



# Windham News & Notes



## Londonderry Celebrates on July 7

Londonderry Independence Day celebration starts Saturday, July 7 with the parade down Main Street, Route 11, at 11 AM. The parade begins at the VTrans State garage, 158 Derry Woods Road, and ends at Mountain Marketplace. Following the parade, the Londonderry Lions Club holds their annual Duck Race in the West River behind Garden Market and Jelly's Deli. At 1 PM, Ida Mae Specker will be playing on Jake's Back Deck. From 7 to 11 PM, Goofy Foot band will be performing at Magic Mountain. There will be a beer and wine garden outside with the live band, the grill will be fired up, and a fried dough truck will be there offering a little something sweet. FIREWORKS will kick off at dark, around 9:15 to 9:30 PM. Parking will be in the Magic Mountain main parking lots.

## A HUGE THANK YOU for Your Support!

The Windham Community Organization thanks all those who supported our recent subscription drive for *Windham News & Notes*. Your response has been amazing! We are an all volunteer staff, and all donations that are not spent on producing and mailing *News & Notes*, become part of WCO's general funds. Our purpose is to assist Windham residents in time of need, provide the community with information and education about resources and activities, foster active involvement in the community and organize events that bring people together. We sponsor the Chicken BBQ, the Harvest Supper, and participate in Chocolate Fest.

If you would like to join us, we meet on the last Wednesday of the month, at 7 PM at the Meeting House. Our next meeting is July 25. There will be NO meeting in August (our summer break). For more information please call Ellen McDuffie at 874-8183 or Kathy Jungermann at 874-4606.

## WCO CHICKEN BARBEQUE SET FOR SATURDAY, JULY 14



**Windham's Annual Chicken BBQ and Raffle,**  
hosted by the Windham Community Organization,  
will be held on **Saturday, July 14, promptly at 5 PM.**  
**Mark your calendar NOW!**

The party starts at 5 PM on the dot at the Meeting House. We will be serving Walter Woodruff's celebrated BBQ chicken, potato salad, baked beans, sweet breads, corn bread and fresh strawberry shortcake topped with the "real deal" whipped cream, for dessert. \$10/adult, \$5/child and \$25/family. There is also a raffle of items hand-crafted by Windham residents. Raffle tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5. All proceeds benefit the Windham community through WCO. If you would like to help with the event or contribute to the raffle, please contact Imme Maurath at 875-1357 or Cindy Kehoe (for raffle) at 874-7028. Come for summer fun! See you there!

## Notes from Mike's Desk

by Mike McLaine

The town office has had a lot going on this spring. We have installed a hose bib to facilitate watering of the flower boxes in the front of the building and for the person who cleans the gravestones at the cemetery. Thanks goes out to Dawn Bower for all her hard work making the flower boxes look so pretty.

There is also a new plat map storage system for surveys, and other large maps, in the vault. We had previously stored all our maps in a flat storage unit, which meant that if you wanted a map at the bottom of the pile, you had to lift all the others on top of it, in order to access your map. This type of system, over time, leads to disorganization and undue wear and tear on the maps. The new vertical system is pretty slick, and holds all the maps in a plastic sleeve so that they are protected, and it is easily accessed, with enough storage for up to 800 maps (we currently have just over 200). Come in and check it out. Coincidentally, when the town office was built, this type of storage unit was specified to be installed in the vault.

Please remember that you need to register your dogs for 2018. Late notices will go out later this month.

## Early Voting for August 14 Primary Has Begun

*Adapted from The Vermont Journal website, June 29, 2018*

Vermont Secretary of State Jim Condos has announced that the early voting period for the 2018 August Primary Election officially began, Friday, June 29.

Vermont voters may request a ballot to vote early, any day leading up to the August 14 Primary Election Day. Ballot requests can be made with local town clerks by phone, email, walk-in, or online at [www.mvp.sec.state.vt.us](http://www.mvp.sec.state.vt.us).

“Voting early is a great way to participate in our democratic process, and to ensure that you have cast your ballot before Election Day,” said Secretary of State Jim Condos. “Ensuring access to the ballot box for homebound voters with disabilities, military and overseas voters, and Vermonters who may have challenges getting to the polls on Election Day, isn’t just important, it’s fundamental to our democratic values.”



