansion joint modification. A light pole will also be removed. PHOTO BY ED PIERCE

structure longevity of the bridges. The project intends to minimize impacts to the traveling public and minimize impacts to adjacent properties and utilities during the project and implement a cost-effective solution to fixing the bridge's wearing problem.

An MDOT study reveals that the average daily traffic crossing the Great Falls Bridges between Windham and

Gorham is 1,910 vehicles per day with about 8 percent of that traffic consisting of heavy trucks.

Maintenance of traffic during construction will be achieved either by using a closure and detour or by using staged construction. The closure and detour alternatives would require all traffic to detour around the site on by using an alternate route.

Van Note said that the staged construction alternative would have onehalf of the bridge under construction at a time, while a single lane of alternating one-way traffic would use the other half of the bridge. But it is possible that North Gorham Road and Windham Center Road at the project site may be closed to all traffic for a maximum of 45 consecutive days.

This project shall be performed in accordance with erosion control measures conforming to the latest version of State of Maine Department of Transportation Standard Specifications for Highways and Bridges and the Department of Transportation's Best Management Practices for Erosion and Sediment Control.

The Great Falls Bridges are located on Windham Center Road over the Presumpscot River and connect Windham to North Gorham.

Both bridges were constructed in 1970 and following recent MDOT inspections, they both show signs of cracking and rutting on deck and sur-

The bridge site is located near the Great Falls Dam, which was one of the see BRIDGE

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48 years and counting

Seems hard to believe that this week it will be 48 years since I completed my U.S. Air Force basic training at Lackland Air Force Base in Texas. Where has all the time gone?

Members of our Flight 610 and Squadron 3723 arrived in San Antonio back in June 1977 for eight weeks of learning what it meant to serve in the military. That first night, we gathered outside our dormitory waiting for everyone's plane to land and to join us so we could begin training. A friendly sergeant who waited outside with us called our group "Rainbows." He said that term was derived from the fact we were all dressed in different colored clothing, like every shade of the rainbow.

Once everyone was there, another not so friendly sergeant joined us and told us we were going to play a game called "Pick 'Em Up, Put Em Down" to get us accustomed to taking orders. For the next few hours, we lifted our suitcases upon his command and put them down when he instructed us to do so. It was boring and monotonous, but I adapted to avoid being screamed at for not following a command.

At the end of that drill, we were instructed to proceed into the dormitory and choose a cot. We slept head to toe, alternating positioning with each cot. The gruff training sergeant then told us we had five minutes to use the restroom, remove the whiskers from our faces, and pop into bed. That was an easy one for me as I was clean-shaven and at the age of 23, I couldn't

hamburger grinder.

grow much of a beard or mustache at all. A frantic shaving rush ensued and the next morning when I woke up and looked around the room, I saw many of my fellow trainees sporting shaving cuts and looking like they had gone through a

The person sleeping in the cot next to me was called out after the sergeant looked at his pillow and face. He had more than 40 deep facial hacks from his razor and his pillow resembled the underside of steak packaging at the supermarket. He told the training sergeant he was frightened by his command to remove his whiskers, and we never saw him again as he was discharged for military incompatibility.

We marched as a group everywhere including the barber shop to have our hair buzzed off, getting our uniforms or to the mess hall for breakfast, lunch and dinner. While being measured for a uniform, I was given pants two sizes too large but hesitated to complain out of fear that I could meet the same fate as what happened to the hamburger-faced trainee.

Rather than remain in the dorm on Sunday morning when we weren't training, I joined many fellow flight members at church. Afterward several food trucks were in the parking lot, and you could just be yourself and socialize with your friends

Our weekdays were spent marching around in 95-degree heat. On one occasion, the training sergeant noticed me at the back of a formation, and he pulled me aside. He told me that I better get in step or else I would face a "setback" or a return to day one of Basic Training. That was all it took for me to rapidly dedicate myself to always be in step during the three-mile marches.

In the classroom, we learned about the Uniform Code of Military Justice and basic hygiene principles, and what was expected of us as U.S. airmen. In the dormitory, we were shown how to make a bed using neat and sharp hospital corners. While demonstrating precisely what he wanted to see by showing us, the training sergeant pulled back the covers of a trainee's bed to discover a puddle of pee. That trainee was given a discharge for military incompatibility.

Each morning our dorm was inspected, and demerits were assigned for shoes under the bed not being aligned properly, messy lockers, filthy bars of soap, poorly made beds and uniforms not hung up the right way. Demerits resulted in extra running for the entire flight or a lesser amount of time that we could use the telephone to call home after dinner.

Eventually after weeks of racking up demerit after demerit, we came together and determined that we all needed to leave a bar of unused soap in our lockers. We instead all used a jug of liquid soap carefully hidden away in a shower vent. A team of the best show aligners, best bed-makers, best locker arrangers, and best uniform hangers handled those tasks for everyone and there were no more demerits.

On Aug. 1, 1977, our training instructor bid us farewell and put us on a bus for

tech school. My bus, bound for Shep-

pard Air Force Base in Wichita Falls, Texas, pulled out of the dorm parking lot and then suddenly stopped. A trainee had given the middle finger to the training instructor out the rear window as the bus was leaving. He was removed from the bus and given a "setback" and had to do the eight weeks of basic training all over again. < ~ Ed Pierce



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If you could have lunch with one historical figure, who would it be and to where?

"Eleanor Roosevelt, The Lost Kitchen." – Jule Mallett

"Karl Marx – the Das Kapital **Grille."** – Rob Juergens

"Nathaniel Hawthorne. I'd take him to Boone's Fish House and Oyster Room in Portland."

- Deirdre Schulte

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– Oscar F. Kellner

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"Who wouldn't want to go to Olive Garden for a salad with Mother Teresa?"

- Chris Macklin

"Leonardo DaVinci and we would visit DaVinci's Italian Restaurant at the old Bates Mill in Lewiston." – Anne Glotchshuk

"It would have to be an all-youcan-eat buffet, and my guest would be Walt Disney."

- Rich Heaney

"Teddy Roosevelt – Kume Japanese Sushi and Steakhouse in Topsham." – Isabella Mongon

"Oh gosh, I think I would bring actress Bette Davis to The Dockside Grille in Falmouth."

- Jude Orestes-Sanchez

"Stan Lee, the creator of Spiderman. Bayley's Lobster Pound." - Benjamin Lee

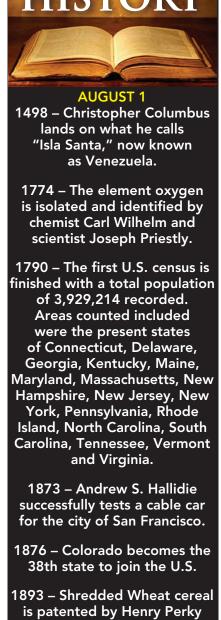
"I really enjoy Lake House Tavern in Windham, so I'd take Bruce Lee there."

– Dan Williams

"McDonalds with Ray Kroc who transformed the fast-food business."

- Laney Punto-Lamabe

"I'm not much for going out to eat but I do cook a lot at home. Therefore, I'd whip up a lasagna recipe that my late mother passed down to me and I would invite General George S. Patton to share it with." - Jerry Greene



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New Comprehensive Plan heads to vote in Raymond

By Kendra Raymond

STAFF WRITER

It's been over two years in the making, and the Raymond Comprehensive Plan is nearly ready for the next phase. A special town meeting will be held on Tuesday, Aug. 12 to hold a vote on accepting the plan.

After a lengthy and involved process of information gathering, survey distribution and analysis, public workshops, and plan revisions, the Raymond Comprehensive Plan is rounding the corner and coming into the final steps of the project.

In formulating the Comprehensive Plan, phases for the project included data analysis, an inventory of vision and values, a look toward Raymond Tomorrow, development of an implementation plan, and the adoption of the final plan.

The comprehensive plan is a document with a long-range view that guides municipal policy, growth, and investment over the next 10 to 20 years. The plan incorporates community vision, values, and data analysis on existing conditions in areas like housing, transportation, population, and public facilities.

Raymond has not updated its plan since 2004, and the committee recognizes that a lot has changed in the past 20 years, while some things have remained much the same. The Comprehensive Plan Committee (CPC) is leading the way to decipher these nuances while remaining true to the core values and history of the town.

For towns in Maine, having a state-certified comprehensive plan is mandatory before applying for various grants and loans, or to incorporate various regulations.

Along with Peter Leavitt, Kaela Gonzalez is co-chair of the Comprehensive Plan Committee and Gonzales took a minute to answer the following questions residents have been asking about the new plan.

What is new about this Comprehensive Plan?

The 2024 Comprehensive Plan builds upon the previous plan from 2004, focusing on preserving Raymond's small-town rural character and natural resources while addressing challenges such as limited housing, traffic congestion, and development pressure. The new draft incorporates clear and defined policy actions, including a proposed future land use map providing a structured approach to managing growth. The map details areas of growth and transition concentrated along Rt 302 and the village areas. Rural and critical rural spaces include shorefront and large areas of land in North and East Raymond. The Plan also contains updated information on current trends in population, housing, and the local economy. If the Plan is deemed consistent with the State's Growth Management Plan, Raymond becomes eligible for future funding opportunities.

What does this mean to residents?

Essentially, the Comprehensive Plan sets the agenda and future initiatives for town staff, elected officials, and the various town committees. In time, the goals and policies outlined in the Plan will take shape. These may include improvements to roads with a focus on traffic calming measures, safer shoulders, and increased sidewalks for pedestrian and bike safety. Zoning updates could allow for more housing options like duplexes, apartments, or

senior housing in designated areas, while still protecting rural and shore land areas from overdevelopment. The Comp Plan will also play a major role in deciding how Jordan-Small Middle School will be used after the new Windham Raymond Middle School opens in 2027.

Will it be added to the ballot?

