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Sustainable Family Farm Now Sustains Numerous Homesteads and President Eisenhower Story

by Margaret Woodruff (with a little help from her friends ...)



Back when I was a child, much of the north end of Burbee Pond Road was taken up with a farm that went by the name of Mountain Grove Farm, although we always spoke of it as "the Kid Place". As you can see from the photo, the house and the outbuildings are a good example of "Vermont Continuous", that very practical style of architecture where houses grew and expanded as needed, but eventually connected to barns so that you could get to livestock and winter chores without fighting winter weather. The property spread to both sides of the road, and I remember men haying the field across from the house, going up the hill to where Andy Anderson used to live (brown house that is currently for sale). I also remember my father going up to that farm to help get the hay in when I was young.

While we are not sure just when the house was built, the original house is still there, now with an attached garage. If you look at the far right building in the old picture, you will see the distinctive gambrel shape that is there today. The other buildings were destroyed in a fire some years ago. In fact, one building that had been fire damaged was still standing when Bill Koutrakos bought the property, and he tried everything but just could not get the smell of smoke out, so in the end had to tear it down. (Continued on Page 3)

All set for our Annual Chicken BBQ? *By Edith Serke*

The annual Chicken BBQ, sponsored by the Windham Community Organization, will be held on Saturday, July 18, at 5:00 PM at the Windham Meeting House. This is "rain or shine", but we're hoping for good weather. If you've attended before, you know that it's lots of fun: the food is fantastic, and it's a great way to spend time with friends and neighbors. Part time folks and all visitors are welcome.

The main item on the menu is Walter's famous chicken, and side dishes prepared by our Windham cooks: beans, potato salad, tossed salad, sweet breads, rolls, and the obligatory strawberry shortcake. The price is very reasonable: Adults \$10, children under 12 \$5, or \$25 for a family. There will also be a 50/50 raffle. The winner will get half of the proceeds of the raffle, and WCO the other half. This is our main fundraising effort of the year. So, we hope you will attend and have some fun while supporting our community organization.

Annual Firehouse Auction & BBQ Sat. Aug. 8!!!

Please come and support the Windham Volunteer Fire Company on the second Saturday in August. 9AM starts our tag sale with the auction beginning at 10. The concession stand will feature egg sandwiches thanks to our local chickens, hamburgers & hot dogs, donuts and drinks. 5 o'clock we'll feed you those chickens at our BBQ, which also features potato salad, baked beans and corn on the cob all for \$10. I'm afraid you'll have to buy your own desert though at our pie auction, which just might be the most expensive one you have ever bought. If you can't afford a \$250 pie, just hide in the back and enjoy the antics-it's a whole lot of fun. See you then!!!

Select Board Article

As the economy whirls around us, we continue our efforts to be deliberate in our decisions and planning for the financial future of Windham. We are working with Ernie Friedli to streamline our reporting process and get a handle on where our expenses occur and how to better anticipate them. We are broadening this effort and on June 23rd the Clerk/Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, Auditors, and Select Board will attend a day long seminar in Montpelier. We expect this training will help us adopt a common accounting language and be an opportunity to share ideas with other towns. Our intention is to have a reporting process that is tailored to our small size and user friendly to you and to us. Greg Noel is also helping us examine the presentation of the Annual Report in anticipation of the consulting services we will be receiving from the VT League of Cities and Towns. We are grateful for everyone's time, energy and ideas in this process.

We met with representatives of the Dept of Transportation and applied for a \$175,000 grant for bituminous repair of our roads. It is anybody's guess whether we will get this money. Our only advantage is that the state has a formula for road grants that rotates every ten years and is based on the miles of roads and the amount a town has received during the prior ten years. In Windham's case, we have chosen not to apply for small grants, because once a town receives any money, it automatically goes to the bottom of the list. We are now at the top of our District's list and, if there is money available, we will receive it.

The ice storm of December left a mark that will be visible for a number of years. The job of the road crew was made particularly difficult during the five days Windham was without power. The big garage doors had to be opened by hand and machines balked at the freezing temperatures. Equipment that was over-stressed needed tweaking and skilled hands trying to do the fix were stiff and cold. We have decided to install a small portable generator in the town garage for the use of the road crew when power is down and their services are needed.