## Green Lantern Cancels Solar Project

by Ellen McDuffie

Bill Dunkel received notification last week from Green Lantern Solar that they are cancelling a proposed project on town owned property behind the Windham Center Cemetery. One of the major reasons outlined by Ralph Meima of Green Lantern is Green Mountain Power's recent decision to limit output to 100 kW A/C, down from the 150 kW's proposed output. Meima stated, "Pushing the array even further to the east to honor the Cemetery Commission's reserve area lengthened the access road, increasing costs substantially. So did the amount of screening vegetation that would be needed to limit visibility, desired by many, and also required in the town plan, which specifically names the view from the cemetery as a scenic asset." Avoiding the Town Office septic system and water well, as well as some required site clearing and the complexity of interconnecting the project with the grid, also increased the cost such that it would be more expensive to build than the revenue it could generate.

Bill Dunkel wrote, "I am disappointed, but not surprised. Sincere thanks to members of the Energy Committee, who spent many hours working on various iterations of this project for the past year and a half."

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Voters who have requested an early ballot may return their ballot in-person, or by mail, to their town clerk. In order for their ballot to be counted, it must be received on or before Election Day, which is Tuesday, August 14 for the 2018 Primary Election. To ensure a ballot is received in time, the Secretary of State's Elections Division suggests placing it in the mail no less than one week prior to Election Day, and recommends that requests for ballots be submitted as early as possible, to ensure time to receive, vote, and return your ballot. Be sure to read and follow all instructions carefully so your ballot is not deemed defective.

Vermont voters can check their registration status, update their voter information, register to vote, request an early ballot, and track the status of their ballot request on their My Voter Page at [www.mvp.sec.state.vt.us](http://www.mvp.sec.state.vt.us). If you have problems accessing your My Voter Page, please contact your town clerk. The voter registration system may be missing your birthdate. Eligible voters may also register to vote in person with their town clerk.

Remember, your vote is your voice!

## Congratulations to Rebekah Winot!

by Susan Persa

The Valley Bible Educational Co-op graduated one student, Rebekah Emily Winot of Brookline, on June 2, 2018. Rebekah plans to attend Keene Beauty School, beginning in July. She has attended the co-op school in Windham since 5<sup>th</sup> grade. Presently, nine students meet twice a week at Valley Bible Church to study core subjects in perspective of the bible. Mark and Kathy Griffin are the primary teachers. All other coursework is completed daily at home with parental oversight.

Rebekah, we are so proud of your accomplishments!



### WINDHAM NEWS & NOTES

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## Greetings from Camp Keewaydin

by Kathy Jungermann



The Windham Community Organization (WCO) was delighted to welcome Jack Spengler to our May 30 meeting. Jack was there to describe the week he spent at Keewaydin Environmental Education Center. Jack, Rihanna, and Jake, 5th graders at Windham Elementary School (WES), spent a week in April at the camp, located on Lake Dunmore in Salisbury, VT.

Each morning started off with a GONG and a hot breakfast! The day was then divided into daily investigations, assigned responsibilities, and the chance to choose a favorite recreation activity.

Cooperation and trust were built among the campers through small study teams. For example, campers were challenged to trust one another as they were guided through the hiking paths blindfolded, and had to rely on fellow campers to steer them around trees, branches and rocks. Students learned about the food chain through their assigned roles, as either a carnivore or herbivore, in the Predator or Prey game.

Assigned chores included setting the table for a family style meal, followed by clean up and recycling. An important concept, 'Waste Watch', was introduced at mealtime - take only what you will eat - so no food is left on the plate. Following dinner, a town meeting by the campfire, or a night hike, was offered. Campers learned about the structure of the eye and how the eye adjusts to see in the dark during the night hike. Jack learned about rods and cones!

We learned from Jack that favorite activities included the Predator or Prey game, Disc Golf on the hiking trails and evenings around the camp fire. Rihanna and Jake enjoyed rock climbing, canoeing, (it was too cold for a swim), and writing and performing a skit explaining the water cycle. A highlight for all the campers was learning to prepare a 'tin-can burger', a tasty meal cooked over a hot tin can fire.

Fifth graders at WES eagerly await this opportunity to spend a week away from home learning from outdoor experiences and making new friends. They hold a spaghetti dinner fundraiser to cover most of the cost, and WCO was happy to also contribute to this very rewarding experience.

