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## New middle school construction running smoothly and under budget

#### By Ed Pierce

Significant progress has been made on the construction of the new Windham Raymond Middle School on Windham Center Road, including moving the horse barn on the property for future use as an outdoor classroom.

Christopher Howell, RSU 14 Superintendent of Schools, says that construction costs for the school have remained constant and the project continues to be on schedule for a planned opening of September 2027. The new school will be a free-standing multi-story building with more than 260,000 gross square feet of new construction for learning space, an auditorium, gymnasium, and dining facilities.

Howell said that the new school will use a team-teaching concept where students will be divided into 12 teams to provide personal connection and then broken up into smaller instructional teams. It will incorporate Integrative Project Based Learning through team teaching, a method of instruction where a group of teachers work together to plan, conduct, and evaluate learning activities for the same group of students and the



Construction on the new Windham Raymond Middle School is on schedule and remains about \$16 million under budget, according to RSU 14 Superintendent of Schools Christopher Howell. Steel building framework and enclosed student stairwells are going up and work to move an existing horse barn at the site has school district, which enbeen completed. PHOTO BY ED PIERCE

school's design takes all of that into account with the team areas of the building allowing for a science teacher, math teacher, social studies teacher, and an English teacher to be in the same teaming area.

Classrooms will be on the new school's upper floors and will not have any outside stairs or hallways, with administration and guidance offices housed on the ground level. The school grounds also feature a protected wetland area that students will cross by an aluminum boardwalk for outdoor learning opportunities and a school garden. The cooling and heating system will be designed for long-term cost savings and adaptability for the future. State-of-the-art drainage will protect the site's surrounding environment and a 600-seat performing arts auditorium will be built as part of the new school.

"It's just been an amazing process to watch and see the large precision of this process," Howell said. "We are \$16 million under the original budget and expect things to remain that way."

Back in November 2023, a plurality of voters in the compasses Windham and

Raymond, approved a referendum to build the new school with about 77 percent of construction costs paid by the Maine Department of Education's → see **SCHOOL** Page 5

## Candidate field set in Windham for Novem

#### By Ed Pierce

STAFF WRITER

Voters in Windham will have a large field of candidates to choose from on Tuesday, Nov. 4 in races for two RSU 14 Board of Directors positions and three different Windham Town Council seats.

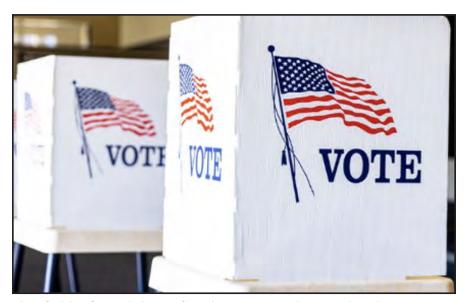
Windham Town Clerk Linda S. Morell said candidates successfully submitted paperwork to qualify for the general election ballot by last week's deadline.

For RSU 14 Board of Directors, the top two candidates receiving the most votes will be elected for three-year terms representing Windham on the board. The positions are non-partisan.

Candidates include Matthew S. Irving, Destiny J. Johnson, Megan N. Potter, incumbent Christina R. Small, Bradley M. Youngs and Adam G. Zajac. Small currently serves as RSU 14 Board Chair and Caitlyn Downs is not seeking re-election to the board.

The RSU 14 Board of Directors concerns itself primarily with broad questions of policy rather than with administrative details. The application of policies is an administrative task to be performed by the Superintendent of Schools and his/her staff, who shall be held responsible for the effective administration and supervision of the entire school system.

Members of the RSU 14 board have



The field of candidates for the Nov. 4 election has been set in Windham. Three town council seats and two RSU 14 Board of Directors positions will be filled following the election. FILE PHOTO

authority only when acting as a board legally in session. Board members are involved in policy making, choosing the schools superintendent, planning, setting goals and appraising results, approving and adopting financial resources, negotiating and approving collective bargaining agreements.

RSU 14 Board members also set clear expectations/standards and adopt policies regarding instructional programs; determine school building needs; communicate with various constituencies; advocate for the needs of the students; establish procedures for

the operation of the board; review and evaluate board operations and performance; choose board officers; approve the annual school calendar; establish and maintain effective board-superintendent relations; and work along with authorizing school administration to work with town, county, and other government and non-government officials and agencies.

For Windham Town Council, three positions, including the North District, South District and At-Large, will be elected for three-year terms.

Town Council North District can-

didates are Deborah L. DeVou and Margaret A. Terry. Incumbent Jarrod Maxfield is not seeking re-election.

Town Council South District candidates are Douglas R. Fortier and Michael R. Russin. Incumbent Nicholas Kaleogerakis is not seeking re-election.

Town Council At-Large candidates are Joseph A. Campbell, Katie P. Cook and Clayton W. Haskell. Incumbent John Henry is not seeking

As outlined in the Windham Town Charter, all town council positions are non-partisan.

The Windham Town Council has ven members, three are elected atlarge and four are elected from the four defined geographic areas of the town (north, south, east, and west). Voters throughout the town elect all members of the Town Council, both At-Large and by district.

A town councilor's responsibilities are varied and include:

Legislative and policy making in

town setting policies.

Budget and Finance in approving the annual budget and setting the

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→ see **ELECTION** 

# **Not in Kansas anymore Toto**

As I took my seat in the 28th row in the American National Government class at New Mexico Highlands University in September 1971, it began to dawn on me that I was now a full-fledged college student.

Just 17 years old and on my own away from home for the first time in my life, my high school days were behind me, and I was about to start a new chapter that would require focus and plenty of attention to detail.

My class schedule for that fall included American National Government taught by Dr. Ralph Carlisle Smith; Journalism 101 taught by Dr. Harry Lancaster; History of China with Professor Emmett Cockrum; along with Earth Science, and English

Looking at the reading list passed out by Dr. Ralph Carlisle Smith that first day, I surmised that a great deal of my time would be spent reading about government. His list was 18 pages long and I thought I'd never complete reading all the books he required in just one semester.

I vowed to do my best and had a strong desire to learn as much as I could about the workings of our government and how the federal system operated. I had thought I knew some aspects of government bureaucracy before that class, but Dr. Smith

was an excellent teacher and experienced in all things federal. He had co-authored a book "Project Y: The Los Alamos Story" and had served from 1947 to 1957 as Assistant Director of the Los Alamos Scientific Laboratory

Dr. Lancaster then continued with his opening presentation to us, telling us ers, or Who, What, When, Where, Why and sometimes How.

But then he stopped and told us that a journalist's job is to provide as much detail as possible about a subject when writing an article. He asked us to pull out our class notebooks and to jot down as many details as possible about the person

were (brown), his hair color (black), and what he was carrying (yardstick and a red

Going around the room, he asked us one by one to reveal our answers and it just happened that I was the only one of 15 students in the class to get all the details correct. Dr. Lancaster praised my powers of observation and told our class that we needed to be aware of how difficult a job that a police investigator may have because we all see things differently and sometimes an eyewitness to a crime fails to get the details right. He said that if we wanted to become effective journalists someday then we needed to always be aware of our surroundings and those around us.

citizens in Shanghai.

