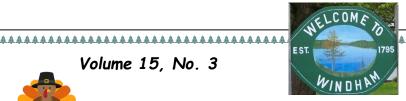
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# Windham News & Notes



#### Windham Has a Hero

#### **Charles Gilbert Gould, Medal of Honor Recipient**

by Mary Boyer

More than a century and a half ago, on April 2, 1865, 2,300 men of the Old Vermont Brigade were leading their 6th Corps comrades in one of the last charges of the Civil War known as "The Breakthrough Battle", or the "Third Battle of Petersburg and Richmond". Windham resident Captain Charles Gilbert Gould, 5th Regiment Vermont Volunteers, was the first Union soldier to enter the Confederate earthworks. By the end of the battle, he had been wounded three times. He received the Medal of Honor for his gallantry in action, and made the history books.

Born in Windham, Vermont, on May 5, 1845, Charlie Gould seemed destined for adventure in his life. When he was two years old, he and his family visited his grandparents' house here in Windham. While the adults were distracted, an inquisitive Charlie wandered into the kitchen and managed to pull boiling applesauce off the stove onto himself causing serious burns to his legs. He was unable to walk until after his sixth birthday. But his enthusiasm for dangerous deeds remained.

Local residents recalled that the boy's daredevil ways continued as he grew up. When the war began, Charlie's parents wanted their son to remain home, but Gould was determined to become a soldier, and walked the twenty miles to Bellows Falls, possibly underage, to sign up in August of 1862.

Charlie joined the 1st Vermont Heavy Artillery as a private, and quickly rose up the ranks. Upon his promotion to captain in late 1864, Gould was assigned the command of Company H, 5th Vermont Infantry.



On April 2, 1865, his unit would serve as the spearhead for the entire VI Corps' attack against the Confederate

line just outside Petersburg. That morning in complete darkness, the regiment used a branch of Arthur's Swamp to guide their way toward the Confederate embankments. As the Vermonters drew close to the earthen walls, some of the men behind Gould began to drift to the right. Someone in the rear shouted "Bear to the left" to realign



Captain Charles Gilbert Gould

their advancing direction. Captain Gould misinterpreted that call as a direct order, and led his company to the left across Arthur's Swamp, where they found themselves separated from their brigade. This put them out in front of Colonel Joseph Warren Keifer's brigade, who were leading the charge.

Despite having only a handful of officers and just fifty men, Gould pressed forward to capture a makeshift battery that had been put into position to cover an opening in the Confederate earthen wall. With legs fully healed from his childhood accident, he outran his company and found a soft spot in the line of fortification. His company's pace was slowed as they filed through a narrow gap in the obstructions. Unaware that his men were no longer at his heels, Gould jumped into the ditch at the base of the enemy earthworks and quickly scrambled up the parapet. Gould immediately sustained three bayonet injuries and was clubbed with muskets

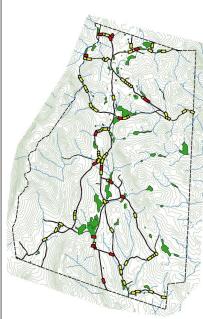
Sergeant Jackson Sargent rushed forward to plant the state colors on the rampart. Spurred by the shouts of their commander and the sight of their flag on the wall, more Green Mountain Men hurried forward to the top of the parapet. It took a brief, but desperate struggle to establish a foothold on the embattlements, but the Confederate defenders threw down their

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#### Act 64 Water Quality by Frank Seawright

Act 46 is a water quality law approved in 2015 that gives the state Agency of Natural Resources new authority over storm water runoff from roads. The act does three things: 1) Municipal officials must apply for a permit by July 31, 2018; 2) They must inventory all "hydrologically connected" roads by December, 2020; and 3) Municipalities must, via a management plan with annual improvement goals, make all of those roads comply with state runoff standards by January 1, 2037.

Windham has the highest elevation of all of our surrounding towns, and contributes water to three



rivers via our many headwater streams. Practically 100% of Windham's roads are hydrologically connected. To get an idea of the magnitude of our situation, we downloaded data for hydrologically connected roads and created a map. That data also identifies areas as having High, Moderate and Low risk of erosion. These areas are also shown on the map above.

A larger, more

detailed, color version of the map is available on the Windham website at <a href="http://townofwindhamvt.com/">http://townofwindhamvt.com/</a>. The enlarged black areas are ones having high risk of erosion, and the white blocks have a moderate risk. This is a preliminary evaluation and will need to be confirmed on the ground. Email correspondence with Jim Ryan, Municipal Roads Program Coordinator said, "Towns are required, at a minimum, to conduct the inventories on those segments identified as hydrologically connected. Since it is a GIS layer, it is not 100% accurat although we are finding that it is better than 90% accurate. Towns have the ability to either add or subtract connected road segments based on field conditions, although this is not required. The field criteria is outlined in the Road Erosion Inventory template and Supplement documents." Ryan goes on to say, "the overwhelming majority of road fixes will not require an engineer. The practices will include grading, grass and stone-lined ditching and drainage culvert upgrades, if erosion is present.'

There is technical assistance available through the VTrans Better Roads program, Regional Planning Commissions, and VTrans district offices. We are also told that many of the Regional Planning Commissions have developed electronic versions of the inventory forms called Collector Apps, which make data collection much easier.