Thank you Jack! Also, thanks to Rachel Spengler for taking the time to visit with us. It was a pleasure meeting both of you.

## Fire Company Auction and BBQ

**August 11, 9 AM -7:30 PM**

**Come Any Time!**

*by Marcia Clinton*

Fire calls:

April 21 - Mutual aid to cover Weston firehouse,  
3 responded.

On June 14th the annual election of officers took place at the Firehouse. Some of the officers for the next year are: Chief: Jon Gordon; Assistant Chief: Rick Weitzel; President: Mike McLaine.

Mark your calendars for Saturday, August 11, 2018, the date of the Fire Company Auction and BBQ at the Firehouse in North Windham, under a tent with seating, rain or shine. The action begins at 9 AM with a preview of the auction items and the opening of the Flea Market. The tables will be piled high with some great bargains, and there are no prices at the Flea Market; just make a donation. Consider having breakfast (egg sandwiches, homemade donuts and coffee) while you stroll around the tables overflowing with treasures.

At 10 AM John Hall, the auctioneer, will start the bidding for the auction. Besides donated items, there will be new merchandise and gift certificates from 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. Take-out dinners are available.

The notorious Pie Auction, led by John Hall,



begins at 7 PM. Pies, cakes, cookies, BBQ chicken, hot dogs, rolls, and any other leftovers from the day, will be up for bidding. You have to be there to participate in all the laughter and crazy bidding.

The storage container behind the Firehouse is already full with donations for the auction, but the fire fighters will readily accept more items. A barn in town has been offered for the collection of auction donations. We ask you, please, NO: books, TV's, computers, exercise machines, mattresses, or clothes. Give a call to Mike McLaine at 875-1550 or Ralph Wyman at 875-3373, if you wish to drop things off at the Firehouse, and they 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, a chance to renew old acquaintances and discover new friends. So come, join us.

## Wantastiquet Rotary 2018 Scholarships

The Dick Foley Scholarship Fund distributed individual scholarships to seven worthy, graduating seniors, who desired to further their education. The Wantastiquet Rotary of Londonderry, Vermont was proud to award these scholarships to six students from Burr and Burton High School and one student

from Leyland and Gray High School. The recipients were Rebecca Williams, Nicholas Plants, Thea Steeves-Boey, Sophia Neihold, Jay McCoy, Rachel Wood, and Emily Blum. We wish all recipients the very best of luck, as they prepare for their future ambitions.

Thank you for supporting our Rotary projects, thereby making it possible for us to offer these student scholarships.

## Windham School Board News

by Carolyn Partridge

The Windham School Board continues to work to provide the best educational opportunity for Windham students. Carolyn Partridge travelled to Barre last month to testify before the State Board of Education regarding the metrics they are developing for Small Schools Grants (SSG). SSG were developed as part of Act 60 in 1997, because the drafters realized that a funding formula based on per-pupil spending would have a negative impact on small schools, due to the lack of economy of scale.

Carolyn testified that to take SSG away at this point would violate the intent of the Brigham decision and the resulting Act 60, which was to provide equal opportunity for education for all Vermont children. The money Windham receives in SSG (\$40,000) represents more than 10% of our budget. Without that money, we would see a large increase in our taxes, so it was worth the trip to Barre. The State Board should be making its final decision regarding metrics on or about June 27.

On April 10, we travelled to Barre to present our Alternative Governance Structure proposal, which can be read at [www.townofwindhamvt.com/act46agsproposal/](http://www.townofwindhamvt.com/act46agsproposal/). To better understand the situation, we highly recommend that you read the first 16 pages. Despite the town vote and subsequent survey results, the recently-released Secretary of Education's Statewide Plan recommends that we be merged with the West River Modified Unified Education District (WRMUED). We recommend that you read carefully the Secretary's Statewide Plan, in particular, the section about Windham on pages 83-88, to understand that the Secretary (with whom we didn't actually meet) has no regard for the Town vote and survey results, the disparity in capital debt loads, our geographic isolation, budget transparency and accountability, or the educational opportunities

offered to Windham children, and what might be lost if a merger is imposed on us. The Plan can be viewed online by going to [www.education.vermont.gov](http://www.education.vermont.gov) and looking for "Secretary's Proposed Plan Under Act 46, Sec. 10". Paper copies are also available at Windham Elementary.

