



Windham News & Notes



Fire Company Helps Community in Many Ways

by Marcia Clinton

On July 28, Windham's Fire Company provided mutual aid to the Chester Fire Company to assist in the search of a missing person in Andover.

Windham's new fire truck has been ordered and is being built according to specifications. The rural loan from the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture was approved. Expected delivery is October 1st. Look for notices for an open house at the fire house to view the new fire truck



On August 8th the Fire Co. held its annual auction and BBQ. Once again Mother Nature gave us a perfect day for the festivities. The concession stand offered a variety of breakfast and lunchtime foods. The flea market tables were overloaded with treasures and bargains that attracted customers all day long. Bob Arbuckle, the auctioneer, teased money from the audience during the live auction with more bargains and good humor. The evening BBQ fed the most people ever, and many stayed for the notorious pie auction.

Overall, minus some expenses, the total profit was \$8,901.33. The Fire Co. truly thanks all the volunteers and donors that come through every year to make this event as successful as it is. We could never do it without you.



The Annual Halloween Party at the firehouse for all the kids in town will be Friday, October 30th. Come dressed in costume between 5:30 and 5:45 PM for the judging of costumes at 6:00 PM. There will be a hayride, crazy contests, hot dogs and snacks, and lots of prizes. Parents are welcome, in costume or not.

Kids and Adults Enjoy Summer Day Camp

by Cindy Kehoe

Summer Day Camp 2015 was lots of fun again this year. We had 10 to 12 children each day. Some kids returned to camp again this year, and some were new to the scene. My junior counselor, Sydney Hescok, was a great help. She is very creative and good with the younger children. She made many snacks and was great about kitchen clean up. Dannika Kehoe, our junior chef, planned and created some fun, nutritious snacks.

Special thanks goes out to Bev Carmichael and Ginny Crittenden. These two ladies helped us with our hula hoop looms. We cut loops from T-shirts and put them on a hula hoop. Then the kids wove strips cut from the same T-shirts, around and around, to make a small rug or chair mat.

Beading, bracelets and necklaces were a favorite again this year as well tie-dyed T-shirts and the wood and popsicle stick creations. Some kids built flower boxes, painted them and filled them with soil and fresh flowers. We went swimming again at Hapgood Pond.



Back row: Cindy Kehoe, Dannika Kehoe, Luke Chila, Fiona Scott, Mary McDonald, Sydney Hescok ;
Front row: James Carson, Megan Carson, Annabel Carson, Kylie Kehoe, Lilian Newton



Cindy Kehoe, Hayley & Sydney Hescok

Thanks also to the Windham Congregational church for sponsoring the summer day camp again this year. The children *and* seniors had lots of fun! "Camp was so much fun this year. I loved making the miniature houses out of wood scraps. We also did a cool weaving project with hula hoops and old strips of tee shirts. Thank you, Mrs. Kehoe, Mrs. Carmichael, and Mrs. Crittenden for helping us."

Submitted by Megan Carson

Select Board News

by Mary Boyer, Frank Seawright and Kord Scott

The Select Board has not slowed down over the summer months. We continue to seek grant money and are applying for a Vermont Municipal Planning Grant to pay for consulting support to update our zoning regulations. We mentioned five grants in the last issue, one for engineering services and four for road and bridge projects. We have contracted with Emmett Hammond of New Hampshire for his engineering services. He will provide help with specs, the bidding process and oversight of the projects while being built.

Our appointed clerk, Bonnie Chamberlain, has been creating a book which will organize and update all required permits. She is also creating a system to facilitate taxpayer grievances and appeals and is generally getting a firm handle on all the documents that come into and go out of the office. Bonnie's organizational skills have resulted in the board considering the streamlining of our procedures and processes as well.

We continue to receive complaints of drivers exceeding town speed limits. We met with Captain Robert Lakin and discussed increasing our contract with the sheriff's department from four to six hours a month. This expense of about \$2,500 is partially offset by a small reimbursement the town receives from tickets issued.

Bids for roadside mowing have been received, and the work was awarded to M&M mowing. Bids for sand were reviewed, and Hill Construction will deliver at a cost of \$14.55 per yard.

The state negotiates the price of municipal salt deliveries, and this year's contract has gone to

Cargill. Unfortunately, the price has gone up \$6.48 a ton. Our road crew is committed to using appropriate amounts of salt to keep our roads safe.