The Select Board will be holding a public hearing and special town meeting on Aug. 12, 2025, in which voters will have the opportunity to accept or reject the draft plan. If rejected, the Comprehensive Plan Committee will be asked to make changes based on comments received on Aug. 12. If accepted, the Plan becomes a longterm guide for our community and allows Raymond to impose changes and policies outlined legally.

What changes can residents expect to see going forward?

The first recommendation to the Select Board after the acceptance by the voters will be the formation of an Implementation Committee, which is where the real work will begin. The Comprehensive Plan lays out goals and policies which include suggested benchmarks for achievement (shortterm, mid-range, and long-term). That committee will be charged with putting forth action plans to set the goals and policies in motion. Raymond is already moving forward with actions to improve resiliency through participation in the State's Community Resilience Partnership and applying for funding through Community Action Grants, with the help of North Star Planning and Siler Climate Consulting.

The Comprehensive Plan Committee has been meeting regularly to synthesize data and fine-tune the cohesive Comprehensive Plan, which is the citizen's vision for the future of the town.

Leavitt cites strong community involvement in the process. He says that citizen data collected from these workshops along with two internet-based community opinion surveys and committee polling of Raymond citizens has formed the core of our current plan. The committee has also completed a series of one-on-one interviews of all town department heads.

Gonzales said that community feedback and support has been positive throughout the process thus far.

"There was a comment period before the committee finalized a draft in December of 2024. The Comprehensive Plan Committee has not held a meeting since December," she said. "There have been some comments to the Select Board, which have been positive and supportive. Residents are eager to see meaningful changes, an increase in community connectivity, and the preservation of Raymond's natural resources."

To read a copy of the proposed Town of Raymond Compressive Plan and for more information and updates, visit the website at https://compplan.raymondmaine.org.

Survey reports are available on the website, as well as other resources such as factsheets and workshop reports. <





Decades later former Girl Scouts reunite, share memories

By Dina Mendros

In the early 1990s, Nancy Cash-Cobb's daughter Sara decided she wanted to be Girl Scout, and her mother told her "I'll be the leader as long as you want to do it."

For 12 years, Cash-Cobb led Girl Scout Troop 704 which held their meetings on Thursday afternoons at Windham Elementary School. Sara and other area girls were troop members for all 12 years.

The girls, who are now 38- to 40-year-old women, have moved on, some have moved to other states, some have careers, and some are married with children. But the bonds of their Girl Scout adventures and experiences continue, and on Sunday, July 27, a number of the former Scouts and their former leaders gathered at Cash-Cobb's home on Crescent Lake in Raymond to catch up, reminisce and make new memories.

Barbara Phinney, the assistant troop leader, came up with the idea for the reunion, Cash-Cobb said. Although the reunion wasn't as well attended as she had hoped for, with only six scouts returning, still, Cash-Cobb said, "we had a good time."

The reuniting Scouts agreed.

"The reunion was great!" former Scout member Mia Perron said. The married, 40-year-old Westbrook resident who works at Unum and plays violin and acts in her spare time said, "while our numbers were small, our Girl Scout pride was mighty! We looked at pictures, talked about our



Girl Scout Troop 704 that met on Thursday afternoons at Windham Elementary School for 12 years until 2004 went on trips to a variety of places including Washington, D.C. where they met with U.S. Senators Olympia Snowe, back row, far left, and Susan Collins, back row, far right. Former Scout Mia Perron, front row, third from right, was a member of that troop and also attended a troop reunion on July 27 at Crescent Lake in Raymond. (Right) Mia Perron at the reunion wearing her Brownie sash from the first year she joined the troop. SUBMITTED PHOTOS

favorite experiences, and shared where we are now - kids, careers, life."

Cash-Cobb said, she and other parent volunteers took the girls on many adventures through the years.

"We went to New York City and (Washington) D.C. and we went to Europe." The troop also met some interesting people from an astronaut to Maine's U.S. Senators Olympia

Snowe and Susan Collins. The girls and their leaders held fundraisers to help pay for trips. We made and sold a lot of spaghetti and meatballs meals."

She said the Scouts also participated in community service activities from volunteering at an animal shelter to helping out at soup kitchens.

As she reminisced, Perron said, "one thing that really struck me as I looked back ... on these childhood experiences through the eyes of an adult was how much work my troop leaders put into cultivating these incredible experiences for us. I looked at a picture of us covered in mud and holding up starfish and thought

how much work must have gone into bringing a dozen girls camping on a Maine island. I laugh at a photo of myself 'tied' into my seat at a Broadway show (I'm afraid of heights and those balconies are steep) and I can't imagine herding these inquisitive, excited girls through the streets of Times Square. Not only did they guide us through incredible experiences, it also helped us face adversity - like the time I toppled down the stairs at the Hard Rock Cafe in D.C. and broke my ankle one day into our trip. Did the girls let that slow us down? Never! I got pushed, pulled, and car-

ried all over the city by determined and diligent girls who wouldn't let me miss a single experience."

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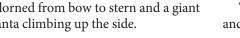
Christmas in July Boat Parade lights up Naples Causeway

The 6th annual Naples Christmas in July Boat parade returned to the Naples Causeway on Saturday, July 19 and it made for quite a festive and fun evening for participants and parade viewers.

According to event organizer Joanne Jordan, there were 22 boats that registered to participate. The top three decorated boats received a private day with friends and family on Pine Island Retreat on Brandy Pond offered by Randy and Jamie-Lynn Bernard. The first-place winner also received a 4-person float from Sun Sports, and all top three winners received gift certificates from local restaurants.

This year's first-place winner is a strong competitor who also won first place last year. Jenna and Jerred Newbegin live in Massachusetts but have family in Naples and enjoy the creativity of the event. This year their pontoon boat won by being transformed into the Polar Express, Jordan said.

Second place was won by Phil Audet of Naples with his Searay 40 adorned from bow to stern and a giant Santa climbing up the side.



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his initial design, the boat project began to take shape.

"I needed some help with the circular saw, and then I had some leaks when I first put it in the water, but I used Flex Seal to fix that," Brysen said.

The project was wrapped up on July 11 and resulted in a vessel measuring about 6 feet by 2 feet.

He named his new boat "the unsinkable" and tested it out with his family watching to ensure it was safe to be out on the water.

"I am very proud, and it was so worth it," Brysen said. "I'd like to build a larger boat sometime or my mom wants me to build a console table for her."

His mother, Chanelle Sheridan, says the entire family is amazed at what Brysen was able to accomplish with his design and a dream.

"We are so excited," she said. "He was so determined and worked so hard to finish this."

During the summer, Brysen has taken his younger brother Bennett (Benny), 5, out on the water for a fishing trip on "the unsinkable" on a small cove near Jordan Bay in Raymond.

He says that looking back at everything regarding his boat project, the hardest aspect of building the boat for him was all the work that he had to do and all of the hours that he put in around his neighborhood to earn the money for the parts and materials.

According to Brysen, his favorite subject in school is writing and he says he would eventually like to become a game warden when he grows up.

But having realized his dream of building a practical vessel, he says he now knows what needs to be done to see a project through from start to finish.

As far as something that he's learned from building his first boat, Brysen says that's simple to answer.

"You can do whatever you put your mind to," he said. "I'd tell other kids wanting to build a boat to stick with it even if it's hard." <





(Left) Winning first prize at the Christmas in July Boat Parade in Naples was Jenna and Jerred Newbegin of Massachusets. This year their pontoon boat was transformed into the Polar Express for the annual summertime parade. (Right) Phil Audet of Naples was awarded second place for his Searay 40 boat adorned from bow to stern and a giant Santa climbing up the side. PHOTOS BY ED MERCER

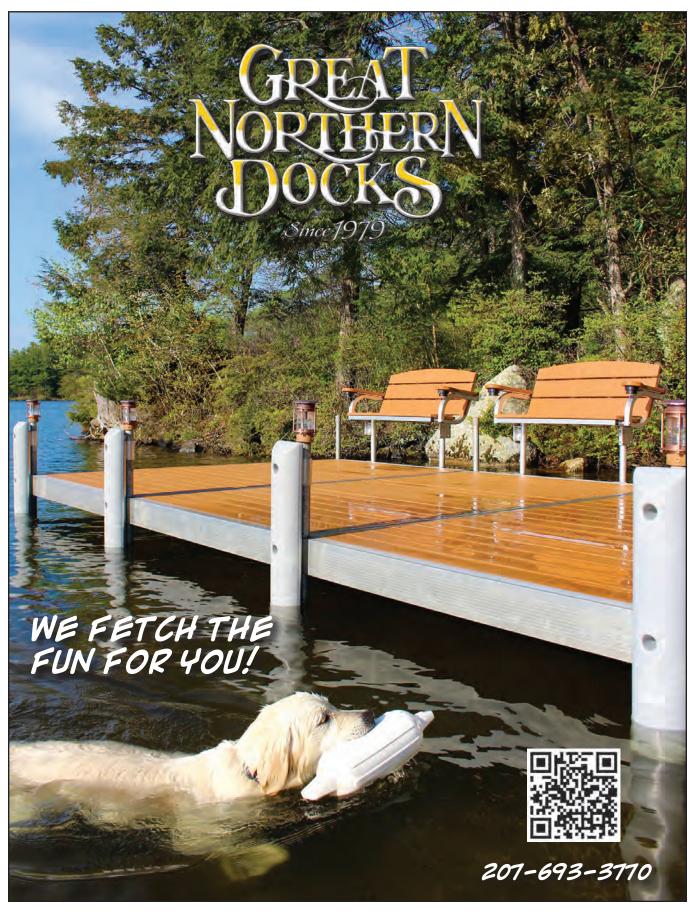
Third place went to Aliiana Nielson of Harrison with her bowrider depicting a Hawaiian Santa.

The Naples Marine Safety Division and Naples Fire Department were on hand to assure the safety of the participants and the spectators. The Maine Warden Service was also on the water during the event.