We continue to build our supply of materiel in preparation for next winter. The barns are filled with sand and salt that was pre-bought at a bargain price. Luckily, a mud season that started out rough fizzled out with moderately warm dry days and cold nights that melted the buried frost slowly. Winter clean-up is basically finished and Rodney and Bill are now turning their attention to filling potholes and smoothing out road surfaces.

We have made our last \$30,000 payment on the 2007 International 4x4 dump truck and hope to get a period of time before we have to invest in a replacement for the second smaller truck.

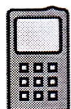
Several citizens groups have been formed and have our support. One is a committee to examine the feasibility of Affordable Housing in Windham, a second, to plan for Windham's sustainability and self-sufficiency during hard times (see enclosed article) and another to plan the use of our Emergency Shelter. We encourage anyone interested in participating in these community efforts to contact Carol in the Town Office or any member of the Select Board.

We hope your gardens are in and you are enjoying these warm but not hot days of early summer. And congratulations to all the graduates.

Your Select Board: Walter Woodruff, Margaret Dwyer, and Mary Boyer

Battery and Cell Phone—Recycle at Town Office

There is now a box available at the Town Office to recycle rechargeable batteries that don't want to recharge any more. We are also accepting old cell phones. Please put these items in one of the plastic bags provided in the box.



Sustainable Family Farm (Cont'd from Page 1)

The farm originally spanned some 102 acres, which were subdivided over the years. The original subdivision included three parcels of land: 30 +/- went to Carvage in 1953, 39 to John Lake in 1963, and 33 to Bill Koutrakos in 1969. We gathered names of many of the owners from an old deed belonging to Bill Koutrakos: Ingall (1925), Gillette (1928), Kid (1930), Leete (1946), Floyd Snow (1948), Lewis and Irene Gordon (1952), Melvin Bills (1951), back to Floyd Snow (1951), Richard and Daisy Field (1955 and 1957), 39 acres to the west to John Lake (1963), Bill Koutrakos -- house and 33 acres (1969), Lehmann (2002).

The 30 +/- acres bought by Carvage turned out to be closer to 20 acres that was later subdivided and is presently owned by Bower, Goldstein and Reelick. The 33 acres originally bought by Bill Koutrakos are now owned by Farace, Noel, Major, Leber, Lehmann and Koutrakos. The Field family retained about 2 ½ acres, now owned by the Reilly family. And John Lake's 39 acres remains one parcel, to the West of the Koutrakos' house, and has been sold once or twice in the interim. So, quite a few houses have sprouted on the former fertile farm land.

The property had a brush with fame in the early 1950's. A man came to see the town clerk, Harry Hall, about a fishing license. The town clerk recognized the famous person, but was sworn to secrecy. A little while later, a long black limousine pulled up along side the farm on Burbee Pond Road, looking for someone to dig fishing worms. This was during the time that Floyd Snow owned the place. They were happy to accommodate the out-of-town fisherman, who, it turned out, was none other than President Eisenhower, here in Vermont to visit friends in Townshend! Harry Hall kept the news of the visiting entourage quiet, and for many years after a large picture of the president hung in the town office. Although last weekend marked Vermont's free fishing day, no sign of any presidents, past or present, has been reported!

Well, that's all for now, Margaret

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Edith Serke Can Do It All *by Mary McCoy*

Edith Serke accurately describes herself as serious and reserved. She's not one to talk about herself. So my husband, who has worked with her in our town's government, wondered what I'd learned after I interviewed her.

I was in a silly mood and joked, "In her youth, she was a trapeze artist, and before moving here, she spied for the CIA." Oh!" was all he said. I told him he's rarely so gullible. "Well," he explained, "Edith is a woman who has it all. She could do anything."

Edith was born in the former Czechoslovakia where she lived until after World War II and the communist takeover. With friends, she raised awareness against the regime, and to this day, her love of freedom drives her involvement in her community. Her family fled in 1946 to Bridgeport, Connecticut, where her mother's family lived. At that time it was necessary to have a sponsor to immigrate here, as well as certificates regarding work ability, reliability, health, etc. Once here, there was a five-year waiting period and a rigorous process for citizenship, standards Edith believes should still be in effect. She became a U.S. citizen in 1953.