John Lingley has resigned from his position as lister. John was first elected in 2007 and had a firm hand in making the reappraisal possible. We thank John and all the listers for the extra work put into getting our town-wide reappraisal completed. We have appointed Alison Cummings to serve in John's position until town meeting. We welcome Alison and know her experience as a real estate broker will benefit the town of Windham. She also has computer skills that will enable her to jump right in and be a valuable team player.

Summer road work has included grading, ditching and the replacement of six culverts with seven more to be laid before winter prep. The garage roof has needed attention, and we are hoping repairs will be sufficient to get us through a few more years before replacement is needed.

We will shortly begin the budgeting process for 2016. We are asking all departments to submit budgets earlier this year to avoid the last minute rush. This should allow us to make better decisions. Under Town Treasurer Peter Chamberlain's thoughtful guidance, we have been able to stay on budget this year, and without unexpected events, should be able to clear the year without borrowing.

Letters notifying you of your taxes were slightly delayed this year due to the massive amounts of new appraisal information to be filed with the state and the change in personnel among the listers. If you are mailing in your tax payments, remember they have to be postmarked no later than October 31.

Enjoy the rest of this beautiful summer and get that wood stacked soon. Winter will be here before we know it.



Help Needed to Keep Windham's Checklist Accurate

by the Board of Civil Authority

By law, every Vermont town's Board of Civil Authority has to "purge" its voter checklist of the names of people no longer living in town. We are required to do this every other year, no later than September in the odd numbered years. We recently went through such an exercise to be assured that our checklist is accurate.

If you move out of town, we would appreciate your notifying the Town Office to remove your name from Windham's voter checklist. If we are not notified, we have to send you a warning letter. Such letters often get returned because we don't know your new address and there is no current forwarding address. If we do not hear from you, then we are required to wait for two voting cycles to pass without your vote being cast before we can remove your name.

In order to make this process more efficient and to avoid uncertainty on our part, we request that if you move out of town, you please let our town clerk know. We do not want to remove anyone's name prematurely. Our democracy can only function with an accurate and complete voter list. Please help us keep our list current and correct.



Kate Wright Joins Planning

Commission *by Staff of News and Notes*

Kate Wright was appointed several months ago to the Windham Planning Commission and is presently serving as a member and also clerk of the commission.

In her request to be considered for the job, she mentioned that she has lived in Windham County for 36 years and in the town of Windham for the past six. She is deeply connected to the land, having owned Taylor Farm for 19 years. She said she was open to becoming more knowledgeable about options for sustainability in Windham while supporting a thorough and detailed town plan.

Kate acknowledged she lacks experience on planning commissions but “welcomes the opportunity to contribute to this town I have so happily made my home.”

We thank Kate for stepping forward to serve and trust she will make a significant contribution on the Windham Planning Commission.

Alison Cummings Appointed as New Lister

by Staff of News and Notes and Alison Cummings

Alison Cummings has been appointed by the select board to the job of lister, replacing John Lingley, who now spends most of his time in Florida. Alison will fill John’s position as an appointee until next Town Meeting election day when the town will vote on filling this position.

Not quite a native, Alison has lived in Vermont most of her life. Moving to Windham in the 1960’s, she spent her childhood in this area. After attending Vermont Academy and UVM, Alison worked winters in the ski business as an instructor and trainer and in the summers as a landscape gardener. She became a realtor in 2005. Alison is the managing broker for Four Seasons Sotheby’s International Realty, Londonderry office, and is the president-elect for the South Central Board of Realtors.

She is the third generation living at her family farm in the West Windham Valley. Purchased in the 1930’s by her grandparents, the property was used as a family summer home and as part of the Newton School. It was then inhabited by her uncle for many years. Alison moved home to Windham in 2000 where she lives with her husband Chris. The house was expanded to include a wing where Alison’s mother lives, contributing to the group effort it requires to manage the property.

Alison is delighted to be a part of the Windham listers’ team. She is looking forward to meeting many more of her Windham neighbors!



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Next deadline:

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Notice to All Windham Property Owners

Property taxes are due on Saturday, October 31. The Windham Town Office will be open on Friday, October 30 from 8:00 AM to Noon and 2:00 to 5:00 PM. The office will be closed on Saturday, October 31. To avoid a late penalty, all mail must be postmarked no later than October 31.



Residents Remember Helen George

by Carolyn Partridge

On August 8th, more than 40 people gathered to pay their respects to our friend and public servant, Helen George. Helen was a dear woman who served as a selectperson for many years back when we called them selectmen!