The parade started on the west

shore of Long Lake and proceeded to the Causeway and under the causeway bridge, following the East Shore of Brandy Pond.

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Windham community survey seeks public input regarding planning of two area recreation projects

By Ed Pierce

After voters attending Windham's Annual Town Meeting in June rejected two proposed recreation projects, the town is seeking public input into the topic of outdoor recreation in general.

One of the rejected proposals on the town warrant was a capital project that would have appropriated a total of \$3 million to finance improvements to Gambo Park, including adding three playing fields, a boat launch and a food stand. That proposal would have created a \$1.5 million general obligation bond and used \$1.5 million from the town's unassigned funds balance for acquiring land from the Portland Water District for the initiative. The second proposal on the town warrant involved appropriating \$3 million to build a new public ice-skating rink facility and children's playground alongside the new North Windham Fire Station behind Hannaford's Supermarket in North Windham. That proposal also included using \$1.5 from the town's unassigned funds for the project.

However, with voters turning down each of these proposals, Windham Parks and Recreation is now conducting a public outdoor recreation survey about how to proceed after Windham received grant funding from the Community Recreation Outdoor Assistance (CORA) program through the Maine Office of Outdoor Recreation.

The town has been working with landscape architect Dubois & King, Inc. to help them design two projects which are currently in the planning phase. Those are creating a new connector trail in North Windham and the development of a 50-acre parcel on the Presumpscot River adjacent to the Gambo soccer fields.

As these projects are only in the planning process, Windham Parks and Recreation is looking for input from the public before continuing to identify future recreational interests of the community.

Questions in this new community survey include gauging how the pubic feels about the natural environment of Windham; support for retaining ecological integrity of geographic features such as wetlands; what are the public's priorities regarding outdoor recreation; and reviewing three early-phase concept sketches based on designs from DuBois & King for a potential new park along the Presumpscot River near Gambo Fields.

Last fall, the Maine Department of Economic and Community Development's Financial Assistance Program, in conjunction with the Maine Office of Outdoor Recreation awarded the Town of Windham a grant of \$163,750 to be used for outdoor recreation economic development.

Tom Bartell, Executive Director of the Windham Economic Development Corporation, and Linda Brooks, Windham's Director of Parks and Recreation, briefed the Windham Town Council in October 2024 about what the CORA grant will be used for and how the funding will be spent.

Bartell said that some of the grant funds will be used for a new campaign to promote and market the many exceptional outdoor activities available in Windham.

"The Open Space Plan really promoted the notion of connectivity be-

tween our trails and that's the focus of this," he said.

According to Brooks, a Request for Proposal was issued to hire a firm to design a connector trail from behind Home Depot in North Windham to Donnabeth Lippman Park. She said another design was needed for the proposed 50-acre property owned by the town adjacent to Gambo Park.

Among other projects to be funded by the grant will be to add multilingual signs in town parks and the possible creation of electronic kiosks which detail park information and can easily be updated as needed.

Bartell said applying for the grant was made easier because of previous work done by the town on the Windham Open Space Plan and the town's Strategic Plan helped tremendously.

The idea of applying for this specific grant came up originally when Brooks and Bartell met and discussed ways to promote hiking and other outdoor recreational pursuits in Windham.

"Linda and I saw an opportunity to enhance our parks and trails through a grant from the Maine EDA," he said.

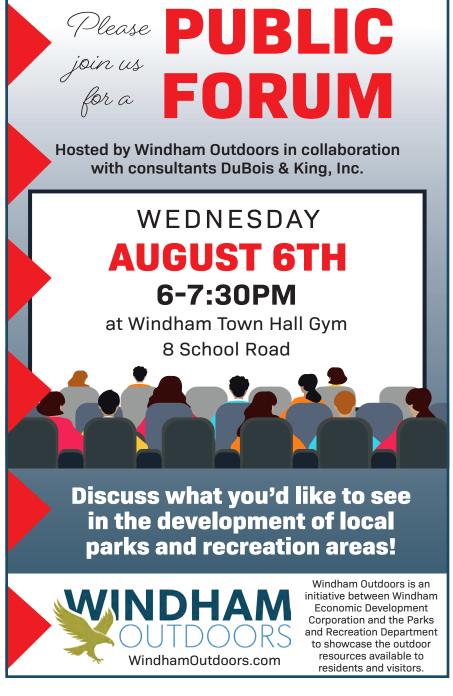
Windham currently maintains more than 500 acres of parks and preserves for residents and visitors. But the community survey will help move this process along.

This new community survey will help advance the process.

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Community spirit to shine at Gray Wild Blueberry Festival

The small town of Gray, Maine is gearing up for one of its most anticipated summer events—the 9th Annual Gray Wild Blueberry Festival, set for Saturday, August 9, 2025. Taking place from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Henry Pennell Municipal Complex on Main Street, the festival is expected to draw crowds from all over the state for a full day of family fun, live entertainment, local food, and, of course, plenty of wild blueberries.

The festival, which celebrates Maine's iconic wild blueberry and the tight-knit community that calls Gray home, has become a hallmark of the summer season. Visitors can look forward to a vibrant lineup of music performances, starting with the Zoot Jumpers at 9:30 a.m. Known for their lively swing, jazz, and blues, they'll be followed by the high-energy '80s tribute band Girls Just Want to Have Fun at 11:30 a.m. Closing out the entertainment lineup is Jenny Jumpstart & the Cap Guns, offering a soulful blend of blues and Americana in the mid-afternoon slot.

At the heart of the celebration are the many ways to enjoy blueberries. From pie-eating contests to a competitive dessert bake-off—open to adults and, new for 2025, teens and youth—the event offers multiple chances for attendees to showcase their love for the little blue fruit. These lighthearted competitions are always a crowd favorite, providing laughs and sweet rewards for both participants and spectators.

More than 50 artisans and craft-



The annual Gray Wild Blueberry Festival will be held on Aug. 9 from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. with a severe weather rain date of Aug. 10. Among the many events throughout the festival, the pie eating contest is always a favorite activity to partipate in or watch. SUBMITTED PHOTO

ers will set up shop at the festival, offering Maine-made goods ranging from woodcarvings and paintings to handmade jewelry and gourmet food items. A community expo will also take place, featuring local nonprofits, small businesses, and education-

al displays by groups like the University of Maine Cooperative Extension and Master Beekeepers.

For families, the festival offers a full slate of activities. A dedicated kids' zone

will include a 1/4-mile fun run for children ages 3 to 12, a spelling bee for elementary students, and a wide variety of

games and attractions such as inflatables, a dunk tank, sprinklers (weather permitting), and face painting. Young artists will enjoy caricature and henna booths, along with a tie-dye T-shirt tent. Additional attractions include a variety of lawn games.

Food is another central attraction, with an expanded food court featuring savory comfort food and sweet treats alike. Blueberry desserts of every variety will be on offer, as well as a local farmer's market and a fire truck display, adding to the hometown charm.

Organized by the Gray Wild Blueberry Festival Committee, the event is

a nonprofit effort that benefits community programs and local school groups. Free to attend and supported by local sponsors and volunteers, the festival has become a staple of Gray's summer calendar and a symbol of the town's enduring community spirit.

Whether you're coming for the music, the food, the contests, or simply a relaxing day in the sunshine, the 2025 Gray Wild Blueberry Festival promises something for everyone. Mark your calendar for August 9 from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

and enjoy a day filled with flavor, fun, and a true taste of Maine.

Please note that in the event of severe rain, the festival will be post-poned to Sunday, August 10 with same time and schedule.

A handful of offsite parking locations are within walking distance. Please note that no dogs are allowed. For complete schedule, information, and updates please visit: www.wildblueberries.me/grayfestival. <



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The Christmas in July Boat Parade organizers concentrate the viewing on the causeway because it's where many people can gather to view the parade and the majority of event sponsors exist.

"Some people who live along the parade route decorate their docks and cheer the parade on," Jordan said. "There are always requests to be closer to shore or go farther to allow more people who live on the lake to be able to see the parade. There is a balance between safety and how late the participants and the safety departments should be on the water."

On land, local businesses also supported Christmas in July.

Lakeside Dairy Bar won for the best dressed business with their Christmas decorations and snow maker.

Funds were raised for local charities through the Christmas in July Boat Parade event as well. Glow wands were handed out by volunteers to 400 spectators with a QR code to donate to Raise the Roof initiative looking to build a permanent community center for outreach services.

Parade viewers were also able to

make donations for Naples Christmas4Kids in which the Community Resource Council of Naples provides each child with pajamas, socks, underwear, a new toy and a holiday meal for the family.

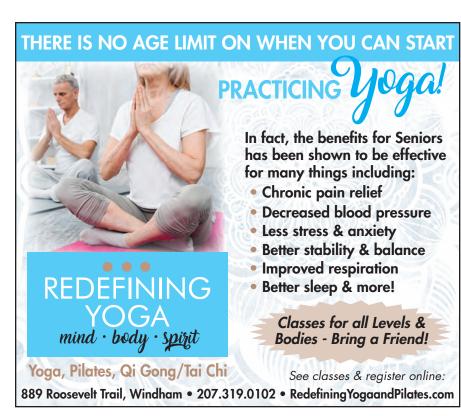
Some of the sponsors of the event agreed to raise funds for Naples Community Resource Council of Naples Christmas for Kids. Gary's Olde Towne Tavern made an amazing effort encouraging staff and patrons to get involved and raised \$1,470 for the cause.