Her schooling here was less demanding than she was used to in her homeland, where she had taken seven courses at a time. After one year in the Bridgeport high school, she got a scholarship to a more challenging private school in Pennsylvania, where she graduated. While there, she had written for some Slovak newspapers, so she planned to move to New York to write for the papers and attend college at night. When that fell through, she attended college in Bridgeport on a scholarship.

After two years, she stopped to marry Stephen Serke, a Hungarian immigrant she had tutored in English. (Besides Hungarian and English, Edith also spoke Slovak, German, French, and Russian.) Stephen was in construction, like Edith's grandfather and uncles, so she had an interest in housing, which remains true to this day. Within the first five years of their marriage, they had four children, with a fifth arriving four years later. While Stephen was in the service and they lived in the South, Edith took a correspondence course in accounting, a field she worked in for a while and applied later here in Windham when she served as a town auditor.

After the kids were in school and they were back in Connecticut, she got involved with the League of Women Voters, which she describes as "the best training possible." She became that group's president, was elected to the town's planning and zoning commission, and then to the town council. Meanwhile, she tried her hand at selling real estate and served as editor of her community newspaper, using skills she now applies on the *Windham News & Notes* team.

Along the way, Edith earned her bachelor's degree in political science and a master's degree in planning and public administration, both at the University of Bridgeport. "I spent half my life on that campus," she says. It took 23 years to earn the degrees, and she also worked there in space provided for an agency she helped fund in 1974, the Southwestern Connecticut Agency on Aging. She was the only employee at first, but when she retired 25 years later, as executive director, she oversaw 50 employees and a \$17 million budget.

"One of my biggest achievements," she says, "was starting a housing authority in my town of Monroe, CT that built 30 independent, senior living units." Despite initial opposition, she earned the cooperation and financial support needed. She later put her experience to use as a board member of Valley Cares, a \$10 million project in Townshend for seniors which created 28 units of assisted living and 24 units of independent living. Edith also serves on the board of Southeastern Vermont Council on Aging.

During her busy years in Connecticut, Edith avoided burnout by escaping to Vermont to ski with her family. Despite breaking her leg and fracturing her wrist, she continued to love her weekend getaways. In 1986, she and Stephen bought 130 acres in Windham on Woodburn Road, formerly the Pare farm. To finance the purchase, they divided it to sell sections. Meeting Act 250 requirements took two years' work and a lot of money, and they could only sell one lot per year to minimize the demand on the town. Five lots are now sold, and two remain, the one where Edith lives and another of 53 acres. (continued Page 5)



Edith Serke (continued from Page 4)

In 1999, Stephen suffered a stroke. Although his mind stayed sharp, he was less mobile. He was also nearly blind from macular degeneration. Edith retired from her job to assist him, and the couple moved permanently to Windham in 2000. In 2005, Stephen passed away. "It was a big adjustment after 52 years of marriage," Edith says, "but a relief, too, after the stress of attending him 24/7. Fortunately, I don't mind being alone. We all do what we have to do. Being here really helps – it's so beautiful, like a permanent vacation."

She doesn't seem, however, like someone on vacation. In addition to her previously mentioned jobs, Edith has served on the Windham Regional Planning Commission. She is a member of the Windham Community Organization, and after three years as treasurer, she was recently elected president. She also serves on Windham's Citizens Advisory Committee as its loan officer and is the new town Service Officer for the state's Welfare Department.

Yet Edith is considering when she will leave these roles. She says, "One of the hardest situations is realizing when you're no longer functioning as you should and need to step down. When I don't have the energy and can't rise to the challenge, it will be time to quit. I've already organized my papers in case anything happens to me. But for the time being, once I get going, I'm still OK."

Edith wonders who will take over for her and the other active seniors in town. Yet she sees Windham as a very strong community. "People here care about each other," she says, "and it's amazing how well we all get along." When she does step down, she will be a very hard act to follow. We can only hope that others come along with her love of community, her sense of freedom and responsibility, and her multiple skills and talents.

Windham Library News *by Beverly Carmichael*

With another busy summer ahead of us, its time for all of us to pencil upcoming activities onto our calendars. The Windham Library will continue its winter hours plus add a children's program from 6:30-8:30 pm every Tuesday starting on July 7. Children are encouraged to read recreationally over the summer to maintain their reading skills. We will show a movie starting at 6:45 promptly. All are invited to attend.