She was one of the founding members of the Windham Community Organization, offering her house for our monthly meetings. It was a cozy place to meet, and we eventually moved our meetings to the Meeting House only when there were too many of us to fit in her living room!

Helen has been missed since her departure for health reasons to be closer to her family. Her dedication to the Town of Windham is deeply appreciated and will be remembered for years to come.



Helen George

REMINDER: EMR Course Starts Sept 7

by Sally Hoover

The Londonderry Volunteer Rescue Squad is starting an Emergency Medical Responder Course with classes beginning on September 7. This is a basic emergency care/first responder course. I have a copy of the course outline that can be emailed to anyone who may be interested. So far no one from Windham has contacted me and we really need 2-3 trained responders in our town. Please contact me at 875-6224 or sallyhoover@vermontel.net.

WCO's BBQ Pleases Crowd

by Cindy Kehoe

The annual Chicken BBQ, sponsored by the Windham Community Organization, on July 18 was a great success. We served about 125 people and added about \$800 to our coffers. Walter Woodruff and his team once again grilled the delicious chicken. Everyone raved about the meal. We enjoyed music by Diane and Pete Newton and Alan Partridge. Almost 20 items were available for the craft raffle, all homemade by Windham residents. Some of the items were: candles, jams, pillows, jewelry, beer, a table runner, decorative bird houses and a hand-turned wooden bowl. A HUGE THANK YOU TO ALL!



Chicken BBQ Chefs at Work



November brings Harvest Supper with Square Dance

and Photo Contest by Imme Maurath

This year's Harvest Supper will be held on Saturday, November 7th at 5:00 PM at the Meeting House. The traditional dinner will consist of ham, butternut squash, baked beans, scalloped potatoes (a gluten-free version will be offered as well), sweet breads, rolls and assorted homemade pies. The cost is \$10 for adults, \$5 for kids, or \$25 per family. We will be asking for donations for the band which will provide the music for the square dance that follows the dinner. It will be a night to send you home smiling, for sure!

All are welcome to submit photos for the ever popular Photo Contest. The theme of the contest is "Capturing the Beauty of Windham," therefore all

photos must be taken within the town of Windham. The only other rule is "no people." Eight-by-ten photos will be displayed on the walls for Harvest Supper patrons to vote on. The 12 winning photos will appear in the 2016 Windham calendar, which is a fund-raiser for the library. Calendars will be on sale at the end of November for \$10 each. See the attached insert for entering your photographs and drop off your entries at the library between 3:00 and 5:00 PM on Wednesdays. The deadline is Wednesday November 4th.



Flu Vaccine Can Prevent

Serious Illness *from Marcia Clinton*

The flu is potentially dangerous for anyone. That's why it is recommended that everyone six months and older get the flu vaccine. People with weakened immune systems or who have chronic medical conditions, such as heart disease or diabetes, are more at risk of getting the flu and having complications from it.

There is absolutely no way for you to get the flu from the vaccine because the flu virus in the vaccine is dead. Sometimes you can feel a little achy, maybe a little tired for a day or so after getting the flu vaccine. That's because it's revved up your immune system.

You need to get the flu vaccine every single year, as the strains in the flu vaccine change every year. The way scientists determine which strains to put in the flu vaccine is partially based on the Southern Hemisphere flu season, which happens about six months before ours.

Even if you've had the flu this past year, you still need a flu vaccine, because the strain that you had is not necessarily the same strain in this year's flu vaccine. You should try to get your flu vaccine by

November to get the most effect from it. The flu season generally lasts through the end of March. The vaccine takes about two weeks to take full effect, and it's OK to get it even into February.

Remember, the flu is highly contagious, so the vaccine not only protects you, it also protects those you might give the flu to.

So if you do come down with the flu this season, be considerate. The flu is contagious for up to a week after you get sick. Don't share germs with your friends, family, and co-workers! A sneeze or cough can send a spray of virus-laden droplets. Or you can pick up the flu virus from touching a surface. Flu germs can linger on surfaces for up to eight hours.

Some important hygiene tips are: Wash your hands with warm water and soap every time you shake hands or touch a surface that might be germ-covered. Bring along disinfectant wipes to clean any surfaces you're about to touch. Take extra care to not touch your mouth, eyes, or nose without washing your hands first.



Kids Returned to School August 26

by Gail Wyman

For some kids it was an exciting day, for others it was, "Do, I have to???" Yes, you do, and it will be an exciting year.