The streams shown on our map are small streams that require only a 50 foot setback. The Planning Commission may want to address storm water runoff by specifying a greater setback from streams in our Town

### Windham Energy Fair, November 9

by Bill Dunkel

The Windham Energy Committee is sponsoring an Energy Fair on Thursday, November 9, at the Windham Elementary School. Members of the public from Windham and neighboring towns are invited to attend, free of charge. Local vendors and representatives of non-profit organizations which specialize in weatherization, home energy audits, rebates and low interest loans, efficient home heating, renewable energy generation and electric vehicles will be present to share information and answer questions.

The schedule for the fair is as follows: 5:00-6:00 PM – Test drive an electric car; informal discussions with vendors

6:00-6:45 PM – Formal presentations by vendors 6:45-8:00 PM - Questions and Answers at vendor tables

To date, representatives of Nissan of Keene, Vermont Foam, Green Lantern Group, Integrated

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Solar Applications, Direct Energy Audits, the Heat Squad, and the Windham Windsor Housing Trust have confirmed that they will be in attendance. Several more vendors are expected to join this group in the coming weeks.

Members of the public who attend the fair will receive a **free LED light bulb** and useful information about how to save energy, courtesy of Efficiency Vermont and the Button Up Vermont program.

Drop by any time between 5:00-8:00 PM, and get ready for winter!



#### Captain Charles Gould

later.

(Continued from Page 1) muskets and surrendered, or turned and ran as the bluecoats piled over the fortifications en masse.

The success of the breakthrough at Petersburg by the Union soldiers led



Two days after the battle, Captain Gould wrote a letter home describing his wounds as "a bayonet wound through the left part of my face which entered near my mouth and came out under the jaw, another bayonet wound in my back between my shoulders and a saber cut on the right side of my skull." Then perhaps to ease his parents' concerns, he wrote: "The wound in my back is nothing at all as it hit the backbone and stopped. The cut on my head is very slight and in fact all my wounds are. Gould ended his letter with an apology: "I am sorry that I was wounded before I got to Richmond."

On July 30,1890, Charles Gould was awarded the Medal of Honor for his bravery in in the breaking of Confederate lines. Eyewitness statements attest that his bravery on April 2, 1865 was of a caliber worthy of the nation's highest military award, the Medal of Honor, and none are as modest as his own account.

After the war, he spent many years in Washington, DC serving first as a clerk in the pension office and later as a Patent Office administrator. Throughout his long life he continued to be connected to Windham and Vermont.



Charlie Gould died on December 5, 1916 at the age of 71. His resting place is here in Windham's Center Cemetery, and his three grave markers are an acknowledgement of his unique contribution to the success of the American Civil War.

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M. McCoy, Civil War hero born and buried in Windham, Windham News & Notes, February, 2014

#### Windham Veterans' Memorial Fund

The effort to memorialize Windham's War Veterans is moving forward. The Veteran's Memorial Committee has begun fundraising, and continues to research military and cemetery records to identify soldiers who have served from Windham. We request that you read carefully the letter of appeal recently sent to you, and consider a generous donation to permanently honor those from Windham who have served for us. Thank you, Susan Persa, Walter Woodruff, Mary Boyer



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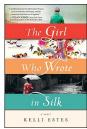
#### **Town Office Hours**

Monday 12 PM - 8 PM Tuesday 6 AM - 10 AM Wednesday 10 AM - 2 PM Open Saturday, November 25 & December 16 8 AM-12 PM Closed December 25 and January 1

#### Windham Library Book **Club Selection**

Wednesday, December 6, 3:30 PM

The Girl Who Wrote in *Silk* is a beautiful story that brought me to tears more than once, and was a testament to the endurance of the human spirit and the human heart. A powerful debut that proves



the threads that interweave our lives can withstand time and any tide, and bind our hearts forever." Susanna Kearsley, New York Times bestselling author.

Inspired by true events, Kelli Estes's brilliant... debut serves as a poignant tale of two women determined to do the right thing, and the power of our own stories. The smallest items can hold centuries of secrets...

#### **Get Your Flu Shot**

by Marcia Clinton

Everyone 6 months and older should receive a yearly flu vaccine. The flu season peaks from December through February. It takes about two weeks

after vaccination for the body to develop antibodies which provide protection against infection. So it is best to get the annual flu vaccine in the fall, October or November, before the peak season.

Vaccination to prevent influenza is particularly important for people who are at high risk of serious complications from the flu. Those at high risk are children younger than 5 years, but especially children younger than 2 years old; adults 65 years of age and older; pregnant women; and residents of long-term care facilities.



Influenza is a contagious respiratory illness caused by influenza viruses. Flu viruses are spread mainly by droplets made when people with flu cough, sneeze or talk; and can spread to others up to about 6 feet away. To avoid the

flu, people should stay away from sick people, and stay home if sick. It is important to wash hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. The flu is very transmissible and can infect other people beginning one day before symptoms develop and up to 5 to 7 days after becoming sick. Children may pass the virus for longer than 7 days.