"This event is unique for this area. There are other boat parades around the country, but the Naples Causeway provides a unique opportunity for this to happen in fresh water with a beautiful viewing area that allows the boats to get up close to the crowds when going under the causeway or visiting one of the waterfront businesses," Jordan said. "The event is free for boaters to participate and free to watch. It creates a feeling of joy for both groups. We have been lucky to have talented music producers create a fun atmosphere for the crowd while waiting for the boats to arrive and when the boats reach the crowd, everyone is excited, and everyone feels like a kid at Christmas." <

The buzz about bees



Ingo Hartig of the Sebago Lake Rotary Club, left, shared his knowledge and experiences about beekeeping while assisted by Sue Pride of the Raymond-Casco Historical Society Museum. Hartig spoke during the historical society's 'Honey Bee Family Celebration' on July 20 at the Historical Museum in Casco. During the event, families were able to visit some beehives, meet the beekeeper, learn about honeybees, with children able to work on bee-related crafts, learn a bee dance, and enjoy some ice cream. Hartig has been a member of the Sebago Lake Rotary Club for more than 30 years and along with his grandson, Hugo, tends to his family 's beehives at his home in Raymond. SUBMITTED PHOTO









Significant book collection donated to Hawthorne House

By Kendra Raymond

Maine author Stephen King once said, "Books are a uniquely portable magic." For Raymond resident Jim Long, sharing the gift of magic with his community comes naturally. The impactful donation is being received by the Hawthorne Community Association, part of author Nathaniel Hawthorne's boyhood home.

Hawthorne Community Association President Tom Ewig is delighted with Long's generosity.

"Jim Long has downsized his library and has offered the association some rather rare and interesting first additions," he said. "It has been one of our objectives to make the Hawthorne House library more relevant and interesting to our members and visitors."

Ewig says that the donation will further enrich the Hawthorne House collection and is grateful that Long thought of them.

"Jim is a longtime resident of Raymond, but not yet a member of Hawthorne Community Association," Ewig said. "He contacted me because he was looking for a steward of his beloved collection. It will inspire us to expand the Hawthorne House library and offer our books to our membership. We already have quite a good collection of both Hawthorne works, books written about him as well as

other historical books so this will fit right in."

Long reflected on the decision to initiate the donation.

"I have spent the last three days divesting my home of 50-plus years accumulated literature in the form of hardcover books," he said. "Like all my acquisitions, they were always gained with the hope that they would offer a meaningful next generation.

things that I found had become important in shaping who I am and it aided me in defining that path. I am learning that a history known and shared does not hold things together quite like one that has been lived and experienced together. Most personal knowledge, understanding, and experiences are nontransferable with the same meaning or value."

Long said that the books represent deep interests in his life including



meaningful and lasting value when passed on to the next generation. I am cleaning out

Jim Long of Raymond, left, presents part of his personal book collection to Tom Ewig, President of the Hawthorne Community Association. Long's donated books will be used to further develop the Hawthorne House library. COURTESY PHOTO

children, artistic illustrations, and the pursuit of knowledge and wisdom and passing it along. Titles donated include classics such as a 1909 edition of the "Prince and the Pauper "by Mark

Twain, "Robinson Crusoe" by Daniel Defoe, "The Story of Don Quixote" by Arvid Paulson and Clayton Edwards. Also included is a 117-year-old copy of "The Toy Shop" by Margarita Gerry, and "Franz Schubert and his Merry Friends" by Opal Wheeler and Sybil Deucher.

Of notable importance to the Hawthorne House is the donation of "Tanglewood Tales" by Nathaniel Hawthorne.

"It was originally published in 1913, but I acquired a 1940 edition," he said. "This book holds a special place as I have kept and enjoyed it in my home. I am pleased to extend its presence in a proper historical environment to be enjoyed by many visitors in the future."

Long resides nearby the Hawthorne House in Raymond.

"I have been in Raymond since 1972. Having four daughters that all went through most of their school here, I was pretty active in school and town functions for a long time," he said. "I started collecting books many years ago after getting to know a long-

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Dolby, Blais & Segee Funeral Chapel **James "Jimmy" Glantz, 82**



James Alfred Glantz, 82, passed away peacefully at his home in Windham, Maine on July 22, 2025, surrounded by his family. He was born December 27, 1942, in Gray, Maine, to the late Andrew and Georgie (Duggan) Glantz. James graduated from Windham High School, Class of 1961. James married Dian E. Smith on December 4, 1965, and would have celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary this year. He worked as a mechanic for his brother, Ronnie, at Rons Auto Sales for over 50 years.

Anyone who knew James will tell you what an amazing man, husband, father, papa and friend he was. He spent his life taking care of others, fixing anything that was broken, watching and coaching his daughter's sports teams, and finding a "good deal". Jimmy shared his love of racing at Beech Ridge, alongside his father, brother, and best friend Bobby Bushley. He took many hunting, fishing, and camping trips with his son-in-laws and close friends. He especially enjoyed spending time in Rangeley and Greenville, going on long rides looking for wildlife. Jimmy also enjoyed taking rides all around the Sebago Lake area only after stopping at Dunkin for coffee and donuts. If you saw him with a scratch ticket, watching a New England sports game, or sleeping anywhere and everywhere you knew he was happy. Above all, anyone who knew him knew how much he loved his family and friends.

James is survived by his wife Dian E. Glantz (Smith) and her mother, Youbell Jackson; daughter Kimberly Susbury and her husband, Michael , of Windham, daughter Terri Hastings and her husband, Christopher, of Baldwin, daughter Jaime Anderson and her boyfriend Steve Walker, of

Windham, and daughter Kellie Sawyer and her fiancé, Broderick Jordan, of Windham; nine grandchildren Erin and Michaela Susbury, Katie Bagley and her husband, Brandon; Amanda Hastings; James, Laura, and Isaiah Anderson; and Andrew and Ashlee Sawyer; one great-grandson Jack Bagley; his sister Marlyin and her husband, Robert Sawyer, of Gray, his brother Ronald Glantz and his girlfriend, Lori, of Windham, his sister-in-laws, Sheila Hawkins, of Waterboro, and Mary Elizabeth, of Dublin, Virginia, and many nieces, nephews, and extended family and friends. James is predeceased by, his parents, Andrew and Georgie Glantz, his sister, Andrea Littlefield and her husband Richard "Bo", sister in-law, Judy Glantz, and his brother-in-law, Bruce Smith.

The family cannot give enough thanks to James' wonderful First Light caregivers, Amy, Ann Marie, Melissa, Barbara, and Jessie and the entire team at Beacon Hospice who provided amazing care and support. A special thank you to Randy and Frank at Dolby, Blais, & Segee for taking him on his "last ride to the station".

A Celebration of Life will be held on Sunday August 17, 2025, at his home in Windham. The service will be held at 1PM with food and refreshments to follow. To share memories and condolences with the family please go to www.dolbyblaissegee.com.

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Being a Girl Scout, Perron said, was a very positive and important part of her growing-up experience.

"The leadership opportunities I had as a Girl Scout, whether leading younger troops or organizing events, gave me confidence that carried into my career," she said. "The emphasis on helping others shaped my values, and the problem-solving skills I learned have been invaluable throughout my life. To this day, I seek out opportunities to give back to my community. This week, my Unum coworkers and I made dinner for residents at the Ronald McDonald House. Last year, I raised over \$1,000 for the Maine Cancer Society participating in 'Tri for a Cure'. Those values were nurtured through Scouts."

Perron said she still is good friends, and in close contact with some of her former troop members but not all of

She attended the event because, "I wanted to reconnect and see the women what the girls of my memories have become. There's something special about people who knew you during those important growing-up

Another Girl Scout Troop 704 reunion is planned for next year.

"I hope in future years, we are able to reach more girls who are women now," Perron said. "I would love to hear about their lives, careers, families, and how scouting shaped their journeys."

To find out about next year's reunion event, call Nancy Cash-Cobb at 207-671-7064. <

An exceptional accomplishment



Stella Inman of Windham, a junior at the University of Pennsylvania, established a new American record for women competing in the deadlift competition during the 2025 USA Powerlifting Raw Nationals at College Park, Georgia last month. Inman, a 2023 graduate of Windham High School shattered the existing American record with a combined squat lift of 352.7 pounds, a bench press of 242.5 pounds, and a deadlift of 496 pounds for a total weight of 1,091.3 pounds, placing first in the Junior women's division of the competition. SUBMITTED PHOTO



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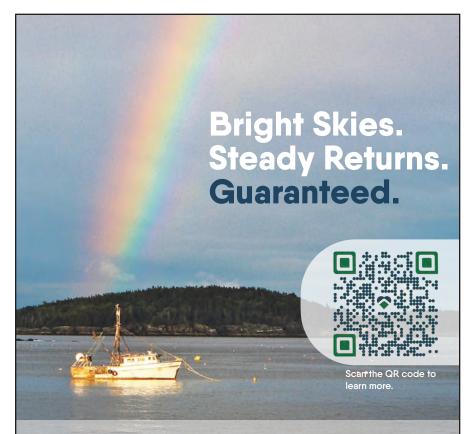


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Pollinators Party

Windham Public Library will host a Pollinators Party from 2 to 3 p.m. Friday, Aug. 1. There will be bees and butterflies and birds and all sorts of fun activities that teach you about our local pollinators, including a scavenger hunt, a pollinator toss, and some coloring pages. You can also learn about our new Observing Pollinators kit from the National Library of Medicine which is part of the library's growing "Library of Things" collection. All ages are welcome to participate. FMI, call 207-892-1908 ext. 7.

Library presentation

Raymond Village Library, 3 Meadows Road, will host a free presentation "Growing up in the Woodstock Generation at 4:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 7. This is a new and powerful show from Marc and Susan Black about music and American culture featuring songs, personal stories and evocative multi-media images from the era. FMI, call 207-655-4283.

HART Yard Sale

Homeless Animal Rescue Team's (HART) annual yard sale will be at the Cumberland Fairgrounds Exhibition Hall from Aug. 7 to 10, with a Sip and Shop preview on Wednesday, Aug. 6. The sale is the largest fundraiser of the year for HART, a no-kill cat shelter. Sale hours are 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 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. To learn more, call 207-289-4116 or visit hartofme.org.

