



Windham News & Notes



Lillia Beshay, Mary McDonald, Madison Coolbeth

WINDHAM CELEBRATES THREE GRADUATES FROM WINDHAM ELEMENTARY

by Mia Clark



Ben Partridge leads recessional

Almost a hundred people showed up to honor this year's graduates from Windham Elementary School (WES): Mary McDonald, Lillia Beshay and Madison Coolbeth. The ceremony started with a procession led by Ben Partridge playing the bagpipes, an impressive tradition that Ben has kept up for the past 17 years. Teaching Principal Mr. Parker-Jennings spoke about each student's achievements and also stressed the special bond the three girls have developed throughout their years at WES. Each student gave speeches or read poems thanking teachers, friends and family. They spoke from the heart, and you could tell what an important place the Windham Elementary School community has been in their lives. There was not one dry eye in the room.

Mary McDonald started in Pre-K, so she has spent eight years at WES, but she states she has known the school her entire life, as her older brothers also attended WES. She has mixed emotions about leaving. She will miss the safe atmosphere and environment this small school has offered her. On the other hand she is looking forward to making new friends in a larger school, with more classrooms on different floors, and having a locker. Mary is also excited about playing sports, as she has aspirations to become a professional athlete. In addition, she is thrilled to be able to attend Leland & Gray while her older brother is still there.

Lillia Beshay has also spent eight years at WES. She is not worried about changing schools. She has loved the feeling of one big family that our small school has offered her, "where everyone is there for each other." One of her favorite memories is the yearly apple picking outing; she can recall how exciting that was as a four year old. Her favorite subjects at WES were language arts, reading and science projects with Mr. P-J. Lillia is looking forward to playing softball and making new friends at her new school.

Madison Coolbeth started at WES in the third grade. She has loved being at WES and will miss her teachers and all the younger students there. Madison has enjoyed walking and running with Sally Newton. She feels her reading skills have greatly improved with the help of Mr. P-J, and has especially enjoyed the Warrior series by Erin Hunter. At her new school, Madison is looking forward to spending time with other students she has met through school activities and while attending Camp Keewaydin.



Mary, Madison, Lillia

Graduates, remember to always keep reaching for the stars. You may land on the moon!

Select Board News at Windham's Summer Solstice *by Frank Seawright*

This year the two Bobs of the Planning Commission (PC) have decided that they've served long enough. Bob Kehoe has been on the PC for a couple of decades and is fully conversant with all issues related to creating a town plan. The other Bob is Bob Bingham who was chair of the PC, and he is recognized as having had a very steady hand on the tiller. Both Bobs, "Trapper" and "Sparky", have been very generous with their time to Windham and commitment to developing an excellent town plan.

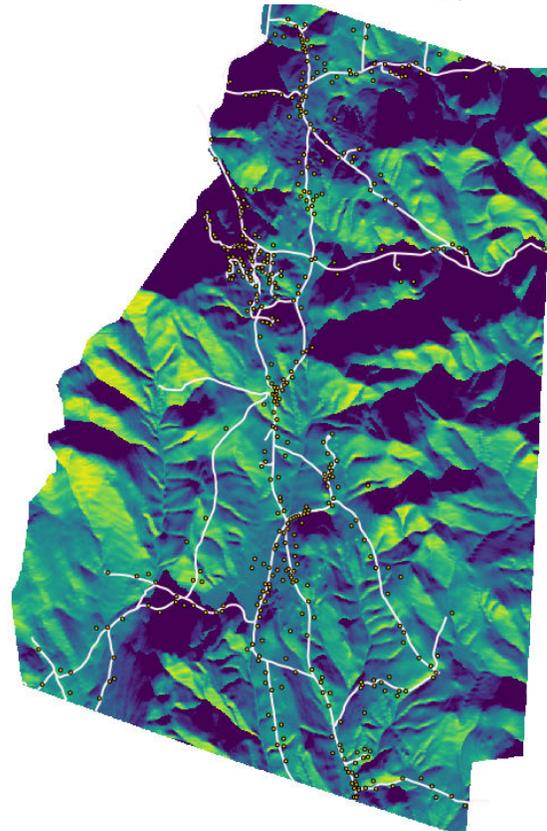
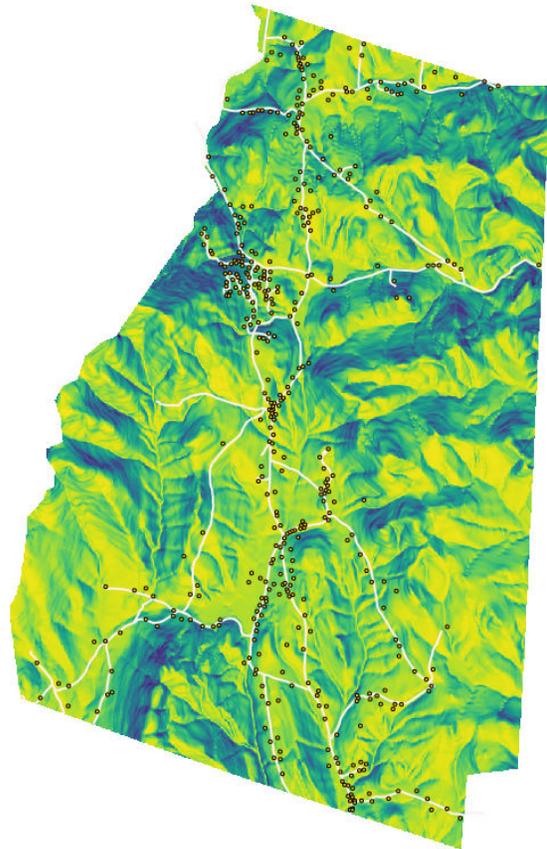
After some initial confusion when Jo-Jo Chlebogiannis resigned as Town Clerk, Mike McLaine has been appointed as the interim clerk. Jo-Jo is giving generously of her time to help Mike learn the intricacies of the job.