Our first day of school started off with a community potluck breakfast at 8:00 AM on Wednesday, August 26. After all were fed and reacquainted with their buddies, we had a brief circle time, getting the kids back in the school mood.

Then we played a game. Each child got a card and asked a different question of a different person each time. Such as: What was most fun this summer? Did you see a special animal? Did you watch the stars? Have a campfire? Go to a party? Swim at the beach? Things of that nature. It was fun. While they were

asking a question, they were also being asked questions by other students. It got pretty loud, but it was fun, fast and lots of laughs.

Of course we sang to Sally's guitar before classes began with kids raising their hands with their favorite requests.

So far, we do not have any new students this year. Sally will be teaching kindergarten through second grades, and Mr. PJ teaches third through sixth grades.

For those of you who have a love of reading and sharing it, Sally is always looking for mystery readers for her class throughout the year. It can be only once, or as often as you like. Stop by and see us.

This year we will have a high number of students going to Camp Keewaydin for a week. So there will be a lot of fund-raisers. We have some delicious pasta dinners throughout the year and would love to see you here.



Windham's Dogs Tell Us About Ourselves

by Mary McCoy

Based on this year's dog count and licensing, Windham has 100 canine pets in 80 households. That means about 30% of our homes have dogs. (I'm not counting the three kennels in town.) In the U.S., approximately 42% of all households have a dog. Perhaps our older population accounts for the difference, as the older people get the less likely they are to have a pet.

Other information is available about dogs that may surprise you. Studies have concluded that dogs share many characteristics with their owners. Some say this is because we pick dogs that are similar to us and mirror our personalities. They say dogs' personalities are inherent in their breed, and we choose to live with dogs that fit us and our lifestyles.

Other studies indicate that dogs are adaptable and change to please us. Scientists studying imitative behavior have found that dogs learn quickest by automatic imitation, just as people do. So our dogs become more like us because they interact with us. Furthermore, after 15,000 years of domestication, dogs bond with their humans in the same way that a human baby bonds with his or her parent. For example, dogs get distressed and look for their humans when they are in an unfamiliar situation. Other humans won't do. It has to be the one like them.

Numerous studies have examined the notion that dogs and their humans look alike. An article in *Psychology Today* concluded that people like things that are familiar, and we are particularly fond of our own faces. This makes us choose a dog with similar head and facial characteristics to our own. If we have hair that frames our face, we like dogs with lop (hanging) ears. If we have shorter hair with visible ears, we choose dogs with pricked (stand-up) ears.

This applies only to pure breed dogs and not to dogs of mixed breeds. People with pure breed dogs tend to choose their dogs based on appearance and personality, while people who select mutts tend to be less particular and get their dogs from shelters, where mutts make up most of the dogs. Mixed breed dogs are the most popular kind in Windham, with 22 in town, or around 22% of our dogs. Nationwide, mutts make up 60% of pet dogs. So it seems Windham's dog owners are much more particular than most Americans with dogs.

According to dog trainer, Cesar Millan, of the TV show "Dog Whisperer," humans with mixed breed dogs are fun-loving, open-minded, and adaptable. They enjoy coasting along, not following a strict or rigid plan. They are likely to spend time with a diversity of friends. Humans who pick pure breeds are more choosy about the company they keep.

The pure breed that is most numerous in Windham is the Labrador retriever. We have eight of them (plus seven lab mixes). The lab is also the most numerous dog in the U.S. and in the world and has held that #1 position for many years. Cesar says labs and their humans are friendly, good-natured, and easy going. They enjoy active lifestyles and the great outdoors.



Golden doobles

In second place here is the poodle, with seven in various sizes (plus two golden doobles). Poodles are 7th in U.S. popularity and 24th in the world. Cesar says poodle owners are sincere, fun-loving, and loyal. They take pride in their appearance and enjoy a variety of activities. One study focused on toy dogs, the kind we see TV celebrities carrying. Unlike the bias that these humans are air-heads, the study concluded that people with toy-sized dogs are the most intelligent of dog owners.

Tied for third place in Windham are three breeds each with five dogs here – the German shepherd, the dachshund, and the maremma. German shepherds are 2nd in U.S. popularity and 3rd in the world, while dachshunds are 11th in the U.S. with no international rating that I could find. Maremmas are not rated at all, although they have their own website which states they are "gaining in popularity."