Wild Blueberry Festival

The 9h Annual Gray Wild Blueberry Festival will be held from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 9. Events include a Blueberry Bake-Off; Blueberry Pie Eating Contest; food trucks and vendors; Community Expo and fundraisers; exhibits and a master beekeeper; corn hole and lawn games; Fun Run Dash and Diaper Derby; horse-drawn wagon rides; sand volleyball courts and a spelling bee. The festival is located at the Henry Pennell Municipal Complex, 24 Main St. in Gray. FMI, go to wildblueberries.me/grayfestival

Charity Ride

KSU4KIN (Kickstands Up for Kids in Need) will have its first charity ride hosted by We Clothe Kids, a STEADFAST RC charitable mission starting at noon on Saturday, Aug. 30 and leaving from 375 Riverside St. in Portland. This ride is for those who remember what it felt like to head to school without a proper jacket or had to wear the same shirt three days in a row. Every dollar raised goes toward brand-new clothing for Maine children in need. No used hand-medowns. No charity overhead. Just fresh gear for kids who deserve better and supported by many area businesses. FMI, visit steadfastrc.com

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time Raymond Cape resident, Ester Astor, who had an extensive library of her own. As an avid reader with an interest in history and art, I decided to start a modest collection. I was very happy that I could find such a worthy place for them."

Long reflected on his history in the town and his memories.

"My days of belonging to organizations are mostly behind me, but am always looking to support worthy causes," he said. "I had a painting and wallpapering company that served many clients along the cape who became friends as well. I had many lunch stops at the old country store behind the Hawthorne House."

Long is skeptical about the direction that books are headed and remains dedicated to acquiring his reading through physical copies.

"I dread the loss of a medium that has had such a wonderful physical presence, history, and smell that provides a reality you cannot experience any other way. A book is not just a book; it's an experience," he said. "I must admit that I am slowly transitioning in how I think about and acquire my reading material. I still like hard copies of timeless subject matter like biographies, settled histories, books that document the evolution of things or thoughts."

Ewig says he hopes to get busy cataloging and organizing the gift.

"A word of thanks to Jim, and I personally will delight in paging through this fine collection," he said.

Long said he's glad the books are in a good place.

"I have done my homework and know that the books I have are well preserved in a digital space for now and all the tomorrows to come," said

To learn more about the Hawthorne House, visit their website at: https://hawthorneassoc.com <





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A day trip to Dry Mills Fish Hatchery educational and fun

By Kendra Raymond

A trip to the Maine Wildlife Park is always a worthwhile adventure. While many visitors may not realize that visiting the Dry Mills Fish Hatchery is included in admission to the park, what better way to learn about fish culture in Maine and have an opportunity

to meet the brood stock up close?

Maine Wildlife Park website information advises visitors to walk down the hill past the park's eagles, turtles, and wetland trails to the adjacent Dry Mills

Fish Hatchery. There is a brand-new interpretive building and trout pond here, trout observation tanks and thousands of brook trout are raised annually. Feed the round pond trout for a quarter!

"Dry Mills Hatchery is one of eight Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife hatcheries throughout the state. IFW produces six different species which include brook trout, brown trout, rainbow trout, lake trout, splake, and salmon," said John Dumais, the Fish Culture Supervisor at the Dry Mills Hatchery.

The hatchery serves an important role in southern Maine fish culture as the primary supplier of eggs from the Kennebago broodstock. Not only does it serve the Gray region A area but it also works in conjunction with other state hatcheries.

"The only species of fish at Dry Mill Fish Hatchery is brook trout," Dumais said. "It lies in the perfect spot where a series of springs supply around 1,200 gallons per minute of water with temperatures that stay relatively constant throughout the year. In 2023 Dry Mills stocked 123,030 brook trout totaling over 40,000 pounds. Dry Mills transfers over 200,000 fry to other rearing stations each year."

The trout are stocked in publicly accessible waters generally in the spring and fall. Stocking is usually done by

truck; however, ATV, backpack, boat, and plane are sometimes used.

Aside from the benefits to Maine fisheries, the Dry Mills Hatchery provides a great interactive learning experience.

Visitors can view the fish in the tanks and round pond as part of the Wildlife Park.

"You get to see a large amount of brook trout and see how they react to feeding. There is a lot of information about what the hatchery division does throughout the state of Maine," said Dumais.

The Dry Mills Hatchery was established in 1933. It has undergone many renovations and improvements over the years, with the most recent being the installation of the new round pond and information building in 2013.

The hatchery staff consists of four full-time employees, and 24-hour coverage is provided in case of alarms or emergencies.

The Maine Wildlife Park is open daily and is located at 56 Game Farm Road in Gray. General admission and season passes are available.

To learn more or plan your trip, visit the Maine Wildlife Park website at: www.maine.gov/ifw/wildlife-park/index.html or by calling 207-822-5460.



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The Windham Eagle

Loon Echo's 'Trek for the Trails' receives \$5,000 donation

By Ed Pierce

Through its conservation and stewardship of nearly 10,000 acres and over 35 miles of trails in the Sebago Lake region, Loon Echo Land Trust (LELT) is deepening relationships between people and the environment while preserving natural areas and resources in the process.

LELT is a nonprofit organization that protects the character of land in Bridgton, where it is based, Casco, Denmark, Naples, Harrison, Sebago, and Raymond. Its efforts enable public access to places like Pleasant Mountain and Raymond Community Forest and support water resources, wildlife habitats, and working farms and forests.

The impressive work of LELT has inspired consistent support from Norway Savings Bank. NSB has contributed over \$50,000 to LELT in the last decade, including a recent donation of \$5,000 to serve as the title sponsor of the Loon Echo "Trek for the Trails."

Participation in the Trek is free, and individuals can run, bike, or walk on area trails between Sept. 1 and Oct. 31 then log their miles online. Thanks to the support of local businesses, LELT gets \$1 from a match pool for every mile logged. In addition, every Trekker is entered into a raffle for great prizes from local businesses.

"The success of this annual event would not be possible without the support of Norway Savings Bank," said Matt Markot, Executive Director of LELT. "They've served as the title sponsor of the Trek for nine years, and through their generosity, we've been able to use this fundraiser to increase outdoor recreation opportunities."

The "Trek for the Trails" is LELT's largest annual fundraising event and 100 percent of the registration fee going to help maintain the trails you know and love, the ones you have yet to discover, and helps build new



To participate in the Trek, all you have to do is register, and then visit any LELT trail or preserve throughout the month of September to hike, walk, bike (on trails where biking is permitted) or take in the view. Trail runners can compete for the best time via Strava segment on three trail running routes - one on Pleasant Mountain, Bald Pate, and at Raymond Community Forest to compete for pie (and bragging rights). Trekkers can also choose to raise money from friends and family to support their Trek and LELT trails.

Markot said that over the past four decades, Loon Echo Land Trust has been a shining example of an organization that works with local residents, local businesses, and fellow area nonprofits to protect land through conservation easements, land purchases, and land donations.

"LELT is guided by a mission to make these beautiful venues accessible to more people," said Dan Walsh, President and CEO of Norway Savings Bank. "NSB is proud to support LELT and its wide contributions, the impact of which will be felt for generations to come."

Current LELT projects include restoring a wetland habitat and designing a multi-use trail plan in Casco with the Outdoor Sport Institute, the construction of a pedestrian trail and an off-street parking area for a 360acre property on Sebago Cove in Naples, and the upgrade of a field loop at Mayberry Hill in Casco to become suitable for use by wheeled mobility

"NSB's continuing commitment to the positive difference we are trying to make is inspiring and is helping to strengthen our communities," said Markot. "We're very thankful."

Loon Echo Land Trust was founded in 1987 and is a nonprofit organization that protects land, ensures public access to the outdoors, and builds and maintains recreational trails in Raymond, Casco, Naples, Harrison, Sebago, Bridgton, and Denmark. The organization currently conserves over 9,000 acres of land and manages a 35-mile trail network across the Lake Region. LELT protects many important local landmarks like Pleasant Mountain, Bald Pate Mountain, Raymond Community Forest, and Hacker's Hill.

There are many ways to extend a helping hand to LELT.

To make a donation, visit www. lelt.org/ways-to-give. To learn about volunteering your time to maintain a trail or even offer office support, visit www.lelt.org/volunteering.

To discover more about the Loon Echo Trek for the Trails, visit www. lelt.org/trek. <



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Don't let your dog become a statistic: Protect postal workers

Most dog owners believe their pet is essentially a "good dog," yet incidents involving dog attacks on Postal Service employees rose to more than 6,000 cases last year. As part of the 2025 USPS National Dog Bite Awareness Campaign, the organization offers crucial information on how dog owners can be good stewards for safe mail delivery and ensure the safety of its employees.

"The best way to keep people safe from dog attacks is to recognize and promote the responsibility of pet ownership, such as teaching your dog appropriate behavior and commands and not allowing your dog to roam freely. All dogs-regardless of breed, size or age—have the potential to bite," said Leeann Theriault, USPS employee safety and health awareness manager. "Dog bite attacks on postal employees are preventable. The most important message for our customers to remember during the 2025 USPS National Dog Bite Awareness Campaign is to keep your dog secured, and away from the carrier as the mail is being delivered. Help ensure the safety of everyone in our communi-

Even dogs that have never shown signs of aggression can react in ways their owners don't expect. They can act without warning on their instinct to protect their owners and their owners' property. Dogs may attack

not only to defend their territory, but also when they feel startled, anxious or unwell. It's not just about bad or aggressive dogs – it's about unpredictable moments.

Most people know the approximate time their letter carrier arrives every day. Securing your dog before the carrier approaches your property will minimize any potentially dangerous interactions

Keep your dog in a separate room or area away from the door when the mail carrier comes to your house. If you go outside, close the door firmly behind you and make sure it is secured so your dog doesn't slip out or burst through it unexpectedly. If you are outside with your dog while mail is being delivered, make sure your dog is secured away from the mail carrier and on a leash. Never accept the mail from your mail carrier in the presence of your dog.