Recent events have brought to light Windham's need for a Delinquent Tax Policy, and our town attorney says "...yes, the town should have and adopt a delinquent tax policy that sets forth when the town will conduct a tax sale on delinquent properties. These policies provide consistency." We will be developing a policy in the coming days.

Additionally, beginning July 1, 2017, municipalities will be able to recover more of the costs associated with tax sales than is currently allowed in 32 V.S.A. §§ 5252 and 5258. Act 7 will allow municipalities to recover the cost of remediating abandoned property up for tax sale and to recover expenses if they have to pay to secure a dilapidated or unsafe building, to prevent trespassers who are engaged in illegal activities, or to remediate fire hazards. A town may now recover "expenses actually and reasonably incurred ... in securing a property for which property taxes are delinquent, against illegal activity and fire hazards, to be paid to the town clerk, provided that the expenses shall not exceed 20 percent of the uncollected tax." Municipalities may also "secure the property against illegal activities and potential fire hazards after giving the mortgage or lien holder of record written notice of at least ten days prior to such action."

To the right, is Winter Solstice lighting, December 21, 2017 at 11:28 AM in Windham. The darker blue areas will get almost NO direct sun, and only a few swatches of yellow will be getting direct sun. One can also deduce from this where the iciest roads will be in winter, and the muddiest during mud season.

Below is a picture of Windham's lighting at Summer Solstice. The yellow is direct sun at midday on June 21, 2017. It also shows the houses (dots) and roads (white lines). Maps provided by Frank Seawright using DEM from <http://geodata.vermont.gov/> then using GRASS gis <https://grass.osgeo.org/>





Mike McLaine & Meredith Tips-McLaine with son Freddie

From Windham’s New Interim Town Clerk

My name is Mike McLaine and I would like to introduce myself to those of you whom I have not met. I have lived in Windham since my wife Meredith and I moved here in 2005 from Philadelphia, PA. I have worked several places since then, including Lydia's in Andover, and then at Vermont Timber Works in Springfield for 11 years. Meredith, my son Frederick, and I live off of Route 121, and we have some goats, some sheep, and some poultry, and have recently planted a number of fruit and nut trees.

After the most recent election, I felt the call to become more involved in local politics, and am happy to serve Windham as Town Clerk. The office will be open, generally, Mondays from 12 PM to 8 PM, Tuesdays from 6 AM to 10 AM, and Wednesdays from 10 AM to 2 PM. I will be open one Saturday per month from 8 AM to 12 PM, starting July 8. I am also available to meet you at the office if these hours are not agreeable; just leave a message on my home phone at 875-1550 and I will do my best to accommodate you.

I would like to thank Ellen McDuffie for agreeing to continue to serve as assistant town clerk, and for showing me the ropes. Also I would like to thank Jo-Jo Chleboγιannis for both serving as previous Town Clerk, and for helping me learn how to do the many tasks involved in serving as Town Clerk.

Thank You, Planning Commissioners!

by Imme Maurath

The Town of Windham would like to especially thank three members of the Planning Commission who are retiring after their many years of service. Bob Kehoe leads the way with 18 years, followed by Bob Bingham with 12 years, and Ken Grimm with four years. That's 34 years of combined experience that will be sorely missed!

In recent years, the committee has spent countless hours revising our Town Plan and Zoning Regulations to keep up with the times. Please stop by the Town Office to review a copy and see the vision these three, plus the other members of the committee;



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Many thanks to all who contribute. Send articles of around 300 words to the address on the last page or email to: windhamnews@hotmail.com.

Next deadline: August 15, 2017

New Town Office Hours

Monday 12 PM - 8 PM

Tuesday 6 AM - 10 AM

Wednesday 10 AM - 2 PM

**One Saturday per month
8 AM-12 PM, beginning July 8**

Call Town Office at 874-4211



Dawn Bower, Katherine Wright, Bill Dunkel and Jeff Wheeler, have stated so well, for our town. It's actually so clear and concise that other towns in our area are using it as their guide for rewriting their own Town Plans.

Newly appointed Planning Commissioners are: Chris Cummings and Vance Bell.