The Vermont Department of Health has been promoting the campaign of "3-4-50". The explanation is that

3 BEHAVIORS (no physical activity, poor diet and tobacco use) lead to 4 DISEASES (cancer, heart disease & stroke, type 2 diabetics and lung disease) which result in more than 50 PERCENT of deaths in Vermont. Vermonters are more likely to die from chronic diseases than all other causes of death combined.

#### **New Medicare Cards Coming in April**

Next April, 2018, Medicare will begin mailing every beneficiary a new card with a new unique identification number. It will no longer be your social security number. The government is gearing up for this massive transition that will involve coordination with 58 million beneficiaries and their family members, plus hospitals, doctors, insurance companies, pharmacies and state governments.

While the first mailings of new cards will begin next April, Congress has set an April, 2019, deadline for all beneficiaries to have received the new cards. Until you receive your new card, be sure to guard your old card, and report it lost or stolen as soon as you find it missing. Cases of identity fraud are continually rising. An AARP fraud expert, has said, "If anyone calls you to say you need to pay for your new Medicare card, it is a scam. If anybody calls you and asks you your social security number in order to issue your new Medicare card, it is a scam."

#### **Building a New Vision**

by Nancy Dyke

The new West River Education District has begun its visioning and planning process with enthusiasm about the prospect of important innovations, especially for students. In cooperation with the Vermont School Board Association, school board members met in October to rethink a school district that will honor its commitments to high quality education. The specific commitments to students include: elementary school choice, cross-school participation, sharing of instructional materials and lessons, and flexibility in assigning staff. Commitments to the community are reduction of duplication, flexibility of staff assignment, economy of scale in purchasing, focus of leadership and finances.

The challenge before the district is to design the very best 21st century education that tax payers can afford. Discussion at the meeting included asking the question, "What should students know and be able to do when

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they graduate from high school?" The school board will be asking community members for their input into this important question. If you have possible answers and ideas, please let me know. This is not just a gesture; we would really like to know. Contact me at ndyke@myfairpoint.net or 874-4428.

#### **Farmers Markets Move Indoors**

by Kathy Jungermann



The following area Farmers Markets are open during the winter months:

Brattleboro: Located in the Robert H. Gibson River Garden at 157 Main St., every Saturday from November 4, 2017 through March 31, 2018 from 10AM till 2PM. 802-869-2141

**Bellows Falls**: Indoors at 33 Bridge St., Friday evening November 17 and December 15 from 4PM till 7PM. Veggies, craft vendors, music and food served. 802-376-9534

**Dorset**: The winter location in the JK Adams Kitchen Store located at 1430 Vt. Rt. 30 opened on October 15. Stay warm amongst industrial machinery in the production area of the kitchen store on Sundays from 10AM till 2PM and enjoy live, local music, rain or shine. 802-353-9656

**Putney**: The 8<sup>th</sup> annual winter market resumes on November 19 &26 and December 3, 10 & 17. Open Sundays from 11AM till 2PM and located inside at Green Mountain Orchards, 130 West Hill Road. 802-387-4052

To verify or get directions, call or go online to <a href="https://www.vtfma.org">www.vtfma.org</a> under "featured markets".



#### **News from the Windham Elementary** School Board

by Carolyn Partridge



The Windham Elementary School Board has been working to take steps to make the school more energy efficient, and want to thank members of the Energy Committee (past and present) for their input. Lighting changes have made the building more comfortable to work in and, hopefully, more efficient. Analysis of

the data has indicated that more energy seems to be used at night than expected, which appears to be the case at other schools in the WCSU according to Laurie Garland, the WCSU Business Manager. Tracking that down is a goal we are working toward.

We have also signed on to a power purchase agreement to buy power from the NewBrook School Solar Garden. It will take a bit longer than expected

#### **Learning the Wonders of Nature**

by Gail Wyman and News & Notes Staff

Kindergarten started off the year with amazing nature projects. On September 8, Sally Newton's class went on a field trip to the Grafton Nature Museum for the "Mighty Acorns" fairy house program. Before attending, Sally read stories about fairies who live in flowers in the woods, and we discussed materials that the students may want to gather from the woods to make a fairy home.

On the way back to Windham, we stopped and the children gathered milkweed with feeding Monarch butterfly caterpillars. All month we fed the larvae with milkweed and watched them each form a chrysalis, five in total. When they hatched, it took over two hours for their wings to dry before they could fly. A few needed some help with launching from a finger. (see photos below)

One afternoon, Sally asked Gail Wyman to take the five kindergarteners outside to play. Gail's thoughts were, "What will they do for ten minutes?"

to get that project up and running, and as a result we have been paid \$1000 to make up for the delay.

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In the near future, we will start work on the FY2019 school budget. We invite anyone interested to attend our meetings to weigh in on that process.

The Local Act 46 Study Committee would like to thank everyone who took the time to thoughtfully fill out the survey that you received in the mail or had hand-delivered. If you did not receive the survey, please contact Mary Boyer, Kathy Scott, or Carolyn Partridge, and we will get one to you. The Committee will be working on a presentation to the Vermont State Board of Education/Agency of Education to form an Alternative Governance Structure that will allow the Windham School District to maintain its own budget and local School Board. The Local Act 46 Study Committee meets right after the School Board meetings, which are the first Monday of the month at 4 PM at the school.