Pet owners also should remind children not to take mail directly from a letter carrier because the dog may view the carrier as a threat to the child.

When a postal employee suffers an injury from a dog attack, it can cost the dog owner thousands of dollars because they could be responsible for medical bills, lost wages, uniform replacement costs, and pain and suffering for the employee.

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If a dog attacks, carriers are also trained to stand their ground and to protect their body by placing something between them and the dog, such as a mail satchel, and to use dog repellent, if necessary.

Mail carriers have tools to alert them to dogs on their routes. A dog alert feature on carriers' handheld scanners can remind them of a possible dog hazard, and dog warning cards must be used during mail sorting to alert carriers to addresses where a dog may interfere with delivery.

When a carrier feels unsafe, mail service can be stopped.

Until the carrier feels safe enough to restart delivery, the mail will have to be picked up at the dog owner's local Post Office.

If a carrier feels a house or neighborhood is unsafe to deliver the mail and there is no way to inform people their mail service has been suspended, the residents will have to contact the supervisor at their local Post Office for more information. They would also have to pick up their mail at the Post Office until it is safe to resume delivery.

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The Windham Eagle

Meet Windham's first responders at National Night Out

By Ed Pierce

Members of the Windham Police Department are looking forward to meeting the community and showcasing what they do every day for public safety during the popular community gathering called National Night Out.

Held annually on the first Tuesday evening in August, this year's National Night Out will be conducted from 5 to 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 5 at the Windham Public Safety Building at 375 Gray Road in Windham. The event is an opportunity for the residents of Windham to meet with local law enforcement and public safety personnel in a casual setting and learn more about the important work that they're doing protecting the

National Night Out is entirely free and open to the public and will include food, and a vast array of fun activities for the entire family.

Representatives from the Windham Police Department, the Windham Fire Department and Windham Parks and Recreation will be on hand for the event and participants will be able to view police and fire equipment and emergency vehicles up close.

The original National Night Out was established in 1984 with funding from the Bureau of Justice Assistance, part of the U.S. Department of Justice. The program is administered by the National Association of Town Watch, a nationwide organization

dedicated to the development, maintenance, and protection of community-based, law enforcement-affiliated prevention activities.

Over the years, National Night Out has developed into an effective crime prevention program that emphasizes building a partnership between the police and the community.

Windham Police officials say that community involvement in crime prevention generated through a multitude of local activities and events such as National Night Out assist in bringing prominent attention to crime prevention programs offered by law enforcement agencies and assist in the dissemination of information about successful strategies used by police officers to thwart crime in the town.

The National Night Out program is designed to enhance the relationship between neighbors and law enforcement while bringing back a true sense of community. Furthermore, it provides a great opportunity to bring police and neighbors together under positive circumstances.

Along with grilled hamburgers and hot dogs for everyone who attends, there will be active demonstrations at the National Night Out event by a Windham Police K-9 dog and handler, drone flights and demon-



strations, and displays of specialized equipment and information available about various law enforcement programs used by the Windham Police Department. There will also be bounce houses for children, a Kids Coloring Contest, a Backto-School Backpack Giveaway and a demonstration of ax throwing.

Windham police officers and firefighters and first responders will be on hand and in unform to meet the public, talk with them about their duties, and promote camaraderie with Windham residents.

All National Night Out activities generate a true sense of community un-

der positive circumstances, Windham Police officials say.

For more information and specific details about this year's National Night Out activities in Windham, call 207-892-2525. <



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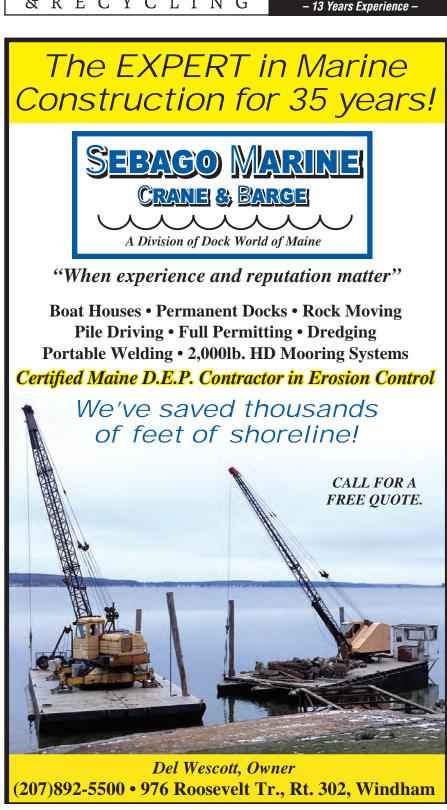
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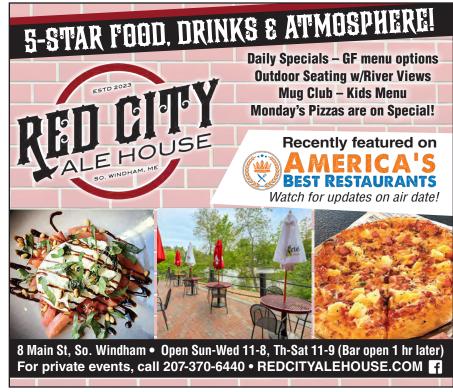
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No kangaroos, but plenty of Stachelschweins

By Andy Young



why, while traveling in Europe recently, she took the time to send

Andy Young, Columnist me one featuring a yellow sign declaring, "No Kangaroos in Austria," with the very recognizable outline of the Australian marsupial in its center.

I love getting un-

usual postcards, which

my niece knows. That's

The card made me smile, but it also made me wonder: how many of the locals, the majority of whom speak German, actually get the joke? After all, 97 percent of Austrians speak German; it's the mother tongue of 93 percent of them.

What, I wondered, is the German word for this animal that to my knowledge is native to only one continent on Earth, and one that's a

very long way from Europe? But then, "Kangaroo" seems like a pretty uncommon word. How different could it be in other languages?

Well, thanks to an online translator, I now know that känguru is German for Kangaroo. It's kangourou in French, canguro in Spanish and Italian, kangur in Polish, kinghar in Arabic, kangoro in Farsi, kengúra in Icelandic, and kanguru in Turkish. It's also two symbols in Chinese that neither my computer (nor The Windham Eagle's, apparently) has on its keyboard, although the approximate pronunciation is, allegedly, Dàishû.

But for my money, the languages with the best word for "kangaroo" are, among others, Swahili, Samoan, Hmong, Dinka, and Jamaican Patois, all of which refer to what we English speakers call a kangaroo as a "kangaroo."

Another animal most Austrians

would likely see only in zoos is what the folks in Turkey call a zürafa. This long-necked creature is a girafe to the French, a jira-KANGAROOS fa to Spanish speakers, a giraffa in Italian, a giraf in Danish, and a sjiraff in Norwegian. It's a shame most standard laptop keyboards lack the austria capability of composing in Vietnamese, Greek, or Hindi, because the term for Giraffe in each of those languages is a real mouthful.

Thankfully not every word system is so complicated when it comes to identifying the animal with nature's longest neck. For example, in German and in Filipino, the word for giraffe is "giraffe."

If life were truly just, only linguists

from the region unusual animals are native to would have the right to name these creatures. That's why fair-minded people should refer to what we currently call a panda as a Xióngmão, which is what locals call the adorable, rotund bamboo-munchers that exist in the wild solely in the mountainous region of southwestern China.

But anglophones ar-

to make up our own words for animals not native to where we live. The word "panda" literally translates to "panda" in, among other languages, Spanish, French, Dutch, German, Turkish, Danish, Kurdish, Hungarian, Portuguese, Romanian, Javanese, Japanese, and Susu, a tongue spoken in West Africa that's one of the official languages of Guinea. Don't use the word "Susu" in Indonesia, though. Its meaning there is different, and quite vulgar, apparently.

en't the only group arrogant enough

Common sense dictates that one should never startle a mofeta in Mexico, a mouffette in Quebec, a haisunäätä in Helsinki, or a skunk in Sweden, Germany, Samoa, and every English-speaking nation on the planet. Similarly, smart people know better than to pet an animal known as a yamārashi in Japanese, a dikobraz in Russian, a puerco espín in Spanish, a stachelschwein in German, a porcépic in French, a kirpi in Uzbek and Azerbaijani, a pokio in Hawaiian, a porkopi in Papiamento, and a porcupine in English.

It's too bad that porcupines live where my niece just visited, because I'll bet "No Stachelschweins in Austria" postcards would sell like hotcakes in Vienna to tourists and locals alike! <











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Forum to review proposed new health insurance rates

Maine Superintendent of Insurance Bob Carey has announced that the Bureau of Insurance will hold a "virtual" public forum at 9 a.m. Friday, Aug. 15 to discuss proposed rate increases for calendar year 2026 sought by health insurers offering coverage in the merged (individual and small group) market.

Carey said that the forum will provide the public with information on the proposed rate increases and an opportunity to offer comments.

Each of the health insurers participating in Maine's merged market will discuss key drivers affecting rates. After these brief presentations, interested members of the public will be invited to offer comments.

Those who wish to attend the forum, which will be held virtually, must preregister through this registration form on the Maine Insurance Bureau's

Attendees may offer comments and ask questions about the proposed increases. Representatives from the health insurers and the Bureau will provide information and answer questions about the rate requests and the rate review process.

Written comments as well as questions about registration should be directed to insurance.pfr@maine.gov.

Health insurers have submitted rate requests that range from 8.4 to 32.7 percent, which will affect more than 115,000 Maine residents currently enrolled in health coverage through the merged market.

Following the forum, the Maine Insurance Bureau will complete its review of the proposed rates for 2026 and determine whether and how much of an increase is actuarially justified.