Thank you, Bob, Bob and Ken for your devoted years of service to Windham!



Windham Fire Company

by Marcia Clinton

Fire calls:

- April 10 - Mutual aid to Londonderry for report of smoke in a house. 3 responded.
- May 7 - Mutual aid to Londonderry for utility trailer fire. 2 responded.
- May 16 - Mutual aid to Townshend for structure fire. 4 responded.
- May 18 - Burpee Pond Road, power line down. 5 responded. Mutual aid to South Londonderry for propane tank leak. 6 responded.

On June 8th the annual election of officers took place at the Firehouse. Some of the new officers are: Chief, Jon Gordon; Assistant Chief, Jared Smith; President, Mike McLaine; Secretary, Abby Dryden; and Treasurer, Jan Wyman.

Michael Maly and Jeff Weitzel successfully completed the seven month Fire Fighter course in March. Congratulations to them!

The Fire Company Auction and BBQ, our annual fundraiser, will be held Saturday, August 12, 2017 at the Firehouse in North Windham, under a tent with seating, rain or shine. The action begins at 9 AM with a pre-view of the auction items and the opening of the Flea Market. Consider having breakfast (egg sandwiches, homemade donuts and coffee) while you stroll around the tables overflowing with treasures. There are no fixed prices at the Flea Market! We only ask for a donation for whatever you choose to carry home.

John Hall, the auctioneer, will start the bidding for the auction at 10 AM. The Fire Company was recently a recipient of the bequest of a house and its contents. All the items in the house will be auctioned off, including a snow blower, riding lawn mower, and a van, all in running condition. There will also be new merchandise and gift certificates donated by local businesses up for bidding. The concession stand will

be open throughout the day offering hot dogs, burgers, snacks and drinks. Serious bidding tends to make one very hungry.

Later in the day at 5 PM the BBQ begins. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children under 12. BBQ chicken, corn on the cob, salads, baked beans, hot dogs, burgers, and homemade rolls, plus lemonade and iced tea, are on the menu.

The festive day will wind down at 7 PM with the notorious Pie Auction led by the auctioneer, John Hall. Bring a bank roll with you. You have to be there to believe it!

The storage container behind the Firehouse is filling up with donations for the auction, but the fire fighters will readily accept more items. We ask you, please, NO: books, computers, TV's, exercise machines, mattresses, or clothes. Give a call to Mike McLaine at 875-1550 if you wish to drop things off at the Firehouse, and he will arrange for someone to meet you there. Or if you need a pick-up of items at your home, call to schedule a time and date.

As this fund raiser is an all-day event, many volunteers are necessary to make it successful. There are numerous jobs available before and on the actual day. Please call Jan Wyman at 875-3373 if you can give some time, even if only a few hours. For the Pie Auction, the Fire Company relies on the good folks of Windham to bake pies, cakes, cookies, candies - anything homemade; and leave it off at the Firehouse after 4 PM that Saturday.



Although the auction and BBQ are held to raise money for the Windham Fire Company, our objective is also to have a fun day with lots of laughs. So come, join us.

Windham Veterans' Memorial

by Mary Boyer

The committee to replace the Windham Veterans' Memorial will be meeting on Monday, July 10th at 10 AM upstairs at the Meeting House. If you are interested in participating in this worthy cause, please feel free to attend this planning session.

If you are unable to attend but would like to participate, please call Susan Persa at 874-4057 for more information.

Windham Library News

by Maureen Bell

Please join us for our next book club book discussion on Wednesday, August 2 at 3:30 PM, *The Bad-Ass Librarians of Timbuktu And Their Race to Save the World's Most Precious Manuscripts*, by Joshua Hammer. The library is open every Wednesday from 3:00 - 5:00 PM, and we will try to order any specific book you'd like, if we don't already have it. But we do have many current best sellers on the shelves.

Free fiber optic internet is also available at the library and in the parking lot. No password required.



Ready for Summer at Windham Elementary School



by Gail Wyman

Leigh Merinoff and Beth McDonald, from Meadows Bee

Farm, came to school during our last week of classes and presented Sally Newton's students with Level Two badges for sheep shearing, hoof clipping, worming, FAMACHA© scoring (checking the eye mucosa for anemia due to parasites), rotational grazing using movable electric net fencing. reading sheep care books, and observing a live birth. Level Two badges for beekeeping were awarded for going into the apiary and into the hives, and setting up a hive box, putting on a bee suit, reading a book on beekeeping, and harvesting the honey by pulling out the honey comb and scraping the honey off the comb.



The West River Community Project in West Townshend, provided the school with free lunches every Tuesday and Friday for the last half of our

school year. Chris Mattson, the cook, quickly settled on pizza for each Friday, and just as quickly the kids decided that was exactly what they wanted for Friday lunches. Tuesday could be anything from macaroni and cheese with smoked ham, to chicken fajitas or chicken burritos, to a wonderful lasagna. And one time, Chris surprised us with a chef salad that disappeared so fast it was like it was never there. Our thanks to all the folks at the 'bottom of the hill'.