The library will also continue its regular Wednesday hours 3 to 5pm. This month we have been learning to make origami cranes. This activity has been well attended. Please feel welcome to join us if you are interested in learning this relaxing skill.

Our August selection for discussion, handed out on July 1, will be "Kaaterskill Falls," by Allegra Goodman. It is the story of a small sect of Orthodox Jews who come each summer to a tiny town in upstate NY, supposedly the devout followers of Rav Elijah Kirshner. But all is not calm, all is not bright. Some struggle with ghosts from the past, or with desires related to the modern world outside their restrictive sect. Elizabeth Shulman, mother of 5, is feeling restless as she craves something more than toiling at household chores day in and day out. Renee, the daughter of a Holocaust survivor, becomes friends with a girl from 'outside,' and all sorts of possibilities suddenly open to her.

This is a quiet book, a soft and subtle book, but the individual characters will captivate you and stay with you for a long time. We hope you can join us on August 5 for a lively discussion of this book.

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Windham Resource Directory *by Heath Boyer*

On a recent weekday night a dozen or so Windham residents met with Energy Coordinator, Pete McDonald, at the Windham School to talk about ways in which our community can be more independent. The meeting produced a number of good ideas, some of which have been percolating in conversations around town.

Windham has an extraordinary depth of resources for such a small town. It is possible to find someone with the skills, knowledge and tools to do almost anything short of an appendectomy (and there may be someone who could do that in a pinch) without leaving town. Our array of craftsmen of both genders could rival many large towns. Some work in wood, metal, fiber and fabric. Others design, build, rebuild, repair or repaint structures of all kinds. Other experts can service our plumbing, electrical, heating, and cooling systems.

One of the specific ideas to come out of the meeting was the creation of a Directory of Windham Goods and Services. The directory would be an annual supplement to the Windham News and Notes with the goal of making better use of local skills and talents; expanding our use of locally grown food and increasing the amount of money we spend with local suppliers of goods and services. Another important consequence of such a directory would be to make Windham's second home owners more aware of local capabilities.

As presently conceived the Directory would permit any Windham property owner, or WN&N subscriber or advertiser to submit a listing describing in 25 words or so the goods or services they have available. More than one listing (to a reasonable limit) would be available for multi-talented individuals or households.

There would be no restrictions as to category. If you have a skill, a product, a trade or a service to offer in return for cash or in-kind exchange, even if it's not something you do full-time, or even ordinarily for pay, the directory would be a place for you to let others know of your capabilities or interests. The intent is to be as inclusive or expansive as possible so that our professional craft and trades people get full visibility in one central place, and that we also learn about capabilities that may be less well known.

Maybe you:

- have the ability to make imaginative carvings on wood and have carved up all posts and beams in your house and would be willing to carve on other people's houses in exchange for cash or something they know how to do; grow some sort of food and would be willing to grow some for a neighbor on 'shares' or some basis of exchange.
- might have a piece of equipment you don't use all the time and are interested in swapping time on it (with or without an operator) for time with a tool you don't have.
- have a house you would be willing to rent (for cash or trade) on occasional weekends to fellow Windhamites to handle overflow crowds at family gatherings.
- you have a skill you would enjoy teaching to others, either in small classes or one-on-one; art, music, hand-crafts.

One possible extension of the concept could be a "Harvest Fair" at the end of summer where we can show off (and sell) our veggies, eggs and meats, produce, or our arts and crafts offerings and have a day of hanging out together.

It is probably necessary to include at this point a disclaimer to the effect that any and all agreements to exchange goods or services are strictly between and among the parties directly involved. This directory would be an informal means for us to offer and acquire knowledge of the ways in which we can be helpful to one another; and inclusion in it carries no implication of endorsement by the publisher.

See enclosed Directory Listing form.

Energy News *by Peter McDonald*

In the last issue, I introduced the concept of Transition Towns and in this article I would like to describe it in further detail.

Transition initiatives are based on four key assumptions: (Taken from The Transition Handbook)

1. That life with dramatically lower energy consumption is inevitable, and that it's better to plan for it than to be taken by surprise.
2. That our communities presently lack the resilience to enable them to weather the severe energy shocks that will accompany peak oil.
3. That we will have to act collectively and we will have to act now.
4. That by unleashing the collective genius of those around us to creatively and proactively design our energy descent, we can build ways of living that are more connected, that are more enriching and that recognize the biological limits of our planet.