Well, the school has two beautiful sets of costume butterfly wings, and the children put them on and flew to Mexico. and also spread their wings to



dry them out before flying. They talked about Monarchs and milkweed, caterpillars, chrysalis and hatching, all while running around waving their arms in flight. These are some smart kids!

Ukulele classes are going well, with the more experienced players learning new, more challenging chords and songs. The beginners are very enthusiastic as they learn their first chords, and we have several home schoolers who have joined the group. Come to the Harvest Supper on November 11 and hear them perform!









#### The Mouse Made Me Do It

by Philip McDuffie



Being a transplant from the South, I must admit that after my wife, Ellen, and I moved to Windham, I was most pleased with the fact that cockroaches were no longer a ubiquitous

fact of life. For down south, regardless of whether your home is a tar-papered shack or a ten-million-dollar mansion, you are going to share your home with cockroaches, no matter how much time, money and effort you spend in your futile attempts to keep them at bay.

Of course, any native Vermonter is already chuckling at my obvious naivety, for Vermont has its own scourge of relentless house guests known as mice- be they deer mice, jumping mice or the imported "house" variety. Whatever they are, they're pretty much the same in my book. They're prodigious breeders (owing to the fact that they occupy rung one on the mammal food ladder), gnaw on just about anything (whether to eat it or nest in it), and generally have a complete disregard for personal hygiene, within the confines of their living quarters (i.e. our homes and belongings). In other words, they're pretty much like a cockroach, but with two notable exceptions: 1) none of them can fly (yet), and 2) they actually have a brain. Granted, it's not even the size of a small designer-inspired jellybean, but it's a brain, none the less, and I am convinced that they are studying us, constantly learning from their mistakes (and ours), and passing their acquired knowledge of us to subsequent generations. Thus, like the cockroach in the arthropod phylum, I have no doubt that mice will inherit the class of mammals, after the world's next epochal extinction event.

I say all of this because of my own experiences with this varmint. Within two weeks of moving into our home, I discovered that one of these critters had chewed through the weather seal at the bottom of our garage door and set up her new domicile in the spare-tire compartment of my wife's car. Graciously, the mouse gave us a clue as to her whereabouts when we discovered an entire box of shredded Kleenex spread throughout the car. Since then, I've also dealt with some grisly-ending infestations inside our lawnmower and generator. But the biggest lesson I've learned has occurred at the front steps of our house, and at this point, I think I may actually be a mouse whisperer.

There has always been a crevice between the foundations of our front porch and the house, and the mice have found the dark cavern beneath the porch to be an irresistible habitat. Consequently, over the years we've had a running game of "Man and Mouse" for control of the porch. I sealed the crevice with caulk, and they promptly bored a hole through it. Whereupon I plugged the hole with steel wool and resealed it with caulk. This routine went back and forth for several years, until sometime during the summer of 2016, when I guess there was finally so much embedded steel wool that the mice decided to dig a hole in the ground every night, in an effort to breach the porch from below. So, every day I would fill the hole (one on

each side of the porch, no less) with increasingly larger rocks, only to find out that by the following morning they had removed all of the rocks, and dug each hole even deeper. I finally put an end to their shenanigans by purchasing 80 pounds of Sakrete, digging each hole to a depth of about 18 inches and filling them up with concrete. Checkmate! At long last, I had solved the problem, and the defeated critters appeared move on to greener pastures.

Or, so I thought- until this summer, when on a bright and sunny morning, after we came back from a short trip out of town, Ellen informed me that there was a bunch of blue foam laying on the ground near the front porch. In fact, it was on both sides of the porch. Now if your home is insulated with blue foam, or pink for that matter, and you find piles of shredded blue or pink foam next your outer wall, you've got a problem. So, yes indeed, this year the mice decided that if they can't get to nirvana from below, their only course is to reach it from above- which meant that while hanging onto a vertical cement wall, one of them bored a hole into the foam insulation above it, and excavated a horizontal tunnel two feet through the foam to the porch.

Of course, this meant war. I might let a mouse coexist beneath my porch, but if he invades the walls of my house, he's going to pay for it. So, by that afternoon, I had purchased a supply of sheet metal, along with several tubes of construction adhesive, and completely sealed off the soft underbelly of our home's high-tech insulated walls on the entire front side of our house. That will show them!

Or so I thought, for there was one lingering problem with this sudden tactical move on my part. If the mice can no longer get in, any of them trapped in the wall or porch can no longer get out! Sure enough, that evening when I retired to my office (that adjoins the wall next to the porch), I heard the unmistakable sound of a mouse scratching on metal, and worse yet, gnawing on wood. Visions of a half-crazed and starving mouse boring a hole through the wall to the interior of our home immediately came to mind, and a flight-or-fight adrenalin rush transfixed all attempts of rational thinking on my part. I read online that a mouse can live for 4 or 5 days without food or water, but I knew I wasn't going to live that long listening to our house being shredded. I think Ellen realized the extent of my frenzied state when I suggested that we might have to resort to blowing a hole in the wall to relieve the mouse's (and my) suffering. Thank goodness, cooler thinking prevailed, and a new plan was hatched out of desperation.