In 2024, the Maine Insurance Bureau was able to approve lower rates in part due to Maine's reinsurance program, which leverages state and federal funds to reduce premiums. The Maine Guaranteed Access Reinsurance Association (MGARA), a nonprofit entity that administers the state's reinsurance program, uses public funds to lower premiums for individual and small group health plans. MGARA received a larger than expected amount of federal pass-through funds for 2024, after the carriers filed their initial rate requests.

Those additional funds allowed the MGARA board to reset the reinsurance program's parameters to provide more funding for 2025. The carriers subsequently refiled rate requests that fully reflected the MGARA reinsurance program's updated reinsurance parameters.

In addition to lowering the overall rate of increase, the Bureau directed carriers to adjust their geographic rating factors to reduce the disparity in rates between southern and northern Maine.

To learn more about the 2026 proposed rate increases, please consult the Maine Insurance Bureau's webpage at https://www.maine.gov/pfr/insurance/consumers/rates. <

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first sources of hydroelectric power in the Lakes region of Maine. Use of hydroelectric power was implemented by early settler Zebulon Trickey, who constructed bridges and mills on both sides of the Presumpscot River in Great Falls.

When a fire swept through the Great Falls area in 1872, it destroyed the mills and a bridge built by Trickey, and settlement of the Great Falls site has declined since then.

The estimated funding for the Great Falls Bridges Wearing Replacement Project is \$500,000.

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of Portland will perform the bridge wearing replacement work and distribute bridge closure notifications when needed. Both the Gorham and Windham Public Works Departments will also post notifications on social media accounts regarding project updates and bridge closures.

Work on the Great Falls Bridges project will start on Monday, Aug. 18 with traffic control devices put in place by Aug. 19. Soon thereafter the bridge may be closed temporarily to allow workers to remove all the bridge guardrails for both the east and west Great Falls bridges.

The project is expected to be completed by Oct. 31 Van Note said. <



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Windham High boys' soccer looks strong for fall season

By Matt Pascarella

STAFF WRITER

The Windham High School boys' summer soccer team played York at Manchester School in Windham on Tuesday, July 29 and the Eagles battled hard for two halves, but at the final whistle York got by with a 2-1 win. However, summer soccer is more about fine-tuning players for the fall and figuring out what is going right and what needs improvement.

"I think our possession play is what people have come to expect from the program," said Windham varsity boys' soccer coach Jeff Neal. "The quality of our midfield play is very good and will continue to be a strength for us. We've got some younger players that need to step into some big roles and some players that maybe haven't been tested in the big game stuff. I think if we had a full roster of 18 kids, that game leans more in our favor. I 100 percent feel that we're going to be fine. This is about building blocks for what we want down the road."

Windham took the field ready to go. Their defense didn't allow York any scoring opportunities early on, and Windham went hard after the ball. Partway through the first quarter, Windham senior Dylan Crockett scored.

Moments later, York scored and tied the game, 1-1.

There were several shots on goal from various Windham players, but nothing got by.

"This game showed we got to work on our shots quite a bit; but our movement was good," said Windham junior Caleb Hayman. "Our physicality was decent, and I think our chemistry





(Top L to R) Windham senior Daniel Hancock, center, keeps possession of the ball away from York during a boys' summer soccer game at Manchester School in Windham on Tuesday, July 29. Senior Dylan Crockett, left, maneuvering the ball by his opponent. PHOTOS BY MATT PASCARELLA

was top notch, we're doing pretty well with that. I'm very happy (with how Windham played). It showed how our team's doing and how our chemistry will be there in the season. We're also missing a few players tonight; getting touches on the ball and getting out here with the team (during the summer season), gets us prepared and kind of shows us what it's going to be like."

The game remained tied 1-1 at half-time.

In the second half, Windham did a good job communicating; they started the half aggressive, though got tired toward the end of the game. York scored again in the top of the fourth quarter.

"My takeaway from this game is we played well, we played hard," said Windham sophomore Isaac Bernier. "There definitely some things we can work on like communication can always get better. We'll work on it and once we get that down, I think we'll be one heck of a team. We had a lack of subs as well, with only three or four players; had we had more subs, the outcome might have been different."

Daniel Hancock, a Windham senior, said there were a lot of good things about the game, they moved the ball well. Throughout the whole sum-

mer they've been possessing well. It's not the result they wanted, but the chances are there. Hancock said he thinks playing together more as they prepare for the season, everything's going to come together and they're going to be a great team.

"In the summer with the lack of numbers at times, people play different positions where they're not used to and that can lead to breakdowns, but it can also be positives," said

Windham assistant varsity boys' soccer coach Nick Dubay. "Today we had three defenders playing out back that aren't really defenders. They had never seen varsity minutes and held their own."

Neal said the summer season is an opportunity for the kids to show the coaches what they've got. They're all vying for spots. They're all trying to get better. You're trying a bunch of things and seeing what will work and that's what summer play is all about. <



be positives," said Junior Caleb Hayman looks to pass.

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Cameron Damon

Age: 16 **Team:** WHS wood bat baseball team **Coach:** John Cressey

Parents' names: Kristen St. Peter Damon & Mark Damon **Reason for selection:** Cameron has caught every game for the Windham high wood bat team this summer and he's a leader on the field as well as off. He's basically been one of the team's de facto leaders since the start of

the season. Between his time on the varsity and the time he played on junior varsity for WHS, coaches have complete confidence that he knows what he's going to do in every situation. Basically, he's a coach on the field behind the plate and then he's the leader in the dugout. They will go through a lineup, and coaches can bounce ideas off him and say, "What are you seeing, what do think about how a player's approach at the bat is going?" He's got a very high baseball IQ. He closed out one game as a pitcher and that's the type of versality that coaches look for.





Eagle Soccer Camp teaches skills and sportsmanship



Windham Eagle Soccer Camp counselors, campers and coaches celebrate its third year at Windham High School on Friday, July 25 with a successful week of teaching kids in grades kindergarten through eighth grade the fundamentals and techniques of the game along with how to be a good teammate. PHOTOS BY MATT PASCARELLA

By Matt Pascarella

In the third year of Windham's Eagle Soccer Camp, campers are taught skills of the game from the WHS boys' and girls' varsity teams, along with help from Windham High School graduates, soccer coaches and community members. The money made from the week-long camp held at Windham from July 21 to July 25 goes back to the varsity boys' and girls' soccer programs.

"The motivation for me has always been to try and create a soccer family and bring that across multiple generations of former players, current players and future players. It's all about relationships," said Windham varsity boys' soccer coach and Eagle Soccer Camp organizer Jeff Neal. "I was super fortunate as a young player that I had coaches that tried to foster and instill that sense of community and family. When I started it, that's what I wanted to try, but this has exceeded my expectations and that's because of the people – this doesn't happen without a lot of people. That's the drive; to make something that people feel a part of but at the same time, it's as much community building and relationship building. I want kids to know how to play the right way."

The goal of the camp is to improve soccer skills for both the campers and high school players; this helps keep the programs competitive.

"I like doing soccer and I thought I would improve," said Windham sixth grader Makayla Swander. "We learned how to dribble better and how to make it so (an opponent) can't take the ball without fouling. It's fun working with the bigger kids, they make it fun, and they teach us a lot."

At the very end of the week the

counselors give each camper an evaluation form with feedback; it had something good they'd done, something they need to work on, but remaining positive. Hopefully, this helps to incentivize the campers and shows that this camp is a place where they can come to get better and every player, regardless of age, is always trying to get better.

Landon Carey, a Windham sixth grader, wanted to participate to get skills and have fun. He had fun doing the activities and learned that leaning over the ball drives it down and leaning back drives it up. Carey made a lot of friends and wants to come back next year.

"I love helping kids," said Windham graduate Josh Hancock. "I love seeing them enjoy it and have a good time. It's awesome to get out here and help them however I can. They love to learn, but most important they love the game and they're building foundations and just enjoying it, which is the important part; being here to watch them play and asking myself what I can do to help them is really important and helps me in the season and really for the rest of my life."

Girls' varsity soccer coach Deb Lebel said the camp gives coaches a peek at what the future holds, and it gives the younger kids a chance to work with possible potential future teammates.

Lebel said the goal for the week is to get the kids as many touches on the ball and even if they picked up only one skill that improved their game to also have a lot of fun with a variety of different people. Some of these kids have built a connection here and they won't miss a varsity game. There's high energy in the stands which turns into high energy on the field. The

younger kids know all the players and that connection makes the varsity players work harder.

"I've been working at it since it started, and I always have a really fun time teaching the kids how to learn to do stuff," said Windham Devan graduate Kennie. "Once (the kids) are motivated they get really into it and really excited. Sometimes during the demos I'm still learning stuff, too; it's not only them learning, I'm learning too. It has been a very positive week." <



Windham sixth grader Makayla Swander, right, holds back opponent Trent Richards as she goes after the ball during a scrimmage at the Eagle Soccer Camp.









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How pets influence the buying and selling process

By Nicole Foster SPECIAL TO THE WINDHAM EAGLE



Maine consistently ranks as one of the dog-friendly states in the country, with more than half of Maine households owning at least one pet, it's clear

- Nicole Foster, Broker/REALTOR* that "The Way Life Should Be" means owning pets. Our state offers an abundance of pet-friendly spaces and opportunities for outdoor adventure. Acadia National Park is one of the few national parks in the U.S. that welcomes leashed dogs on most of its carriage roads, trails, and campgrounds. In Portland, the 85-acre Fore River Sanctuary is a local gem, offering off-leash access for dogs under voice control, miles of shaded trails, and even the city's only natural waterfall - a favorite spot for dogs to splash and cool off. Whether you're in the mountains, the woods, or along the coast, Maine is a place where pets truly feel at home.