One additional comment about year-end is concerning the sixth grade graduation evening. Madison Coolbeth, Lillia Beshay and Mary McDonald prepared on and off for graduation for the last four weeks of school, writing and re-writing their thoughts and good bye speeches on seven different topics. This was their night to shine, and when they spoke, what was said came straight from their hearts and not from any school assignment that would be graded. Graduation night was a fun and teary night for many of us.

Lillia, Madison and Mary, we will miss you!

Ice Cream Social, August 6

Come and celebrate August with another Ice Cream Social on Sunday, August 6 from 6 - 8 PM at the Windham Meeting House. Donations are welcomed and very much appreciated at this very popular event, with all proceeds helping to support and provide scholarships for the Windham Summer Day Camp, being held this year from July 10-21. Contact Dave Crittenden at 874-4049 for more information. Hope to see you all there for more scrumptious ice cream creations of your own!



Chocolate, Cheese, and Chili Fest, August 7

by Caroline Partridge

If you have never attended the Chocolate, Cheese, and Chili Fest, you've missed a fabulous time!

Imagine scrumptious chocolate treats, Vermont artisan cheese, and delicious chili prepared by local businesses and restaurants. The Fest will be held this year on Monday, August 7th, from 5 - 8 PM at the lovely Landgrove Inn. In addition to wonderful food, there will be a silent auction and raffle with fantastic items.

The Chocolate, Cheese, and Chili Fest is a major fundraiser for Neighborhood Connections, which is "a community-based organization serving individuals and families in the mountain towns of south-central Vermont, with particular emphasis on those most vulnerable. They respond to community-identified needs with a range of social services and health-related programs, working closely with public and private resources at federal, state, and local levels." They do not, however, receive funding from state or federal government sources. In 2016, Neighborhood Connections staff had 94 visits to eight different Windham residents, representing hundreds of hours of service to our Windham neighbors in need.

Please join us on August 7 for a wonderful evening of fun, delicious food, and an opportunity to support Neighborhood Connections, which offers so much support and help to our community. Tickets are \$15 in advance (available at Green Mountain Pharmacy in Londonderry), \$20 at the door, and \$10 for children.



Windham Summer Day Camp

Don't miss out on the fun July 10 - 14 and July 17 - 21. It's not too late; there is still time to sign up for Windham

Summer Day Camp at the Meeting House. Children three (who are willing to leave mom) and older are welcome to attend Monday-Thursday, 9 AM - 1 PM and on Fridays (swimming day) from 9 AM to 12:30 PM. The registration fees per week are as follows: \$20 for the first child in a family; \$10 for the second child in the same family; and \$5 for the third child in the same family. Call Cindy Kehoe at 874-7028 for more information .

“Beaver Fever”

Giardiasis in Vermont

by Marcia Clinton, Health Officer

Summertime means spending more time outdoors with family, friends and four-legged companions. “Beaver Fever” is a nickname for Giardiasis (caused by the microscopic parasite *Giardia lamblia*) associated with illness after drinking from streams, ponds, lakes, or other untreated water sources.

Giardia is found in every state, but Vermont consistently has the highest rate of *Giardia* infection in the nation.

Giardiasis may be contracted through the drinking of contaminated water or by ingesting *Giardia* cysts after contact with a person or animal that has the infection. While some individuals may exhibit no symptoms of infection, most will experience abdominal cramps, bloating, nausea, weight loss and bouts of diarrhea lasting anywhere from days to months. As the infection progresses, the infected person or animal will pass *Giardia* cysts in their feces, posing a risk of infection to others.



Giardiasis is easily treated with a prescribed, oral medication. But if left untreated, the infection may linger, resulting in chronic giardiasis. Chronic giardiasis has been linked with eye lesions, arthritis, muscular weakness, malnutrition, growth stunting and impaired cognitive function. So it is important to be diagnosed and treated.

Prevention is most important. As this parasite lives in water, make sure that drinking water is obtained from a filtered or treated water source rather than from natural groundwater found in springs, lakes, ponds or rivers. Since swimming in the lakes, ponds and rivers of Vermont is common and may be difficult to avoid, be aware that infection is possible. In addition, when people or animals are infected with *Giardia*, they can release cysts in their feces. Poor hygiene and sanitation practices could lead to further ingestion and spread of *Giardia*. Therefore it is wise to practice good hand washing skills to avoid infection through contact with infected people or animals.

If you think that you may have a *Giardia* infection, or are worried about coming into contact with the parasite, speak with your doctor.



Talc

Contamination Remediated at Cypress Talc Mine

by Imme Maurath and Staff

Talc is our Vermont state mineral. It is very soft and is used in talcum powder, cosmetics, the manufacture of paper, paint, insecticides, ceramics, roofing and other materials. Isolated occurrences of talc extend the full length of the state of Vermont. Cyprus Industrial Minerals Company has operated ten talc mines in Vermont, including the inactive mine in North Windham on White Road, only one of which is still in operation. The mines are owned by Imerys Talc.