There was only one other possibility- pry back a piece of the sheet metal on the bottom of the outer wall where the mouse was scratching, and see if the little bugger will come out. Of course, that meant I would have to stay outside while the "door" was open, observe the mouse departing said residence, and reclose the door to prevent the critter from reentering. It wasn't ideal, but at least it was a plan, and I must admit that it worked better than expected-especially when I noticed that as I was prying the sheet metal back, the mouse in question was sitting next to the opening, patiently waiting for me to get out of the way so he or she could vamoose. Sure enough, I stepped away, and within 30 seconds the scoundrel made its escape and scurried off into the night. So, I closed the temporary

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#### Fall Farming at Meadows Bee

by Toni Kessler

It's been a wonderful warm beginning to fall here in Windham. We welcomed the warm, dry weather to help give our vegetable crops one last boost and to get a second cutting on our hay fields. We are gearing up for winter by putting our garden beds to rest, splitting and stacking wood, and preserving all kinds of fruits and vegetables.

We were excited to have the Windham Elementary students join us on the farm on Tuesdays and Thursdays, for the fourth year. The older elementary students are helping with animal chores, and are eager to add to their Young Farmer Badge collection. The Kindergarten class is also helping with animal chores, and learning about the different parts of the plant by harvesting and tasting a variety of vegetables, and having scavenger hunts on the farm. They also had a chance to get in their bee suits and work with the honey bees!

We would like to thank the Windham Elementary school staff and students for coming out to help us get



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opening with a piece of wood and went back in the house, greatly relieved that the torture was over.

Or once again, so I thought, until I sat in my office for about one minute and heard another mouse "scratching at the door". So now, you're probably getting the picture, as was I. There wasn't just one mouse in the wall, so the \$64,000 question became "How many mice are in our wall?" Well, I can tell you it was more than two, and Ellen and I spent many an hour during the evenings over the following week guarding the "escape hatch" (for more than one tried their best to reenter) while patiently waiting for the more timid and paranoid of the lot to finally summon enough courage to make their escape. Seven nights (and many mice) later, after midnight, no less, I spent an hour and a half watching 'No. 19' make several tentative and aborted attempts to exit the hole, while I patiently coaxed it with my controlling "mouse whispering" hypnotic thoughts. At long last, after three exits and three immediate U-turns back into the wall, it finally made a beeline escape into the void of darkness.

So, if during those cold nights we had during early September, you drove by our home and saw some crazy looking guy sitting a chair, drinking a glass of wine, and facing his house while moths danced in the floodlight, you now know why. I may indeed be crazy, but it's only on account of the mice.



our hay bales stacked onto the trailer. It was a great help and a wonderful community effort to get all our hay off the field before the rain!

Meadows Bee is also enjoying having interns from Leland and Gray and from Kindle Farm. They are helping out with a variety of farm chores while gaining work experience. It is great to have them as part of our team.

The craft space above the Yellow Farm House Barn is ready for winter and is a great place to hold community classes. We have yoga being taught by Tony Gandolf on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5 - 6 PM through the end of November.

If you are interested in teaching a fiber arts class or have other ideas for community classes, please call the barn office at 874-4092 and leave a message for Toni. You can also contact her via email:

toni@meadowsbee.com. We look forward to learning more from our many talented and skilled community members.



"Over-Achievement"
The work of a pileated woodpecker.
Photo by Frank Seawright



#### **Library News**

by John Hoover

Winter is fast approaching and the time is near when snow will be flying and we'll all be spending more time inside. If you have a fireplace, wood stove or pellet stove, winter is the perfect time to prepare a hot beverage and settle down in front of the fire with a good book. Here at the Windham Town Library we have several new arrivals that will make for great reading.

We've just added A Column of Fire, Ken Follett's newest addition to his Kingsbridge series that began with Pillars of the Earth and continued with World Without End. A Column of Fire begins in Kingsbridge some 200 years after World Without End and builds through much of the English Reformation. This is historical fiction at its best and brings the past alive.

Daniel Silva's *House of Spies* continues the series of thrillers that follows Gabriel Alon, an agent with The Office, an Israeli security agency. The library also has two other Daniel Silva novels from his Gabriel Alon series, *The English Spy* and *The Black Widow*, in its collection.

Jussi Adler-Olsen began his Department Q novels with *The Keeper of Lost Causes*, and the library has just added the newest addition to the series, *The Scarred Woman*. Detective Carl Morck of the Copenhagen Police force is placed in charge of a newly created department responsible for working on cold cases. For Morck it is really a demotion – he is a department of one and his office is in the basement. *The Missing Girl* and *The Marco Effect*,

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two more Department Q novels, are also in the library's collection.

Best selling novelist John Grisham's Camino Island is new on the library's shelves. Camino Island is set on an island in Florida and deals with a bookseller who has been known to deal in stolen books and manuscripts. After original F. Scott Fitzgerald manuscripts are stolen from a Princeton library, a young novelist is recruited to go undercover in an attempt to locate the stolen manuscripts. Camino Island is not one of Grisham's usual lawyer novels, but is still a very good story.