Right home for your pet

Buyers are significantly less motivated to make a strong offer on a property that doesn't suit their pet's needs. Even if they do submit an offer, it's often less competitive—and they may be less emotionally invested in the outcome if the home doesn't accommodate every member of the family, including their

For many homeowners, pets aren't just animals, they're beloved members of the family. It's not uncommon for decisions about remodeling or even relocating to be influenced by the needs of their furry companions. Whether it's adding a fenced-in yard, creating a mudroom for easier cleanup, or finding a home with better access to walking trails, pet-friendly features can be a major driving factor in both home improvements and real estate choices.

For many of today's buyers, especially pet owners, proximity to pet-related services can be a key consideration. Knowing how close a home is to a trusted veterinarian, groomer, dog park, kennel, pet supply store, or even dog-friendly trails and beaches can significantly influence their interest in a property. Just as important are the features inside the home that make daily life easier for both pets and their people. A fenced-in yard offers peace of mind and freedom for dogs to roam safely, while a mudroom provides a practical space for wiping paws and storing pet gear. Flooring choices also matter—durable, low-maintenance materials like concrete, tile, or laminate tend to be more pet-friendly and appealing than surfaces like carpeting or hardwood, which are more prone to damage and

In the rental market, pet-friendly units are in especially high demand. Listings that allow pets typically receive more online views, saves, shares, and applications, and they're often rented out faster than those with strict no-pet policies. With such a large portion of renters owning pets, offering a pet-friendly space can significantly widen your applicant pool. It also helps foster longer tenancies, as renters with pets tend to stay put longer due to the limited availability of suitable housing. For landlords, this can mean reduced vacancy rates, more stable rental income, and less turnover-related cost in the long run.

When you purchase a home using financing, securing a homeowner's insurance policy before the closing date is a requirement. If you're a pet own-

er – especially one with a dog – it's important to check with your insurance provider to confirm whether your pet's breed is covered under their policy. Some insurers have restrictions or exclusions for certain dog breeds and failing to address this in advance could delay your closing or limit your coverage. If your current provider doesn't cover your pet, you may need to shop around for a policy that does. Taking the time to verify this detail early on can save you from unexpected surprises at the final hour.

Preparing to Sell Your Pet's House

Ask a trusted friend or family member to stop by and give your home an honest "sniff test." We often become nose-blind to the everyday smells of our own pets, but a fresh set of senses can help identify any lingering odors that might turn off potential buyers. Resist the urge to mask smells with heavy fragrances or air fresheners - buyers will see (and smell) right through it, which can create feelings of mistrust. Instead, take a transparent and proactive approach: address any pet-related damage head-on. That might mean hiring a professional cleaner, replacing soiled

flooring, treating subflooring, or even removing sections of drywall if odors have deeply permeated the space. A clean, neutral-smelling home gives buyers confidence and allows them to focus on the property's potential—not

Before showings, make sure all pet hair is thoroughly removed from upholstered furniture, rugs, and other soft surfaces. Even buyers who love animals may be turned off by signs of shedding, especially if they have allergies. Take the extra step to vacuum thoroughly, use lint rollers, and consider having upholstery professionally cleaned if needed. It's also best to make arrangements for your pets to be out of the home during showings—whether with a friend, at daycare, or on a car ride. This helps create a calm, distraction-free environment where buyers can fully focus on the home, not the pets.

This article was brought to you by Nicole Foster, a real estate broker for Locations Real Estate. She has over 20 years of experience and is a Windham parent who loves real estate and people. Reach out to her for your real estate needs at 207-615-7558. <









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Italian Sausage Gnocchi Bake

Sausage Gnocchi Bake in under an hour! My family loves this one-pan meal, and I love the easy clean up. With lots of veggies and sweet or hot Italian sausage, this easy recipe is perfect for busy weeknights and a great way to seasonal, fresh vegetables from your garden or local market. Total Prep & Cook Time: 45 minutes ~ Serves 5

INGREDIENTS

1 pound ground Italian hot or mild sausage 1 red pepper, sliced 1 yellow pepper, sliced 1 green pepper, sliced 1 zucchini, sliced 10 ounces grape or cherry tomatoes

1 tablespoon extra-virgin olive oil

1 teaspoon Italian seasoning 1 teaspoon garlic powder ½ teaspoon red pepper flakes ½ teaspoon Kosher salt ½ teaspoon freshly cracked black pepper 1 16-ounce package potato gnocchi Fresh basil leaves, thinly sliced (optional garnish)

INSTRUCTIONS

Preheat the oven to 425F. Add all of the ingredients except for the gnocchi to a large baking sheet. (Break up the ground sausage into small pieces). Toss to coat and evenly distribute the seasonings.

Bake for 20 to 25 minutes until the sausage is cooked and the vegetables are tender. Cook the gnocchi according to the instructions on the package. Place the gnocchi onto the baking sheet with the sausage and vegetables. Turn on the broiler. Place the sheet pan under the broiler for 3 to 5 minutes until the gnocchi is golden brown. Garnish with fresh basil, if desired.

Notes: If you prefer, you can place only the vegetables in the oven and brown the sausage in a skillet over medium-high heat and then drain the grease. Sometimes I add a little bit of grated Parmesan cheese on top before serving. It's also really tasty with fresh mozzarella melted on top.

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- 11. More curvy
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- 15. Daughter of Hera and Zeus
- 16. Southwestern CA city
- 18. Unified

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- 23. Base of jellies
- 24. A large and noisy party
- 26. He was traded for Luka
- 27. Wolverine genus
- 28. "Happy Days" actress Moran
- 30. Root of taro plant
- 31. Student environmental group (abbr.)

- 34. Silk garments
- 36. Unique power
- 37. Ray Liotta cop film 39. Leak slowly through
- 40. Notion
- 41. Atomic #55
- 42. Fixed in one place
- 48. About heat
- 50. Type of baseball pitch
- 51. Seedless raisin
- 52. Large wading birds 53. Similar
- 54. Time zone
- 55. Atomic #34
- 56. Program
- 58. Old world, new
- 59. Contrary belief
- 60. "To the __ degree"

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Plain-woven fabric
- 2. Classed
- 3. Suppositions
- 4. Midway between south and west
- 5. Tropical American trees
- 6. Leveled
- 7. Published false statement
- 8. Adolescent
- 9. Junior's father
- 12. Aurochs
- 13. Not low
- 17. Boxing's GOAT
- 19. Short musical composition
- 20. Small immature herrings
- 21. Eavesdropper

- 25. Parcels of land
- 29. Anger
- 31. Irritations
- 32. Hindu holy man
- 33. Wicker basket for fish
- 35. Natural object
- 38. Transporting in a vehicle
- 41. A dog is one
- 43. Smaller portion
- 44. Sew
- 45. Belonging to a thing
- 46. Horsley and Greenwood are two
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- 56. Exclamation of surprise
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Wildcats Gymnastics, a new community-centered gymnastics facility, officially opened its doors on June 1 at 155 Riverside St. in Portland. Founded by veteran coach Devon Saloga and her two sons, Talon and Thane, the center brings together decades of experience from gymnastics programs across the U.S. from Boulder, Colorado to Bangor, Maine.

"At Wildcats, we blend the best techniques and ideas from the diverse programs our staff has worked with," said Saloga. "Our comprehensive program is designed to help every gymnast excel. We believe in fostering both the technical skills, and the personal growth that gymnastics can provide."

Wildcats Gymnastics offers a wide range of services including gymnastics instruction, summer and holiday camps, birthday parties, open gyms, competitive and recreational teams, and seasonal community events. Their programs cater to children in Cumberland County and surrounding communities, with an emphasis on keeping activities affordable and accessible to families of all income levels.

The gym features state-of-the-art equipment for all levels – from preschool play areas to regulation-sized apparatus for advanced training. Class sizes are kept small to ensure individualized attention and a safe learning environment. The staff, comprised of certified coaches with backgrounds



in education, child development, and competitive gymnastics, is committed to fostering a positive, encouraging atmosphere for athletes.

Saloga describes Wildcats as a social enterprise. "We opened our Community Gymnastics Center for the benefit of the kids stuck on long waitlists elsewhere," she said. "Our mission is to create more access

to the sport we love." Wildcats plans to launch a financial aid and scholarship program in the near future to further expand access, especially to underserved populations.

The center's unique offerings include session-based classes, which Saloga says improve consistency, commitment, and measurable progress. Another standout feature is the children's "Show Team"—a non-com-



Wildcats Gymnastics brings over 60 years combined experience to their new facility located conveniently off I-95 exit 48 in Westbrook. They are a mother and sons family run studio. From left, Thane Saloga, Devon Saloga and Talon Saloga. SUBMITTED PHOTO

petitive group that performs at local parades, school assemblies, and community festivals. The Show Team is designed to give children a performance outlet without the pressure of competition.

Classes are structured around progressive weekly lesson plans, ensuring that students develop foundational skills before moving on to more advanced techniques. Parents receive

regular updates, and are invited to observe classes, emphasizing Wildcats' belief in open communication and family involvement.

"Gymnastics teaches kids resilience, leadership, and self-confidence," said Saloga. "It also supports academic achievement by building neural connections between physical and intellectual learning. We're not just building athletes—we're helping raise well-rounded young people."

Devon Saloga discovered her passion for gymnastics at age 12, going on to compete, teach, and eventually manage Boulder, Colorado's renowned gymnastics program. Her career has taken her across the country, influencing programs of all sizes. Now, with her sons by her side – both former athletes and experienced coaches themselves – she's channeling that lifelong passion into Wildcats Gymnastics.

Fall registration is now open, with classes beginning Sept. 2 for children of all ages, starting at walking age. Programs include parent-child introductory classes, beginner and advanced recreational levels, tumbling, summer and non-school day camps, teams and more.

For more information or to register, visit wildcatsgymnasticsme.com, email: Info@WildcatsGymnasticsME.com, or call 207-899-8015. Follow Wildcats Gymnastics on Facebook and Instagram. <





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