On July 30, 2012 the Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Spill Team was notified of abandoned drums and soil staining at 1033 White Road, a 53 acre parcel that is the historic Windham talc mine, once operated by Cyprus Talc. The initial investigations identified four areas of concern: 1) elevated petroleum hydrocarbons in surface soils; 2) elevated arsenic levels outside of the onsite building; 3) concentrations of chromium greater than EPA recommended screening values for residential soil levels; 4) asbestos containing materials present in the onsite building.

In the ensuing years, the global engineering and land reclamation company Arcadis has demolished the contaminated building, including proper disposal of asbestos containing materials, removed crushed oil drums, and removed over 140 yards of contaminated soil that was trucked to Tradebe Treatment and Recycling Northeast, part of an international waste reclamation company located in Newington, NH. Arcadis completed the project with a final grading and revegetation of the site.

On January 23, 2017 DEC Sites Management has stated that no additional work will be needed at the talc mine site at this time.

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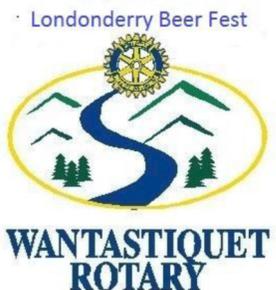
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Go Native!

by Ellen McDuffie

A native plant is one that is indigenous to a given area in geologic time. These plants occur naturally and have developed in or existed for many years in an area.

There are many benefits to using native plants in your landscape, for you and for wildlife. With habitat disappearing, you can help provide the native plants that wildlife need to survive and thrive in your area. With the right mix of native plants, you can provide protective cover, seeds, nuts, berries, fruits and insects for birds and small mammals, nectar for hummingbirds and butterflies, as well as larval host plants for butterfly and moth caterpillars.

The use of native plants in your landscape also helps limit the chances that potentially invasive or exotic plants will be introduced to your home environment. Many of our invasive species of today were introduced as exotics from Europe and Asia many years ago.

Native plants are often very showy and produce colorful flowers, fruits, seeds and brilliant fall foliage. You can have a very beautiful yard that is friendly to wildlife and pollinators by planting native. Another huge advantage to “going native” is that plants that are indigenous to your region are generally easy to grow in your area because they have adapted over time to the climate, soil, and rainfall, as well as to the insects and diseases that habituate their local area.

So the next time you go to buy a plant, shrub or tree, think “Native”. Google “native plants of Vermont” for ideas of Vermont native species to plant



Cardinal flower
Lobelia cardinalis



Columbine
Aquilegia canadensis



Don't Fall For These Sneaky Phone Scams

by News & Notes Staff

“Can you hear me?”

If you receive a call that starts with this seemingly innocent question, **hang up immediately**, the Federal Communications Commission warns. Scammers are increasingly using this phrase to record the word “yes” from unsuspecting consumers. Later, the recording of your voice can be used as a voice signature to authorize charges on your utility or credit card account.

If you have already responded to this type of call, review all of your statements such as those from your bank, credit card lender, or telephone company for unauthorized charges. The practice is known as “cramming” and is becoming more and more prevalent.

In March, FCC Chairman Ajit Pai published a column on what he called an “explosion” of robocalls. He reports that American consumers received about 29 billion robocalls in 2016, or roughly 230 calls per household. The FCC urges consumers to report unauthorized charges to the Better Business Bureau’s Scam Tracker and the FCC Consumer Help Center.

“Did I really win?” “Publishers Clearing House keeps calling and saying I’ve won \$100,000,000. They say I have to pay 1% in taxes before they release the prize.”

Sweepstakes scammers are experts at convincing you that you have won a prize, but need to pay them money first before they will award you the prize. Legitimate sweepstakes will: 1) never email or call its winners of any prize of \$500 or greater. A certified letter or in-person award will be made. 2) You never have to pay to receive a legitimate sweepstakes prize. 3) When you are first notified that you are a winner, do not give out your address, bank account number, driver’s license number or other confidential information. 4) Legitimate sweepstakes **require an affidavit** to be submitted prior to sending you any prize valued more than \$500. Many con artists send counterfeit checks along with their phony win notifications. Cashing fraudulent checks is a crime, and you could be liable for fines and possible closure of your bank account, as well as losing any money you may wire to them. 5) Never wire money and never believe that you have to act quickly. If you feel you are being pressured to make a decision, be very suspicious.

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<http://fortune.com/2017/03/28/yes-scam-phone-call/>

Londonderry Transfer Station Important Changes in Procedure Effective October 2, 2017



On the recommendation of our professional auditors and affirmed by the Londonderry Selectboard, effective October 2, 2017, **cash will no longer be accepted at the Londonderry Transfer Station.**

This will change where and how you will be able to purchase your annual stickers and pay to dispose of your trash. It is our wish to make this transition as easy as

possible for everyone, and to provide you with several options for purchasing your annual stickers and punch cards.