In non-fiction, we have the bestselling *Al* Franken: Giant of the Senate. Comedian Franken, a former writer and performer on Saturday Night Live, was elected to the U.S. Senate from Minnesota in 2008 and reelected in 2014. In order to get elected, he had to suppress his gigantic wit and display his serious side. This book is his comedic side bursting forth as he tells the story of his life as comedian and politician.

The Windham Town Library is open Wednesdays, from 3 PM to 5 PM. We will be closed Wednesday, November 22<sup>nd</sup> and Wednesday, December 27<sup>th</sup>. We would be delighted if you would stop by some Wednesday to take out a book from our collection, or just to enjoy some conversation.



Three generations of library fans: Kylie, Eva and Sue Pare

Please be reminded that the Library has High Speed Fiber-Optic Internet Service.

Feel free to bring your laptop or tablet to the library and download movies at super-fast speed. This can also be done from the parking lot after hours. No password required.

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#### Windham Fire Company

by Marcia Clinton

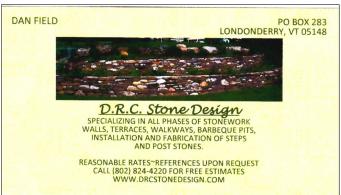
Fire Calls:

August 23 - Mutual aid to S. Londonderry for structure fire on Route 100. 3 responded with tanker.

In honor of Fire Prevention Week, firefighters from the Windham Fire Company responded to a fire drill at the elementary school on Wednesday, October 11th. The equipment on the fire truck was explained to the students and they viewed a short film on fire safety. Then they participated in drills with the firefighters to learn safety procedures if they were ever caught in a house fire. The firefighters also demonstrated the use of the self-contained breathing apparatus, and how they search for "hot spots" in a house fire. At the end each child was presented with a gift package with pencils, stickers and fire safety booklets.

If you haven't done so already this year, have your chimney inspected and cleaned by a certified chimney sweep. Dirty chimneys can cause chimney fires, which damage structures, destroy homes and injure or kill people. The majority of chimney fires go undetected. Slow burning chimney fires don't get enough air or have sufficient fuel to be dramatic or visible. They often go undetected until a later chimney inspection, but the temperatures they reach are very high and can cause much damage to the chimney structure, and to nearby combustible parts of the house.

Creosote is a black or brown residue that can be crusty and flakey, tar-like, drippy and sticky, or



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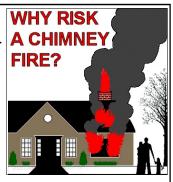


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shiny and hardened. All forms are highly combustible. A CHIMNEY If it builds up in sufficient quantities - and the internal flue temperature is high enough - the result could be a chimney fire. Conditions that encourage the buildup of creosote are: restricted air supply, unseasoned wood, or cooler than normal chimney



temperatures. A certified chimney sweep is recommended, as they are regularly tested on their understanding of the complexities of chimney and venting systems.

When you set your clocks back, remember to change the batteries in your smoke alarms.





# TURN BACK YOUR CLOCKS SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2 AM

#### Town Elections, March 6, 2018

If you are considering running for an elected town office in March, News & Notes would like to encourage you to send us a short article about yourself and your qualifications for that office, so you can get your name out there in the community as a candidate before Town Meeting. The deadline for our Jan-Feb issue is December 15, 2017.

Send to: windhamnews@hotmail.com

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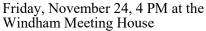


#### HARVEST SUPPER and SQUARE DANCE SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11 at 5 PM

Mark your calendar now for the annual Harvest Supper and Square Dance at the Meeting

House on Saturday, November 11 at 5 PM. The traditional dinner is hosted and prepared by the Windham Community Organization (WCO). This dinner is the Fall fundraiser of WCO. All proceeds are used to provide fuel and other assistance to residents in need, during our long winter. We will be serving ham, butternut squash, baked beans, scalloped potatoes (plus a gluten-free version), salad, sweet breads and assorted homemade pies; all for the low price of \$10 for adults, \$5 for children, or \$25 per family. Donations are appreciated for the musicians. After dessert, Sally Newton will be calling the moves for the incredibly lively square dance. She will be accompanied by talented local musicians, most of them related to Sally! She is really good with explaining the moves, so don't be bashful in joining in the fun! And hopefully we will have the treat of having some of our young ukulele players start off the fun. Come on out for the last big fling before winter!

#### Annual Carol Sing and Tree Lighting



Christine Dyke will lead the post-Thanksgiving/pre-Christmas crowd in familiar holiday songs, accompanied by her mom, pianist Nancy Dyke.

Please join this celebration, with refreshments and singing, as well as the lighting of the big Christmas tree in front of the Meeting House.

#### Christmas Program

Sunday, December 17, 6 PM at the Windham Meeting House

This is an annual celebration of the season which will take place upstairs at the Windham Congregational Church.

Music for singing and listening will be provided by the Dan DeWalt Jazz Quartet. Everyone is invited to attend, not only for the music, but also for the re-telling of the Christmas story. Contributions are welcomed and will be given to local food banks. Refreshments will be served downstairs following the program.