To be clear, if we are forced to merge with the WRMUED, our local school board will be eliminated, as will our local budget. The WRMUED will take possession of our school building and grounds and, possibly, our bus. We will have one representative on the WRMUED board, and that board will determine what happens at all the schools in the district, which include Jamaica, NewBrook, Townshend, and Leland and Gray Union High School, and, if merged, Windham. One budget will be constructed, and in order to get information, similar to the high school budget now, we will have to travel to Leland and Gray for an informational meeting, and vote in a separate Australian ballot election, not on Town Meeting Day. We will also have to pay for the capital debt of any of these other schools, as well as any infrastructure improvements that need to be made. Our understanding is that Jamaica and Townshend schools both need considerable improvements.

The Windham School Board opposes this merger because we feel that Windham taxpayers will see an increase in taxes and a decrease in the educational opportunity for our children. The Secretary of Education, in her Plan, expresses more concern for the region than for our town. To quote, "Therefore, Vermont law requires the State Board to look to the entire region when making its determinations, and not just at the possible consequences of merger on any one of the potentially merging districts."

The Windham School Board and a committed group of community members are considering all of our options. Please feel free to contact Board members Carolyn Partridge, Antje Ruppert, and Beth McDonald with questions and concerns.

### HEADS UP, EVERYONE!

**SPEED  
LIMIT  
35**

**THE SPEED LIMIT IS NOW  
35 MPH  
ON WINDHAM HILL ROAD  
IN WEST TOWNSHEND!**

## The Fourth Corner Foundation

July 7th will be the opening for our first gallery show of the summer, starting at 5 PM. The ground floor of the exhibit will feature three painters and one photographer. The mezzanine will host a variety of ceramic artists. Beer, wine, and finger-food will be served free of charge. The location is 578 Hitchcock Hill Road, Windham, VT. For more details go to:

[www.thefourthcornerfoundation.org](http://www.thefourthcornerfoundation.org) .

## Windham, Vermont Veterans

by Elizabeth W. Stevens and Jonathan W. Stevens

The following is a work-in-progress list of veterans from the Spanish-American War through the Persian Gulf War that is being compiled for the proposed Windham Veterans' Memorial Marker. Included are those who were born in, and/or enlisted from, and/or are buried in Windham. Also included are those whose service was prior to their moving to Windham, but subsequently became part of the community. In addition to vital records and gravestone information, the following publications were consulted: Herbert T. Johnson, *Vermont in the Spanish-American War* (Montpelier, Vt., 1929); Herbert T. Johnson, *Roster of Vermont Men and Women in the Military and Naval Services of the United States and Allies in the World War 1917-1919* (Rutland, Vt.: The Tuttle Company, 1927); Reginald M. Cram; Fred E. Steele, and Arthur R. Greenleaf, *Roster of Vermonters in Uniformed Service of the United States During the Second World War 1941-1945* (2 vols.) (N.p., 1972-1974); Reginald M. Cram *Roster of Vermonters who Served in the Korean War 1950-1955* (Winooski, Vt., 1978); Donald T. Edwards, *Roster of Vermonters who Served in the Vietnam War 1964-1975* (Winooski, Vt., 1986). The World War II list, in addition to Windham residents, also includes those students and instructors at the Newton School. Though the main building was located in Jamaica, it was socially identified with Windham. Any additions and corrections are most welcome. **Please contact us at [stevens@vermontel.net](mailto:stevens@vermontel.net) if you have any additional information.** (See next page, page 7, for World War II veterans)

### Spanish-American War

George Asa Harrington
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### World War I

George Warren Abbott	Harry Carl Anderson	Harold Merle Eddy
Loren Ellery Giles	Harry Leroy Hall	Charles Herbert Hamilton
Malcolm A. Hawkins	Daniel Woodbury Holt	George Ernest Lawrence
Neal O. Leary	Clarence Richard Longe	Franklin Lester Mattison
Jesse Homer McKellip	Frank Godfrey Michelson	Stephen Henry Morgan
Clyde James Perkins	Clarence Fred Rhoades	Rolla Frank Smith
Ernest Francis St. Mary	Albert Stentiford	George Elliot Vaughn