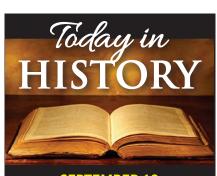
Cockrum described his life as a U.S. Marine in China and how he found that nation's history fascinating and why we would too. He told us that when the Japanese Army invaded Manchuria in 1931, war broke out between Japanese troops guarding their settlement in Shanghai and Chinese troops at Chaipei, a district to the north of Shanghai. The 4th Marines and Cockrum were called into action, maintaining a defensive perimeter and protecting the Shanghai international set-

As part of Cockrum's Marine Corps duties, he said he was assigned to oversee his unit's caissons, or small horse-drawn wagons carrying ammunition. He pointed out that caissons were still in use by the U.S. Army's Old Guard unit to bring

In his first class, I could sense Cockrum's passion for Chinese history and it ultimately led me to complete a concentration in Asian studies for my college minor of history for my Bachelor of Arts degree.

My other two classes as a freshman, Earth Science, and English Composition, were not as memorable. I can't remember the professors for those classes. I must

Reflecting on my first days of college so long ago, it amazes me that I was able to not only survive but thrive at that challenge. < ~ Ed Pierce



1609 – English explorer Henry Hudson sails down what is now known as the Hudson River.

1857 – The ship SS America sinks about 160 miles off Cape Hatterascarrying gold from the California Gold Rush.

1878 – Patent litigation involving the Bell Telephone Company against Western Union Telegraph Company and Elisha Gray begins.

1910 – Alice Stebbins Wells is hired as America's first female police officer in Los Angeles.

1928 – Actress Katharine Hepburn makes her stage debut in the play "The Czarina."

1940 – The Lascaux cave paintings are discovered in France and are estimated to be 17,000 years old and some of the best examples of art from the Paleolithic period.

1954 – "Lassie" debuts on CBS Television and is part of the network's prime time lineup for the next 17 years.

1991 – The space shuttle Discovery lifts off on a mission to deploy an observatory that was to study the Earth's ozone layer.

If you were a vegetable, which one would you be?

"An artichoke. Worth the effort." - Julie Mallett

"Parsnip... sweeter in the **spring."** – Denise Levasseur

'Fresh Kentucky Wonder green beans from my garden."

Miki Mayberry

"A potato – oh so versatile; chips, mashed, fries, salad, vodka!" – Rob Juergens

"Asparagus." – Ruthie Jackson

"I would be an onion, because I have many layers." Steven Haycock

"A tomato because it is actually a fruit which would mean I would always be incognito wherever I go." Stephen Signor

"People always say I'm intense and can be rather fiery at certain times so I will say a red **pepper."** – Mitchell Robinson

"Celery, corn and eggplant." – Dean A. Smalley

"Broccoli or cauliflower. I like them both topped by melted cheese sauce."

- David D. McCoombs

"I'd be a cucumber because they are versatile. They can be eaten alone or made into soup or as a salad garnishnent."

- Anne Glotchshuk

"None, vegetables just aren't my thing." - Benjamin Lee

"Put me down for okra, chicory or jicama: something exotic." Jerry Greene

"Spinach for strength like Popeye." - Louise V. Snider

"A radish, small yet mighty." – Isabella Mongon

"Red cabbage. Slightly mysterious but useful." - Deirdre Schulte

"Definitely something crunchy like a celery stalk."

Tawny Lamabe-Punto

## Inspirational Quote of the Week

"Success isn't about the end result, it's about what you learn along the way." - Vera Wang

which helped to develop the atomic bomb. During our first Journalism class, students discovered our powers of observa-

tion. As Dr. Lancaster started to give his opening lecture to our class, he was interrupted by a man in a suit carrying a yardstick in his left hand and a red dictionary in his right hand. He walked to the front of the classroom and whispered something to our professor before leaving.

that the first paragraph in a news story should always contain the "5 Ws" for read-

who had interrupted his lecture just 15 minutes earlier.

He wanted to know what color the person's suit was (blue), what color his shoes dictionary). He even wanted to know what color the person's necktie was (yellow).

My first class for History of China was something I vividly recall 54 years later. Professor Cockrum had served in the U.S. Marines after World War I. He told us that in 1927, the 4th Regiment of the U.S. Marine Corps had been ordered to China with a mission of protecting the lives, property and commerce of American

caskets of military personnel to Arlington National Cemetery for burial.

have liked them because my college transcript shows I received an "A" grade in both Earth Science and English Composition that first semester.

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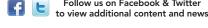
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## Raymond approves 2025 Comprehensive Plan

#### By Dina Mendros

STAFF WRITE

Raymond residents recently adopted the 2025 Comprehensive Plan at a Special Town Meeting. The document is used to guide decisions about policy and land use issues for the next 10 to 20 years. Resiliency, protecting natural resources and improving roads and traffic are among the top goals identified for the town to focus on.

The process to create a new Comprehensive Plan that updates the last plan from 2004 began in 2022. About a dozen or more residents attended the Aug. 12 town meeting. Resident and Fire Chief Bruce Tupper was elected as the moderator.

According to the Comprehensive Plan, which is available for viewing on the town website at raymondmaine. org, "the comprehensive planning process is an opportunity for a community to come together and take inventory of current trends, while looking ahead toward future needs, challenges, and opportunities. ... The priorities, policies, and action items described in the Plan are intended to help municipal staff, boards, and committees identify projects, initia-

tives, and ordinance updates that will help the community fulfill their vision, values, and goals."

The main goals listed in the Comprehensive Plan as ways to improve the Raymond community include:

Build a Resilient Raymond – Adapt to changes and challeng-

es. This could be from severe weather or pursuing services and programs for the residents. Priority actions include working with the Maine Department of Transportation to complete an assessment of and work plan to improve town culverts and road infrastructure at risk from increased flooding. Add staff capacity to seek and manage grant funding through additional staff, a consultant, or regional partnerships.

Protect Raymond's Natural and Water Resources – Raymond's waterways are essential for recreational activity, and local organizations should be supported to protect the water quality of the town's lakes and streams. Priority Action is to develop



a process to determine the appropriateness of sites in Raymond for solar development and incorporate these criteria into Raymond's Solar Ordinance

Invest in road and traffic improvements – Raymond has a high volume of cars, especially during the summer. The policy guidelines are to improve road safety, create a 302 Master Plan in partnership with MDOT, and provide alternatives to driving. Priority Actions include collecting/analyzing speed and crash data and implement proven traffic calming strategies throughout Raymond. The 302 Master Plan should be based on the vision for Route 302 in the Future Land Use Plan.

Prioritize safe walking and biking around Raymond – This would be looking at opportunities such as sidewalk construction, adding bike infrastructure, and off-road trails. Priority Action includes building a network of sidewalks, trails and bike paths connecting identified Growth Areas and local destinations.

Strengthen Raymond's sense of community. Priority Action is developing a master plan supported by public input to repurpose the Jordan Small Middle School and determine the future use of other town-owned buildings, including the library and town office.

One of the core components of the plan is Future Land Use. "Raymond's 2004 Comprehensive Plan called for focusing new development where development already exists and minimizing growth in rural areas and near natural resources to conserve rural character," according to the plan. "This principle is the cornerstone of land use recommendations in this plan as well."