There is no reason why a lower energy, more resilient future needs to have a lower quality of life than the present. Indeed, it will take butchers, bakers and candlestick makers working together to provide the necessities for life in rural Vermont.

This article was written to compliment another one written by Heath Boyer who is working to compile a Windham Business Directory; a really neat concept that will match local business men and women with those requiring such services. This is an excellent first step towards building community resilience by tapping into the many talents and resources of the community. Thanks to Heath for his contribution to the movement and an open invitation to all to become involved with this effort.

WINCYCLE - Computer Recycling and Reuse

by Marcia Clinton

Do you have old or surplus computing equipment, cell phones, copiers, DVD players, microwaves, printers, radios, speakers, telephones, televisions, or VCR players? WinCycle, the Windsor Good News Electronics Recycling Education Corp., in Windsor, VT can recycle these items. Their mission is to keep electronic equipment out of landfills, make used computers available to local schools and nonprofits, and to sell inexpensive used equipment to area residents.

They charge \$0.30 per pound recycling fee to cover the cost of processing the equipment and help pay overhead costs. Because WinCycle is a nonprofit organization, the cost of recycling is tax deductible. Any hard drive on a computer that is deemed usable is reformatted and has a new operating system installed, erasing all information on the hard drive. WinCycle also has a store on its premises selling used, refurbished PCs, laptops, and parts at rock bottom prices. Check out their website at www.wincycle.org for store prices, directions and business hours.



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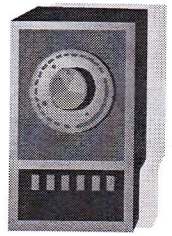
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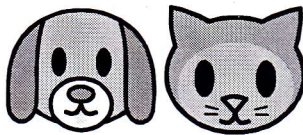
DON'T TRASH IT- CASH IT

The Londonderry Solid Waste Group kicked off the new **Vermont Mercury Thermostat Incentive Program** at their Hazardous Waste Collection Day in May. Many old thermostats contain mercury, which can harm our health and environment. If you return your thermostat, you are eligible for a \$5 incentive. The thermostat must be whole with the cover attached and contain mercury. If you couldn't make it to the Hazardous Waste Collection, you can still bring your mercury thermostats to the Londonderry Transfer Station during their regular hours. This is an ongoing program. If you have questions you can contact the Recycling Coordinator, Esther Fishman at 824-3356 or londonrecycle@vermontel.net. For more information about the Hazardous Waste Collection, visit the www.londonderryvt.org web site.



A Reader's Comment: (from Mary Western)

I enjoyed Margaret Woodruff's lead article in the last issue *The House on Burbee Pond Road*. "The man named Wells" was John Wells, with his wife Ruth, and four small sons. John was a good carpenter and was hired by David Newton as a handyman for the Newton School, where there was frequently new building going on.



THE FOXY FUND

In August 2007, the Council on Aging for Southeastern Vermont developed a special fund called The Foxy Fund to assist elders who have expenses associated with animal care. Many seniors, who are on fixed incomes, struggle to pay for their own basic needs and yet will make sacrifices to be certain that their pets receive care when necessary.

Studies show that pets can prevent a sense of loneliness, improve health, and offer unconditional love and acceptance to elders.

With the struggling economy, the Council on Aging for Southeastern Vermont is receiving more calls from elders who live in Windham or Windsor county and are having a hard time supporting their pet, who has become so important to them.

These funds are almost depleted and they are requesting donations.

If you would like to make a contribution you can send it to The Foxy Fund c/o the Council on Aging for Southeastern Vermont, 56 Main Street, Suite 202, Springfield, Vermont 05156. Every dollar donated will be used to offer necessary medical care for pets.



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School News

FAREWELL And Spring Concert

An evening gathering at Windham Elementary School was held on June 10, 2009 to say farewell to Principal, Roberta Stradling. Words of recognition came from Carolyn Partridge, Cindy Kehoe, Mr. P.J. and Allison Trowbridge. Following was the Spring Concert with the singing led by Kate Ullman, accompanied by Dan Dewalt on piano. The K-5 students received their awards from Sally Newton & Mr. P.J., followed by refreshments. The children sang variety of folk songs & rounds. A wonderful concert.



THE PLAY by Jake Ires

Don't even ask me about the play. It was like the best play I've done. The way I feel about the play is just being on stage and feeling famous. Everyone is watching me and clapping. My part of the play was the dad. Being the dad is really fun. I bet all you people listening to this are saying "I wish I was in the play." If Sally Newton wasn't our teacher I would know nothing about Native Americans. Thank you Sally



DON'T SHOOT THE GOOSE by Kit Blaze

I played the part of Kit Fox, one of Flower Woman and Big Tiger's children. I enjoy doing the plays because I liked being somebody else not just plain old me. I liked being a Native American child. I learned that the Abenaki tribe lived in Vermont.



Fun at Lunch!

Many thanks to Bob Mudgett for donating two much needed picnic tables to the Windham Elementary School.

BUGS

Bugs are buzzing.
Bugs are eating.
Bugs are getting caught by fish.
Bugs are stinging me.
Bugs are fighting.
Bugs are sleeping.
Bugs are finding homes.
Bugs are doing everything.

By Luke Lehmann

THE MOOSE

The big brown furry moose,
In the swamp,
Eating plants and going to its tree.

By Rheanna Grace Pare



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More School News

Grads say goodbye.....

Andy Weitzel---- I will miss the members of the school that I'm leaving behind, whom I now think of as family. I am looking forward to exploring the large hallways of Leland And Gray

Abagale Van Alstyne---- I will miss playing soccer with everyone at recess and will miss Mr.PJ. I am looking forward to see what it is like have different classmates. I don't know what school I am going to.

Olivia Reilly---- I will miss the attention we get, and the extra help when we need it. I am looking forward to all of the new kids and teachers--- I am going to Leland and Gray

Jason Fernandez--- I will miss Mr. PJ and playing soccer. I am looking forward to going to Leland and Gray.

Evan Reilly---I will miss knowing everybody so well. In the new school I will never be as close with the kids going to that school as I was here. In fact I will miss everything about this place. Everything is going to be different. The school I am going to is Leland and Gray. I will be looking forward to moving on but am sad that I have to go.

Dakota Torrey---I will miss all of my friends because it is more than likely I will never see my four best friends. I am looking forward to meeting new people. The school I am going to is Flood Brook Union School.

Andria Pare--- What I will miss about this school is how we were all a big family. I look forward to making new friends and getting good grades. I will be going to Leland and Gray.



WHY WINDHAM? *by Andrew Persa*

"Why Windham?." I sneered. "I have friends here. I don't want to change my life for you."

That is how I felt about moving to Vermont. But as soon as I got there I adored the beautiful mountains that tower above me like the Old Giants they are. I loved the never ending silence. I also wanted to be near my family. I realized that I wanted to live here in Windham. Even though I have lived here for almost five years I am hooked on the beauty of the mountains.

The mountains are old and sturdy. I feel safe living behind them. It seems that they hold peace in and keep strife out. I heard from my sister that if you roll out all the mountains in Vermont, Vermont becomes the size of Texas. Which made me like living here even more. The strong mountains also keep noise out.

The quiet here is remarkable. Every night I fall asleep without a problem. If you try to stay awake the silence swallows you and your eyes start to droop. In spring if you listen carefully you can hear the babbling of sap.

The sound of sap boiling makes me want to eat maple syrup on snow with my family. Some times we have a bonfire and we cook hot dogs and s'mores, but my favorite part is being with my family. So now if we move I will say "Why not Windham?" I would be depressed. I could not handle moving away from here. I would miss the quiet and the landscape. But I would mostly miss my family. I hope I can live here forever.



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WINDHAM CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

by Nancy Dyke

JAZZ AND GOSPEL MUSIC IN GRAFTON, JULY 5

Want to add something special to your July 4th celebration? Come along with the Windham Church to the musical celebration in Grafton on Sunday, July 5th at 10:30 AM. Our congregation will not be having church in Windham, but will join the Grafton folk for an unique performance. Well-known jazz and gospel singer, Moonlight Davis, will be the main attraction. If you would like to attend, but need a ride, contact a member of the church or call 874-4428. See you there!

OUTDOOR SERVICE IN WINDHAM

Windham Church is planning its own musical celebration on Sunday, August 2 at 9:30 AM. Alan and Norman Bills (our faithful mailman) are part of a musical group who will provide inspiration at our outdoor service, weather permitting. Bring your lawn chair if you prefer, or chairs will be provided.

SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE



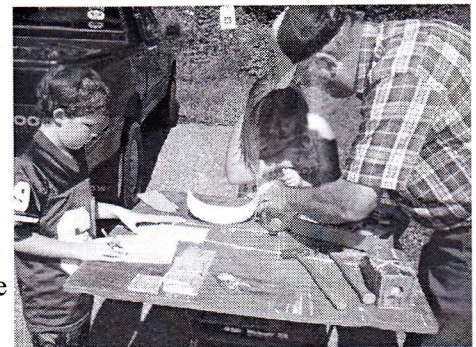
A number of church and community folk gathered on Sunday, May 24 to remember those who have passed on before us, including those who died in the service of our country. A list was read of Vermont servicemen and women who lost their lives during the past year in Iraq and Afghanistan. Each person sharing a remembrance chose a stone to represent that person and then, near the end of the service, the stones were placed together in a mini-monument or memorial to honor those people. Fred Belec set the tone for the service with his heartfelt playing of taps.

ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Thank you to all community members and visitors who came to eat ice cream and visit with us on Memorial Day weekend. We appreciate your support for the Summer Day Camp Program, but most of all we enjoy connecting with both residents and vacationers. Thank you to Dawn Bower and Ernie Friedli, our most enthusiastic ice-cream lovers, for their work. Watch for another Ice Cream Social scheduled for August!

ALL NEW SUMMER DAY CAMP!

Summer Day Camp is back in Windham! Boys and girls beginning at age four through those graduating from sixth grade are all invited to attend for the weeks of July 13 and July 20. Mrs. Cindy Kehoe will lead lots of new activities as well as old favorites like cooperative games and projects, cooking, hiking, and swimming. Each day, Monday through Thursday, the hours are from 9:00 AM through 1:00 PM and 9:00 through 12:00 on Fridays. The registration fees are as follows: \$20 for the first child in a family, \$10 for the second child in the family, \$5 for the third child in the family.



Fees are payable on Monday of each week by all families unless arrangements are made IN ADVANCE because of financial hardship. A limited number of scholarships are available for those experiencing financial difficulties. The following people can be contacted in advance to make those arrangements: Nancy Dyke (874-4428) or Claire Trask (824-6304). For more information and details about the Summer Camp, itself, contact Mrs. Kehoe at 874-7028.

NEW THIS YEAR! SUMMER SOCCER!

On August 18, 19 and 20 from 1:00 - 3:30 PM, Mr. Parker-Jennings will lead a Soccer Camp for kids who have completed third grade through those who are graduating from 6th grade. The soccer fees for the three days are as follows (with the same arrangements as above for those experiencing financial difficulties): \$12 for the first child in a family \$ 6 for the second child in the same family \$ 3 for the third child in the same family.



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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Every Sunday - **Windham Congregational Church** (UCC) has worship services at 9:30 AM: everyone invited.

Every Sunday and Thursday - **Valley Bible Church** has services: *Sunday* - 9:45 AM Sunday School, 11:00 AM Worship, followed by lunch and 1:00 PM Bible Study; *Thursday* - 7:00 PM Prayer Meeting and Bible Study.

Every Wednesday - **Windham Town Library** open at Meeting House from 3:00 to 5:00 PM. Also at that time: reading group on first Wednesday of the month. Tuesdays July 7 - August 25, children's movie at 6:30

Wednesdays, 9:00 to 12:00 - **Town Listers'** office hours

Monday, July 13 and 27 - August 10 and 24, **Select Board** meets at 6:30 PM at the Town Office:
Public Invited.

Wednesday, July 15 and August 19 - **Brown Bag Chat Group** at noon at the Meeting House.

Wednesday, July 29 and August 26 - **Windham Community Organization** meets at 7:00 PM at the Meeting House

Tuesday, Thursday and Friday - **Town Office Hours** - 10:00 to 3:00

Saturday July 18, **Annual Chicken BBQ and 50/50 Raffle**—5 pm at the Meeting House

Saturday August 8, **Firehouse Auction** : Tag sale at 9am, auction at 10am and BBQ at 5pm

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