# "CAPTURING the BEAUTY of WINDHAM" Library Photo Contest

At the Harvest Supper, you may also vote on your favorite three photos submitted for the Library Photo Contest, "Capturing the Beauty of Windham". Submitted photographs should be 8"X 10" for display and judging, and



must be taken in Windham. Photos may not have any people in them, but animals are welcome! No more than three entries per person. Photos will be displayed at the Harvest Supper for you to vote on, and prizes will be awarded for the top three vote winners. Twelve photos will be selected for the Library's 2018 Desk Calendar. Calendars will be available after Thanksgiving for Holiday gift giving to family and friends, for \$10 each. All proceeds will benefit our Windham Library. Photo entries must be accompanied by an entry form which was provided in your last issue of *News & Notes*, and are also available in the Library or Town Office. Entries may be dropped off at the library on Wednesdays from 3-5 PM or at the Town Office. Deadline for submission is 5 PM Wednesday, November 8.!

# Forbes-Goyette Wedding

Congratulations to Emily Forbes and Kyle Goyette who were married on August 5th in New Hampshire. They have been residents of Timber Ridge for several years and will make their permanent home here in Windham.

Emily is a graduate of the Utah College of Massage



Therapy and has had a cleaning business in Stratton, Londonderry and Windham for more than 12 years.

Kyle is a heavy equipment operator, and caretaker of properties in the surrounding area.

We wish them all the best.



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#### Spooky Party at the Firehouse

by Marcia Clinton
On October 27, a
large crowd of
miniature characters
entered the Firehouse
for the annual
Halloween party.
There were witches,
pirates, Dracula, the



Wizard of Oz cast, a Lego brick, Scooby-Doo, a bumblebee, a mummy, a goat, and many other movie or comic impersonators.

After the costume parade, and awards given in six categories, the kids ate hot dogs and chili. Ghoulish sweets were offered and a chance to guess the number of assorted candies in a quart jar. While some went on the hayride, others played musical chairs. The "no-hands" challenge to eat a donut hanging from a string tempted some of the older kids. Winners of all the events had their choice from a multitude of prizes. At the end of the evening each child was given a trick-or-treat bag of goodies. It was a fun-filled evening for the kids, and all the adults, who participated.

**2018** Annual Transfer Station Permits will be available the first week in November, and will be valid January 1 to December 31, 2018. Everyone entering the transfer station, whether for trash disposal or recycling only, must have and show their permit to the attendant. Prices for residents are \$10, commercial are \$25. Permits can be purchased from the Londonderry Town Office in person or by mail with a self-addressed, stamped envelope. Please send your requests to: Town of Londonderry, 100 Old School St., So. Londonderry, VT 05155. Checks can be made out to: Town of Londonderry.

Please remember to purchase your punch cards to pay for trash disposal before going to the transfer station. They are available from the Windham, Londonderry, Weston and Peru Town offices, by mail or in person, or at the Weston Marketplace and Londonderry Hardware in person only. Thank you for helping to make this transition a success.

Some folks are expressing their frustration with the new punch card system, without understanding the bigger solid waste picture. Handling cash at the transfer station has been a safety and financial concern for years. I would like to assure everyone that Londonderry does not make money by operating the transfer station, and the transfer station is only one piece of the solid waste enigma. The fees paid to dispose of trash, and the annual permits, support only a part of the program. Although there is no charge to the customer to recycle, and free recycling is required by law, it costs to collect, transport and process the materials collected for recycling at the transfer station.

The Londonderry Solid Waste Group is obligated to do many things to meet the requirements of Act 148, The Universal Recycling Law passed by Vermont in 2012. You can read online what is required of all Vermont waste management facilities: http://dec.vermont.gov/sites/dec/files/wmp/SolidWaste/Documents/MMP 18June2014.pdf

Thank you, Esther Fishman, Recycling Coordinator Email: londonrecycle@vermontel.net

#### **Town Contacts**

Town Clerk: Michael McLaine, phone: 874-4211; email: windham.town@gmail.com

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

Town Road Crew: Josh Dryden and Jon Gordon, phone: 874-7025 at the Town Garage

Lister and Zoning: Alison Cummings, 874-7223; cobbbrookfarm@gmail.com; John Hoover, 875-6224; johnjhover@vermontel.net

E911 Coordinator and Lister: Meredith Tips-McLaine, 875-1550; meredithtipsmcclaine@gmail.com

Select Board: Frank Seawright, chair, phone: 875-1555; email: fseawright@vermontel.net

School Board: Antje Ruppert, phone: 874-4759; email: antje@sover.net

Windham Community Organization: Ellen McDuffie, phone: 874-8183; email: eflockwood@aol.com Windham Volunteer Fire and Rescue: Rick Weitzel, phone: 874-4104; Ralph Wyman, phone: 875-3373

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

Planning and Energy Commission: Bill Dunkel, phone: 874-4131; email: bdunkel1455@gmail.com (lower case L, then number 1455)



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#### **Harvest Supper, November 11**

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Windham News & Notes welcomes submissions. Send articles of about 300 words to the above address or by email to: windhamnews@hotmail.com.

<u>Please keep us informed of any</u> name or address changes.



# REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETINGS



Pileated Woodpecker
Photo by Phil McDuffie

## Windham Community Organization:

No Meeting in November. Cookie Plates and Yankee Swap on December 13 at 6:30 PM at the Meeting House. Call Ellen McDuffie at 874-8183 for information.