According to Town Manager Joseph Crocker, the major aspects of the Future Land Use portion of see COMP PLAN Page 12





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**ELECTION** Cont. from page 1 town's tax rates.

Planning and development by approving, rejecting, or modifying plans proposed by the Windham Planning Board.

Directing the Town Manager by providing oversight for the Windham Town Manager and town staff.

Making appointments by choosing members and residents to serve on various town committees and boards.

Conducting investigations into the affairs of the town and its departments.

Exercising statutory powers concerning legislative, financial, borrowing, and other powers given by state statutes to town officers.

To be fair to everyone concerned, here are the rules that The Windham Eagle newspaper is setting forth for election coverage this fall.

Letters to the Editor supporting candidates will be accepted up to seven days prior to Election Day on Tuesday, Oct. 28. The letters should be sent to editor@thewindhameagle.com and be no more than 300 words in length. The deadline for submitting letters is noon on Tuesdays for that week's newspaper edition.

The newspaper will print no more than two letters supporting a candidate per edition. Readers may only submit one letter supporting a candidate during an election cycle. The letters will be published in the order they are received by the newspaper.

Candidate endorsement letters must focus on reasons why the writer supports the candidate and are not used as an attack against an opposing candidate. Organized letter-writing campaigns are not allowed by the newspaper and letters deemed to be part of an organized campaign will not be published.

Because of space limitations in the print edition of the newspaper, letters will only be published from Windham residents.

The Windham Eagle newspaper does not endorse candidates. All Letters to the Editor are reviewed for factual information and edited accordingly for spelling and grammar issues before publication.

A questionnaire will be sent to election candidates by email and candidates are asked to complete it in a timely manner and send it back to the newspaper editor to compile into a candidate preview for publication. The candidate preview will appear in the Oct. 10 edition of The Windham Eagle. Should a candidate not return the questionnaire, their space in the candidate preview will indicate that they did not respond to questions posed by the newspaper.

Issues and statewide referendum items will be profiled for readers in an upcoming edition of The Windham Eagle newspaper prior to the election on Nov. 4. <

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Major Capital Construction Program. The total project budget including fees, soft costs, contingencies, furnishings, and equipment is estimated at about \$171.5 million, with the state funding \$131.7 million and residents paying the remaining \$39.8 million.

The original Windham Middle School opened in 1977 and was intended for a capacity of 483 students. That number has grown in the past years to 650 students and some sixth graders being housed for classes at the adjacent Field Allen School, which was built in 1949. Jordan-Small Middle School in Raymond opened in 1962.

"The new school will open with a little more than 1,000 students, and has a capacity for 1,200 students, so there's some room built in taking future growth into account," Howell said. "Kids in Grade 3 to 6 right now will be the first to use the new school."

The school site will also include the creation of three new athletic fields and an existing soccer field near Windham Center Road.

Once open, the new Windham Raymond Middle School will provide instruction for students currently attending Windham Middle School, Jordan-Small Middle School and fifth graders at Manchester School in Windham. The current Windham Middle School and Jordan-Small Middle School will be closed and turned over to their respective municipalities for repurposing.

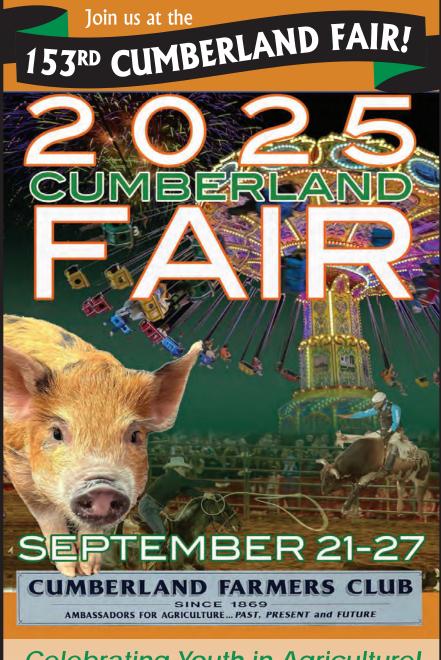
RSU 14 first applied for the Maine Department of Education's Major Capital Construction Program in 2016 for funding for construction and was ranked as the fifth-highest priority among 74 proposed school construction projects statewide each year before eventually gaining approval in March 2021. Once a district applies for funding, Maine Department of Education reviews and rates the projects based upon need. The State Board of Education then funds as many projects from the list as available debt limit funds allow. Working with the State Board of Education, Maine DOE establishes both size and financial limits on projects.

Local school districts may exceed these limits at local expense through municipal bonds, but the state bears the major financial burden of capital costs for approved school construction projects. As such, Maine DOE first looks at the possibility of renovations or renovations with additions and new school construction projects are only considered in instances in which renovation projects are not economically or educationally feasible, which was the case with Windham Middle School and Jordan-Small Middle School in Raymond.

Construction at the site is being led by Shaw Brothers and Landry French.

Because of the steady construction progress to date, Howell said he believes by next August 50 to 60 percent of the school construction will be completed.

"It's a once in a career thing to do and watch this process all the way through," Howell said. "Everything we planned on paper is coming to fruition and it's so exciting." <



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## Windham mother and daughter-in-law collaborate to write book about family challenges, relationships

By Ed Pierce STAFF WRITER

Through the years, jokes have perpetuated the stereotype that mothersin-law can be overbearing and cause marriage friction, but two Windham women are disproving that notion and have written a new book for navigating this complex family relationship.

Teri Rapaport and her mother-inlaw Wendy Satin Rapaport came up with the idea for the book "Advice From My Mother-In-Law That I Ac-

real-life stories, psychological insight, and laugh-out-loud humor. Part conversation, part therapy, and all heart, the book tackles common challenges of family dynamics, including setting boundaries with empathy, communicating without judgment or resentment, bridging generational differences, creating connection through shared experiences, and healing old wounds and preventing new ones.

Dr. Wendy Satin Rapaport is a clinical psychologist, and Teri Rapa-

They collaborated on the book to show that even with the challenges facing mother-in-law daughter-in-law relationships and with associated inherent obstacles that connection, laughter, forgiveness, and empathy is possible in such relationships.

"We have had a

my mind, and I changed hers. We kept saying, oh we should write this up to inspire others."

happy relationship Wendy Satin Rapaport, left, and her daughter-in-law

for 30 years," said Teri Rapaport, both of Windham, have co-authored Wendy Satin Ra- a new book called 'Advice From My Mother-Inpaport. "I have al- Law That I Actually WANT," which contains real-life ways enjoyed Teri stories, psychological insight, and laugh-out-loud and every time we humor. The book is available at Sherman's Maine had a conversation Coast Book Shop and On the Docks Gift Shop in where she changed Windham. COURTESY PHOTO

> Teri Rapaport says her objective in writing the book was to show that → see **BOOK** Page 13



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## Positive Pathways: A new community coalition forms to prevent and reduce youth substance misuse

## By Ed Pierce

A new community coalition has been formed with a mission of preventing and reducing substance misuse in youth.

The Positive Pathways Community Coalition of Standish, Windham, and Raymond Maine will

provide prevention education and outreach to reduce substance misuse in youth and young adults ages 12 to 24.

According to

Patrice Leary-Forrey,
Be The Influence Project Director, the Federal Funded DFC Grant for
BTI ends on Sept. 30 and the
new community coalition of Standish
Windham and Raymond was established in September 2024 as a joint venture between the three municipalities to continue and expand the mis-

"It is a new coalition with the same mission in prevention of substance misuse in youth," Leary-Forrey said.

sion of prevention of substance misuse in youth ages 13 to 19 years old.

The Positive Pathways Community Coalition and the Town of Windham have applied for the Federal Grant Funds for Drug Free Coalitions (DFC) Notice of Funding Award, and it will be available on or before Sept. 30, she said. Notice of the award will go directly to Robert Burns, Windham Town Manager.

Leary-Forrey said adding Standish will enhance the new coalition.

"Standish is a unique town in that it is a part of Cumberland County with a school district and a private university. They are invested and endorse the BTI coalition since many of the youth work in Standish work and play in Windham and Raymond including the college students who attend Saint Joseph's College during the academic year."

The leadership of the Positive Pathways Community Coalition is fully formed with new members, and the coalition is looking for community members to join and volunteer for the coalition and support youth in all three communities.

"There is a 12-month action plan that has been heavily influenced by the youth for the youth," Leary-Forrey said. "We encourage the residents

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of Standish, Windham and Raymond to join in on the virtual Community Coalition Meetings to find out what projects are being developed and implemented for this year."

Crystal Aldrich, Be The Influence Project Coordinator for Windham/ Raymond, says the Positive Path-

ways Community Coalition's mission is the same as Be
The Influence was – to prevent and reduce substance misuse in youth.

"Every young person deserves to be nurtured in a safe and supportive environment where they thrive. The Pos-

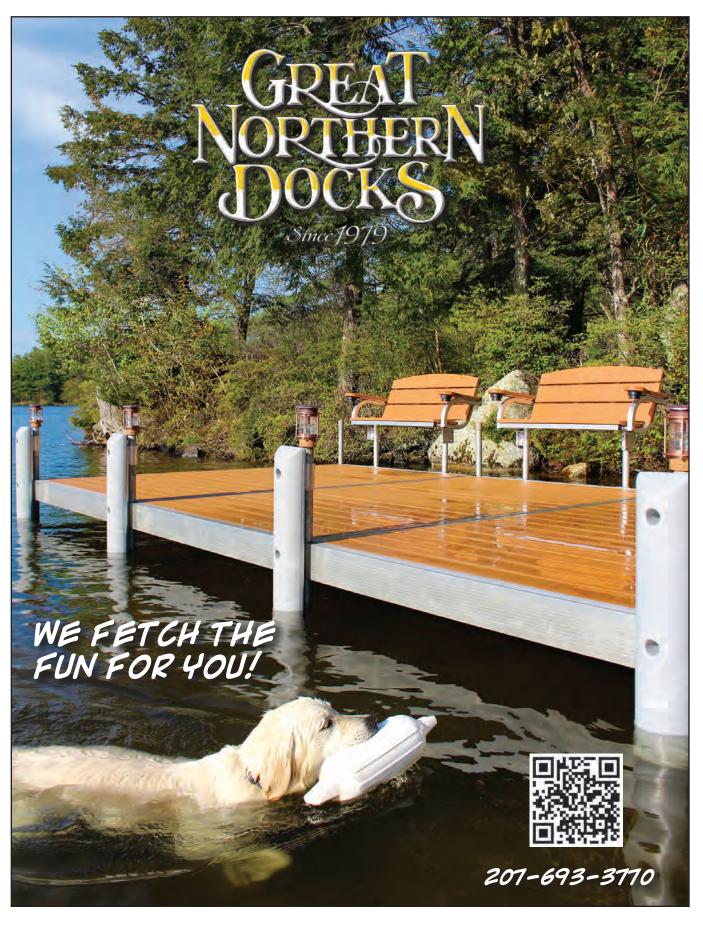
itive Pathways Community Coalition of Standish, Windham and Raymond builds connections and resources, teaches prevention strategies, enhances programs and policies that are evidence based on youth wellness and development."

Aldrich said that the new Positive Pathways Community Coalition (PPCC) members represent 12 different sectors including Youth, Parents, Businesses, Media, Schools, Youth Serving Organizations, Public Safe-

ty, Religious Sector, Civic Groups, Healthcare, Governing Municipalities, and Government Agencies of the Standish, Windham and Raymond communities.

> "Collaboration with coalition >> see **COALITION** Page 10







## Former soldier shares lessons in resilience with **Windham Primary School students**

#### By Ed Pierce

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

Growing up as a military dependent, David Langway moved more than he would have liked to, frequently changed schools, and his father would have to leave to go on deployments. While it could be stressful at times, it also taught him to be resilient, adapt to new situations and learn to solve problems.

Those are qualities that Langway tries to pass on to students as he starts his 10th year as a lunch teacher at Windham Primary School.

His duties at the school involve oversight of designated Third Grade classes through lunch and recess, giving classroom teachers a valuable opportunity to take a break and enjoy their own lunches.

"I take great joy out of helping the children of this community. I've seen children grow from second and third graders into high school students," Langway said. "I believe one of the biggest challenges is trying to get the kids into a school 'rhythm' for the school year.

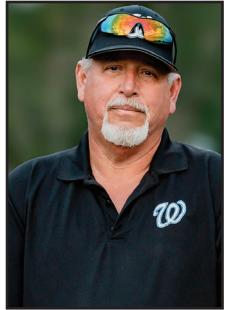
One of his fondest memories of working at Windham Primary School came last year when he says he watched two of his students get

ready to set out on an adventure that they were trying to understand and what Langway says might be tucked away in their memories for the rest of their lives.

"Both of their fathers are in the military, and they were moving to Germany over the summer," he said. "I spoke to them for quite a long time and

ing to the students teachers a break. SUBMITTED PHOTO some of his own life experiences.

"I grew up in the military and my father had been stationed in Germany a number of times," he said. "So, like them, I experienced a culture that has been around for centuries. My father retired in the late 1970s, so I graduated from high school in Indiana. It was my senior year, and my earlier high school years were spent in a military



throughout the David Langway of Windham is a school year of U.S. Army veteran who is serving as raised a family what they might a lunch teacher at Windham Prima- with his wife here. experience there." ry School. Langway works with des-In doing that, ignated Third Grade classes at WPS as the Building Langway was pass- through lunch and recess to give Manager at the

> ans Center, and I've held that position for seven years," Langway said. "I was told about and encouraged by my family to look into the job at Windham Primary School to give me something to occupy my time."

> believes that Langway is making a difference daily in his work with the students.

high school in Nuremburg, Germany."

Upon graduation from school, Langway joined the U.S. Army and spent much of his adult life as a soldier.

"I believed that was the best way to serve this country," he said. "After leaving the military, I later earned a degree in Legal Studies."

He moved to Maine and has

volunteer Windham Veter-

Dr. Kyle Rhoads, WPS Principal,

"David's care and commitment to the children of Windham shines through when he plays football with them, deejays a school event, or gives them a pat on the back or a friendly smile in the cafeteria," Rhoads said. "We appreciate his dedication to Windham Primary School."

Langway says he's not sure what the public would think about the work he does with WPS students.

"I also coach Little League baseball and youth football here in Windham," he said. "So, working at the school helps me to know and understand some of the struggles the kids might have. It's also an opportunity to get to know their parents."

A meaningful lesson that Langway learned as a military dependent and then as a soldier serving in the military is that each new day could be an opportunity to learn something new. He tries to remember that in his work at Windham Primary School.

"One of the most important things that always amuses me is that most years I learn something from the kids," he said. "It's also quite fulfilling to run into the kids a couple of years later, and you're amazed by the things they remember from the primary school. At my age and growing nearer to total retirement, there is always something memorable to think about in this job." <

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## Raymond-Casco Historical Society hosts second segment of popular Canal Boat presentation

#### By Ed Pierce

STAFF WRITER

Back in July when the Raymond-Casco Historical Society hosted a discussion and presentation about Canal Boats on Sebago Lake by historian Mike Davis at its museum in Casco, every seat in the house was filled as participants found the subject fascinating.

Davis is returning at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, Sept 15 to continue with a second segment of his presentation and RCHS organizers say interest is building once again to hear the former Assistant Director of the Bridgton Historical Society discuss 19th century water transportation in the Lakes Region of Maine.

"He last talked of the lumber and logging industry in the Sebago Lake district during the early era of the earliest settlers," said Sue Pride of RCHS. "He talked about the transportation of logs, particularly the 'Kings Pine' from

this area to Portland by other teams."

He discussed having straight roadways with no sharp turns for hauling these pines, and shipping lumber and supplies by barge over Sebago Lake.

"Part II of his presentation will continue talking about the progress of using Sebago Lake and canals in making deliveries of goods possible throughout the area even when the lake was frozen," Pride said.

She said Davis is an engaging speaker with a great knowledge of history.

"His local stories and tall tales are sure to be enjoyed by all in attendance," Pride said.

Copies and photos of the steamships will be available for purchase at the event.

RCHS President Frank McDermott said that canal boats in the 19th century carried all kinds of goods through the region, making it a lifeline and a connection to the outside world for Lakes Region residents.

"Really, the boats would bring anything that needed to be shipped such as lumber, food, or goods," he said. "It was the quickest and most convenient way to move things to the Lakes Region. This included getting things out to places in the area that were not on the lake."

McDermott says the upcoming presentation by Davis will be not only educational but also highly entertaining as well.

"It's a really interesting topic," he said. "Canal boats have wide appeal, and it is fun to learn more about the history of our area waterways."

The second part of Davis' presentation will be held at the RCHS grounds located at 1 Shadow Lane in Casco. The museum will be open early at 5 p.m. so participants can take advantage of all the RCHS facility has to offer free of charge.

To learn more, visit raymondcas-cohistoricalsociety.org, their Facebook page or call 207-655-6389.

The museum is open from noon to 3 p.m. May through October on Saturdays and Sundays. Most weekends there is a blacksmith working on site giving live demonstrations. Group tours are also available by request. <





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members empowers youth to be leaders and peer ambassadors in the community where a youth's voice is valued and respected," Aldrich said. "A collaborative approach builds trust between the youth and adults in the community through positive engagement and opportunity."

She said the Positive Pathways Community Coalition is intended to offer healthy positive experiences for youth.

"Utilizing the HOPE Framework, youth ambassadors and peer-to-peer mentorship build protective factors and positive experiences, resulting in better health outcomes for youth and families," Aldrich said. "A strength-based approach for collaboration builds a stronger community, trained

professionals, and prevention education for youth."

PPCC brings the community together with HOPE (Healthy Outcomes from Positive Experiences Framework). Along with Healthy Outcomes from Positive Experiences, evidence-based prevention education (Prime for Life and BARR) and Peer to Peer modeling for youth, Aldrich said the collaborative approach to prevention with the communities of Standish, Windham and Raymond will empower leadership and resilience in area youth.

Meetings for the coalition will be held on the second Wednesday of every month at 9 a.m. on Microsoft Teams.

For additional info or to join the coalition, call 207-804-6742 or scan the QR code in the ad below. <

## Space to Thrive to open early childhood education facility

Space to Thrive, a nonprofit organization providing childcare in Windham and Raymond, has announced the grand opening of its new early childhood education facility. Representatives say the new center represents a major milestone in advancing the organization's mission to provide every child with positive and accessible experiences that nurture development.

The facility's grand opening will be held from 5 to 8 p.m. taking place on Wednesday, Sept. 17 at 184 Pope Road, Windham. The event will include community activities, live music, and raffles, as well as offering attendees an exclusive first look at the spaces designed to nurture growth, creativity, and connection.

"We are honored to have the opportunity to bring such a needed service to the community, and to continue building on the work our founders started more than two decades ago," said Hannah Marshall, Executive Director. "We are committed to providing exceptional quality childcare and early education both at this new program and throughout our organization."

The new Space to Thrive facility features five classrooms, a multipurpose room, courtyard, and nature-based outdoor play space, all designed with

accessibility and inclusivity at the forefront. The project was made possible through the State of Maine Child Care Infrastructure grant and Coastal Enterprises, Inc.'s Community Facilities Fund that funds long-term, lower-cost projects for non-profit community facilities.

Local families, community members, and supporters are invited to attend the opening celebration, explore the facility, and learn more about upcoming programs and services offered by Space to Thrive.

Space to Thrive, also known as Windham/Raymond School Age Child Care is designed to provide students with quality, affordable childcare before and after school with a special emphasis placed upon creating an environment that fosters friendships, responsibility, respect and cooperation. It is a licensed childcare program inspected by the State of Maine with facilities operated in compliance with state rules for child-care programs. All SACC programs meet or exceed all licensing, fire, health, and safety requirements.

The new Space to Thrive building is about 6,000 square feet and will include infants, toddlers, and preschool classrooms, as well as a multipurpose conference room, and supporting

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substance misuse in youth and young adults through prevention education, outreach, and healthy positive experiences.

Meetings will be the second Wednesday of each month at 9:00 am via Microsoft Teams

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spaces. Outdoor space will be designed to encourage children's natural wonder and curiosity. With an eye on sustainability, the facility will be built to have as minimal environmental impact as possible.

"We are grateful for the State of Maine Child Care Infrastructure Grant, as well as financial backing through Coastal Enterprises, Inc. Without these programs, this facility would not exist," said Marshall. "We understand the financial burden child-care places on families, and we will continue to seek funding sources to support quality care while minimizing impact on families."

State of Maine Child Care Infrastructure Grants are made possible through funding provided available by Maine Jobs & Recovery Plan investments and other state and federal funding distributed to support the child-care industry. As part of the Maine supplemental budget bill passed in April 2022 and in accordance with the original Maine Jobs and Recovery Plan legislation of 2021, more than \$5.2 million in early childhood funds were reallocated to provide additional resources for grants to renovate, expand or construct childcare programs.

The Maine Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) Office of Child and Family Services (OCFS) is administering the Child Care Infrastructure Grant Program through a partnership with Coastal Enterprises, Inc., a Community Development Financial Institution that works to build a more equitable economy by grow-

ing good jobs, livelihoods and diverse business ownership, while advancing a just transition to a climate-resilient future.

The Windham/Raymond School Age Child Care Program was originally founded in 1990 and began offering services at some RSU 14 schools in Windham and Raymond in 2002. It strives to provide a high quality, engaging and safe place for children to attend before- and after-school programs, as well as offering full-day programs.

According to the most recent census data, Windham has a population of about 19,658 residents and the town has seen a population growth of 6.7 percent since the 2020 census.

Marshall said that this growing community includes many young families in need of quality childcare and preschool services.

"The Windham/Raymond School Department, RSU 14, serves a student population of 3,200 students across six public schools," she said. "The addition of Space to Thrive will help support the childcare needs of families in the area, ensuring that children receive the care and early education they need to thrive."

Great Falls Construction of Gorham served as contractor for the Space to Thrive project with Taselpointe Architecture of Windham serving in the role as the new project's architect.

For more info about Space to Thrive early childhood education and before-and-after school programming available from Windham/Raymond School Age Child Care, visit windhamraymondsacc.com <



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2025 Comp Plan include identifying growth, transition, and rural areas.

Growth areas include Route 302 as an area for small business and multi-family development with traffic and transportation improvements; and Raymond and East Raymond Village built in the traditional New England village style with diverse housing, small businesses and tree-lined streets.

Most of Raymond is designated as Rural Areas, according to the plan. "Today, these areas include places for low-density housing among forests, lakes, and ponds, working lands for farming and timber harvesting, and the town's largest undeveloped habitat blocks." Low density housing and small businesses are appropriate but also important is conserving natural resources and supporting farms and forest owners."

The Transition Area is a pocket of industrial-zoned land off of Route 121/Meadow Road. According to the plan it "is home to an electronics manufacturing company and a large WGMETV transmitter. With the existing development and TIF District here, this area is appropriate for continued industrial or commercial use, such as office space or light manufacturing."

Public input was an important part of creating the new Comprehensive Plan and was included in numerous parts of the process beginning with creating a Comprehensive Plan Committee. A summer survey took place

in 2023, a data highlights workshop in January 2024, multiple community listening sessions with various stakeholders, a future land use workshop, a space for community engagement on the town website and a public hearing was held about the plan on Aug. 12 prior to approving the new plan.

At the Aug. 12 Special Town Meeting, Raymond resident Bradley Mc-Curtain suggested several ideas to add to the Comprehensive Plan such as having some of the five town selectmen represent certain districts of town; ways to make the website easier to navigate; and creating a program for the town's older population to mitigate isolation.

Raymond Select Board Chair Denis Morse said some of McCurtain's suggestions were already in the works and don't need to be included in the

Resident Peter Leavitt said that making changes to the plan at that point could put the process back a year and no changes were made.

With the Comprehensive Plan being passed, Crocker said, "it is creating a guide for when the town makes decisions, and we are collectively moving toward the vision of our com-

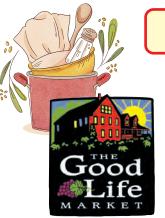
The next step is to set up a Comprehensive Implementation Committee which would start putting some of the Comprehensive Plan goals into action. That committee will make recommendations based on both the local and state goals, policies, and action items. Those items are listed in the Comprehensive Plan. <

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naturally, but we do appreciate how

hard it can be."

Having taught at the University of Maine graduate school and performed social work for 30 years, Wendy Satin Rapaport and her

> husband have rented a home for the last five years at Little Sebago Lake in Windham. Teri and her husband Bruce have lived in Windham for 15 years on the opposite side of Little Sebago Lake and visit Wendy and her husband by boat.

It took them a complete year - summer to summer - to write the book while relaxing on the water of Little Sebago

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that they worked on copy corrections and wondered how the book would be perceived by readers.

"We know it's not perfect, but it's perfect enough for us," they said. "Once we mastered the computer challenges of writing, we actually enjoyed ourselves and it was wonderful to label what we did naturally and then learn new methods for the things that we saw were bigger differences than we had realized. We became closer, laughed our way through the whole process because that is one of the key skills that we both naturally have and that we do believe can be learned by everybody."

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## WHS volleyball pushes BE to five sets in home opener

#### By Matt Pascarella

STAFF WRITER

In their first home game of the regular season, Windham varsity volleyball showed they have what it takes to go up against tough teams. In a match that's best three out of five sets; Windham forced a fifth set, but the Scots won this match, 3-2, at Windham High on Monday, Sept. 8.

"Bonny Eagle pushes back (in the fourth set), but we held our ground and dug deep when we needed to get the points," said Windham varsity volleyball coach Chris Cloutier. "Our serving did pretty well tonight, we were getting our serves in, we were making (Bonny Eagle) earn their points off our serves, but once it started getting into play, we didn't keep them involved as much as we needed to - letting our defense try to win the game for us, instead of trying to score all the points offensively."

In the first set, Windham, along with server senior captain Josephine Sibley put six points on the scoreboard quickly. Bonny Eagle had a few good serves too and was now three points behind the Eagles. Windham had strong volleying and soon it was set point. Bonny Eagle made a small comeback, but the Eagles won this set 25-21.

In the second set, it was close early on; Bonny Eagle took the lead. Windham fought hard, but Bonny Eagle was able to stay out in front. The Scots won this set 25-20.

Set three was similar in that Windham led the Scots early. The game was soon tied, but Bonny Eagle pulled away and won this set, 25-20.

"I feel like it's so early in the season, this game was a good building block for us," said Sibley. "We really gave it our





(L to R) Windham senior and captain Josephine Sibley gets ready to bump the ball during the varsity volleyball home opener against Bonny Eagle at Windham on Monday, Sept. 8. Senior Oakley McLeod leaps mid-air to knock the ball back over the net. PHOTOS BY MATT PASCARELLA

all. I feel like we're going to go far in the ... season. I think (this match) sets us up to know that we can sub people in and they can be equally as successful as our starters. Our team cares for each other, and that they're going to cheer us on no matter what. Our serving was really good and our serve-receive just needs a little bit of work, but it's progressively getting better every single season. Our biggest struggle is communication and trusting each other, but that'll come over time."

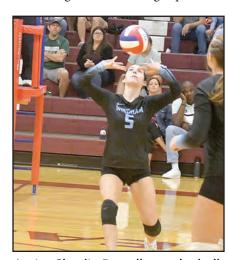
The fourth set was make-or-break, and it was a close one. Windham came out playing aggressively and took a sixpoint lead. Bonny Eagle was not far behind. The game was tied at 15, then it was tied at 23. The Eagles forced a fifth set as they won, 25-23.

"Our fourth set, we pushed and pushed; our scores kept fluctuating throughout the whole set," said Windham senior captain Sydney Harmon. "Towards the end of the set we got together as a team and (knew) if we lose this it's over, and we wanted to win. We kept pushing and pushing, but I think we were all really tired for the fifth set. Our communication was gone because we were so afraid of making mistakes."

Bonny Eagle jumped out ahead in the final set with a 10-point lead in a set that ended at 15. Windham slowly made a comeback and did avoid being shut out. However, Bonny Eagle had a big lead and won the deciding set, 15-6.

'We yo-yoed a little bit in that match," said Cloutier. "We had some technical things to clean up that stood out to me and some stuff we've been working on like block-coverage, not making the unforced errors ourselves. Our energy yo-yoed as well. In this game you've got to be mentally tough in order to pull through, you got to be able to roll through errors and ... let the last error go. That's a tough thing to learn."

Harmon said she was pretty happy overall with how things went, although they wanted the win, this match showed they were consistent in important areas of the court and they need to tighten some things up. <



Junior Shaylin Burrell sets the ball.



## John McQuade

Age: 17 Team: Windham High Varsity Football Coach: Matt Perkins

Parents' names: Angela and Adam McQuade **Reason for selection:** John is really starting to flourish as a defensive lineman, and coaches are seeing major strides with him and his improvement. Those strides aren't just football-wise, but as a leader and a kid that works hard and is encouraging others; he's just done

a really good job of being an awesome teammate. He goes above and beyond to encourage young guys, he's quick to help out anyone he can, he's quick to get on scout teams if he's not in and he's going to give you everything he's got. That has just been a really positive thing that has spread to his teammates. Just by working hard he's a great lead-by-example guy, and he's done all those other things and checked all those other boxes as a leader would do.



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## Windham varsity golf works hard in early season match

## By Matt Pascarella

Windham varsity golf now plays their home matches at a new location this season and are still getting the feel for the new course. They played Massabesic at home at Point Sebago in Casco, a par 36 course, on Tuesday, Sept. 9.

While they lost to the Stags 8-5 in points, this was an improvement over their previous home match where they scored twice as many points this match and did significantly better stroke-wise. Windham hit 14 strokes more than Massabesic (230-244), compared to the 30-plus strokes they swung last week against Gorham. Several Windham players improved on their scores from last week too.

"I played it a little safer today and it was more of just trying to find the fairway rather than get the ball really, really far," said Windham senior Devin Zachary who was tied with his opponent until the last hole. "My putting was significantly better today ... My distance on my chipping needs improvement. The putting was going great for me today."

Top Windham scorers included: Zachary who registered a 44 against Massabesic and earned the team one match point, freshmen Riley Gallagher, who shot a 47 and earned the team two match points, and junior Matt Biggs, who shot a 49 and earned the team two match points. Freshman Hunter Pulkkinen also shot a 49







(L to R) Windham freshman Riley Gallagher hits his ball toward the green in a prep golf match against Massabesic at Point Sebago in Casco on Tuesday, Sept. 9. Senior Devin Zachary watches as his ball heads toward the hole. Senior Josh Logan concentrates before he putts. PHOTOS BY MATT PASCARELLA

and was all square with his opponent, meaning they won the same number of holes.

"I won my match in stroke-play against my partner," said Gallagher. "My short game was good, I only had 17 putts, just chipping ... just played good. My driver wasn't too bad today, but if I can get a little more distance on it, a little bit straighter, that'd be good. My irons have been decent; my short game's good. It was good (playing against Massabesic)."

Josh Logan, a senior, said last week's match went a little better for him; he shot a 53 during this match. Everything else was dialed in, but he struggled with putting. His driver was great; on the last hole, he cut the trees and landed 40 feet from the green. His long game was good, but he's going to work on his putting.

"I think we're still trying to figure out the course; we've been at Riverside for eight years and then coming back here, there's still a little bit of a learning curve," said Windham varsity golf coach Adam Manzo. "We're performing pretty good in practice and then matches come and there seem to be to one or two holes that eat us up or send us down the wrong path, right off the bat. It seems to be the first hole – you get off to the wrong start and ... when you're five-over after the first hole, it's

hard to bounce back. The freshmen/sophomores seem to be doing pretty well so far; Riley today has been pretty steady. It's the consistency piece we're lacking and trying to get better at. The kids have to understand that one hole doesn't make an entire match, and the kids have to figure out how to make use of the (remaining holes) in the match and not worry about one bad hole here or there. We're trying to find some middle ground where we're just a little more consistent day-to-day." <









#### **Haddock Dinner**

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, 919 Roosevelt Trail in Windham will offer a fresh meal from 5 to 6 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 13. The meal will be prepared by members of the Knight off Columbus Council 10020 and includes fresh baked daddock, mashed pota-

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toes, carrots, cole slaw, beverages, and a homemadedessert buffet. Cost is \$14 for adults and \$6 for children (age 12 and under) with a pizza dinner also available for \$6. FMI, call 207-857-0490.

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**ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS** SITE WALK

## Saturday, September 20, 2025 • 9:00 AM

You are hereby notified of the Raymond ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS Site Walk at the following location Saturday, September 20th, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. regarding the information on the following application:

APPLICANT: Teresa Ellis, Dennis Martin & Lisa Martin **LOCATION:** Map 78/Lot 62A Zone LRR 1

**DESCRIPTION:** Administrative Appeal of Permit issued July 22nd, 2025 to Sheena-Jo Randall and Jonathan Stickney for a 4 x 4 temporary platform with stairs to access Thomas Pond.

The site walk will commence at 9:00 a.m. on site

## PUBLIC HEARING

Tuesday, September 30, 2025 • 7:00 PM

#### Broadcast Studio - 423 Webbs Mills Road and Via ZOOM

You are hereby notified that the Raymond Appeals Board will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, September 30th, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. to hear information on the following application:

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

#### JOIN ZOOM MEETING

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Find your local number: https://us02web.zoom.us/u/kcCuxNQkD7

will be hosting its annual Membership meeting and election of Officers at 6 p.m. Monday, Sept. 15 at the Windham Veterans Center. All Members in good standing with Legion Post 148, VFW Post 10643 and DAV #3 are encouraged to attend. FMI, call 207-892-1306.

#### **Blood Drive**

American Legion Field-Allen Post 148 will conduct a Red Cross Blood Drive from noon to 5 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 17 at the Windham Veterans Center, 35 Veterans Memorial Drive. Donors are asked to call 1-800-RED CROSS or visit the RED CROSS App to register to give blood at the event.

#### Decluttering and **Transitioning**

Jessie Graham, a life coach and consultant, will give a presentation from 1 to 3 p.m. Friday Sept. 19 at the Windham Public Library, 217 Windham Center Road, Windham about decluttering, organizing, and how to thoughtfully dispose of your possessions. Refreshments will be served. Participants may attend in-person or remotely by ZOOM, FMI, call 207-892-1908.

#### **Bean Supper**

American Legion Field-Allen Post 148 will host a traditional bean supper from 5 to 6 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 20 at the Windham Veterans Center, 35 Veterans Memorial Drive, Windham to benefit the post's youth programs. The cost is \$10 and kids under 12 eat for free. FMI, call 207-892-1306.

#### **Fall Equinox Concert**

Vigorous Tenderness, a fall equinox concert, will be held from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Monday, Sept. 22 at Bumbleroot Organic Farm, 196 Highland Cliff Road in Windham. Come and welcome fall with vibrant chamber music that connects new sounds, the environment, and the community. This is a family-friendly event. Sliding scale donations are welcomed. Tickets will be available at the door for \$30 but attendees can pay based upon need. Cash and Venmo are accepted, and everything will go to the musicians and to sustaining future concerts. FMI, send an email to vigorous.tenderness@gmail.com

#### **Veterans Service** Officer

Following renovations at the Windham Veterans Center Office, Maine Bureau of Veteran Service Officer James Burbridge is resuming office hours and appointments in Windham at the Veterans Center from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. starting on the second Wednesday in September. To make an appt, call 207 255-3306 or email: mobliesouth.mbvs@maine.gov.



### TOWN OF WINDHAM, MAINE PLANNING BOARD NOTICE OF PUBLIC SITE WALKS

#### Monday, September 15, 2025 Town Hall, Council Chambers, 8 School Road

- 5:30PM #25-05 Smith Cemetery Expansion Tax Map:12, Lots: 49-1, 49-2 & Tax Map 46, Lot 13A - Gray Road Site plan review for addition of new family plots, single burials in two niche walls, and a new driveway. Meet at 513 Gray Road, parking in cemetery.
- 6:00PM #25-18 250 Windham Center Road Condos Tax Map: 12, Lot 52A - Windham Center Road Subdivision and site plan review for a six unit residential condominium development in three duplex buildings Meet at 250 Windham Center Road.

Public comment is not accepted during the site walk unless requested by the Planning Board. Written comments can be emailed to the Board at PlanningBoard@windhammaine.us

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## Supplemental electronic device coverage

#### By Jonathan Priest SPECIAL TO THE WINDHAM EAGLE



We've all been there. Scheduling our days down to the hours and minutes. We're busier than ever, with life pulling us in dozens of directions

Jonathan Priest at any given time. Appointments, practices, hitting the gym, meetings, work, meals, family time are all jockeying for our atten-

Regardless of our personal thoughts on the pluses and minuses of technology, our devices keep us connected, productive, and entertained. When something goes wrong, you need coverage that goes beyond the basics. Electronic Device Protection offers peace of mind by protecting your essential tech from unexpected mishaps and breakdowns.

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With a stand-alone Supplemental Coverage Plan for electronics, your deductible could be much lower or even waived entirely! Reach out to your trusted insurance professional today to learn more about your options and protect yourself against life's little mishaps! Remember, not all plans are the same, so do your homework to find a plan that covers your devices the way you want it to. There's no worse feeling than to think you're covered when you're not!

This article was brought to you courtesy of Farmers Insurance agent Jonathan Priest, with an office at 57 Tandberg Trail, Suite 7, Windham and StaySafe.org. Call or text him at 207-893-8184 or send an email to: jpriest1@farmersagent.com <



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If you like Hamburger Helper, you're going to love this easy and delicious Cheesy Hamburger Casserole recipe! This creamy pasta with ground beef is so cheesy and comforting! Serves 6

#### **INGREDIENTS**

1 pound of elbow pasta 1 pound of lean ground beef 1 small yellow onion 2 cloves fresh garlic 2 teaspoons of Worcestershire sauce 1 10.5-ounce can tomato soup 2 cups of beef broth or stock

4 ounces of cream cheese, room temperature 1/2 cup of whole milk 3½ cups of shredded cheddar cheese divided

salt and black pepper to taste parsley optional

#### **INSTRUCTIONS**

In a large frying pan over medium-high heat, cook the diced onions and the ground beef. Add the garlic and cook for 1 to 2 minutes until fragrant. Drain excess grease from the beef.

Add the beef stock (or broth), along with the tomato soup and Worcestershire sauce. Season with salt and pepper. Cook the pasta according to the instructions on the box.

Combine the cooked pasta with the ground beef mixture. Stir in the milk and room temperature cream cheese.

Add half of the shredded cheese. Reduce the heat to medium and allow the casserole to simmer for a couple of minutes.

Transfer the pasta and hamburger mixture into a 9x13 casserole dish. Top with the remaining cheese and bake for 10 minutes until the cheese is melted and the casserole is bubbly.

Sprinkle with chopped parsley or diced green onions before serving if desired.

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- 29. City in India
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During the boating season, Long Beach Marina provides a wide range of conveniences. It is home to the only 93-octane fuel dock on the big bay of Sebago Lake and also offers late-model pontoon boat rentals, a launch ramp, and seasonal and transient moorings with onsite parking. Guests benefit from shuttle service during open hours, dinghy access after-hours and a family-oriented approach to customer care.

"Our commitment is to provide stress-free boating services, guided by the principle of treating every customer with dignity and respect," say the Minervinos. "Through exception-



al service and seamless operations, we aim to provide an unparalleled boating experience for all of our customers."

Long Beach Marina has a proud history dating back more than 75 years. Originally opened in 1947, the marina was purchased by Beach Marina will celebrate 40 years of

family ownership.

"Henry, and his son, Sam, were presented with the opportunity to purchase and run a small marina at the time," Minervino said. "Over the years, we've worked hard to expand our services and grow into the full-service marina we are today." The family's entrepreneurial spirit extends beyond the marina, with a history of operating

Recent investments demonstrate

other small local businesses.



the Minervino family Long Beach Marina is proud to offer boaters in 1988. Since then, the peace of mind when storing their boat over the family has continuously winter with their brand-new secure storage fainvested in improve- cility. Their goal is to make boat service and ments. In 2026, Long storage hassle-free. COURTESY PHOTO

Long Beach Marina's dedication to service and growth. The marina recently completed a 24,000-square-foot Boat Rack Storage Building to expand indoor storage capacity and has a new service facility slated for completion in spring 2026. A highly skilled service department complements these expansions, with experienced marine mechanics and technicians who treat every vessel with care.

The marina also maintains and upgrades its rental fleet of pontoons regularly, ensuring safe, comfortable, and enjoyable outings on the lake. Whether it's storage, maintenance, launching, transportation, or custom accessories, Long Beach Marina delivers a complete range of services – all just a call away.

The marina operates from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m., seven days a week during boating season, with pre-season and post-season hours available each spring and fall. This dedication to accessibility and service has earned Long Beach Marina consistently positive feedback.

Online reviews highlight the professionalism and attentiveness of the crew. As one satisfied customer shared:

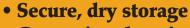
"The staff working here are absolutely delightful. They thoroughly explained everything we needed to know. The boat was well maintained and had all the features we needed to enjoy our day." ~ Diane G.

From its beginnings as a small, family-operated marina to its role today as a leading full-service hub on Sebago Lake, Long Beach Marina has remained committed to excellence. By combining tradition, innovation, and family values, the marina continues to enhance the boating experience for both longtime customers and newcomers alike.

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The panel would include industry representatives, AI experts, and others.

It would be charged with examining how criminals use AI in financial scams, and how the industry can leverage the technology to better detect fraud and stay ahead of scammers.

The bill would also require the task force to explore the use of AI in the financial sector to detect fraud and to work on interagency solutions.

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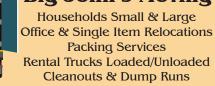
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