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Golden Labrador puppies



Maremmas

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The local number for dachshunds and maremmas, as well as poodles, tell us something about how intensely some residents love a breed. The five dachshunds live in only two homes, the five maremmas in only two homes, and all seven poodles in only two homes.

The residents with the three third place dogs are as different as their dogs. According to Cesar, German shepherds and their owners are sometimes shy around strangers but warm up once they get to know you. They are extremely loyal and protective companions. Dachshunds and their humans are stubborn and brave. When they want something they don't give up till they get it. They also love gardening and digging up things. Cesar doesn't describe maremmas, but here is another's description: Maremmas (and their humans) are aloof in nature and have a mind of their own. Their independence makes them ideal guardians. These are hard working self-starters.

Other breeds with more than one in Windham are: 4 beagles, 3 Australian shepherds, 3 border collies, 3 golden retrievers, 2 bull dogs, 2 pit bulls, 2 pugs, and 2 West Highlands. To find out what Cesar says about your breed, go to <https://www.cesarsway.com/about-dogs/breeds/what-does-your-dog-breed-say-about-you>.

I'm curious if the town's dog owners find this information to be true. Or is all this barking up the wrong tree?



Are Imme and her dogs alike?

Have you ever wondered why barns are painted red?

by Imme Maurath



Centuries ago, European farmers would seal the wood on their barns with an oil, usually linseed oil (derived from the seed of the flax plant), to which they would add milk, lime and ferrous oxide, otherwise known as rust. Rust was plentiful on farms (and still is), and is a poison to many fungi, including mold and moss, which were known to grow on barns. These fungi trap moisture in the wood, increasing decay.

In the mid to late 1800s, as paints began to be produced with chemical pigments, red paint was the most inexpensive to buy. Today, you don't pay more for any particular color, so one might say that a lot of people still paint their barns red out of tradition.

Wandering Through Windham is a captivating DVD which takes you through the historic sites and beauty of Windham, VT, composed by our own Windham photographer Christopher Fisher. Chris has put this DVD together for Friends of the Meeting House. It has been shown inside the Meeting House during the WCO Chicken BBQ for the past two years. The DVD is now available for purchase through Chris Fisher for \$20 as a fundraiser for Friends of the Meeting House. After costs, all proceeds benefit the Meeting House. Contact Chris at ChrisF001@aol.com or 860-658-2903 for your very own copy.



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Windham Has Talent - Claudia Holmes

by Imme Maurath

On August 3rd, Neighborhood Connections had their 6th annual Chocolate Fest Fundraiser, and they asked the Windham Community Organization if we would do a table. Well, thanks to Claudia Holmes, we needed three tables. She alone made *over 700 pieces*, and I gave her the prize of “Best in Show”. You may have seen some of her work around town, particularly at the elementary school and the firehouse auction.

So Claudia, where did you learn to bake and decorate like a professional?

I started baking and decorating cakes while I was still in high school and made a few for family and friends’ weddings, birthdays, etc. I have taught myself for the most part,

taking any tips others may have offered along the way. For many years I just did it here and there. After some major physical health issues, I stopped for many years.

Shortly after moving to Windham, I gained custody of my grandson who was only five weeks old at the time and is now eight years old. I once again started with all the special birthday cakes for him and for many friends in town. About two years ago I started getting requests from people to place orders for special events. I have taken on many orders and love to create special pieces.

But honestly cupcakes have become my favorite thing to do. Because of all the interest in my very delicious cupcakes (so I am told), I decided to take on the outside customers. This summer I have had either a bridal shower, a birthday, or a wedding event nearly every weekend. One was for a cousin's daughter, and the professional photographer sent me a picture of my display. My cousin made me business cards with the photo he took and started a Facebook page for me.

You can contact Claudia on Facebook at Claudia's Cupcakes and More. You can also reach her at Claudiascupcakesandmore@gmail.com, as well as 1-603-762-0932.

Dougherty Picked to Head Neighborhood Connections

by Rose Boynton and Staff of News and Notes

Neighborhood Connections is pleased to announce the appointment of Tom Dougherty as the organization’s new executive director. Tom succeeds Gloria Dawson, founder and previous director, following Gloria’s retirement at the end of May. Based in Londonderry, Neighborhood Connections is a non-profit organization that offers preventative health care, health education, social services and community programming to neighboring towns, including Windham. The Windham Community Organization is a partner with Neighborhood Connections.

Dougherty brings to Neighborhood Connections over 25 years of experience leading health and social welfare organizations, including ten years as executive director of the global health and human rights organization, Health Right International (formerly Doctors of the World USA) and years as a chief administrator of the Spencer Cox Center for Health in

New York City. Several Windham residents have received services from Neighborhood Connections. Others from Windham serve the organization as volunteers. Windham resident Rose Boynton, vice president of the board of directors and chair of the search committee, stated, “Tom’s passion and commitment to improving the life of others, his experience working with poor and marginalized communities both in the developing world and here in the US, and his great leadership skills make him a wonderful choice as our executive director.”

Editor’s Note: A huge “thank you” to Gloria Dawson for her vision and leadership as a founder and executive director of Neighborhood Connections, and for her caring nature for our residents of Windham and our surrounding communities!



New Gallery Opening *by Bob Shannon*

The Fourth Corner Foundation in Windham is pleased to announce the opening of its new art gallery with a premier show and a reception that took place on August 15, attended by almost 200 people. This show will run through September 9 with the gallery being open daily from 10 AM - 4 PM. Painting, sculpture, glass, and ceramics are available for viewing and purchase. Many of the artists attended the reception to discuss their work and meet with gallery attendees. The foundation and gallery is located at A Stone Wall Inn, 578 Hitchcock Hill Road, in North Windham. This show features the contemporary works of 15 seasoned artists from Vermont, New Hampshire, New York, New Jersey, Louisiana, New Mexico, and California. The show is being sponsored by the Fourth Corner Foundation and is commission free, with all proceeds from sales going directly to the artists. The gardens at A Stonewall Inn are open to the public during gallery hours.

The Fourth Corner Foundation was begun in 1995 with the mission of promoting the design and construction of the man-made environment to be in harmony with the natural environment, not only as a technological pursuit, but as importantly, as an aesthetic opportunity. Our greater understanding of this synchronous interconnection should impact the way buildings and landscapes look in the future. Education at present ignores this potential in favor of retrospective styling. The Foundation seeks to correct this focus.



The Foundation House

The means to accomplish this mission are: creating an interactive web presence for the exchange of ideas on this subject; establishing a physical institution for the periodic gathering of interested parties to explore ideas, to create specific design projects, and to construct exemplary objects; maintaining this property and any constructs for the edification of the general public; and funding innovative environmental interventions which encourage other individuals and institutions to do likewise.

In support of these activities the foundation compiles a library focused on this mission, maintains an exemplary landscape, and manages an exhibition space for lectures, current art, and educational gatherings.

The president, Robert Foote Shannon, is the architect of the buildings and gardens, and also of the adjacent bed and breakfast, A Stone Wall Inn. The secretary/treasurer, Steven Fellows, is the master gardener and event specialist. The young website is: www.thefourthcornerfoundation.org. For more information contact Bob or Steven at 802-875-2194.



Thanks from Uncle Buzzy!

by Mike Sommers

On July 15th, I performed with my San Francisco comedy troupe, Uncle

Buzzy's Hometown Comedy Show, at the Windham Elementary School, and we had quite a fun show!

Thank you to Carolyn Partridge and the others on the school board for the use of the school. Thank you to all those who turned out and hung around to chat! And thank you to my uncle and aunt, Dave and Ginny Crittenden, and to my aunt, Mary Crittenden Aller, for all their work in putting this show together and for feeding us and putting us up! We had a great time!

I grew up visiting my grandparents, Ben and Pinkie Crittenden, in Windham, swimming at Hamilton Falls, and haying with the Duttons. I spoke of this frequently to my best friends and co-members of our comedy troupe, Lawrence and Ted, but I wasn't sure that they truly believed me. Now they know!

Thank you, Windham! I shall return!



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Organization Addresses Youth Addictions

from their press release

West River Valley Thrives is a community partnership that supports and promotes healthy lifestyle choices with an emphasis on the prevention of alcohol, tobacco, and other drug use by young people.

Says new Program Manager Katelynn Venne, "I was inspired to be involved with youth health issues after leading discussions with UMass freshman. My students were keen to discuss the topics of youth substance abuse, violence, and youth empowerment." Katelynn has a master's degree in Public Health and recently moved to Vermont from Western Massachusetts.

You can find more information about West River Valley Thrives on their new website at www.wrvthrives.com including information and resources for parents, teens, and community partners. Learn more about parenting classes being offered and the Above the Influence group at Leland and Gray Middle School.