- 1) Purchasing Annual Stickers - Annual stickers are required for entrance to the Transfer Station and will be available for purchase at the Londonderry Town Office. Stickers can be purchased in person, or by mail by sending a check, along with a self-addressed stamped envelope to the Londonderry Town Office, 100 Old School Street, South Londonderry, VT 05155. Residential sticker: \$10, Commercial sticker: \$25. Stickers will no longer be purchased at the Transfer Station.
- 2) Paying for Trash Disposal - We are also initiating a punch card system. As of October 2, you will be required to bring pre-purchased punch cards to the Transfer Station to pay for disposal of trash and other materials. Punch cards can be purchased: 1) in person at the Londonderry, Peru, or Weston Town Offices and at Londonderry Hardware and the Weston Marketplace; 2) by mail with a check and self-addressed stamped envelope to the Town of Londonderry. Checks must be made out to the: Town of Londonderry.

- 3) Pricing for Punch Cards - Punch cards will be available with 5 punches per card for \$10, or 10 punches for \$20.



- 4) Trash Disposal costs - Household trash disposal costs will be as follows: 1 punch for up to a 13 gallon bag; 2 punches for a 14 to 33 gallon bag; 3 punches for a 34 to 50 gallon bag. Larger/bulkier items will be paid for by an appropriate number of punches. Before going to the Transfer Station, be sure you have enough punches remaining on your card/s to pay for disposal.
- 5) Construction and Demolition Pricing - Commercial punch cards for bulk disposal will be available at the Londonderry Town Office for \$120: light construction materials: \$40 per cubic yard; heavy construction materials (shingles, tiles, etc.): \$60 per cubic yard.
- 6) Transfer Station Hours will remain: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday: 9 AM – 4 PM; Sunday: 10 AM – 2 PM; closed Wednesdays and holidays.
- 7) Londonderry Town Office Hours - Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday: 8:30 AM-2:30 PM, Wednesday 10 AM – 5 PM; closed Saturday, Sunday and holidays.
- 8) We appreciate your cooperation and patience while we make this change. For more information go to www.londonderryvt.org or contact Esther Fishman, Recycling Coordinator, Londonderry Solid Waste Group, office: 802-824-3356(sporadic), home: 802-824-3306 or email lon-donrecycle@vermontel.net.



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SAVE THE DATE- SATURDAY, JULY 15 for the WCO BBQ

by Kathy Jungermann

Happiness is a summer barbecue, and you're all invited to Windham's Annual Chicken BBQ hosted by the Windham Community Organization (WCO) on Saturday, July 15. The party starts promptly at 5 PM under the big tent at the Meeting House. All of your favorites are on the menu: Walter Woodruff's celebrated BBQ chicken, home-made potato salad, baked beans, and sweet breads. Be sure to save room for dessert: strawberry shortcake featuring fresh strawberries and real whipped cream! \$10/adult, \$5/child, \$25/family.

There will also be a raffle of items hand-crafted by Windham's very talented residents. Please don't be shy! We encourage you to submit an item (or two!) for our raffle. Raffle tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5.



All proceeds benefit the Windham community through WCO. If you would like to volunteer to help with the event (it's fun!), please contact Mia Clark at 380-4419 or Kathy Jungermann at 874-4606. If you would like to donate an item to the raffle, please contact Cindy Kehoe at 874-7028. Come for summer fun and relaxation!



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IN APPRECIATION

by Kathy Jungermann from
Windham



The kitchen in the Meeting House is a hub of activity during many Windham events.

It is in heavy use when preparing for town gatherings, some of which include the Town Meeting Potluck, the WCO Chicken BBQ, the Harvest Supper, the Christmas Tree Lighting, and the summer Ice Cream Socials, to name a few.

Although every effort is made to clean up after these events, it was high time to bring in a "specialist" and Dawn Bower knew whom to ask. And fortunately, Maureen Fitch was willing to tackle the job. In addition to a thorough, deep cleaning, the kitchen has been decluttered and the cabinets and drawers well organized. The renewed cleanliness, sparkle and efficiency of the kitchen are a joy for all of us who use it.

Thank you, Maureen, for performing your magic!

Emergency Management Surveys

from Imme Maurath, EM Director

Please keep those questionnaires coming regarding the Inventory of Emergency Needs and Resources. The survey was enclosed in our last issue of *Windham News & Notes*. You can also download it from the town's website at: townofwindhamvt.com.

Please send the completed hard copy to the Town Office at: 5976 Windham Hill Road, Windham, VT 05359, Attention: Imme, EMD.

Thanks! This information will only be shared with other EM officials.

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New Faces at WRVT

West River Valley Thrives, whose mission it is to support and promote healthy lifestyle choices with an emphasis on the prevention of alcohol, tobacco, and other drug use by young people, is pleased to welcome Erica Reynolds and Rebecca Keppler to its staff. Erica is taking over for Kristin Cox as the organization's Program Director. Reynolds has a law degree from Western New England University School of Law and a degree in Sociology from Smith College. "I am inspired to be involved with youth health issues after working in the non-profit and legal field and seeing firsthand how these issues affect our area youth. The problems with youth substance abuse, violence, and youth empowerment are pressing issues for this area that are being addressed by area coalitions such as West River Valley Thrives," says Reynolds.