### Korean War

Donald Francis Coburn	Leon Erwin Gibbs	Harry Leslie Gordon
George Frederick Havell Jr.	Jules Xavier Junker III	Henry Leffert
Merle Carl Laremie Jr.	Clarence Wallace Harry Merritt	John Newton
Michael Newton	Benjamin Waring Partridge Jr.	Robert William Rawson
Richard Henry Robarge	Stephen T. Serke	

### Vietnam War

Donald Julius Beers	Ernest John Bratton Jr.	Lanny Irving Bratton
Robert William Bratton	Thomas Howard Chapman	Gary Alan Cheney
Gary Levi Clay Sr.	Marcia E. Clinton	Alan Ray Coburn Sr.
Roy Douglas Coburn	David Benton Crittenden III	Russell P. Cumming Jr.
Sherburne Harry Hall	Jules Xavier Junker III	Harold George Leamey
Leonard J. McCormick	Richard Bradley Washburn	

### Grenada

Michael Ryan Amsden
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### Persian Gulf War

Donald Francis Giles
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## World War II

Sherwood Badmington	Jonathan Bayliss	Henry Richard Beigert
Ernest John Bratton	Robert Lewis Bratton	George Gilbert Carleton
John Elijah Carleton	Edward W. Caron Jr.	Howard Goodell Chapman
Earl Herbert Chase	Daniel Paul Ciaschini	Harvey Lamont Corbett
David Benton Crittenden	George Augustus Dutton	Herbert Howard Dutton
Stephen Alonzo Dutton	Donald Merle Eddy	Ernest Raymond Eddy
Reginald W. Fleeer	Robert Warren George	Glen Clifton Gibbs
Samuel Rounds Gibbs	Ellery George Giles	Merrill James Gordon Jr.
Sherburne Gibbs Hall	John Hallenan	James R. Hendry
Harold Ernest Hussey	Ronald Brian Hussey Jr.	Raymond Lewis Jenison
Jules Xavier Junker III	William Patton Kinsey	Henri Lambert
Ralph Larrabee	Glenn Robert Lawrence	Edward Wilbur LeMay
John Cameron Lingley	Robert Rae MacDonald	Lawrence J. Malouin Sr.
Melvin Farmer Merrill	Donald James Mellow	Peter Stuart Hay Moore
William C. Moore	Maurice Alexander Onsruth	Benjamin Waring Partridge Jr.
Harry Pearce	Aaron Paul Pratt Jr.	Frank Prenis
Elmer Gordon Rice	Richard Henry Robarge	Malcolm Roberts
Timothy A. Root	Prentiss Leroy Smith	Arnold J. Smith
Sterling C. Smith	William Russell Stone	Ripley Alton Swan
James D. Trusty		

## Introducing Muriel Gregory

*by Muriel Gregory*

I am at home in Windham, although I loved Washington, D.C., and resided there for more than 40 years. I'm thrilled to relocate to Windham, Vermont. This area is tranquil with beautiful mountains, covered bridges, wild life and history. I first came to Windham to visit Jim Scott in 2015. That came about because my daughter, Lisa, enrolled her youngest son, Asa, in a summer program in New Hampshire. When she phoned to ask where they could find moose to photograph, I informed her that a friend lived in Vermont, where there were many moose. I suggested she telephone Jim to find out where all the moose were hanging out.

My late husband, Henry C. Gregory and Jim Scott were Pastors and friends, in similar churches, in different cities. Henry was a Harvard man and Jim was proud to be a Yalie. I met Jim

and Bev Scott many years before, when they came to Fredericksburg, Virginia to preach at our church. In fact, Jim officiated at my husband's funeral 26 years ago.

In 2013, two friends and I went to Puerto Rico on vacation. About two weeks after returning home, one of the gals, a former student of Jim's at Rutgers, sent pictures of our trip, and in her note, provided Jim's address and phone number and suggested that I give him a call. She had visited him and mentioned to him that we had traveled together. So, after nearly 20 years of not having any contact, Jim and I touched base.

*Editor's Note: The rest is history. Jim and Muriel were married here in Windham last summer.*



## What's Been Happening in Montpelier? Making Sense of It

by Caroline Partridge

At the time of this writing it is Friday, June 22, and we were on the Floor of the House until 11:45 PM. We are working to find a solution to the disagreement over the budget amongst the House, the Senate and the governor. The looming reality is that without a budget we will have a government shutdown, which will curtail services for Vermonters that need them, and have a very negative effect on our excellent credit rating. Our Treasurer, