Volume 13, Issue 50

TheWindhamEagle.com

**December 12, 2025** 

## WMS Altitude Program completes 4th annual **Barbara Bush Children's Hospital Book Drive**

### By Masha Yurkevich

STAFF WRITER

Windham Middle School (WMS) Altitude students took a trip to the Barbara Bush Children's Hospital to donate books that they had collected on Nov. 25. This is the fourth annual book drive that the Altitude program has done for the Children's Hospital, and this year, Altitude collected 132

To collect the books, students set up collection boxes around the school and made announcements to let others know about the book drive.

"We also made posters and posted them around the school and also went to the Windham Public Library to see if we could put a collection box there," said WMS student Ava Arterton.

An Altitude teacher also posted about the book drive on the internet and ended up raising \$230, which was then used to buy books at Shermans Maine Coast book Shop and Walmart for the book drive.

"If I were in a hospital, I would be very happy if someone thought of me and brought me a book," said Angelina Malan, a WMS Altitude student.



Altitude students from Windham Middle School show some of the books they collected to donate to Barbara Bush Children's Hospital while visiting the facility in Portland last month. Front row (L to R) are Sophie Simonson, Finn Stinchfield, Lee Small, CC Sawyer, Xander Walsh, and Autumn Carlsen-Cook. Back row (L to R) are John Skillings, Caleb Warner, Teagan Lamb, Elijah Fox, Rocco Pompeo, Ava Arterton, Angelina Malan, McKenna Grass-Goodwin, Eli Simagna, Payton Straddard, Illijah Veilleux, Zach Welch, and Lisa Anderson. PHOTO BY MASHA YURKEVICH

"When I read, it calms me down and makes me feel better," said student Lee Small. "Maybe these books can do the same thing for the children

The students all agreed that it is

important to help people in need and that it feels good to make a difference.

"A little bit goes a long way," said McK-Grass-Goodwin. "It is a big hospital and compared to how many books we brought, we did raise a lot but compared to how many children there are in this hospital, a little goes a long way. These books might just help these children feel a little bit more normal during this hard time."

Some of the students went over to their teachers from the previous year to talk to the kids and tell them about what happens at the Children's Hospital

and why they collected books.

"It was a lot about presentation → see **ALTITUDE** Page 4

## Oldest RSU 14 employee chooses to forego retirement and embraces custodial position

### By Ed Pierce

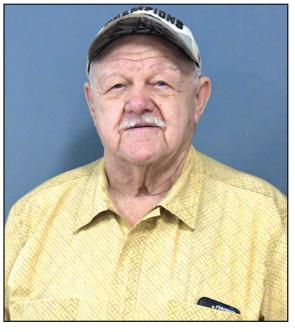
When students at Raymond Elementary School seek out inspiration about developing a proper work ethic, they need not look any further than their own school custodian Bob Cole.

He is celebrating his 90th birthday today as he has for decades, spending another day cleaning bathrooms and classrooms, emptying trash cans, sweeping and mopping floors, and performing minor school and building repairs. Cole happens to be the oldest employee in the RSU 14 school district and says he has no plans to retire anytime soon.

"Back in 1998, I saw an advertisement in the Raymond Road Runner newspaper for part-time help at Jordan-Small School," Cole said. "I called them at 11 a.m. and they told me to come in for an interview. By 2 p.m. they were putting me to work that very same day. When Raymond Elementary School was built in 2000, I started working over here."

Cole was born on Dec 12, 1935, and grew up in Portland before moving as a teenager with his family to South Portland. He attended South Portland High School for a year before having to quit school to help support his family.

For 14 years he worked at a shoe



Bob Cole, RSU 14's oldest employee, celebrates his 90th birthday on Friday, Dec. 12. He has served as a custodian for Raymond schools since 1998 and has no working, he says that he plans to retire. PHOTO BY MATT PASCARELLA

shop in South Portland before landing a job as a truck driver for a local laundry which serviced hospitals and other facilities in Maine.

"I drove for them for 38 years before retiring," Cole said. "I had only been retired for six months when I landed the job with Raymond schools. I live close to the school in Raymond

and could walk there if I chose to."

He says the best part of his job at Raymond Elementary is working in a school environment.

"I like being around the children and the teachers and staff," Cole said. "There's really nothing challenging about this job. I love doing it because I can't sit still. There's always something here that needs to be done."

He's been married for 72 years to his wife, Bernadette, and they have a daughter, two grandchildren and two great-grand-

When school is not in session and Cole isn't and his wife will go to visit with friends, drive to the

casino in Oxford or spend time with their grandchildren.

But his job as school custodian is something that he doesn't take for

"I look forward to each day," he said. "I'm not planning on retiring ever. I'm just trying to keep as busy as I can. It keeps me feeling young."

He thinks the public has a misconception about what school custodians actually do.

"They believe all we do is pick up after the students," Cole said. "It's really so much more than that and is constant and keeps me busy all day long."

During his career working at Raymond Elementary School Cole says he has many fond memories and it's extremely hard to pinpoint just one as

"Let's just say I have met a lot of good people during my time here and certainly have made a lot of friends," he said.

According to Cole, the only time that he's ever really missed while working for the school was a few years back when he had heart surgery.

"I took some time off when I had surgery," he said. "The doctors told me to stop eating junk food and I feel a lot better and am in pretty good shape today. I can't believe that I am now the

oldest employee in the entire school district. I can't believe it's really happened. I love this job and have no plans of leaving it." <



# A windy city adventure

As Christmas break from college neared in December 1972, I was excited to be flying home across the country and spending some time off over the holidays with my family. But I had no idea that my flight home on Friday, Dec. 8, 1972 would be one of the most chaotic but fun experiences of my life.

A group of us from our fraternity rode to the airport in Albuquerque, New Mexico and six of us boarded a plane at 5 p.m. to Chicago's O'Hare Airport for connections to other flights heading east. We sat together in the back of the airplane and talked about what our plans were for Christmas and New Year's and when we would be returning for the next semester.

After sitting there and waiting to take off for about 45 minutes, an announcement was made that our airplane required mechanical repair. We were instructed to stay seated while airline mechanics worked to resolve the issue, and that the flight attendants would bring us complimentary food and beverages while we waited.

Since I was under the age of 21, I was not offered any alcohol but my other five friends on the flight had a few drinks while we were stuck there. By the time the plane took off an hour later, everybody was in a happy mood despite our flight being delayed by almost two hours.

About an hour into the flight, an announcement was made that a United Airlines flight had crashed on approach to Chicago's

Midway Airport, and that all air traffic into Midway was being rerouted to O'Hare Airport. It meant that our landing at O'Hare would be delayed by nearly an hour.

By the time we were finally on the ground in Chicago, all six of us from the fraternity had missed our connecting flights. Somebody had an idea that we should call a fellow fraternity brother nicknamed "Murph" who lived there to give us a tour of the city while we were stuck there overnight. He agreed to pick us up and another new adventure unfolded.

Our tour guide "Murph" was working in Chicago as a bartender and had grown up there. He said he would give us an unforgettable tour and proceeded to show us the shoreline of Lake Michigan, and we drove past the legendary Marshall Field's department store, which was decorated with thousands of twinkling lights for the Christmas season. We parked and walked around the historic Chicago Old Town seeing hundreds of Victorian-era buildings and St. Michael's Church, which was one of the few structures to survive the Great Chicago Fire of 1871.

I marveled when we drove past the construction site for the Sears Tower which was eventually going to be 110 stories tall when finished a few years later. I also enjoyed seeing the Art Institute of Chicago, a building with vast collections of famous American artwork inside.

We kept driving until deciding to stop at a pizza place that "Murph" knew and we had a late evening meal while trying to determine if we wanted to return to the airport or do something else that night to pass the time.

Someone in our group suggested that we should go and hang out at the famous Chicago Playboy Club. We drove there but couldn't get in because none of us were club members and I was underage. At that point, half of our group continued bar hopping with "Murph" but three of us were invited to go to another fraternity member's home in the Chicago suburb of Wilmette. Although it was after midnight when we got there, we played cards with our fraternity friend, his mother and his sister, and afterward we all talked for a few hours before finally nodding off to sleep around 3 a.m.

By 10 a.m. the next morning our group had arrived back at O'Hare Airport, and I learned that the next flight to my hometown was at 11 p.m. that night. Rather than waiting at the airport for hours, the ticket agent suggested that perhaps I could get closer to my destination of Rochester, New York by flying to Buffalo, New York about 76 miles away.

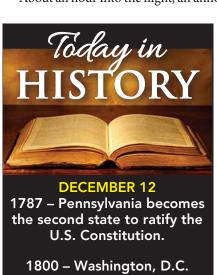
Not having many options left to get home, I called my father to pick me up in Buffalo and I boarded the plane.

Outside the airport in Buffalo, I was greeted by my mother, my father and my brother and over the next hour and a half in the car on the way home, I tried to find a good excuse as to why I hadn't called to alert them of my airline connection issues in Chicago. They told me they had been worried sick about me and were wondering if I had been murdered and could not understand why I had been unable to make

a simple phone call to let them know I was OK.

I didn't have a good explanation for them and agreed that I was wrong not to call or let them know my flight had left Chicago without me.

Looking back at these events 53 years later, overlooking their concern for me was a mistake. But what a time I had.  $< \sim Ed$  Pierce



1870 – South Carolina's Joseph H. Rainey is the first black lawmaker to be sworn into the U.S. House of Representatives.

is established as the

capital of the U.S.

1896 – Inventor Guglielmo Marconi gives the first public demonstration of radio during a presentation in London, England.

1934 – British astronomer J.P.M. Prentice discovers Nova Herculis, one of the brightest novas of the 20th century.

1951 - The U.S. Navy
Department says that the
world's first nuclear powered
submarine would become
the sixth ship to bear the
name "Nautilus."

1980 – Copyright law in the Unites States is amended to include computer programs.

2003 – Iraqi President Saddam Hussein is captured by U.S. forces during the Iraq War.

## Inspirational Quote of the Week

"Dream as if you'll live forever. Live as if you'll die today." – James Dean



MAILED TO 10,900 HOMES AND BUSINESSES IN WINDHAM & RAYMOND. TOTAL CIRCULATION 13,000

585 Roosevelt Tr, Windham, ME 04062 • Call 207-894-3500 (text friendly)

### FLIP THROUGH OUR DIGITAL EDITION: WWW.THEWINDHAMEAGLE.COM



**Kelly Mank**Publisher
Kelly@TheWindhamEagle.com



Becky Knox Administrative Office@TheWindhamEagle.com Office hours: Wednesdays 8-2 Thursday 9am-Noon



Melissa Carter Sales Manager/Designer Melissa@TheWindhamEagle.com



Ed Pierce Managing Editor Editor@TheWindhamEagle.com









THIS WEEK'S STAFF WRITERS:
Dina Mendros, Kira Pilot, Matt Pascarella
Kendra Raymond, Erin Rose,
& Lorraine Glowczak



Follow us on Facebook & Twitter to view additional content and news

**EDITORIAL POLICY** The Windham Eagle newspaper has a mission to be a positive and solutions based newspaper. As a positive and solutions-based newspaper, we are committed to providing our readers with accurate, informative, and constructive news and information that uplifts and inspires. We recognize that certain content may not align with our mission and values, and therefore reserve the right to not publish certain types of content. For complete details about submissions and our letters policy, visit thewindhameagle.com/Information.pdf

# ON THE

# What's your all-time favorite Christmas movie?

"Anything on the Hallmark Channel ... Not (Christmas Vacation, every nightmare imaginable)." – William Reiner

"National Lampoon Christmas." – Deb Hall McPhail

"Four Christmases!"Melissa Danielle Nichols

"A Muppet Christmas Carol."
– Steven Jaycock

"A Christmas Carol the musical with Albert Phinney."

– Tommy Matthews

**"Spirited."** – Brian Butler

"White Christmas and Holiday Inn." – Valerie Livesay Luce

"Bad Santa." - Ed Pierce

"White Christmas."

– Julie Mallett

"Mickey's Christmas Carol!" – Morgan Peters

"The Holiday. I watch it whenever it's on. It's so cute!" – Cherie Segal

"Miracle on 34th Street. (1947)" – Stephen Signor

"Love Actually." - Krista Kisch

"Muppet Family Christmas -"Look out for the icy patch!"

- Rob Juergens

"A Christmas Story."– Diane Hancoock

"Miracle on 34th Street and Scrooge the old version."

– Phyllis Smith

"The Holdovers. (I worked on it) Then again there's a bunch of them. The Bishop's Wife, A Christmas Story, The Man Who Came to Dinner."

– Paul Bellefeuille

"Trading Places."

– Francesco Paredon

"The Santa Clause."

– Deirdre Schulte

"The Polar Express, Elf and Home Alone are my favorites." – Anne Glotchshuk

• •

"Definitely it has to be The Grinch." – Jerry Greene

The Windham Eagle Page 3



## Raymond Recall hearing divides residents over leadership

### By Dina Mendros

Raymond residents voiced both support and criticism of their town's Select Board chair and vice chair Tuesday during a packed public hearing on a recall election that could remove them from office. A lawyer, however, argued the election would be illegal because the town's ordinance conflicts with state law.

Former Raymond Select Board member Teresa Sadak initiated the recall petition against Chair Denis Morse and Vice Chair Kaela Gonzalez. The election is scheduled for Dec. 30. In her petition, Sadak listed four reasons for the recall including failing to put Raymond's interests first, creating division, micromanaging, and denigrating employees during public meetings.

On Tuesday, Sadak detailed actions she said supported her claims, many tied to the board's treatment of former Town Manager Joseph Crocker. Crocker, who resigned earlier this fall, had served as director of Parks and Recreation before becoming interim town manager in March and the permanent town manager in May. He continues part-time work on a special project for the town.

Glenn Michalowski, formerly Lisbon's town manager, was appointed



A standing-room-only crowd gathered Tuesday night for a public hearing on the recall election targeting Raymond Select board members contributed Board Chair Denis Morse, left, and Vice to his resignation.

Chair Kaela Gonzalez. FILE PHOTOS

interim town manager on Nov. 18.

During the public hearing, Sadak accused Morse and Gonzalez of violating board protocols, citing emails obtained through a Freedom of Information request and accounts from staff. She said the two Select Board members berated Crocker over a septic issue at a church leased for town programs, their voices loud enough to be heard by staff and residents.

"How is that not denigrating," she

She also criticized Morse and Gon-

zalez for contacting staff, attorneys, and other town managers without board authorization. Raymond Select Board members Chris Hanson and Derek Ray acknowledged some of those actions occurred.

Letters entered into the record echoed support for the recall, including one from town staff members declaring "no confidence" in leadership and citing low morale. Crocker himself wrote a letter that constant questioning of his decisions from certain

Despite the support for the recall, many Raymond residents defended Morse and Gonzalez during the public hearing, praising their efforts to address longstanding town issues and urging that Morse and Gonzalez not face a recall vote.

Morse's attorney, Scott Dolan of Petruccelli, Martin & Haddow LLP, warned that he would sue if the recall election proceeds, arguing the town's 2012 recall ordinance violates state law. He said that state statute allows for a recall only if an official is convicted of a crime committed during their term that victimized the municipality.

Dolan cited a similar case in the Town of Limerick earlier this year where a judge halted a recall vote saying that an election would violate state statute.

Raymond's town's attorney, Philip Saucier of Bernstein Shur, holds a different view, and Gonzalez said he should meet with Dolan to discuss what the town should do.

When given the chance to speak, Gonzalez, nearly in tears, said, "I love this town, I love the people in it. This is not going to change no matter the decision. I do believe in democracy, I will accept the results."

She said that she never intended to push Crocker from the position of town manager.

Morse, a longtime volunteer and former fire chief, rejected Sadak's allegations. He said his proposal to appoint an interim manager was meant to support Crocker through a difficult period.

"I actually admire Joe," Morse said. "I'm proud to have done the things I've done for the town of Raymond."

Morse was elected to the Raymond Select Board in 2023. Gonzalez, a former Raymond town employee, was elected to the Raymond Select Board



At Casco Bay Cremation & Funeral Services we are guided not by corporate interests, but by a promise to honor your loved one with compassion, transparency, and affordable support.

AS THE LANDSCAPE OF FUNERAL HOMES CONTINUES TO CHANGE, MANY LOCALLY-OWNED FUNERAL HOMES ARE BEING SOLD TO **OUT-OF-STATE INVESTORS** 

**Casco Bay Cremation & Funeral Services remains** proudly owned and operated by the Dobson Family – a local family who has lived here our entire lives. Our only investors are the families we serve, and our commitment has always been, and will continue to be, to the communities we serve and call home.

### **CASCO BAY CREMATION & FUNERAL SERVICES IS:**

- 100% Maine owned & operated work directly with the owner
- Highly compassionate & affordable with over 15 years experience
- Dedicated to honoring your loved ones with kindness & dignity
- Guided by what is best for you & your family, not profits

### WHY PAY MORE? **Direct Cremation Service** -\$1.395 -

See our website for package details and add-on options.

We offer assistance with VA paperwork whether you use our services or not!

We're here for you when it matters most.

Watch for announcements on new services & educational programs designed to help families plan for the future. Like & share our page for updates & to spread the word our mission.

www.CascoBayCremation.com

1051 Washington Avenue #2, Portland For a private appt., call 207-747-8240

ALTITUDE Cont. from page 1

skills, too, and the opportunity to think about others," said Altitude teacher Lisa Anderson.

Altitude teacher Autumn Carlsen-Cook said that this book drive shows the students a larger community.

"A lot of these students have connections with either themselves who have been at the Children's Hospital or family members who have been at the Hospital," she said. "We are all about community at Altitude and this book drive helps the students serve their community as well as practice empathy and compassion."

"It is a big confidence booster for these students," said Sophie Simonson, Altitude teacher. "Doing something like this makes the kids feel good about what they are doing."

Sharon Granville is the Child Life Program Manager at the Barbara Bush Children's Hospital, with a goal to help children experience emotional safety when they are at the hospital.

"We look to help children understand the 'why' behind their health-care; why are they here, who is everyone that is caring for them, what is their role," she said. "We look to provide that information to then support coping, with the aim and goal that these children then grow up to be an adult who seeks healthcare when they are not feeling well and are not afraid to see a doctor when they are sick."

Barbara Bush Children's Hospital is the only children's hospital in the state of Maine and areas of northern New Hampshire, caring for pediatric patients of all ages from neonates up to older adolescents.

"We want children to enjoy something from home," said Granville. "Doing something that you enjoy really makes a difference when you are staying somewhere that is not home, meeting all new people, and not feeling your best, so having things like books is fantastic. We are very grateful to the Windham School Program that comes and visits us with their book drive. Our library here is unique in that our books are gifts to the kids that are here."

By partnering with community support, such as the Windham Altitude Program, the Hospital can continue to fill their library with a variety of books to offer children of all ages and developmental levels. Specifically for the holiday season, the Barbara Bush Children's Hospital has an Amazon Gift Registry that are specific items that children will enjoy during their hospital stay.

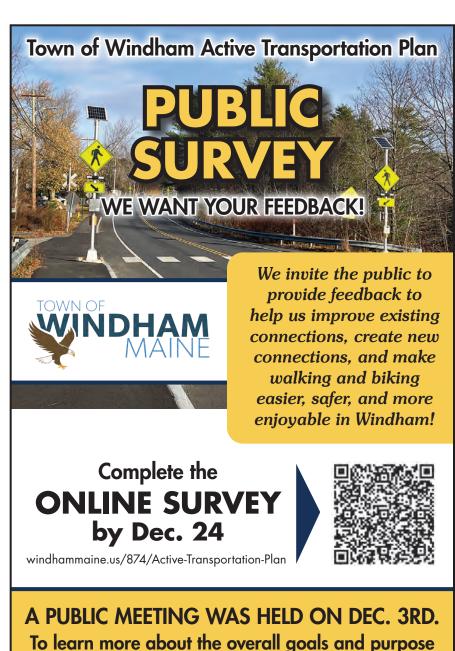
"We always welcome any community supporters that would like to select an item from that gift registry," said Granville. "We also have a volunteer program where we look for a minimum of a weekly six-month commitment to volunteer with us on the pediatric unit, which includes having direct contact with children and their families, playing with them, arts and crafts, games, holding babies, and just helping children feel comfortable while they are here at the hospital."

The Amazon Gift Registry can be found on the Barbara Bus Children's Hospital webpage, as well as more information regarding the volunteer program. <









of this plan watch the presentation which

can be found on the link above.

The Windham Eagle Page

## Age Friendly Windham seeks donations to assist residents

By Ed Pierce

Older and homebound residents are among the most vulnerable in Windham when storms strike the area but through a new initiative, real help for them may be on the way.

According to Erica Bell-Watkins, Windham Age Friendly Coordinator, Levinsky's at 693 Roosevelt Trail in Windham has teamed up with Age Friendly Windham and Windham Raymond Adult Education to locate a donation box at the store for collecting new, store-bought or handmade blankets and socks for Age Friendly Windham and adult and kid's hats, mittens, gloves and scarfs for Windham Raymond Adult Ed families in need.

Bell Watkins says the AFW disaster preparedness program was started earlier this year

"It is only sustainable through donations as a grant was used to create the first 100 bags, but my goal is to distribute 150 more in 2026," she said. "I have partially met the goal, but am looking for businesses to donate things like hand sanitizers, first aid kits, multi tools and battery-operated radios and lanterns."

Businesses are welcome to brand donated items so that community members recognize their generosity, Bell-Watkins said.

"I am asking the community to help supplement the bag with a cozy item like lap blankets and warm socks," she said. "Of course, cash donations are always welcome as well."

The first AFW disaster bags were

distributed at community events like the spring AFW luncheon and the Windham Food Pantry drive-through, but AFW continues to find families to distribute them to by word of mouth.

"Do you have a neighbor or know a family that doesn't have transportation or the means to create a bag for themselves with

the items they would need to stay safe at home or evacuate in case of emergency? This is an effort to keep our community prepared and safe in inclement weather or prolonged periods without electricity," Bell-Watkins said.

This project was coordinated with the Windham Fire and Windham Police Departments and Age Friendly Windham was able to get the Community Connect app added to the town's safety plan.

"I hope individuals and families take advantage of this excellent program to help communicate with safety response teams for individual and community wide events," Bell-Watkins said.

In 2019, Maine was designated as an Age Friendly State, joining many cities and communities across the globe who are committed to becoming more inclusive of people of all ages. Maine is part of the AARP Network of Age Friendly States and Communities and the World Health Organization's Global Network for Age Friendly Cities and Communities.



Being designated as an Age Friendly state means communities such as Windham are encouraged to plan and implement strategies that best fit the assets and opportunities of their state and community, as well as embrace and assess multiple domains of livability and these disaster bags are part of that.

Age Friendly Windham is a diverse group of dedicated volunteers working to help members in the community to live and age in place and is dedicated to maintaining the independence of our town's residents and helping them thrive. Its mission is to partner with local and regional organizations and volunteer groups to increase services and programs that make it possible for residents of all ages and abilities to live and thrive in Windham; provide activities geared toward keeping people healthy, active, and engaged in our

community; and advise the Windham Town Council about infrastructure and policy that will make it easier and safer for Windham residents to live in our community.

The Age-Friendly Committee was spearheaded by the late Human Services Advisory Committee member, Deb McAfee, when the town enrolled in AARP's Network of Age-Friendly Communities in January 2019. McAfee, who passed away in May of 2022 following a lengthy battle with cancer, was the driving force behind establishing this committee. The committee formed and completed a public survey in October 2019. It was voted upon and granted by the Windham Town Council in 2020 that Windham would be a part of AARP's Age-Friendly Community, and Age-Friendly Windham was officially launched in the town.

Donations will be collected through Jan. 31 at Levinsky's.

To learn more about Age Friendly programs and activities, call 207-892-4649 or visit agefriendlywindham.org <





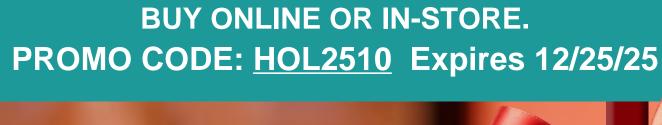
Float Rooms

taloSauna

Wall to Wall Salt Room

## Give this seasons best giftt AND GET A FREE BONUS GIFT







Salt Cave

The Windham Eagle Page 7



## Holiday Gift Guide

Support Local!

Unique Gifts - Superior Service



GIFT CARD for a Comprehensive **Dental Consultation** 



Call 481-8232. scan here or come in to purchase!





Mainely Veterinary Dentistry

Improving your cat's & dog's oral health is our priority! Open Mon-Thurs 7:30am-5:30pm

158 Roosevelt Trail, Windham • Mainely Vet Dentistry.com



## Family Dining & Full Bar

Perfect Variety of Casual-fare & Unique Crave-worthy Dishes Kids menu – 24 Tap Beers & Creative Cocktails

## Bowling & Arcade Games

\$35/hr, per lane (\$4 Shoe rental pp)

## Function Room

Perfect for any occasion!
WE CAN ACCOMMODATE UP TO 200 PEOPLE Call or inquire online

Visit our website for upcoming events

7 RAILROAD AVE, SUITE 102, GORHAM 207-222-7600 • JCTBOWL.COM



### 10% OFF Gift Cards

when you buy \$50 worth or more. (Can be split up) \*sale ends 12/24/25

**OPEN SUN 11-9 • M,T,W 11-9:30** TH | | | | | 0 • FRI & SAT | | | | | | | | | | | |

## HOLIDAY CATERING MENU

Spend less time cooking and more time with family!

TO ORDER: Go to: TheGoodLifeMarket.com, Scan Here, Call 655-1196 or fill out this ad and bring it to the store. PICK-UP IS DEC. 22<sup>ND</sup> – DEC. 24<sup>TH</sup> \*BE SURE TO INDICATE DATE/TIME

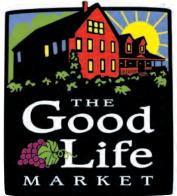






★ ORDER DEADLINE: TUESDAY, DEC. 16<sup>TH</sup> @ 7PM ★

Name:	
Phone #:	
Pick up ☐ Monday, Dec. 22nd	Time:
☐ Tuesday, Dec. 23rd	Time:
☐ Wednesday, Dec. 24th	Time:



Corner of Routes 302 & 85, Raymond • Open Daily 7 'til 7 thegoodlifemarket.com

### PIES 9"

\$19.99 each unless otherwise noted

- Apple Cranberry • Raspberry \_pie Mixed Berry \_pie • Straw. Rhubarb \_pie • Pecan (Housemade) \_pie
- Pumpkin (Housemade) • Choc. Cream \$24.99

Come in to shop our many products to create your own charcuterie spreads!

### **BREAD/ROLLS:**

**QUANTITY** White Dinner Rolls.....\$3.99/half dozen \_1/2 doz. French Baguette.....\$3.49/each each 4-pack Cream Cheese Cinnamon Rolls......\$9.99/each \_each

**SIDES:** • Sweet Potato Pecan Casserole 8"x5.5".....\$12.95/pan pan(s) • Cheddar Sage Mashed Potatoes.....\$12.95/quart \_qt(s) • Garlic Parmesan Brussels Sprouts......\$12.95/pint \_qt(s) Madeira Cream Gravy.....\$9.95/pint \_pint(s)

### **ENTRÉES**:

HAM DINNER FOR ONE (Only available for pick up 12/22 thru 12/24) Baked Ham with glaze, cheddar sage mashed potatoes, garlic parmesan brussels sprouts, & cranberry sauce.....\$15.99/each

- Four Cheese Lasagna 12"x10" pan.....\$65.00/each each • Macaroni & Cheese 12"x10" pan.....\$55.00/each each • Macaroni & Cheese 8"x5.5" pan.....\$14.99/each each • Shepherd's Pie 12"x10" pan......\$75.00/each \_each
- Tourtiére (French Canadian Pork Pie).....\$25.00/each each • Chicken Pot Pie 9" round.....\$18.99/each \_each • Quiche - Broccoli & Cheddar.....\$17.99/each \_each • Quiche - Ham & Swiss......\$17.99/each \_each

STOP IN TO PICK UP A SWEET SLICE HAM FROM BOAR'S HEAD - LIMITED QUANTITIES!

Thank You for Shopping

LOCAL

# Holiday Gift Guide

Unique Gifts - Superior Service











## SATURDAY, DEC. 13 • 11AM-4PM

Bring the kids to visit Santa, enjoy treats & holiday games!

Drop off a new, unwrapped toy anytime between now & Dec. 15!







We've decked the halls, now come toast the season with holiday cheer & seasonal sips!

Make their christmas merry with a GIFT CARD!

Get your tickets now for A FULL NIGHT OF ENTERTAINMENT BY 13 BLACK!



Scan here to reserve your spot! Appetizers, dinner, dessert, late night food, a champagne toast & free local shuttle! (within 5 miles, based on availability!

OPEN NEW YEAR'S DAY at 4PM

Closed Christmas Day **OPEN EVERY DAY!** 

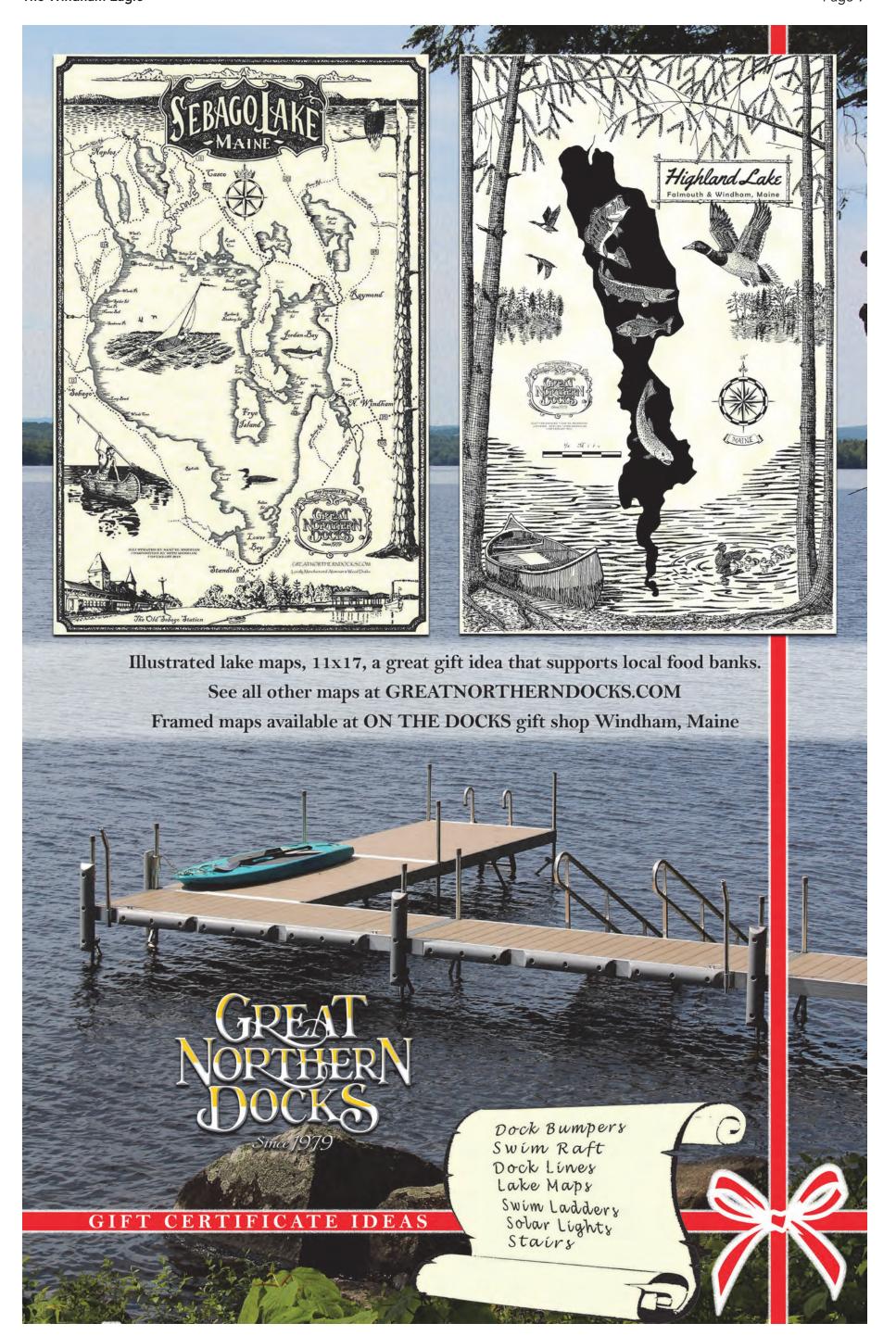
824 Roosevelt Trail, Windham 207-572-1447 • EriksChurch.com



Events happening most nights!

Stay in the know on: 10

The Windham Eagle Page 9





## Holiday Gift Guide

Unique Gifts - Superior Service







## Grab-n-go gift bags filled with goodies perfect for family, friends & coworkers!

Culinary Products & Edible Delights
Zwellyn Pottery • KA ORA Bracelets
Southpaw Swag • Kids Books • Body Care
Local Art & Cards • Dog Treats
Coffee • Gift Cards + much more

FRESH HOLIDAY MEAT ORDERS MUST BE PLACED BY DEC. 17

Try our new line of Exotic meats!



HOLIDAY CHARCUTERIE BOARDS

Order 48 hours in advance or by Dec. 17 for Christmas!

1235 Roosevelt Trl #12, Raymond • 207-655-2646 • Open Tues-Sat 9-5 🚯

THANK YOU FOR SHOPPING LOCALLY!





The Windham Eagle — Page 11



# Holiday Gift Guide

Support Local!

Unique Gifts - Superior Service







Thank You for Shopping

LOCAL

## Holiday **Gift Guide**

Unique Gifts - Superior Service







### SO MANY DELICIOUS HOLIDAY SWEETS!

Haven's Chocolates & Candy Canes ~ Stonewall Kitchen Festive Chocolate Dipped Pretzels & Pops ~ Caramels Hot Cocoa & all the Fixings ~ Cookie Collections & Crispy Treats



Mix & Match





**BUY GIFT CERTIFICATES** ONLINE!

Gift Baskets ~ Hostess Gifts ~ Stocking Stuffers Grab-n-Go Meals & Desserts ~ Liquor ~ Coffee

1297 Roosevelt Trail, Corner of Rts 302 & 85, Raymond • Open Daily 7am to 7pm

207-655-1196 • THEGOODLIFEMARKET.COM





















## Holiday Gift Guide

Support Local!

Unique Gifts - Superior Service



From sharing memories to sharing a family recipe

### this is companion care for the holidays.

At FirstLight®, we know that the holidays can be lonely - but they don't have to be. We're here to visit with your loved one and help ease their stress and lift their spirits during this season of peace, joy and goodwill.

Companion care services include things such as:

- Conversation & company Baking holiday cookies
- Wrapping gifts
- Holiday Decorating
- Appointment scheduling Addressing cards & more
- · Laundry & light housekeeping
- Shopping & errands

**Complimentary Consultations** 207-627-1125

944 Roosevelt Trail, Suite 15, Windham

SouthernMaine.FirstLightHomeCare.com





WHEN YOU SHOP SMALL BUSINESSES WE ALL WIN!



Cellular Shades • Shutters **Vertical Blinds • Solar Shades Motorization • Skylight Shades** 

Call today for your FREE In-Home Consultation. We bring the showroom to you!

Each franchise independently owned & operated. Copyri



OFF YOUR PURCHASE

ANY CURRENT PATIENT THAT BRINGS A NEW CUSTOMER IN GETS A FREE PRE-ROLL!

CUT THIS OUT AND BRING IT INTO ANY MAC LOCATION FOR 50% OFF YOUR PURCHASE DAILY DEALS AND PRICES AVAILABLE - MAINESALTERNATIVECARING.COM - WINDHAM 207-572-1603 BRIDGTON 207-803-8411

The Windham Eagle Page 15

## THE ROOKIE MAMA THE ADVENTURES OF MOTHERHOOD



## **'TWAS THE MONTH BEFORE NEW YEAR'S:** I CAN'T BELIEVE IT'S NOT CLUTTER

By Michelle Cote
SPECIAL TO THE WINDHAM EAGLE



you've given away." - Pa Bailey, 'It's a Wonderful Life' The most valuable

and lasting features of our lives are not material possessions

"All you can take

with you is that which

but rather acts of love and kindness shared with others.

And there you have it – You've heard some semblance of this, I've heard this, we've all heard it.

Yet we collectively mad dash to the photo finish of each year with resolutions to start the page flip to January fresh and new.

Among habits atop New Year's resolutions for many remain the inevitable hopes and dreams to declutter, minimize, and let the rampant consumerism take a beat.

My family is ever-aspirational here - We continue to ask ourselves whether certain household items are really so needed. Do we hold dearly to some items out of legitimate sentiment or out of sheer guilt?

Do we really need two whisks?

Clutter makes us cringe, so we toss, donate and repurpose what we can with intention.

Baby steps. Whisk-y business, indeed.

Our Christmas tree may be artifi-

cial – and we're sure proud of it – but our continued goal toward minimalism bliss is evergreen.

Be that as it may, our family tries at a mega-declutter at the beginning of December, rather than January, our early resolution tradition.

Beginning of December purging of items past is the perfect time to prepare for Christmas presents yet to come. It's a time to reflect - room by room – and determine what really needs keeping.

The basement uses this refresh year-round, too. Last month, I tripped over one of my kiddos' projects askew on the basement floor, tucked away for who-knows-what.

A family heirloom it was not -Rather, what lay before me was a solar system project from the year before. A glittering, sparkling, Styrofoam mess - Styrofoam is the enemy of our planet, yet here it was emulating several planets.

Too big and bulky to neatly store with our boys' other school-morabilia, there was no real place for it to live.

I breathed deeply and gingerly asked my son if I could throw it away.

Without hesitation, he gave me a response truly out of this world, solar-system-style – 'Yes'.

Perhaps he realized that this would be part of his inheritance, his dowry if you will, something to explain to his future spouse, if we didn't scrap this now.

I chalked it up to a win and thanked my lucky glitter-glue stars for it.

Henry David Thoreau once said, "I make myself rich by making my wants few," and what wise words indeed.

Our memories are in our minds, not in our things, and whatever problems we have today will not be resolved by purchasing more stuff.

As Americans, accumulation is our jam, unwittingly so, and stuff adds up quickly.

But decluttering your home needn't be overwhelming or daunting.

Schedule regular times to declutter regularly as you go. Embrace empty space.

Follow the 'one in, one out' rule - When you bring a new item into your home, get rid of a similar old one.

For example, coffee mugs. Think of the coffee mugs.

Before buying something, ask yourself if you really need it by keeping non-essentials in your 'cart' 48 hours to see if they're truly needed.

Prioritize experiences over material goods. It takes up less space but capitalizes on fabulous memories.

Other tips that are small works in progress include organizing your phone, limiting distractions, cleaning your inbox, and simplifying your wardrobe.

So toss that spare 'just-in-case' kitchen item or donate it to someone who could use it.

Over time, this decluttering will leave you feeling content in a way that no amount of coffee cups ever can.

Because in the end, all you can take with you is that which you've given

Same goes for old school projects.

No one needs that much Styrofoam. Columnist Michelle Cote lives in southern Maine with her husband and four sons, and enjoys camping, distance running, biking, gardening, road trips to new regions, arts and crafts, soccer, and singing to musical showtunes - of-

ten several or more at the same time!

- Declutter with purpose: Begin the purge early. December is the perfect time to clear space before new gifts arrive.
- Embrace minimalism: Keep only what truly adds value; let go of items kept out of guilt or habit (yes, even the extra whisk).
- Practice mindful consumption: Use the "one in, one out" rule and give purchases a 48-hour pause to curb impulse buying.
- Prioritize experiences over stuff: Memories live in minds, not in things so choose moments that matter.
- Give generously: Repurpose, donate, and simplify; in the end, what we give away enriches us the most.

THE ROOKIE MAMA COLUMN PROUDLY SPONSORED BY MAINE OPTOMETRY

## SEE THE MAGIC OF THE SEASON CLEARLY



STOP BY (no appt needed) TO STOCK UP ON CONTACTS OR FIND A NEW FRAME BEFORE YOUR YEAR-END BENEFITS EXPIRE.

### YEAR-END RAFFLE!

Purchase a complete pair of prescription glasses or an annual supply of contacts by 12/31/25 to be entered for a chance to win a FREE pair of prescription glasses or an annual supply of contacts\*

Browse our impressive selection of frames &

TRY ON VIRTUALLY! Scan here to find your style



\*Some exclustions apply. Call or see store for complete details.

"See the Difference"

656 Roosevelt Trail, Windham 40 Northeast Road, Standish 14 Vista Drive, Gorham

7 Locations throughout Maine

### WE CAN'T WAIT TO SEE YOU!

To schedule an appointment visit: **MAINEOPTOMETRY.COM** 207-729-8474



WE'RE HERE TO KEEP YOUR EYES SAFE & HEALTHY!

## Windham Veterans Center launches solar panel fundraiser

By Ed Pierce

STAFF WRITER

If you've ever attended a Saturday evening bean supper, the annual Veteran's Day observance, a Boy Scout meeting, donated blood during a blood drive, or a new citizen swearing-in ceremony at the Windham Veterans Center, you're probably aware of the vital role that the facility plays in the community. It's a gathering place for young and old alike, and the first place many think of when searching for a place to hold an event for large

The Windham Veterans Center relies solely on minimal rental fees and donations to pay bills so when the cost of power began to skyrocket, WVA's electric bills began to rise substantially to the point that alternative ways to reduce expenses have been sought to keep the center's expenses manageable.

The current utility bill for the Windham Veterans Center averages about \$347 a month at a cost of \$0.383

per kilowatt hour. Under a proposal from Cool Blue Solar to install solar panels on the center and harness them to defray utility costs, the average electric bill over 25 years would drop to \$55 a month at a cost of \$0.079 per kilowatt hour.

That would amount to an estimated 25-year savings overall of \$197,939.

A fundraising committee including American Legion Field-Allen Post 148's Tom Theriault and Craig Pride and retired RSU 14 teachers Donna Morton and Debora Luce have opened the campaign to collect an estimated \$36,000 to pay for the panels and their installation.

"I grew up in Windham and at Manchester School we did the Veterans Stars Project having each fourth grader honor a veteran by putting up and decorating stars and pictures," Morton said. "We always had an assembly with Windham Veterans who talked with the students. I am longtime friends with my neighbor Craig Pride and know so many members of

the Windham Veteran's Center. Debora and I taught together and did the Veterans Stars together and her son is a veteran of the U.S. Air Force, so she offered to help too."

Morton says donations to the project will directly fund a sustainable energy solution to decrease the electric bills while reducing the WVA's carbon footprint.

"This will ensure long-term savings that will be invested back into our community and veterans' programs," she said.

According to Theriault, the Windham Veterans Center provides an essential place for all veterans and community members to gather and support each other.

He said the WVC offers these ser-

• Providing care, social, emotional and recreational activities and aid disabled and needy Veterans, members of the U. S. Armed Forces, and their dependents through assistance with applying for VA benefits and helping by donating oil, wood, rides to appointments and even cars.

- Youth Programs such as Boy Scouts, American Legion Baseball, and Windham Little League
  - Educational Programs
- Providing and retiring Flags, and Honor Guards at Memorial Services to perpetuate the memory of deceased Veterans
- Hosting Veterans Day activities and Memorial Day Parades
  - Rental space for the community
  - Free dinners and weekly coffees
  - Food Pantry Collections
  - Blood Drives
  - Memorial Garden for reflection

To donate today to the Windham Veterans Center Solar Project, send a check to WVA P.O. Box 1776, Windham, ME, 04062, reference WVA SOLAR.

For tax purposes, WVA is a 509C3 organization.

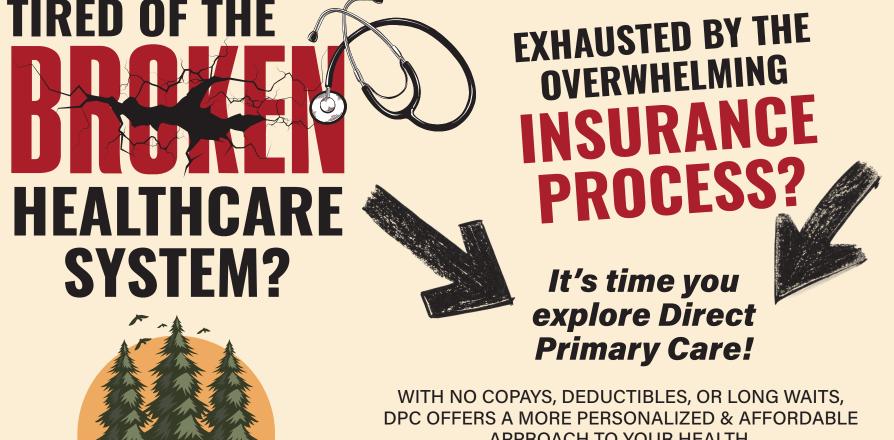
Theriault says that a special plaque will be created to recognize those who donate \$1,000 or more. These "Grand Donors" will also be entitled to two hall rentals with a 20 percent discount for the next year.

"Your generosity fuels our progress and ensures we can really continue to serve those who have bravely served us," Luce said. "Together, we can build a brighter, more secure future for our WVA community."

For further details about the Windham Veterans Center Solar Project, call Tom Theriault at 207-405-8218 or send an email to tommyt93@maine. rr.com or Craig Pride at 207-615-4751 or by email at par80@hotmail.com <







APPROACH TO YOUR HEALTH.

### Here's why you should consider making the switch:

- ✓ Unlimited access to primary care
- ✓ No hidden fees or insurance involvement
- ✓ Longer, more focused visits with your provider
- ✔ Reduced costs for labs and many medications

It's time to take control of your healthcare, the way it was meant to be.

Ready to make a change?

Contact us to see if we are the right fit for you.



944 ROOSEVELT TRAIL #14, WINDHAM

New Patients Welcome



207-383-2146 www.baileydpc.com The Windham Eagle

## Comedy for Good: Local comedians raise funds for UWSM

By Erin Rose

A Portland-based comedy troupe hosted a comedy benefit show, Giving from the Art, Volume 1 - United We Stand, to raise funds for the United Way of Southern Maine (UWSM) at

the Portland Conservatory of Music on Saturday, Dec. 6.

Improv-A-Ganza, which includes Windham resident Michelle Violette and former Windham resident David Shuster, raised several hundred dollars for the organization and gathered food and coats for the charity through the event. The donations will go to help the organization fund warming shelters and local food pantries.

"Given the reduction of funding for warming shelters in the area, we wanted to do our part in helping raise money for that," said Tom Aimi, the troupe's founder and host. "For those most in need in our community, the winter is the toughest season of the year. We wanted to give back to our community and do what we could to

try and make a difference for those without shelter this winter."

The UWSM was selected to benefit from the event, as one member of the troupe formerly worked with the organization and knew it would be a great choice to work with.

"One of our improv performers, Scott Oliver, used to work at United Way," Aimi said. "He was very aware of all of the great work that they do for our local community, so it was a no-brainer for us."

The UWSM provides support and assistance to Mainers in the southern part of the state, including helping with access to healthy foods, and housing, employment and financial planning assistance.

"Events like Giving from the Art are instrumental in helping us serve our neighbors," said Lucia Rico, Senior Manager for Individual Engagement for the UWSM. "The funds and items raised will directly support warming shelters, clothing distribution, and food security efforts, making a real impact for people facing hardship this winter."

"The holiday season should offer warmth and stability for everyone," Elliott Greene, Director of Volunteer Engagement for UWSM said. "We deeply appreciate the creativity and commitment shown by Tom and the entire Improv-A-Ganza team."

This is just the first of what Aimi is hoping will become a series of events to help benefit the community.

"We plan on doing bi-annual benefit shows from here on out. And, if all the things line up like we hope that they will, our next benefit show around late spring/early summer will be a big one with a very well-known headliner," he said.

The group invited several comedians to join them and played a series of games similar to the TV show "Who's Line is it Anyway?" during the event, providing the participants the chance to create quick, funny scenes based

"I think that my favorite moment of the show was at the end where our group, Improv-A-Ganza did the famous "Whose Line" game 'Scenes From a Hat,' because we invited up to the stage previous performers from the show to join us in delivering hilarious one-off quick scenes," Aimi said.

Improv comedy is based on spontaneous creativity and playing off what others are doing in the moment, making it particularly challenging in front of a waiting audience.

"The fact that people could have such quick wit and come up with hilarious things off the top of their head without knowing what was going to come at them always impressed me," he added. "It's very difficult and it always keeps you on your toes. It forces you to be present in the moment and be attentive to all of the moving parts

see COMEDIANS Page 19









egcu.org/auto



## **CLIMATE CONCERNS SURVEY**

Please share your climate concerns to help guide Windham's climate vulnerability assessment!

### WHAT IS A CLIMATE VULNERABILITY ASSESSMENT?

This is a plan that will identify climate hazards that Windham is likely to experience due to climate change; assess our most at-risk infrastructure, ecosystems, economies, and communities; and help prioritize projects and spending to improve our community's resilience.

ALL THOSE WHO LIVE, WORK, GO TO SCHOOL, **OWN A BUSINESS** OR PROPERTY IN TOWN ARE ENCOURAGED TO PARTICIPATE!









Scan the QR code or visit: www.surveymonkey.com/r/JRVRNBB



Together, we can ensure Windham's community and natural environment are healthy, safe, and thriving!



Rates low as





Scan to apply or call 207-221-5000

Trustpilot **Rated 4.8 Stars** as of 11/10/25

1 Annual Percentage Rate as of 11/7/2025. Rates subject to change without notice. Not all applicants will qualify for the lowest rate or be approved.Advertised rate is based on risk based & relationship pricing discounts. For more information, visit egcu.org/auto.

## RSU 14 begins work on 2026-2031 plan, invites feedback

By Lorraine Glowczak
STAFF WRITER

As RSU 14 approaches the close of its 2021-2026 strategic plan, the district is already looking ahead – inviting community members to help shape what comes next. Work is now underway on the 2026-2031 plan, and district leaders are launching a broad outreach effort to gather fresh perspectives and set new performance goals that reflect the needs of today's learners

District stakeholders that include educators, families, high school students and community members – are

at the heart of this process. "We want as many people as possible to be a part of the new guiding framework," RSU 14 Superintendent Christopher Howell said. "The more voices we gather, the more meaningful the input, leading to the best plan possible."

Over the next four weeks, community members will be invited to share their perspectives through ThoughtExchange, a digital platform that gathers and analyzes community feedback. A QR code printed in The Windham Eagle newspaper will link readers directly to the survey, making it easy for anyone to participate.

"This online platform differs from traditional surveys," Howell said. "It allows participants to anonymously share their thoughts, read and rate others' ideas using a one- to five-star rating system, helping people learn from each other and make better decisions."

In a recent email to parents, Howell shared the following regarding feedback and the ThoughtExchange process:

- Share as many thoughts as you'd like, just one distinct idea per submission
- Your thoughts will be visible to other participants, but your identity remains anonymous
- Read and rate thoughts from others using a 5-star scale (5 = strongly agree, 1 = strongly disagree)
- Return anytime while the exchange is live to rate new ideas
- We recommend rating at least 30 thoughts to help identify community priorities

Although strategic plans are not required, most school districts incorporate and reexamine a guiding framework on a five-year basis in order to support and improve student achievement and educational outcomes.

Howell said that strategic plans create a process for continuous monitoring and adaptation to make sure goals are met and hold the district accountable.

"With a clear vision, measurable goals, and actionable plans, we make sure resources are

used wisely, operations run smoothly, and everyone is working toward the same objectives," he said. Once the survey is com-

plete, focus groups will be established to gather the feedback and work on a cohesive next step that leads to creative and fresh perspectives.

"High school students will be invited to the table so that decision-making includes the insights of the students who live the experience every day," Howell said.

Surveys and focused groups that included student voices were also the case when the 2021-2026 strategic plan was developed. From that work, the current framework consists of six core beliefs that the schools have been working diligently on and have either completed or are in the process of completing. From that framework, community engagement has increased and more alternative pathways have been created, helping students succeed.

"Every school in the district has now built strong partnerships with community organizations that support real-world, hands-on learning and provide meaningful service opportunities," Howell said. "These collaborations range from professional development that connects teachers with local businesses to Extended Learning Opportunities, which let students earn academic credit while exploring careers alongside community experts."

A full view of the current strategic plan can be found on the RSU 14 website at www.rsu14.org under the "district info" tab.

Howell stated that the district is committed to establishing a safe, supportive, and inclusive community; developing strong partnerships in order to support every learner as they gain knowledge, skills, and character to thrive and contribute in an ever

> changing, diverse world; and fostering learner aspirations through engagement in authentic learning experiences.

"Your perspectives and priorities are essential to creating a roadmap that reflects our community's values and

serves our students well," he said. "Our students deserve an educational framework that leads to success and your input is instrumental in providing that success."

The deadline to participate in the survey is January 21, 2026. <

## A heart for the holidays



Members of Boy Scout Troop 805 in Windham gathered to celebrate at their annual holiday party at Spare Time Bowling in Portland on Sunday, Dec. 7. But rather than exchanging gifts, this year the scouts chose to collect food and non-perishable items to be donated to the Good Shepard Food Pantry to help those in need during the coming months. SUBMITTED PHOTO



## Visa® Rewards Credit Card

Earn 5,000 EXTRA POINTS\*



\*The promotion calculation period will begin with your first purchase made between November 10 and December 31, 2025 and will run for 60 consecutive days from the date of that first purchase. Once you spend \$1,000 during that 60-day time frame, \$0,000 bonus points will be automatically awarded. Points are earned on purchases only. Any returns will be deducted from the calculated halonses.



## Winter Story Walk

A new Story Walk activity for kids and families has opened in the Children's Garden at the Raymond Village Library, 3 Meadow Road. This new story is called 'Do Like A Duck Does' by Judy Hindley and illustrated by Ivan Bates. It tells the story of a Mama Duck who has a good hunch that the big brown creature waddling behind her five duckling babies is no duck! The walk is free and contains 14 different stations in the garden. Kids will be able to follow the path and enjoy the story throughout the winter.



## - BRIEFS -

## Breakfast with Santa

The Windham Lions will host its annual "Breakfast with Santa" from 8 to 10 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 13 at the Windham Veterans Center, 35 Veterans Memorial Drive in Windham. The breakfast is free and includes pancakes, sausage, orange juice, milk, hot cocoa and coffee. Donations will be accepted to assist with local needs. Kids will be able to talk to Santa and have photos taken, so bring your camera! There will also be crafts and face painting available. FMI, call 207-776-0469.

### **Tree Lighting**

Raymond Village Library at 3 Meadow Road in Raymond is hosting a Christmas tree lighting ceremony from 4 to 5 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 16. The event is free, open to the public and includes a performance of holiday songs by the Raymond Elementary School Chorus at 4:30 p.m. FMI, call 207-655-4283.

### **Blood Drive**

A Red Cross Blood Drive, sponsored by the American Legion Family and Nikki Davenport in memory of her friend "Ali" who passed away from cancer last month will be conducted from noon to 5 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 17 at the Windham Veterans Center, 35 Veterans Memorial Drive in Windham. FMI, call 1-800-RED CROSS or sign up through your Red Cross smartphone app to make an appt.

### Gift Wrapping for Grief

A free service for Play Warrior families and open to the public by donation, will be held from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, Dec. 19 at 840 Roosevelt Trail in Windham. Drop off gifts to be wrapped or stay and play. Volunteer gift wrappers are also needed. To register, send an email to info@playwarriorsinc.com or call 207-893-8075.

### **Gift Tags**

Windham Public Library, 217 Windham Center Road in Windham, is the place to make the perfect gift tag for any of your holiday gifts. From 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 20, the library will have craft supplies set up in the Children's room so stop by throughout the day and design a festive gift tag. This event is open to anyone who would like to make a gift tag. FMI, call 207-892-1908.

### **Winter Solstice**

A Winter Solstice Celebration will be conducted at 1 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 21 at the Unity Center for Spiritual Growth, 54 River Road in Windham. It will be an afternoon of sacred clearing, spiritual activations and luminous abundance. Vanessa Gates-Elston will guide a transformative Healing Source Activation Session to help you align with Unity consciousness and awaken to the regenerative power and magic of the Winter Solstice. FMI, call 207-893-1233.

### **Suicide Support**

The Alternatives to Suicide Support Group meets at 2 p.m. on the second and fourth Tuesdays at the Lake Region Recovery Center, 2 Elm St., Bridgton. FMI, call 207-803-8707.

### COMEDIANS Cont. from page 17

of the scene. You never know what thing will spark another great idea and give the scene a whole new spin."

Improv-A-Ganza was founded by Aimi in June of 2024 after years of hoping for the opportunity to start such a group, when a friend who runs a restaurant in Westbrook was looking for new acts for their establishment.

"It dawned on me then that it was time to actually put it all together and make it happen," Aimi said. "I'm incredibly proud of where the show has come from and where it is now, and so are the other performers in our group."

Originally a competitive environment, with performers needing to win a monthly show to remain on stage, Aimi shifted to a core group of performers who formed the comedy troupe as it stands today.

"After the turn of the year though,



IAG members Tom Aimi, Scott Oliver, David Shuster, and Michelle Violette trade lines with comedians Adam Groppman and Amanda Eaton, at the Giving from the Art fundraiser show. PHOTO BY LAUREN KELLING

I decided it was time to solidify a team so that we could collectively develop the show to be better and better with every rendition," he said. "I'm very glad that we made that change because with our current group of the five of us, we come together and work together in such an awesome way that the show does in fact get tighter and better every single time that we perform."

The comedy troupe also performs monthly at Batson River Brewing and Distilling on Hanover Street in Portland. <



# From keeping your loved ones safe to questions you should think about

## this is your Senior Check-In Checklist.

It can be difficult to tell how your aging loved ones are really doing at home when you don't live nearby. This guide will help you know what to look for when you are visiting with your long-distance loved ones.

### Personal Health and Well-Being

- \_\_\_ Are they neglecting their personal hygiene?
- Do you notice unkempt hair, dirty or lengthy nails, poor oral hygiene or body odor?
- \_\_\_ Are they wearing the same clothes repeatedly?
- \_\_\_ Do you see a significant change in their weight?
- Are they eating a healthy diet/nutritious meals?
- Are they repeating themselves? Do they seem lost or confused during regular conversations?
- Do they still get out and do the activities they enjoy, or are they hesitant to leave the house?

### Around the House

- \_\_\_\_ Is their home, that was once tidy, now being neglected?
- \_\_\_ Are things as clean as they used to be?
- Do you see potential tripping hazards, such as cords, rugs or newspapers piled up in the middle of the floor?
- \_\_\_ Is there enough bright lighting inside and outside of the home as well as stairwells?
- \_\_\_\_ Is there a lot of unopened mail or unpaid bills piled up on the desk or counter?
- Do they have expired or spoiled food in the refrigerator or pantry?

### **Overall Safety**

- \_\_\_ Are they navigating the stairs OK, or would they benefit from more secure railings on both sides of the stairs?
- Are they having trouble with mobility—getting in and out of bed, a chair or the tub/shower; on and off the toilet?
- Do they lose track of their medications... or skip them altogether?
- \_\_\_ Do they repeatedly forget to turn off the oven or stove?
- Has driving become an issue, especially at night?
- \_\_\_ Are there new dents or scratches on their vehicle?

At FirstLight. Home Care, our caregivers are taught to watch for potential hazards and manage them before an accident occurs. Call us today to learn how we can help keep your loved one safe.

Call us today if you have any questions or concerns.

### 207-627-1125

SouthernMaine.FirstLightHomeCare.com southernmaine@firstlighthomecare.com



FirstLight Home Care policy states that services are provided, and referrals and employment actions are made without regard to race, gender, color, national origin, ancestry, religious creed, handicap, or age.







Stop in for an oil change (first-come basis)

or for an appointment, call 207-892-5695

682 ROOSEVELT TRAIL, WINDHAM • MOBIL1MAINE.COM

Open Mon-Fri 8am-5pm, Sat 8am-3pm

Preventative Maintenance & more

APPLIED HERE!

## Eat, Shop, & Support Local!

These pages proudly supported by Windham Maine Economic Dev.



WindhamMarketplace.com

### **NO SCHOOL** REC DAY

For grades K-5 @ Windhan

DEC. 22 - PJ Day & Smit

DEC. 23 - Spa Holiday P DEC. 29 - Happ DEC. 30 Snow Tul

COST IS \$50 PER CHILD/PE Registration closes 3 days before

## **FAMILY HOLIDAY TRIVIA**

A FREE EVENT at Town Hall Gym - 8 School Road,



Available in any amount and good towards any class or purchase a 4, 8, 10, or 12 class pass.

Class passes as low as \$13/class



Ask about our

LOYALTY

INTERESTED IN BECOMING

Visit our website to sign up for upcoming training courses.

A YOGA TEACHER?

mind · body · spirit

REDEFINING

Yoga, Pilates, Qi Gong/Tai Chi

889 Roosevelt Trail, Windham Call/Text 207.319.0102

PRE-REGISTER & ORDER GIFT CARDS AT: REDEFININGYOGAANDPILATES.COM





### **DEADLINE TO ORDER IS DEC. 14**



Pastries ~ Scones ~ Quiche ~ Carrot Cake Gingerbread Loaf Cake ~ Choc. Cream Pie Banana Bread ~ Sourdough Bread & more

Cookie & Gift Boxes - WE CAN SHIP!





## WAXWING

BAKERY

868 ROOSEVELT TRAIL, WINDHAM • 207-572-1156 OPEN THURS - SUN 7AM-2PM • WAXWINGBAKERY.COM







**MUST REGISTER by 12/16** 

Visit www.windhamrecreation.com for details





Spray Tan ~ Ionic Foot Detox & more







### RELIEVE HOLIDAY STRESS WITH A MASSAGE



### **\$10 OFF for New Clients!**

**CONVENIENT WEEKEND HOURS** Booking Sat & Sun 9-5 & Wed 9-6



For an appt call (207) 523-0577 or scan: Margaret Vaillancourt, LMT Windham Crossing: 744 Roosevelt Trail, Suite 207







Handcrafted Maine & Lake-Themed Tableware • Glassware • Faux Florals Candles • Signs • Wall Art • Lighting Jewelry • Skincare • Apparel • Bags Festive Garland • Ornaments & more

Home to:

**Willow Tree** Primitive Shop



Scan here to order a gift card online with instant delivery to your inbox or to your recipient's!

889 ROOSEVELT TRAIL, WINDHAM OPEN MON-SAT 10-6, SUN 10-4

Shop select items & buy gift cards at: ONTHEDOCKSME.COM

## **SKIP THE CROWDS &** STRESS OF SHOPPING...

## 10% OFF

when you buy \$50 worth or more (CAN BE SPLIT) Sale ends 12/24/25

### **COME IN OR SCAN HERE TO** ORDER DIGITALLY ONLINE.

We'll email to you or directly to your recipient's email!



Celebrate the Season with a Festive Holiday

Cocktail!



### UPSCALE, FRIENDLY **NEIGHBORHOOD PUB**

HOMEMADE CHEF SPECIALS SEASONAL COCKTAILS KIDS MENU **GLUTEN-FREE OPTIONS** GIFT CARDS AVAILABLE



8 Main St, So. Windham • Open Sun-Wed 11-8, Th-Sat 11-9 (Bar open 1 hr later) 207-370-6440 • REDCITYALEHOUSE.COM facebook f

Authentic Italian Dishes!

**EVERY DISH HANDCRAFTED** FRESH TO ORDER!

Famous Wood Burning Brick Oven Pizza & Calzones Daily Specials

Gift Certificates to Rose's are always an appreciated gift!

## <u>Rose's Italian Restaurant</u>





**BOOK YOUR HOLIDAY PARTY WITH US! CALL 207-892-0010** Open Wed-Sun 11am-9pm ~ To ensure seating & prompt service, call ahead for parties of 6 or more.

690 Roosevelt Tr, Windham • RosesItalian.com ~ Find us on Facebook!

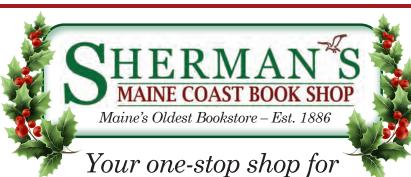
## FILL THOSE STOCKINGS



FROM WINTER SALT... Scan here to browse our **UNLIMITED WASH PACKAGES** 

24/7 Touchless Wash • Self-Serve Bays & Vacuums • Complete Detailing • Top Quality Products & Washes

660 Roosevelt Tr., Windham Open 8:30-5 Daily • AutoShineMaine.com • 572-1065



## **Great Reads & Great Gifts!**



SHOPPING FOR SECRET SANTA OR GIFT EXCHANGE? Everyone loves an edible gift!

### THOUSANDS OF GIFT IDEAS FOR ALL AGES

Haven's Chocolate, Wilbur's of Maine Candy, Taffy, Syrup, Body Care, Scented Candles, Jewelry, Maine-made Items, Fun Socks, Journals, Stationery, Art Supplies, Craft Kits, Puzzles, Games for all Ages, Nostalgic Toys, Holiday Cards, Ornaments, & stuff you won't find elsewhere!

Gift Cards Available in Any Amount!

795 Roosevelt Trail, Windham (in the Windham Mall) SHOP & EXPLORE TITLES AT SHERMANS.COM

Hours 9am-6pm · Open 'til 7PM Tues, Fri & Sat thru 12/24 · 857-7111

The Windham Eagle Page 23



### **CELEBRATE WHERE YOU LIVE THIS SEASON!**

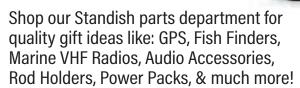
The Local Economy Counts on YOU

SHOP ~ DINE ~ DRINK ~ ENJOY

These pages proudly supported by Windham Economic Development Corp.

## Boating Accessories

## **MAKE PERFECT** PRESENTS!



### **GIFT CARDS ALSO AVAILABLE**





The Family Boating Marina on Sebago Lake

Shop the Annex for quality gift ideas like: Ski-doo jackets, gloves, helmets & hats for the whole family, plus – all your Ski-doo snowmobile accessories needs!

633 White's Bridge Rd, Standish • 207-892-4913 • Parts/Service M-F 8-4:30, Sales M-F 8:30-4:30 Annex: 850 Roosevelt Tr, Windham - 207-892-9664 - Open Tues-Fri 8-5, Sat 8-3

WWW.RICHARDSONSBY.COM



Last chance to grab a tag off our **GIVING TREE** 



Knuckle & Claw 2 lb. Pkg. \$99



907 Roosevelt Trail **WINDHAM** 

Call ahead for Take-out

207-894-3020 Follow specials on

to support local families & seniors! Gifts due back Dec. 15 1/4 lb. Freshly-made Lobster Roll w/FF - \$20 (2) Fried Haddock Dinners \$30 every day **LUNCH SPECIALS \$12** 11am-2pm (Dine-in only) **HAPPY HOUR** Daily 2-4pm \$5 Drafts • \$5 Well Drinks

\$5 House Wines

**Open Everyday 11am-9pm** See menu: LakeHouseTavernWindham.com





## Boys' basketball falls to Sanford on 'Pat Moody Night'

### By Matt Pascarella

A wave of green shirts in remembrance of adored Windham resident Pat Moody flooded the bleachers at the varsity boys' basketball home opener against Sanford on Tuesday, Dec. 9 and WHS fought hard and had the lead for portions of the game, but Sanford battled back and won the game, 68-60.

It was Pat Moody Night, a night to honor the late Windham resident and raise money for the Pat Moody Foundation that was created after his passing as a way to carry on his legacy of compassion, love of community and random acts of kindness. Through the community's generosity, the foundation has been able to fund scholarships for students, assist youth sports programs and invest in projects that bring the community together. T-shirt sales raised a net amount of \$3,600 for the foundation with more money still coming in.

"Having (my dad) in our background and playing for him and his legacy, playing with joy within ourselves is the best," said Windham senior AJ Moody. "It just shows what he did for the community ... I am just very thankful this can be a thing."

Four community members were honored and inducted to become part of Moody's Army that recognizes individuals who go above and beyond to better the community. Linda "Emma" Freese, Maureen Janvrin, Stephanie Bubier and Bob Witham were presented with flowers and a small gift for their tireless efforts to







(L to R) Windham sophomore Sean Lebel focuses on the hoop mid-air during a boys' basketball game against Sanford at Windham High on Tuesday, Dec. 9. Senior Tyrie James goes in for the layup. Senior AJ Moody is about to sink a three-pointer. PHOTOS BY MATT PASCARELLA

the community.

Windham came out with intensity in this fast-moving game. The Eagles rebounded and moved the ball quickly. Both defenses kept the first quarter to a low score.

In the second quarter, junior Colin Janvrin, who scored 18 points during the game, hit a three-pointer. The game was tied 15-15; AJ Moody scored twice from the top of the key. Junior Luke Drottar sunk a three-pointer. Windham led 28-24 at halftime.

"It was a really good team, so we know what they're capable of," said AJ Moody, who scored 11 points. "We knew down the line if we gave

them space, they can really take over the game. Four minutes left in the fourth quarter, they were down by 10 and came back to beat us. Great game, great experience, in the end this will help us get more gritty. We know we were going to hit adversity and we just did. This loss will fuel us ... practice is going to be a different mentality. A really good team just beat us, but we're going to keep going harder and harder – that's what Windham's about. We were supportive, had a great bench and great energy."

A series of three-pointers gave Windham a substantial lead in the second half. They continued to rebound and had strong turnovers. Sanford was quick to make up ground and led by five with just 50 seconds left in the game.

Senior Tyrie James said Pat Moody had an impact on everyone in the gym in some way and it was amazing to see. James said it is the fourth quarter that is most important and that's where Sanford got them. Windham was a little slow getting back on defense at times. Every loss is a lesson; they did great coming out with energy, but need to keep it up the entire game.

"Such a special night," said Windham varsity boys' basketball coach Chad Pulkkinen. "A lot of people came out in support just like Pat would want, and the team fought really, really hard, just like he'd want. Just so happy to see that love and Pat Moody spirit out in the crowd. Little things led to the loss, Sanford is a talented team, and they can make you pay quickly. Shots didn't fall, things like that happen; there are a lot of good possessions, there are a lot of bad possessions. They stole that win from us. (Windham's) effort was extremely high. We're trying to get better at a lot of little things and we're trying to find our true identity." <

### Elijah Sun

Team: Windham Little League Swing Away 12U Coach: Jason Sun

Parents' names: Sandra and Jason Sun

Reason for selection: This was Elijah's first year competing at the Majors level. and he was one of the three team captains. Elijah has a great attitude and is ready to fill in wherever needed. Through September, Elijah

had pitched in five separate games totaling 7.2 innings and recorded 22 strikeouts. When not pitching, his strong arm as a third baseman secures the team's defense. There are a wide range of ages on the team, and everyone wants to pitch. With Elijah's dominance in pitching, he provides a good model and shows that with hard work and practice they can do the same. Certainly, his pitching has become a key fixture, but his hitting has come around making him a dual threat.

## WE ARE PROUD TO SUPPORT OUR LOCAL ATHLETES!



**COME BE PART OF OUR LEGACY TO INCREASE CONFIDENCE**, FOCUS AND STRENGTH

For membership details & class schedule call or visit our website

圆 207-383-2228 • GRACIEGYMMAINE.COM • 770 ROOSEVELT TRAIL, UNIT 6, WINDHAM

## POWER OUTAGES...

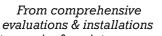
it's not a matter of if, it's a matter of when.

A standby generator is a PRACTICAL INVESTMENT for every home and business!

We're CERTIFIED dealers for leading brands:











30+ YEARS EXPERIENCE 24/7 EMERGENCY SERVICE

Free assessments (207) 317-3683

CascoBayGenerators.com

## WHS girls' basketball starts season by defeating TA

## By Matt Pascarella

Windham's varsity girls' basket-ball displayed strong defense and a solid offense in their season opener against Thornton Academy at Windham High on Friday, Dec. 5. Windham jumped to a small, but early lead in the first quarter and stayed out in front for the remainder of the game. By the end of the third quarter, WHS was close to 20 points ahead and as the clock ran out, the Eagles were untouchable with a 59-38 win.

"We played extra hard today because a list came out of the top 10 teams to watch and Thornton was ninth on that and we did not make a spot," said Windham junior Denali Momot. "We fought so hard and showed them that we deserve that spot more than them. We wanted to start the season off with a win. We did very well with our press and with our zone. We did let some three-pointers by, but I feel like we rebounded on the weak side very well and pushed the ball up the court on offense. I think this sets a very good tone (for the rest of the season), it's a great win. I think it shows how well we're going to do this year."

Sophomore Mackenzie Delewski, who scored 16 points, said that going into this game the team's principles were the same as last year which included playing tough defense, playing together as a team and playing a full 32 minutes of the game. Delewski said defense led to the win. Windham tired Thornton Academy out on defense as Thornton Academy tried to pass around Windham's zone. The Trojans couldn't find the space to drive or get second chance shots because of it.

The Eagles came out strong because they were counted as the underdogs.

The first quarter was low scoring, with the game tied at 6. Windham took a small lead at the end of the quarter, and it was only up and up from there for the Eagles. Soon they led by 10

Thornton Academy worked to





(L to R) Windham sophomore Mackenzie Delewski steers her way toward the basket during a varsity girls' basketball game against Thornton Academy on Friday, Dec. 5. Junior Denali Momot gets a pass off to a teammate. PHOTOS BY MATT PASCARELLA

claw their way back, but Windham stayed ahead. At intermission, Windham led, 25-17.

"The win against TA helps us out a lot confidence wise and who we play," said Windham senior Marley Jarvais, who scored 20 points. "I think a lot of teams don't see us as much of a threat compared to other teams, but we have a lot of talent, and we are a very athletic team overall. Getting a win against a good talented team like TA gives us confidence to go and compete and win against other very talented teams in our conference."

By the second half, Windham did a great job as they stayed well ahead of Thornton Academy. Windham rebounded and soon led by 20 points. Momot, Delewski and freshman Carly Franzoni all hit three-pointers.

"We just want to come out and make sure we defended," said Windham varsity girls' basketball coach Brody Artes. "That's going to be our identity every night, our full-court pressure has more tempo than anything. Just to get the other team out of sorts and not comfortable in what they're doing, and we did a good job with that tonight. For us, it's about taking it one day at a time. We really outworked Thornton Academy; we

wore them down as the game went on; we were able to get some good looks because of that. A lot of it was our conditioning and just being prepared."

Windham's speed and quick hands put them well out of reach as the clock wound down.

"We knew TA was a very good

team," said Jarvais. "We knew it was going to be challenging. I think the whole team just went in wanting to win and set the tone for the rest of the season. Thornton getting top 10 teams to watch made us want to win even more because it goes back to that piece where our basketball team gets overlooked a lot." <





(L to R) Freshman Carly Franzoni prepares to sink a three-pointer. Senior Marley Jarvais pauses before taking a shot.

## Help shape the future of RSU 14

Windham Raymond Schools

RSU14

What does it mean for a student to be successful in RSU 14 schools? What experiences, skills, or qualities matter most?

Your perspectives & priorities are essential to creating a roadmap for 2026-2031 that reflects our community's values & serves our students well.

- Share as many thoughts as you'd like (one distinct idea per submission)
- Your thoughts will be visible to other participants, but your identity remains anonymous
- Read & rate thoughts from others using a 5-star scale (5 = strongly agree, 1 = strongly disagree)
- Return anytime while the exchange is live to rate new ideas
- We recommend rating at least 30 thoughts to help identify community priorities



SCAN HERE TO ACCESS SURVEY my.thoughtexchange.com/ scroll/466778956/welcome

scroll/466778956/welcome

Survey completion deadline January 12, 2026

## COME JOIN THE RSU14 TRANSPORTATION TEAM!



## **DRIVERS NEEDED**

FOR FULL TIME REGULAR RUNS, AFTER SCHOOL RUNS, SPORTS/ACTIVITIES TRIPS, AND SPARE/SUB BUS DRIVERS.

Hourly rate is dependent on years of commercial driving experience & ranges from \$19.91 to \$27.95/hour

Full time employees recieve Anthem Choice Plus single coverage at no cost, single coverage Dental at no cost, sick, & personal time.

TO APPLY: Pick up an application at the Central Office,
228 Windham Center Road or visit RSU14.org
& click on 'job opportunities' in the 'District info tab' &
then on Bus Driver, or SCAN HERE TO APPLY



For more info on schedules and job specifics, please contact the Transportation Dept. at 207-892-1809

## WHS softball receives championship rings at ceremony

### By Matt Pascarella

Windham High's varsity 2025 softball team celebrated their second state championship win in three years after the team beat seventh-ranked Edward Little 7-0 at Saint Joseph's College on Saturday, June 21. The Eagles celebrated with a championship ring ceremony at Pat's Pizza in Windham on Friday, Nov. 28.

The 2025 girls' softball team consisted of graduates Stella Jarvais, Kyla Harvie, Lydia Marden, Chloe



Windham High's varsity 2025 softball team displays their second golden glove and state championship rings during the team's 2025 championship ring ceremony at Pat's Pizza in Windham on Friday, Nov. 28.

PHOTO BY LANEY WORTHINGTON



Edwards, Kennedy Kimball; seniors Oakley McLeod, Jezabelle Pinto, Nola Bryant, Lacie Higgins, Addison Caiazzo, Chloe Delewski; juniors Kaylee Napolitano, Evelyn Anderson, Kiley Card, Sarah Smyth, Abhilasha Jain; sophomores Evelyn Robinson and Yani Kostopoulos.

"Being honored as a state champ for the second time felt awesome," said Caiazzo. "Surrounded by our teammates, coaches, and family members ... this ceremony felt very meaningful to me personally. My teammates and I know what a big deal it is to win twice."

From the start of preseason, this team had the goal of a second gold glove. They focused on it and reminded themselves why they were there. That mentality, plus skill, led to the championship win.

"It was amazing to reconnect with old coaches and especially the teammates I've known for most of my life," said Jarvais. "I couldn't be more grateful, especially in my final year, to have been part of something so special. Celebrating such an accomplishment meant the world to me; I will forever be grateful for that team."

Each player received a championship plaque and a ring. They also received jackets donated from the Windham Athletic Boosters.

"Any chance to celebrate the 2025 team is special because of ... the bond that was formed over many years of playing together," said Windham varsity softball coach Darcey Gardiner. "Our players go out and embrace whatever role they are asked to play, whether that's starting pitcher or right fielder. I truly have to give all the credit to the players, they are champions because of their dedication, passion, and focus these past few seasons that has led them to have such great success." <

## MAKE 2026 THE YEAR YOU START SAVING!



## AS EVERY DAY EXPENSES CONTINUE TO RISE, SAVING ON MONTHLY BILLS IS CRUCIAL!!

EXAMPLE: By installing a heat pump system and a heat pump hot water heater, one of our customers is SAVING \$2,500 PER YEAR

after the heating/cooling costs, electricity savings,

and even with the monthly finance payments!

Contact Dirfy
Heat Pumps to find out
how we can help you
increase your monthly
savings and keep you
comfortable year round!

ALWAYS FREE & HONEST NO-OBLIGATION, PERSONALIZED EVALUATIONS & ESTIMATES



"Where customer satisfaction doesn't happen by accident"

207-637-3346 • WWW.DIRFYHEATPUMPS.COM sales@dirfyheatpumps.com • service@dirfyheatpumps.com



The Windham Eagle Page 27

## United Soccer Coaches All-Region I list Marion on Third Team

Saint Joseph's College sophomore forward Nick Marion of Windham has been named to the United Soccer Coaches All-Region I Third Team, as announced by the organization.

A 2025 First Team All-Conference honoree, Marion earns his first career All-Region nod after leading the Monks in goals (9), assists (6), and points (24) as a soph-

omore. He capped his second collegiate campaign ranked third in the Great Northeast Athletic Conference (GNAC) in assists and fifth in both goals and points.

Marion is one of just three GNAC student-athletes to earn United Soccer Coaches All-Region recognition, joining senior goalkeeper Logan Clough and sophomore defender Luigi Ferreira of Rivier University on the Third Team.

As a freshman at Saint Joseph's,



Nick Marion. SUBMITTED PHOTO

Marion played in 16 games and started 12. He tallied two goals and three assists for seven points for the season, recording 19 shots. He scored his first career goal as the game winner at Dean and recorded his first career assist versus Albertus Magnus. He tallied a goal and an assist at Regis and also scored the game-winning goal in that game.

Under seventh-year Head Coach Will Pike '11, Saint Joseph's closed the 2025 season with an 8–9–1 overall record and a 7–4–1 mark in GNAC play, securing the #4 seed in the conference tournament. The Monks opened postseason play with a 3–1 quarterfinal win over #5 Dean College before bowing out to eventual champion University of Saint Joseph (Conn.) in the semifinal round.

He is a 2024 graduate of Windham High School and scored 33 goals for the Eagles during his senior season. He was honored as Offensive Player of the Year for the Southern Maine Activities Association, was the Portland Press Herald Player of the Year and Class A Player of the Year, just to name a few of his achievements.

United Soccer Coaches chose Marion as 2023 Fall Boys High School All-America Team, and he was Windham High School's first All-American player.

Marion started playing soccer at age 5 and his grandmother helped him choose the sport. He first tried T-ball and didn't like it, so he began playing soccer.

He is majoring in exercise science in college, while also playing soccer. <

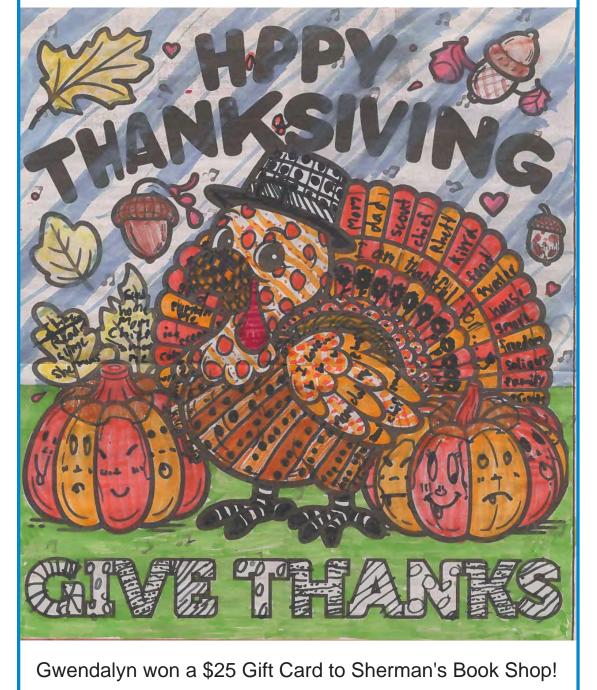






# VVVVVV Thanksgiving COLORING CONTEST

Congratulations to our Winner Gwendalyn Cobb, Age 9, of Raymond



## Runner Up: Clara Davis, Age 11,

of Windham





Meadow, Age 7







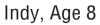
Alice, Age 5

Chloe, Age 5

Harken, Age 7

The Windham Eagle — Page 29







Evelyn, Age 10



Baxter, Age 7



Freda, Age 6



Lucas, Age 10



Drew, Age 8



Max, Age 2.5



Piper, Age 10



Evelyn, Age 8



Jordan, Age 5



Aspen, Age 11



Clara, Age 12



Lila, Age 11



Clayton, Age 12



Rose, Age 12



Rhett, Age 7



# Make it Merrier with these CHRISTMAS RECIPES

Foodies know the holiday season is a time when baked goods, and cookies in particular, take center stage. These recipes are great for parties & gifting.

### **ICED CINNAMON STAR COOKIES**

Makes 24 Servings

FOR THE COOKIES:
2 1/2 cups almond flour
1 1/4 cups powdered sugar
2 teaspoons ground cinnamon
1/4 teaspoon salt
2 large egg whites
1 teaspoon vanilla extract

FOR THE ICING:
1 cup powdered sugar
3 tablespoons milk, more if
needed
1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract

### FOR THE COOKIES:

In a large bowl, whisk together almond flour, powdered sugar, cinnamon, and salt. Add the egg whites and vanilla and mix until a soft dough forms. Wrap dough in plastic wrap and refrigerate for 30 minutes. Preheat oven to 300 F. Line a cookie sheet with parchment paper. On a surface dusted with powdered sugar, roll the dough to 1/3-inch thickness. Cut out stars using a 3-inch star cookie cutter and transfer to the prepared cookie sheet. Bake for 12 to 15 minutes until edges are lightly golden. Let cool on baking sheets for 5 min, then transfer to wire racks.

### FOR THE ICING:

Using a fork, combine the powdered sugar, milk, and vanilla. Use a whisk to continue to stir the icing, adding more milk, in teaspoon increments if needed, to reach desired consistency. Once cookies are completely cooled, spoon the icing on top of each star and spread with the back of the spoon or a toothpick. You also can use a squeeze bottle or piping bag. Enjoy cookies immediately or let icing set at room temperature 6 to 8 hours.

### **OATMEAL CRANBERRY COOKIES**

Makes approximately 16 to 18 cookies

3/4 cup unsalted butter
3/4 cup brown sugar
2 small eggs
1 teaspoon pure vanilla extract
1 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
1/2 teaspoon salt

3/4 teaspoon baking soda
1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon
1/2 teaspoon ground nutmeg
1/4 teaspoon ground ginger
4 cups rolled oats
1 cup dried cranberries

Preheat the oven to 350 F. Grease and line a large cookie sheet with parchment paper. Melt the butter in a small saucepan set over medium heat. Once the butter has melted, pour into a large bowl and add the brown sugar. Mix until well combined. Add the eggs and vanilla, and continue to mix until incorporated. In a separate bowl, whisk together the flour, salt, baking soda, spices, and oats. Add the dry ingredients to the wet and mix well. Add the cranberries and stir until

thoroughly incorporated.
Drop scant tablespoons
of the batter onto the
cookie sheet, spaced
apart. Press down
slightly in the centers.
Bake for 10 to 12
minutes until golden and
set. Remove from the
oven and let them cool
on the cookie sheet for
a few minutes before
moving to a cooling rack.



### **GINGER COOKIES**

Makes 48 cookies

1 cup packed brown sugar
3/4 cup shortening
1/4 cup molasses
1 large egg
2 1/4 cups unbleached
all-purpose flour

1/2 teaspoon ground cloves
1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
1 teaspoon ginger
2 teaspoons baking soda
1/4 teaspoon salt
Granulated sugar, for rolling

Preheat oven to 375 F. Lightly grease baking sheet with non-stick cooking spray. In a large bowl, using an electric mixer on medium speed, beat brown sugar, shortening, molasses, and egg together until light and fluffy. Stir in all remaining ingredients, except granulated sugar. Shape dough by rounded teaspoonfuls into balls. Dip tops into granulated sugar and place balls, sugar side up, on prepared baking sheet, about 3 inches apart. Bake 10 to 12 minutes or until just set. Remove from cookie sheet immediately to wire rack to cool.



Tip: Before measuring molasses, spray the measuring cup with cooking spray; the molasses won't stick to the sides of the cup.

### PECAN CREAM CHEESE COOKIES

Makes about 4 cookies

1 cup pecan pieces
1/2 cup pecan meal
21/3 cups all-purpose flour
1 teaspoon kosher salt
4 oz softened cream cheese

2 tablespoons unsalted butter, softened 1 1/4 cup sugar 1 1/2 tablespoons vanilla extract

In a large bowl, whisk together the flour and salt, set aside. Using an electric mixer, cream together the cream cheese and butter until well combined. Mix in the sugar and vanilla. Reduce the speed to low and gradually mix in the flour. Mix in the pecan pieces. Roughly divide the dough in half. Wrap each portion in plastic wrap or parchment paper, forming the dough into a log about 2 inches wide. Wrap well and freeze until firm, about 2 hours or overnight. When ready to bake, preheat the oven to 350 F. Line a baking sheet with parchment paper or a

silicone baking mat. Unwrap one log and carefully roll the outside in the pecan meal, coating it well. Slice the log into 1/4-inch rounds and place them on the prepared baking sheet. Bake for 18 to 20 minutes or until the middle is just set and the cookies are just starting to turn light brown on the edges. Cool the cookies on wire racks. Work in batches until all of the dough has been used. Store the cookies in an airtight container.



























The Windham Eagle — Page 31

## Holiday COLORING CONTEST



### CONTEST OPEN TO CHILDREN AGES 2-14. ENTRIES MUST BE RECEIVED BY MONDAY, DEC. 29

Child's Name:		Child's Age:
Parent's Name:		
Home Address:		
City:	State:	Zip:
Parent's Contact Phone:		
Parent's Email:		

Winner will receive a Gift Card to Sherman's Book Shop!

Contest entries will not be returned. Contest entries may be displayed or published in print and online by this newspaper. Children of newspaper employees are not eligible to win. Decision of judges is final. Winners' parents will be notified by phone and email by December 31, 2025.

## MAIL OR DROP IN BLACK BOX ON BUILDING COLORING PAGE WITH COMPLETED ENTRY FORM TO:

The Windham Eagle Newspaper 585 Roosevelt Trail, Windham, ME 04062

## Improving vocabulary, inchmeal

### By Andy Young STAFF COLUMNIST



It's a good thing I was born when schoolchildren were actually required to know how to spell. It's tougher for youngsters to pick

-Andy Young, Columnist up that ability these days, given "autocorrect" features on electronic devices which remove potentially discommoding composition errors automatically. Young people who spell (and hear) phonetically might assume a shofar was the driver of a fancy limousine. However, a shofar is actually a ram's horn that's blown like a trumpet during Rosh Hashanah, and also at the end of Yom Kippur. A shofar is only for special occasions, though. No decent shammash would blow into one during the reading of the weekly parashah, that's

I would dearly love to be orgulous about the state of my home. However, like many people of my vintage (those who are coeval to myself), my desultory attempts to downsize by divesting myself of items that I no longer need are almost never effective. I'd like to festinate the obviation of my home's clutter, but the reality is that I'll probably have to offcast things inchmeal if I wish to rid my



living space of its untidiness.

However, there's a potentially unexcogitable problem: my parents, like many of their generation, never threw out anything that might someday prove useful. Think empty bottles, plastic containers, sheets of stationary, screws, nuts, bolts, black tape, electrical wire, half-empty bags of concrete, paint cans that might or might not have had paint left in them, and anything else even remotely related to potential home construction (or destruction) projects. I'm guessing this particular trait is heritable, since I too hesitate to discard anything that might someday be of service.

There's really no way of knowing when some quotidian object that's been doing nothing other than taking up space for decades will come in handy. It's occurred to me that perhaps the most proficient way to divest myself of all this excess would be to hold a potlatch, which as I recently discovered, is a gift-giving ceremony practiced by indigenous people in the Pacific Northwest. However, there is a shameful dearth of Pacific Northwestern indigenous people in my neighborhood, so that idea is out.

One morning last weekend I awoke shrouded by an unmistakable hebetude but snapped out of it when I realized how fortunate I was to be living above the hadal part of the ocean. My eyes would be utterly useless there, since these areas are located 20,000 or more feet below sea level, and thus are extremely dark. I'll bet all the ichthyofauna down there are blind.

After a couple of hours of going through my closet I began feeling insatiate, so naturally I began having prandial ideations. When I become esurient my thoughts turn to all kinds of comestibles, like panettone, muffuletta, and even skyr. I'd balk at muktuk, though, and be particularly wary of quenelle and/or yakitori. After all, inadequately prepared victuals can lead to trichinosis or other zoonoses that are a lot worse than mere dyspepsia. And were I to contract one or more of those contagions, it's possible the sequela that followed would

be worse than the disease itself.

Poetry-writing bagpipe players needing a rhyme for squirrel other than curl or earl could turn to skirl, which means to play the bagpipes. I wonder if there was ever a rural girl squirrel who could swirl, twirl, and skirl simultaneously? If I tried to do that I'd probably hurl.

The bottom line: I accomplished almost nothing during my latest attempt at downsizing. But I'm justifiably orgulous over having saved that 2013 "Word-a-day" desk calendar. I knew I'd find a use for it! <





Grade: 5 School: Manchester School Teachers: Jennifer Breton and Katie Falasca Favorite subject(s) in school: Math Parents' names: Geoff and Meg

Reason for selection: Dottie has been chosen as Student of the Week for several reasons. Her effort, collaboration with her peers, and humor make her a great candidate for Student of the Week! She comes to class ready to work, and with great enthusiasm. Her class participation is consistently high, and she is willing to help

anyone who may need it. Dottie has a great sense of humor and adds light and spunk to our class. She loves to learn and has fun doing it. Her confidence and desire to excel bring positive energy to the room, making lessons more engaging and fun. She thrives on her interactions with her peers and often has us all smiling and laughing. Dottie's spirit and tenacity elevate the learning environment, and she is a wonderful student to have in class. We appreciate the sparkle she always brings every day. It's for all of these reasons that she has been chosen for this month's Student of the Week!



"Our independent approach can mean a world of difference when planning your future."

Mark G. Morrison FINANCIAL ADVISOR Windham Office (207) 329-1328 mmorrison@northeastplanning.com



morrisonfinancialplanning.com

Financial Planning offered through Northeast Planning Associates, Inc. (NPA), a registered investment adviser. Securities and advisory services offered through LPL Financial, a registered investment adviser and member of FINRA/SIPC. NPA and LPL Financial are no affiliated. 25-046



**CREW LEADERS, CLIMBERS,** CHAINSAW OPERATORS & LABORERS

100% Employee Owned Company, Competitive Pay, plus Benefits

Visit www.Q-Team.com/Benefits for details



**Our CPP Program** will save you money & it's FREE to join\*!

### Call now to protect your generator until 2045!

- Locked in service rate
- ✓ No annual fees / cancel anytime
- & travel on service
- 20% OFF list price on parts

\*Inspection required. For complete program details call us or email: dirfycpp@gmail.com



SALES ★ SERVICE ★ INSTALLATION ★ INSPECTIONS

207-637-3346 • DIRFYGENERATORS.COM DirfyGenerators@yahoo.com

## **TOWN OF RAYMOND**

NOTICE TO ALL RAYMOND VOTERS



### **TUESDAY, DECEMBER 30, 2025 Municipal Referendum Election - Recall**

Office Hours\* are Tuesday 8am-6pm and Wednesday through Friday 8am-4pm for any resident wishing to register to vote, to vote by

absentee ballot in-person or to pick up an absentee ballot to take home. The last day to request/receive an absentee ballot

will be Wednesday, December 24, 2025 at close of business. Voted ballots can be returned to the secure drop-box in front of the Town Office at any time before 8pm on Election Day. \*Please double-check the town's website (www.raymondmaine.org) to confirm office hours and holiday closures.

Residents may register and vote at the polling location on Election Day. You must provide proof of identity and residency. Raymond's polling location is Jordan-Small Middle School Gym, 423 Webbs Mills Road. Polls are open from 7am to 8pm.

The Windham Eagle Page 33

## Does the market really sleep in December?

By Lisa DiBiase SPECIAL TO THE WINDHAM EAGLE



A lot of people assume real estate slows down once the snow falls and the holiday season arrives. The common belief is that buyers disappear, Landing Real Estate listings, and everysellers pull their

one just waits for spring.

In Southern Maine, that's not the full story.

December looks different than June, of course. There are fewer open house signs on the corners and more wreaths on front doors. But behind the scenes, there is still real activity, especially from serious buyers and sellers who have a clear reason to move.

Here is a closer look at what really happens in our local market this time of year.

### Online Browsing Goes Up, Even If **Showings Slow Down**

Once Thanksgiving passes, many people have more time at home. They are off work, sitting with family, and talking about the future. That often



leads to one thing: opening up a real

We see a lot of quiet online activity in December, and the traffic to our website hasn't shown a decline or

- ham, Westbrook, and the Lake Region
- Comparing prices between South-
- shorter commute, or a move closer to the coast or to our rural towns

to buy, but a surprising number of Jan-

Southern Maine include:

- People relocating for a job starting
- · Families who want to get settled before a new school semester starts
- Buyers who sold in the fall and now have a deadline to find their next home

These buyers are not just curious, they're motivated and prepared. If your home is listed in December, you might see fewer showings than in the spring or summer, but the showings you do get are often more serious.

### **Sellers Have Less Competition**

Because many owners assume winter is a bad time to list, they wait for spring. That means there are fewer homes on the market in December. If you decide to list now, your home may stand out more. The lower inventory can be an advantage for sellers who are ready to act.

Of course, winter in Maine does come with a few extra considerations. Sellers need to keep walks and side-



cember.

Ones

estate app and starting to scroll.

slowdown. People are: • Saving listings in Windham, Gor-

- ern Maine towns
- Daydreaming about more space, a

Not everyone who browses is ready

be there. Common December buyers in → see **REAL ESTATE** Page 36







### WE CAN DO IT ALL..... OR WE CAN DO SOME!

Booking, payment processing, check-in/check-out, 24/7 on-call property management, cleaning, and much more.

uary and February buyers start their

search during this "downtime" in De-

Fewer Buyers, But More Serious

Traffic at open houses and show-

ings is usually lighter in December.

The buyers who are out in the snow

and cold tend to have a real reason to

We can take care of as many or as little details

as you need help with including Maine state lodging tax compliance.

Contact us today to learn more!

We offer a free, no-obligation home visit & estimate of your property's rental potential.

207-655-3811 • rentals@krainin.com • Krainin.com

Guests coming this summer? Interested in a stay-cation? VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR AVAILABLE PROPERTIES!



DISCOVER THE BEST PLACES TO LIVE IN VACATIONLAND

207-775-SOLD

SEE OUR AD ON THE **BACK PAGE!** 

### COLD & FLU WORD SEARCH ٧ S R 0 C G Ε S S Т В U C S Ι Ι C C Z Ι G Ι G G Ε н C C Ε S Ι R 0 N Т Ι Α F Z Ι C C Ι Ρ N Ζ R

Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally, diagonally, and backwards.

Ε

М R 0

D

N Ι C Ι

D Ε L Ε

**ACHES FATIGUE INFECTION SNEEZE ANTIBIOTICS FEVER MEDICINE STUFFY CHILLS GERMS MUCUS THROAT PREVENTION** CONGESTION HEADACHE **TISSUES** CONTAGIOUS **HYDRATION REST** VACCINE COUGH **IMMUNITY RUNNY VIRUS** 

A B C D E F G H i J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z

## $\Omega$ $\mathbb{C}$

Solve the code to discover words related to games and puzzles. Each number corresponds to a letter. (Hint: 25 = A)

**25** 16 5 **22** 16 **13** A.

Clue: Possibility

**23** В. 24 21 6

Clue: Prowess

**13 22 25** 

Clue: Using the mind

Clue: Keenness of thought, vision or hearing

### **LAST WEEK'S ANSWERS**

	R	Α	D	0	М		Α	G	0	G		Η	Н	Α	Т
	0	S	Α	K	Α		С	Α	R	Е	Е	R	1	S	Т
	W	Α	Ν	Α	М	Α	K	Е	R	Т	R	0	Р	Η	Υ
	s	Р	Α			Н	Е	L		Α	R	0	s	Е	
					S	Α	Е		S	w	0	Р			
1			s	Т	0	В			Р	Α	R	s	Е	С	
	Α	М	Α	н				Н	Α	Υ	S		Р	Α	Н
	В	Α	Ν	Е		R	Α	1	Ν	S		О	Е	В	U
	С	R	Т		٧	Α	L	Е				S	Е	S	s
		С	Α	s	ı	N	0			R	Α	Т	s		
				Р	Α	G	Е		С	Α	В				
		В	L	1	Ν	1		Α	Α	R			В	Α	В
	G	0	U	N	D	Е	R	Т	Η	Е	K	Ν	1	F	Е
	S	Е	С	Е	S	s	ı	0	Ν		Н	Α	R	Α	N
	Α	R	Е	s		Т	0	Ν			ı	Z	D	R	1



### 16 22 26 38 41 45 48 52 53 56 **CLUES ACROSS** 1. Chinese Muslim group 37. Counterweights

- 5. Alternative name
- 10. Resounds
- 12. Supporter
- 14. Furnishes anew
- 16. Beloved Hollywood alien
- 18. Supervises flying
- 19. Ballplayer's tool
- 20. Coarse edible red seaweed
- 22. Former CIA
- 23. Basketball player
- 25. Travel necessities
- 26. Honey producer
- 27. Military analysis (abbr.)
- 28. Diego, Francisco, Anselmo
- 30. Mental sharpness and inventiveness
- 31. Popular Easter meal
- 33. Man (Spanish)
- 35. \_\_ de la \_\_

- 38. Made a harsh, grating noise
- 40. Monetary unit
- 41. Commercials
- 42. Cool!
- 44. Partner to cheese
- 45. Expression of creative skill
- 48. Unit of angle
- 50. Transported
- 52. N. American people of Kansas
- 53. Computer game character Max
- 55. Moved swiftly
- 56. Everyone has one
- 57. Tin
- 58. A mole is one
- 63. Nocturnal hoofed animals
- 65. Oppositional to
- 66. Monetary units
- 67. Not on time

### **CLUES DOWN**

- 1. Hogshead (abbr.)
- 3. Defunction European group
- 4. Line on a map
- 5. Becomes less intense 6. Back muscle
- 7. Frosted

Answers: A. chance

₽

. Sk≟

 $\Omega$ 

mental

Ō

acuity

- 8. Ethiopian town
- 9. Midway between south and east
- 10. Wipe from the record
- 11. In a continuous way
- 13. Breathe
- 15. Cleaning device
- 17. Male organ
- 18. Tab on a key ring
- 21. Criminals
- 23. Taxi
- 24. Cheer of encouragement
- 27. Wartime American escort carrier

- 29. Polish river
- 2. Misery resulting from affliction 32. Current unit
  - 34. Life form
  - 35. Painful contractions
  - 36. Glowing
  - 39. Press against lightly
  - 40. Melancholic 43. Something you can be under
  - 44. Of the mind

  - 46. E. Indian cereal grass
  - 47. Couple
  - 49. Sharpshoot
  - 51. A baglike structure in a plant or animal
  - 54. Blyton, children's author
  - 59. Human gene
  - 60. Data mining methodology (abbr. 61. Examines animals

  - 62. Mineral
  - 64. Cools your home

## SUDOKU

	5			agasasas				4
		4	3					
6		-quant	8		9			
			2					
		9	5	8		acceción		
							7	6
4	8			5				
	7					4		
decoo			6					2

### **HOW TO SOLVE:** Each row must contain the

numbers 1 to 9; each column must contain the numbers 1 to 9; and each set of 3 by 3 boxes must contain the numbers 1 to 9.

### **LAST WEEK'S ANSWERS**

6	8	3	2	9	Ame	4	7	5
seeds	7	5	4	8	3	6	2	9
2	4	9	7	6	5	ų.	3	8
					4			
7	2	6	3	5	8	9	dece	4
8	5	4	quu	7	9	3	6	2
3	6	8	9	4	7	2	5	ang
5	9	2	8	4	6	7	4	3
4	week	7	5	3	2	8	9	6

Bridging the gap between simple handyman tasks and large contactor services, Maine Home Maintenance offers an affordable alternative for projects of all sizes.

Based in the Lakes Region, Maine Home Maintenance is owned and operated by Chris Lawlor with his partner Dave Stritch. Together they bring over 30 years of experience in carpentry and the home remodeling business. The company takes pride in its versatility and strives to create something different with each job it undertakes.

"We offer reliable home services," Lawlor said. "From small repairs to major home improvements, we've got you covered. Whether you're a homeowner, vacation rental owner, or a small business, Maine Home Maintenance provides expert craftsmanship to get the job done. No job is too big or small. We're your go-to expert for home repairs, maintenance, and renovations. Let us fix it right the first time."

Maine Home Maintenance offers a wide range of services, including general repairs for doors, windows, siding, drywall, locks, and more. Their team handles everything from new deck builds to complete deck restorations, as well as light plumbing and electrical work such as faucet replacements, lighting updates, and other minor fixes. They also provide professional flooring installation, interior and exterior painting, and weatherproofing



to protect your home from Maine's rugged conditions. Seasonal services include winterizing, storm-damage repairs, and vacation-rental upkeep to ensure your property stays in top shape year-round.

"The best part of what we do is giving people new or revitalized spaces in their homes," Lawlor said. "We are all about making people happy."

According to Lawlor, the most significant aspect of the business is the wide range of work that the company performs, as well as the exceptional quality of that work and that's what distinguishes Maine Home Maintenance from the competition.

"Our pricing is very competitive I would say because it is not often that a bid or price we give is not accepted or is beaten by someone else," he said. "Our business is best known for our quality workmanship. We also tend to do a lot of deck builds or refinishing and we give people a new or more usable outdoor space to enjoy."

In business for a year after nearly two decades of working for other companies, Lawlor employs a staff of five at Maine Home Maintenance and provides services spanning throughout the Lakes Region over to the Bath and Brunswick region and as far south as Wells and Ogunquit.

Lawlor got his start in the carpentry business when he was a child.

"My dad was a jack of all trades, and I helped him redo the old farmhouse I grew up in," he said. "But in a professional manner my first full-time job was in a cabinet shop when I was 19 years old in 1999. After that I built garages for a while and when I moved down here in 2005, I was lucky enough to get a job with a company that tackled multi-million dollar homes, commercial jobs and buildings as well as smaller homes and jobs. Something I pride myself on is my broad range of knowledge, experience, and tools. Simply put, I enjoy knowing how to do things, how to build things and fix things and have since I was a kid. I have amassed an extensive amount of knowledge and tools for a very wide variety of applications, extending well beyond just carpentry and home maintenance and repairs. Because of those reasons we receive excellent reviews and customer feedback."

Their reviews are exceptional:

Page 35

"Excellent quality work, on time and on budget. Easy to talk to and took great care with a long list of home maintenance items including replacing a deck railing, evaluating and replacing rotting decking, replacing and painting exterior trim, interior paint and wall touchups, ceiling patch and paint, and window replacement. It's great to finally have a reliable handyman! We will definitely be using them again." ~ Erica Stritch

"Professional, quick and did a beautiful job! Thanks for the new steps!!" ~ Stephanie Thibodeau

"Chris was amazing. He quoted us on our deck, was reasonable priced, showed up on time was professional and the work he did was incredible. It was a no-brainer to have him come back to do the siding. We are so happy with the finished product and would call him back for all our future projects. He was so good with our dog too!" ~ Kenneth Horton

Maine Home Maintenance is fully insured and offers free estimates. They currently have winter openings for all your indoor project needs and would also be happy to get your summer projects on the books. You can request an appointment on their website at www. mainehomemaintenance.com or call 207-894-0424. Check out their Facebook page for wonderful articles that shed light on various upgrades and tips for transforming your home. <





walks clear of snow and ice, have lights on and shades open for showings on darker days, and plan around storms and shorter daylight hours. And buyers, remember roofs, decks, and yards can be harder to see when everything is fully covered in snow. A good inspector and local Landing Real Estate Realtor can help you work through those details.

### So, Does the Market Sleep?

The market does not exactly go to sleep in the winter; it changes pace. A home in December looks and feels different than one in July, and that's not always a bad thing! There may be fewer overall listings and fewer casual showings, but there are still motivated buyers and sellers, and many prefer this quieter season.

If you're thinking about buying or selling, do not assume you have to wait for the perfect weather or a particular month. The right timing is the one that fits your life, your plans, and your comfort level.

The important thing is to go in informed, with a clear plan and a real estate team, like Landing Real Estate, that you trust.

This article was brought to you by Lisa DiBiase, Broker/Co-Owner of Landing Real Estate. Lisa and her team proudly represent buyers and sellers across the Greater Portland, Lakes Region, and beyond. For all your real estate needs, contact Lisa at Lisa@LandingHomesMaine. com or call (207) 775-SOLD. <



Look here to find the area's best local service providers!

**Accounting/Bookkeeping** 

## **DL Payroll Solutions, LLC**

CUSTOMIZED BOOKKEEPING



Debbie LaVallee, Owner **Trusted Service for Over 35 Years!** FREE CONSULTATIONS

For an appt. call 207-894-7095 or 207-671-0664 or email: dlpayroll@gmail.com

**Auto Services** 



646 Roosevelt Trail, Windham • Call 207-893-8601 or Request an Appt. online at: EagleAutoSales.me



**Chimney/Masonry** 





Thank you for supporting local!

**Auto Services** 



**QUALITY PRE-OWNED CARS & TRUCKS AUTO SERVICE AUTO BODY** & DETAILING

Trusted • Local • Experienced

207-572-4444 • aplusautogroup.com







**Auto - Towing/Emergencies** 



**Business Networking** 

### **LOOKING TO GROW YOUR BUSINESS?**

Do you like to network?

One of our 20 chapters in Maine is right here in Windham!

CHECK IT OUT!

207-894-7200 • www.BNIMaine.com

**Cell Phone/iPad** 

## The BestSCREEN PRO

The last screen protector you'll ever have to buy! State-of-the-art Nano technology • Backed by a free exchange for life Custom cut & installed on-site in just 15 minutes, no appt. needed



Glossy or Matte **ONLY \$29.99** Privacy Finish 207-956-9999 • 824 Roosevelt Trail, Windham



Fully Insured • 1stsweepchimney@gmail.com CHIMNEY SWEEPS & INSPECTIONS SERVICE/INSTALLS DIRTY BRISTLES

Wood, Gas & Pellet Stoves - All Brands! Chimneys & Caps dirtybristles8195@gmail.com **Stainless Liners DIRTYBRISTLES.COM** Dampers & more

207-803-8195

Chimney Cleanings & Repairs • Lining Flashing • Repointing • Caps & Builds Historical Restoration • Stone Walls

Foundation Repairs & Waterproofing

**CALL ANYTIME! 608-1511** MaineChimneyRepairs.com

Fully Insured Free Inspections • Free Estimates • All Work 100% Guaranteed!

Want to keep up with stories from the newspaper? Follow us on FO!



MAINE



We do floor stripping & waxing - New Clients Welcome! FULLY INSURED ~ QUICK, FREE ESTIMATES!

Call/text (207)310-7294 • purecleanco.cory@gmail.com Locally Owned & Operated ~ 2024 Eagle Choice Winner



info@totalcleanmaine.com

Facebook.com/totalcleanmaine

## HCH

**Cleanups/Dumpster Rentals** 

From single item pickups to entire property cleanouts! **Unk**removal FAST, RELIABLE AND FRIENDLY SERVICE AT THE BEST PRICE. & R E C Y C L I N G

JUST CALL ALL HAUL!

207-653-2107 AIIHaulMaine.com

Text friendly THE



Basement, Attic, Garage & Apartment Cleanouts

> **Boat, Vehicle & Camper** f B Angles list

(207) 450-5858 • www.thedumpguy.com Fully Insured



We will buy salable salvage goods

(Furniture/Doors/Windows/etc) 207-828-8699 **Guaranteed Best Price** 

Demolition ALL METAL HAULED FREE! Washers/Stoves/Oil Tanks Dumpster Rentals

**Residential &** 

Commercial

Cleanouts

Tell them you saw their ad in The Eagle!

**Construction/Remodeling** 



**EXPERT HOME BUILDING &** REMODELING

30+ Years Experience

Additions • Finish Work • Decks • Roofing • Siding Fences • Windows • Doors • Flooring • Tile & more

For only the best, call nest! 207-232-9094

### FIX. MAINTAIN. IMPROVE.



From small repairs to major home improvements.

Repairs & Improvements Flooring • Remodels **Storm Damage Repairs** New Builds • Decks Painting • Drywall & more

207.894.0424 **F** mainehomemaintenance.com



**Docks/Waterfront Services** 

### **DOCK REMOVALS & MAINTENANCE**

Pressure Washing, Staining/Painting for Docks, Decks, & Houses + other Handyman/Remodeling Projects OWNED & OPERATED BY JEFF DUARTE

HONEST DEPENDABLE LOCAL

### CUSTOM WOOD & ALUMINUM DOCKS **MANUFACTURED IN WINDHAM!**

Stationary • Floating • Roll-a-docks • Boat Lifts • Kayak & Canoe Racks



**SALES & SERVICE** 

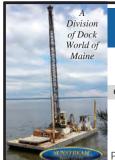
We sell galvanized & aluminum hardware for repairs & additions

**FREE CONSULTS & WATERFRONT DESIGNS** 

976 Roosevelt Trail, Windham • Open M-F 8-4; Sat 8-12



**Docks/Waterfront Services** 



**Drywall Services** 

**Electrical** 

**Lakeside Drywall Services** 

Textured/Flat Ceilings • Sheetrock & Taping

Both New & Remodeling • Professional

Over 30 Years Experience!

Quality you can

count on!!

Call (207)893-8420

Email: mms12@twc.com

ELECTRIC

Licensed/Insured

**f** (207) 671-1814

### SEBAGO MARINE **Crane & Barge Service**

The LEADER in marine construction for 20 years!

Certified Maine D.E.P. Erosion Control Contractor

Call Owner Del Wescott 892-5500

Boat Houses • Rock Moving • Pile Driving Permanent Docks • Full Permitting • Dredging Portable Welding • Heavy Duty Mooring Systems



**Eyecare/Optometrist** 

## Come see the difference.

WINDHAM · STANDISH · GORHAM Book your appt. today!

207-729-8474 **MAINEOPTOMETRY.COM** 





Firewood



Clean, Locally Sourced Green Cord: \$310 **Multi-Cord Discount** Seasoned Wood is Ready! FREE WINDHAM DELIVERY

**F** 207-831-3222

WE RAISE

THE BARR for

GREAT SERVICE!

🗑 New Installs & Repairs

Generator Hook-ups

**The Emergency Service** 

🗑 Troubleshooting

**Funeral Home** 

### **COMPASSIONATE** CREMATION SERVICES

Complete Cremation Package as low as \$1,395

Honest, Transparent Pricing  $\sim$  Pre-planning Services Available

Casco Bay Cremation Services 68 Bishop Street, Unit 1, Suite 7, PORTLAND

We're

available

24 hours

a day

CascoBayCremation.com • 207-747-8240



Residential Master Electrician Greg Barr - 20 Years Exp.

Jeff Wyman & Jim Malia - Owner/Operators/Master Electricians Commercial & Residential - Fully Insured - Free Estimates

Troubleshooting • Repairs • Installations **Generators • Lighting & more** 

Call 415-5802 or 776-5370 Fracebook



Your local team of ELECTRICAL EXPERTS

for all your residential & commercial needs! Wiring • Generators **LED Lighting Upgrades Service Upgrades** 

Specializing in Smart Home Systems Designed, Installed & Programmed by us!

Security Systems • Video Surveillance Home/Business Management • Personal Wellness Safety Customized for your needs ~ Rules & alerts set for you Reliable uninterrupted service even when power or internet is down

LICENSED & INSURED • FREE ESTIMATES

207-632-8799 • JWolfeElectric.com

**Excavation** 





434 River Rd., Windham • 892-6342 / 76 State St., Gorham • 839-4270 35 Church St., Westbrook • 854-2341 / info@dolbyblaissegee.com DOLBYBLAISSEGEE.COM

×

Generators

### DIRFY GENERATORS

**#I AWARD-WINNING GENERATOR COMPANY!** 

SALES ★ SERVICE ★ INSTALLATION ★ INSPECTIONS

Affordable Monthly Payments \*OAC **FREE ASSESSMENTS & QUOTES** dirfygenerators@yahoo.com **20 YEAR PROTECTION FOR INFO & AVAILABLE** 

FOR NEW & EXISTING GENERATORS DIRFYCPP@GMAIL.COM

IN-STOCK INVENTORY email for auto reply info: DIRFYINVENTORY@GMAIL.COM

207-637-3346 • DIRFYGENERATORS.COM

### THANKS FOR SUPPORTING OUR ADVERTISERS!

Reference these business contacts 24/7 with our online flipbook at: THEWINDHAMEAGLE.COM

**Handyman/Home Repairs** 

ONE CALL FOR ALL YOUR HOME **UPGRADES & UPKEEP AT FAIR PRICES** 



REMODELS **CARPENTRY PAINTING AND MORE** 

We take pride in every job, big or small!

Insured ~ Free Estimates

207-332-7792 ~ THATGUY207.COM 🚹

Place an ad in our service directory and reach MORE of your LOCAL CLIENTS that with any other source!

Take advantage of our direct mailed circulation to all the homes and businesses in Windham and Raymond and WATCH YOUR BUSINESS GROW!!

For more info. contact Melissa 207-894-3500 or via text/phone at: 207-329-3239 or email: melissa@thewindhameagle.com

Thank you for supporting local and be sure to tell them you saw their ad in The Windham Eagle!



**Heating & Cooling** 



**Insurance** 

**Law Office** 

### **REGION MONITO**

Trusted Sales & Service for over 30 Years



**CALL DON GAUDIN 207-627-2260** 

PEOPLE-FIRST INSURANCE HELP – ALWAYS!

Health - Dental - Vision - Medicare Personalized guidance for individuals, families & businesses

Set up a free consult with your local expert, Maureen Mazure

BENCHMARK 639 Roosevelt Trail, Windham (207) 360-4040 BENEFITS Your gold standard for benefits bbime.com



Estate Planning, Probate, Wills, Trusts, Powers of Attorney, Special Needs Trusts, Elder Law, MaineCare Planning & more Free Initial Phone Consult

207-655-9007

www.lisafriedlander.com Helping fit the pieces of your life together



Competence Integrity Advocacy



**Heat Pumps** 

### DIRFY HEAT PUM

YOUR TRUSTED AWARD-WINNING **GENERATOR COMPANY NOW OFFERING HEAT PUMP SALES, INSTALLATIONS & SERVICE!** 

Same Great Staff, Top-Notch Service & Expertise!



Reach out for a Free No-Obligation Evaluation & Estimate! 207-637-3346 DirfyGenerators@yahoo.com



Local Experienced Agents. Personalized Service.

Competitive Rates.

Call/Text 207-893-8184 • JonathanPriest.com

FREE POLICY **REVIEWS &** QUOTES with no strings attached!

Our goal is to get you the best coverage at the best price!

57 Tandberg Tr., Suite 7, Windham

**Moving Services** 



**Packing Services** Rental Trucks Loaded/Unloaded Cleanouts & Dump Runs

No extra charge for weekends, gas mileage or weight

**Painting** 

207-828-8699 Open 7 Days a Week ~ Fully Insured

We rent storage containers!

houzz

**Heating Oil / Fuel** 



WWW.ATLANTICHEATINGCOMPANY.COM



#shoplocal #buylocal #supportlocal WHEN YOU SUPPORT LOCAL BUSINESSES THE WHOLE COMMUNITY BENEFITS!

LANDSCAPE DESIGN, MAINTENANCE & INSTALLATION

J. GAGNE

ANDSCAPING

Landscaping/Hardscaping

BRADBURYPAINTING@ROADRUNNER.COM

Fully Insured • Interior | Exterior • Free Estimates



Burner Cleanings • Free Tank Swap Out • 24-Hr Emergency Service

639 Roosevelt Trail, Rte. 302, Windham • Open M-F 7:30am-5pm **207-892-0200 • www.fieldingsoil.com** 

& EXCAVATION A division of Roosevelt Trail Garden Center

**INSURED** 

**Bulk Material Delivery** Hardscaping Tree Pruning Cleanups & more We're DEP & Shoreland Certified!

RooseveltTrailGardenCenter.com • 207-893-2757

### PRECISION EXTERIOR PAINTING & STAINING Homes & Decks **DRYWALL REPAIRS POWER WASHING** & MORE! **207-787-1469 F** NSURED

PAINTING PROFESSIONALS Flawless Results for All Homes – New to Historic

INTERIOR - EXTERIOR - WALLPAPERING

For experienced, quality work call... 

FULLY INSURED - FREE ESTIMATES



Propane • Heating Oil • Kerosene Gasoline • Off Road Diesel Propane and Fuels

207-352-7800 PitStopFuels.com

## RESIDENTIAL & COMMERCIAL **CALL NOW TO** BOOK YOUR Email: info@robbinsps.com **207-787-1469**

**Print Advertising** 

### **Local Advertising The Works** for Your Small Business



Melissa makes it easy to reach more than 11,000 households. For experienced design and affordable marketing, contact her today!

**WINDHAM EAGLE** 

207-894-3500 • Melissa@TheWindhamEagle.com



Free Estimates - Fully Insured

Booking now for **FALL CLEAN UPS!** Also reserve now for **SNOW PLOWING & SANDING** 

> Residential & Commercial

207-274-1008

TopCutServicesMaine@gmail.com

207-838-1370 \* BUILDWITHOSHEA.COM **Pest Services** 





**Pest Services** 

## **Ranger Pest Services**

Ticks • Mosquitos • Ants • Mice • Rats • Wasps Squirrels • Bats • Wildlife Relocation & more







### Keeping your home or **business PEST-FREE!**

SINGLE TREATMENTS • CUSTOM PLANS INTEGRATED PEST MANAGMENT **EMERGENCY SERVICE** 

**Organic Options Available** Insured - 10 Years Exp. - Family Owned FREE ESTIMATES & CONSULTS

207-770-0274 • RobbinsPest.com • Find us on FB

**Plumbing & Heating** 



## **RICHARD P. WALTZ** PLUMBING & HEATING

"The area's most reliable plumbing & heating specialists." Locally Owned & Operated ~ 24 Hour Emergency Service

Plumbing • Heating Ventilation • A/C • Drain Cleaning Sewer Maintenance • Excavation • Home Renovations Bathroom & Kitchen Remodeling & more

Call (207)772-2801 • richardpwaltz.com 📑



Residential – Light Commercial – Service Work – Gas Piping

13 Underwood Way, Windham, Maine 04062

Jim Witherow President

Office/fax: 207-892-3970 Cell: 207-939-2610

> Visit us on the web at: WWW.SILVERLINEPLUMBING.COM

**Real Estate** 

### Your ONE-STOP for all things REAL ESTATE!



KRAININ

REAL ESTATE

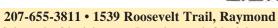
Sales & Rentals

- BUYING/INVESTING/SELLING We specialize in lakefront properties!
- RENTALS is our SPECIALTY!
- Vacation/Long-term/Winter
- Property Management
- New rental inventory always wanted!

Free, no-obligation assessments to see what your property is worth!

LOCALLY OWNED & OPERATED Celebrating 49 years of Sebago Lakes Region Vacations!

**BOOK YOUR RENTALS ONLINE AT:** KRAININ.COM



207-655-3811 • 1539 Roosevelt Trail, Raymond Sales: sales@krainin.com • Rentals: rentals@krainin.com **Real Estate** 



Local Experts for Buyers and Sellers Alike... Stop in or call us today!

STOP IN OR CALL US TODAY! 894-5722 887 Roosevelt Trail, Route 302, Windham

### **Roofing & Siding**

### Specializing in Siding of All Types!

Cedar Clapboards - Cedar Shingles - Vinyl - Live Edge & more



**Standing Seam Roofing Replacement Windows New Construction** Additions • Decks & more Call 207-632-7104

FREE ESTIMATES • INSURED

Robert J. Fritsch, Owner/Operator We stand behind our work! 40+ Years Experience - Raymond, ME

### Professional Roofing Contractor

### SAPPIER'S ROOFING & SIDING



**Septic Services** 

60+ Years of Quality Septic Service



**Maintenance & Inpections** 207-892-9126 • ARKIEROGERSSEPTIC.COM

Septic Tank Service



TANK CLEANINGS MAINTENANCE, REPAIRS, VIDEO **INSPECTIONS** & LOCATING

892-2164 • JimRogersSepticTankService.com

Storage



Units Available GET 2<sup>ND</sup> MONTH FREE! clean, new buildings 893-0007

- 24 hour access low rates • inside or outside vehicle storage
- outdoor storage for trailers, boats & campers

18 WHITES BRIDGE RD, WINDHAM • APPLETREESELFSTORAGE.COM

### **BUY SUPPORTING LOCAL, YOU ARE:**

- Creating more jobs in the community
- ✓ Keeping money in the local economy
- ✓ Investing in entrepreneurship Nurturing a sense of community
- ✓ Conserving energy

Tree Service



Tree Trimming & Removal • Stump Grinding Tree/Shrub Pruning • Shoreline Tree Work **Brush Removal • 24/7 Emergency Service** 

207-222-2932 • 207Landscaping.com



24 Years of Expertise!

**Maine Licensed Arborist Tree Removal • Climbing Pruning • Gutter Cleaning 60 Foot Bucket Truck** 

Residential & Commercial Fully Insured / Free Estimates

207-502-2257 three guysdb 2338@gmail.comTREEGUYSINC.COM



**Tree Health & Hazard Assessment** Tree & Shrub Pruning & Removal **Stump Grinding** Storm Damage/Emergency Removal Jonathan Wood, Veteran/Owner/Licensed Arborist

207.939.3839 VeteranTreeCare207@gmail.com

**Free Ouotes** Fully Licensed & Insured



## **WINDHAM EAGLE**

### THANKS FOR SUPPORTING **OUR ADVERTISERS!**

**Reference these business** contacts 24/7 with our online flipbook at: THEWINDHAMEAGLE.COM

**Truck Equipment** 

TRUCK EQUIPMENT

**WELDING & FABRICATION** MAGNUM

**CUSTOM** 

QUALITY TRUCK UPFITTING NEW GLOUCESTER - 207-926-4271

Sales / Installs

Service / Parts

**Water / Radon Air Services** 

A-Z Water Systems One call does it all.

Water Pumps • Water Testing • Out of Water Calls Water Wells • Water Filtration • Hydrofracking Radon Air Testing & Solutions

207-766-6210 • A-ZWaterSystems.com





UNDER CONTRACT! 19 RABBIT VALLEY ROAD, **OXFORD** Buyer Rep.



UNDER CONTRACT!

19 ABBY ROAD, **WINDHAM** Buyer & Seller Rep.



UNDER CONTRACT!

136 CHURCH ROAD, **BRUNSWICK** Buyer Rep.



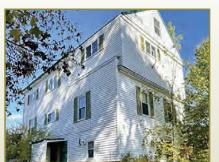
WHETHER YOU ARE BUYING OR SELLING, THE LORD GROUP CAN HELP!

LISA DIBIASE Broker / Owner 207-653-0823 LISA@LANDINGHOMESMAINE.COM

### **ATTENTION INVESTORS & FLIPPERS!** 165 OXFORD AVENUE, RUMFORD - LISTED AT \$99,900







Spacious two-unit full of potential.

BUYING OR SELLING, LISA IS HERE TO GUIDE YOU EVERY STEP OF THE WAY!

## 248 MORSE ROAD, NORWAY – LISTED AT \$950,000

The perfect winter getaway DOES exist!







MATT DIBIASE Designated Broker / Owner 207-653-0376

MATT@LANDINGHOMESMAINE.COM

3 bed • 1 full bath, 2 half baths • 3,220 sq. ft. • 100+ acres

Potential for a family compound, private estate, or unique business venture. Enjoy cross-country skiing or skating on your very own private pond! Access snowmobile trails directly from your property or head to close by Norway Lake for ice fishing

TURN YOUR REAL ESTATE GOALS INTO REALITY – CONTACT MATT TODAY!

## CALL TODAY AND WORK WITH OUR AWARD-WINNING TEAM!



780 BROADWAY / SOUTH PORTLAND, MAINE 04106 // 79 TANDBERG TRAIL / WINDHAM, MAINE 04062 LANDINGHOMESMAINE.COM