Rebecca Keppler is the new Project Coordinator,

taking over from Katelynn Venne. Rebecca has a degree in English, along with a minor in education, also from Smith College. She is a long time community resident, having grown up in Marlboro, Vermont and lived in the area most of her years since. She sees communication and engagement with others as core elements in prevention, and looks forward to the opportunity to serve our area youth, their parents, and the broader community.

We welcome Erica and Rebecca to our community.



WRVT Board Members and staff from left to right Kimberley Diemond, Arlene Hanson, Kate Venne, Erica Reynolds, Kristin Cox, and Robin Rieske (Rebecca Keppler not pictured.)

Grace Cottage Summer Events Listings

from C. J. King

Grace Cottage Family Health & Hospital has two upcoming events which promote health, wellness and fellowship while also raising money for our non-profit hospital. All events are held rain or shine. Event sponsors and volunteers are always appreciated! For more information on any of these events or to sign-up:

call 802-365-9109 or visit our website:
www.gracecottage.org.



Saturday, July 8, "Tour de Grace" Bicycle Rally:

The beautiful back roads course is 19 miles, mostly downhill, from Stratton

Base Lodge parking lot to Grace Cottage Hospital in Townshend. The family-friendly course goes over rivers and through the woods, and for the first time in years, through the historic Scott Covered Bridge. Healthy snacks and water are available at rest stops along the way. Average ride time is about two hours. The event is appropriate for anyone in decent shape who knows how to ride a bike! Sturdy tires are recommended and helmets are required. Start anytime between 8 - 10 AM. Bus transportation for riders and bikes back to Stratton is provided (or call 365-9109 to arrange to park at Grace Cottage and take the bus up to the start). Performance t-shirts will be provided for first 100 registrants.

Grace Cottage Fair Day Seeks Arts and Crafts

The Grace Cottage Hospital Auxiliary Fair Day is continuing a wonderful tradition. The August 5 event will again include a community arts and crafts show.

Area artists and craftspeople are encouraged to display their works in this show, which will be held in the Townshend Church on the Townshend Common throughout Fair Day. The artwork and crafts pieces in the show will be for sale, with a portion of the proceeds going to benefit Grace Cottage Hospital. Those interested in exhibiting should contact Patty Jerez, 365-9266, dimedame@gmail.com; Kathy Greve, 874-4403, kgreve23@yahoo.com; Pokey Lyman, 365-7964; shotsie@svcable.net; or Lauri Miner, 365-4194, ldm@svcable.net, as soon as possible, as space is limited.

Saturday, August 5, Hospital Fair Day:

Chosen by the Vermont Chamber of Commerce as a "Top 10 Summer Event!" All-day auction, bargain booths, bingo, baby parade for those born at Grace Cottage, carriage and pony rides, face painting, food, games, entertainment, chicken barbecue dinner, live music, and more. Hailed by the Boston Globe as "New England at its best." Free parking and free admission, 9 AM to 6 PM.



Windham, thank you very much for helping to get the word out, and for your efforts in building community with Grace Cottage! Thanks, C.J.



185 Grafton Road
(Route 35)
Townshend, VT
www.gracecottage.org
802-365-7357



Windham News & Notes Begins 15!

Taken from the words of Edith Serke, Vol.6:1, 6 and N&N Staff

The first issue of *Windham News & Notes* was the July-August 2003 issue produced by Maggie Newton, Lydia Pope France and Margaret Woodruff. Their stated goal for *News & Notes* was simply to inform and involve every corner of the Windham Community. And today we still strive for the same goal.

The *WN&N* is produced by an all volunteer team covering news from town government, community organizations, our school and churches, and featuring articles of local interest. We encourage you to submit articles and photos to include as space permits. We encourage your ideas. We also thank our subscribers and

advertisers for their generous support, and our team who have taken on the myriad of tasks required over the years to continue to “take the paper to press” and to your home. It is truly a community effort. We also appreciate all the positive comments we have received over the years, and continue to receive.

The *Windham News& Notes* is published under the umbrella of the Windham Community Organization (WCO) which is a 501(c)3 non-profit corporation. Our mission is to assist Windham residents in time of need and vulnerability by providing financial and other assistance; providing the community with information and education about government, available resources, and activities; fostering involvement in community affairs; and holding events that promote connections and a spirit of community among Windham residents.

A huge “Thank You” to all of those who supported our recent subscription drive. If you haven’t yet returned your subscription information, please do so. We want to keep you connected with our Windham community. Our budget is small, so your support goes a long, long way.

Thank you so much for your continued support! We hope to see you all at the Chicken BBQ and Raffle on July 15 at 5 PM.