West River Valley Thrives

Engaging and inspiring healthy communities

Swedish Scalloped Potatoes

(Jansson's Temptation)

from Mia Clark

This is one of the most popular Swedish holiday dishes. It is served both at Christmas and at Midsummer festivities. It is also favored as a late night dish served around midnight during parties. The "secret" ingredient here is the anchovies, you really can't taste them, but they add a slight saltiness that gives the dish its special flavor.

3 - 4 lbs. potatoes
 ¼ cup finely chopped red onion
 20 anchovy filets (most of a small tin)
 1 pint heavy cream
 3 Tbsp. breadcrumbs
 3 Tbsp. butter



Preheat oven to 400 degrees. Lightly butter a large oven-proof dish (9 x 13). Thinly slice the potatoes, either with a mandolin or the Swedish way like matchsticks or skinny French fries. Cover the bottom sparingly with the anchovies, spacing them about an inch apart. Sprinkle the red onion over the anchovies. Then layer the potatoes almost to the top, about a 2" layer. Add the cream, it should reach the top of the potatoes but not cover them. Sprinkle the breadcrumbs, and add feather thin slices of the butter on top. Bake in oven for 45 to 50 minutes until potatoes are done, and dish is slightly browned on top.



Wellness in Windham
Health Festival

September 19, 2015 11AM -2PM

The event will be held on
 the **Brattleboro Retreat Lawn.**



Grace Cottage Annual Poker Walk

Join us on **Wednesday, October 14** for the 17th Annual Poker Walk to celebrate National Physical Therapy Month. The walk takes place from 10:30 am to 2:30 pm starting at the Wolff Rehabilitation Building on Grafton Road/Route 35 in Townshend. The two-mile course goes north for one mile on Route 35, then back again to the Wolff Building. Playing cards are distributed along the way. The best hand wins a grand prize and door prizes are also awarded. Free! Held rain or shine.

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The Winter Farmers' Market held at the River Garden in Brattleboro opens on November 7 for the 2015-2016 season and will be open every Saturday through March 26, 2016. The market supports sustainable agriculture by providing a viable winter-season direct market outlet for local community-based farms. For more info call 869-2141 or email farmersmarket@posttoilsolutions.org.

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Town Contacts

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Town Treasurer: Peter Chamberlain; phone: 874-4211; email: windham.towntreasurer@gmail.com

Town Road Crew: Bill Roberts and Josh Dryden; phone: 874-7025 at the Town Garage

Town Listers: Michael Simonds, chair; phone: 874-4790; email: michael@windhamcountryhouse.com

Select Board: Mary Boyer, chair; phone: 875-5242; email: mfb@vermontel.net

School Board: Beth McDonald; phone: 874-4015; email: 219woodburn@gmail.com

Windham Community Organization: Ellen McDuffie; phone: 874-8183; email: eflockwood@aol.com

Windham Volunteer Fire and Rescue: phone: 875-5332

Health Officer: Marcia Clinton; phone: 875-3531; email: mclinton@vermontel.net

BULLETIN BOARD

Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) which oversees the Housing Rehabilitation Loan Program meets the second Tuesday of November, February, May and August. For more information contact Marcia Clinton at mclinton@vermontel.net.

Townshend Farmers Market is located on the lawn of the historic West Townshend Country Store and will run every Friday through October 9 from 4-7 PM.

WINDHAM SPINNERS' GUILD

Spinners of all levels and types come together once a month to spin and share ideas. The Guild meets from 1-4 PM on most first Saturdays of the month. Whether you're a seasoned spinner or have an urge to learn, please join us. The Guild can make available a spindle for drop-spindle spinning, but if you want to use a spinning wheel, you'll need to have your own. For more info email Bev Carmichael at carmichaelbev@hotmail.com.

HOW CAN WE HELP?

Do you need a ride to the doctor's or dentist's office or a trip to the grocery store? Are you a caregiver who could use a short break? Do you need someone to stay with your loved one while you run errands? People from Windham Congregational Church are willing to help. Please call 874-4428.

STRONG LIVING AT THE MEETING HOUSE

Mon. and Thurs. at 10 AM - Bone building, muscle strengthening, stretching, balancing. All levels welcome in all classes. For more information call Mary Boyer: 875-5242 or Ginny Crittenden: 874-4049.

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REGULAR MEETINGS & SCHEDULES



Town Clerk:

Monday: Noon - 4:30 PM
Tuesday: 8:30 AM - Noon
Wednesday: 8:30AM - 4:30 PM
Thursday: 11:30 AM- 4:30 PM
Closed - Labor Day, Columbus Day
Friday, Saturday, Sunday.
Call 874-4211.