#### Town Clerk: 874-4211

Monday: Noon - 8:00 PM
Tuesday: 6:00 AM - 10:00 AM
Wednesday: 10:00 AM-2:00 PM
Closed all Thursdays, Fridays
Christmas and New Year's day
Open Saturday, November 25 &
December 16, 8 AM-Noon.

#### Planning and Zoning:

Second Wednesday of the month at 6:30 PM at the Town Office; Nov 8 & Dec 13. Open Meetings. Agenda posted. Call Bill Dunkel at 874-4131 for more info.

## Windham Congregational Church (UCC):

Sundays: Worship Services at 9:30 AM at the Meeting House. Call Dave Crittenden at 874-4049 for info. See article for holiday events.

#### Select Board:

1st & 3rd Mondays, November 6 & 20 and December 4 & 18 at 6:30 PM at the Town Office. Open meetings. Agenda posted.

#### Library:

Every Wednesday, 3-5 PM at the Meeting House. Book Group: 1st Wednesday Nov 1 & Dec 6 at 3:30 PM 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.

#### School Board:

1st Mondays, November 6 & December 4 at 4 PM at the Elementary School. Call Antje Rupert at 874-4759 to confirm.

#### Volunteer Fire Company: First Wednesdays of the month, November 1 & December 6 at 6 PM at the Firehouse.

Heavy refreshments served.

#### Listers:

Every Wednesday 9 AM-Noon at the Town Office.

WRMU Union School District: Third Mondays, November 20 & December 18 at 7 PM at Leland & Gray.

#### SAVE THESE DATES! November 5 - Fall Back One Hour, 2 AM

November 8 - Photo Contest Deadline 5 PM

November 9 - Energy Fair at the Elementary School, 5 PM

November 11 - Harvest Supper & Square Dance, 5 PM at the Meeting House

November 24 - Carol Sing and Tree Lighting, 4 PM at the Meeting House

December 13 - WCO Cookie Plates and Yankee Swap, 6:30 PM, Meeting House

December 17 - Christmas Program, 6 PM upstairs at the Meeting House





Halloween Fun In Windham!











**Collecting Eggs and Haying at Meadows Bee Farm** 



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Windham Elementary Students on Hike with Mr. P.J. and Kate Ullman, Fall 2017

#### **NEWBROOK ENERGY PROJECT**



#### June 16, 2017

NewBrook Elementary School is in contract with Forefront Power, LLC to build a solar array on our property. We met with a representative from Forefront Power today and they have assured us of the following:

Forefront Power plans to have the project online and operational on or before December 31, 2017.

The lease payments of \$26,000 per year will begin on or before November 30, 2017.

We are anticipating a groundbreaking date early this fall and will plan a community event.

Area schools are in negotiation with Forefront Power to receive discounted electric rates upon completion of our project. These schools may include the elementary schools in Jamaica, Townshend, Wardsboro, and Windham, as well as Leland & Gray High School and Vermont Technical College.

We are very excited to receive this new revenue and to be producing clean, less expensive power just beyond the treeline right here on NewBrook property.

#### November 10, 2016

As you may be aware, SunEdison, the company with which NewBrook Elementary School has a contract to build the school's solar system, declared bankruptcy in April and is being restructured. On November 9, 2016 the members of the NewBrook Energy Committee met with a representative of Vesco Energy Services, based in South Burlington, with whom SunEdison has contracted to oversee our permitting process. We are excited to report that we have been assured that our solar project will proceed with the terms specified in our contract and according to the following timeline:

45 Day Notice filed - November, 2016 CPG Application Submitted - December, 2016 Permits Approved - March 2017 Construction Start - April 2017 Modules on Site - May 2017 Interim Completion - July 2017 Interconnection Approved - July 2017 Final Closing - August 2017

You may choose to read a brief piece in the Commons in which Mr. Ken McFadden, our school board chair, gives some detail regarding SunEdison's next steps and the filing of the 45 day notice and the submission of the Certificate of Public Good.

If you have questions or concerns, please contact Scotty Tabachnick, Principal, at 365-7536 or stabachnick@newbrookschool.org or Ken McFadden at 365-7112 or kmcfadden@windhamcentralboard.org.



# 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 taken in Windham, with no people, will be considered for Prizes and for the 2018 Windham Town Library Calendar.

Photos can be left at or mailed to the Windham Town Office:

5976 Windham Hill Road

Windham, VT 05359

Or deliver to the Library during library hours, Wednesdays, 3-5 PM. All photos must be submitted by Wednesday, November 8.

Photos will be exhibited in the library at the Harvest Supper on November 11 and will be judged by attendees that evening. Windham calendars will be ready for Christmas gift giving and can be purchased at the Windham Library or the Town Office.

NAME\_\_\_\_\_PHONE\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS
ΓΙΤLE OF PHOTO (required)
Please read and sign below:
understand that contest photos become the property of the Windham Town Library and nome 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 notluded in the 2018 Windham Town Library Calendar.
understand that this photo will be exhibited for public viewing in the Windham Town Library. I further understand that only photos of Windham will be considered for prizes and for the Windham Town Library Calendar.
Signed:

PLEASE TURN IN PHOTOS BY WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 8

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