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<p>REGULARLY SCHEDULED WINDHAM TOWN MEETINGS</p> 	<p>Town Clerk: Monday: Noon - 8:00 PM Tuesday: 6:00 AM - 10:00 AM Wednesday: 10:00 AM-2:00 PM Closed July 4, and Thursdays, Fridays, and Federal Holidays. Call 874-4211..</p>	<p>Select Board: 1st & 3rd Mondays, except 1st Thursday in July, July 6 & 17, August 7 & 21 at 6:30 PM at the Town Office; Open meetings. Agenda posted.</p>	<p>School Board: 1st Mondays, No July Meeting! August 7 at 9 AM at the Elementary School. Call Antje Rupert at 874-4759 to confirm.</p>
<p>Windham Community Organization: Last Wednesday of the month at 7 PM at the Meeting House, July 26 and August 30. Call Ellen McDuffie at 874-8183 for information.</p>	<p>Windham Congregational Church (UCC): Sundays: Worship Services at 9:30 AM at the Meeting House. Call Dave Crittenden at 874-4049 for more information.</p>	<p>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.</p>	<p>Volunteer Fire Company: First Thursday of the month, July 6 & August 3 at 6 PM at the Firehouse. Heavy refreshments served.</p> <p>Listers: Every Wednesday 9 AM-Noon at the Town Office. WRMU Union School District: Third Mondays, July 17 & August 21 at 7 PM at Leland & Gray.</p>

SAVE THESE DATES!

- July 10 - Veterans' Memorial Meeting, Meeting House, up back stairs, 10 AM
- July 10-14 & 17-21 - Windham Summer Day Camp, Meeting House, 9 AM- 1 PM
- July 15 - WCO Chicken Barbecue and Raffle, Meeting House, 5 PM
- August 6 - Ice Cream Social, Meeting House, 6 PM
- August 7 - Chocolate, Cheese and Chili Fest, Landgrove, 5 - 8 PM
- August 12 - Fire Company Auction, BBQ & Pie Auction, Firehouse, All day!

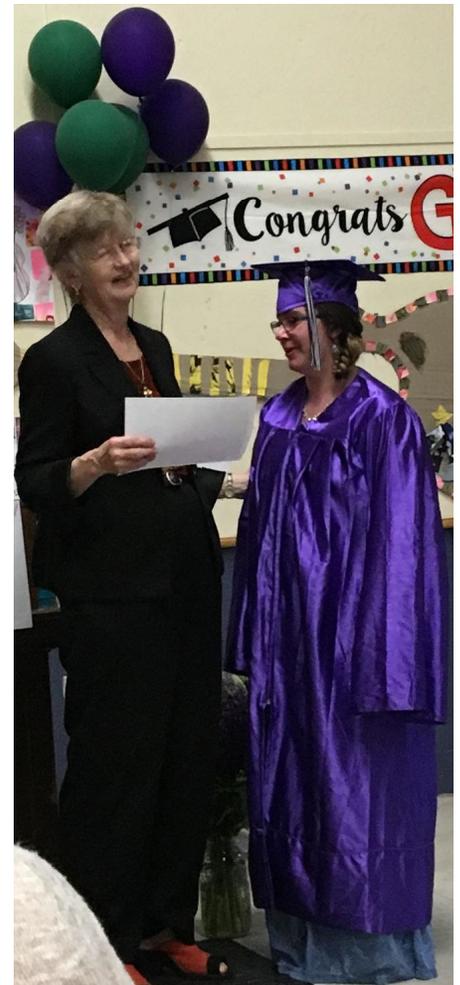
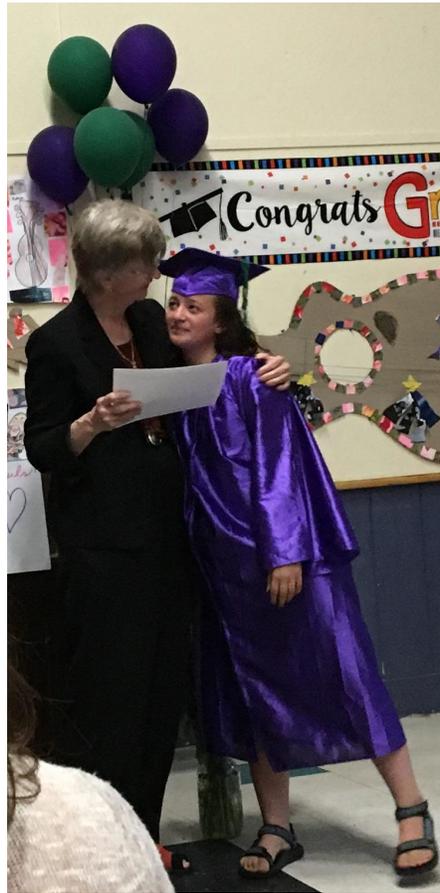


More Pictures from Windham Elementary School Graduation



Mary McDonald, Lillia Beshay, Madison Coolbeth





Receiving diplomas from School Board Chair, Carolyn Partridge

From Left: Mary McDonald, Lillia Beshay and Madison Coolbeth







Town Clerk, Michael McLaine with his wife Meredith Tips-McLaine and son Freddie



Bee on native hydrangea plant