Planning and Zoning:

Second Wednesday of the
month at 6 PM at the Town
Office;
Sept 9 & Oct 14.
Call Bob Bingham at
874-9934 to confirm.

Select Board:

First and third Mondays at
6:30 PM at the Town
Office;
Sept 8 & 21, Oct 5 & 19.
Open meetings.

School Board:

First Monday of the month
at 4 PM at the Elementary
School; Sept 15 (due to
Labor Day) and Oct 5.
Call Antje at 874-4759 for
info. Open meetings.

Library:

Every Wednesday, 3-5 PM
at the Meeting House.
Book Group: 1st Wednesday
Sept 2 & Oct 7 at 3 PM at
the Meeting House.

Volunteer Fire Company:

First Thursday of the
month at 6 PM at the
Firehouse;
Sept 3 & Oct 1.
Heavy refreshments
served.

Windham Community Organization:

Last Wednesday of the
month at 7 PM at the
Meeting House; Sept 30 &
Oct 28. Call Ellen McDuffie
at 874-8183 to confirm.

Windham Congregational Church (UCC):

Sundays: Worship Services
at 9:30 AM upstairs at the
Meeting House.

Valley Bible Church:

Sundays: Sunday School,
9:55 AM; Morning Worship,
11 AM; Potluck, 12:10 PM;
Sun. Afternoon Service, 1:10
PM; Tuesdays: Bible study/
Prayer, 7 PM.

Listers:

Every Wednesday 9 AM-
Noon at the Town Office.

SAVE THE DATES



October 30:
October 30:
October 31:
November 4:
November 7:

Last Day Town Office Open to Pay Taxes
HALLOWEEN PARTY at Firehouse 5:30 PM
PROPERTY TAXES DUE
Deadline to enter PHOTO CONTEST
HARVEST SUPPER and SQUARE DANCE



WINDHAM NEWS & NOTES

Time to Renew Windham News and Notes!

If you have not renewed your subscription to *Windham News & Notes* for the current year July 2015 – June 2016, please do so now.

News & Notes has begun our 13th year of bi-monthly publication. We have an all-volunteer staff and depend on your annual support to cover the cost of production and mailing. Like public radio and public TV, we ask you to contribute whatever you can, with the usual contribution being \$10. Your support will ensure that you and others receive Windham's own news source for another year.

Fill out the form below and mail to:

Windham Community Organization, 5976 Windham Hill Road, Windham, VT 05359.

Include your check or money order made payable to the Windham Community Organization.

Please note on the memo line: News & Notes.

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Email Address: _____

We left room below for your comments and suggestions, which are always welcomed.

Thank you! Your contribution is greatly appreciated.

Your News & Notes Staff

Annual Windham Photo Contest

“CAPTURING THE BEAUTY OF WINDHAM”

Limit of 3 photos per person. Originals Preferred.

8” X 10” photos are best for display and judging.

Please do not mount or frame your photos.

Only photos of Windham (no people) will be considered for prizes and for the 2016 Windham calendar.

Mail or deliver to: Windham Town Library

7071 Windham Hill Road

Windham, VT 05359

Or deliver to: Town Office

MUST BE IN BY NOVEMBER 4

Please enclose a copy of this form with each entry

Photos will be exhibited in the library at the Harvest Supper on Nov. 7, and will be voted on by attendees that evening. Calendars will be ready for Christmas gift giving.

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

Please give this photo a title _____

Please read and sign below:

I understand that contest photos become the property of the Windham Town Library and income derived from the use of the photos will go to the Windham Town Library for the betterment of the library. Any use of a photo will credit the photographer. The photo may be included in the 2016 Windham Town Calendar.

I understand that this photo will be exhibited for public viewing in the Windham Town Library from November 1 – 10. I further understand that only photos of Windham will be considered for prizes and for the Windham Town Calendar.

Signed by photographer:

Extra and Larger Photos



Chicken BBQ Chefs at Work



Sydney Hescok



Back row: Cindy Kehoe, Dannika Kehoe, Luke Chila, Fiona Scott, Mary McDonald, Sydney Hescok ; Front row: James Carson, Megan Carson, Annabel Carson, Kylie Kehoe, Lilian Newton



Cindy Kehoe, Hayley & Sydney Hescok



*Gail Wyman & Mia Clark at
WCO's table at Chocolate Fest*

*Claudia Holmes & Gail Wy-
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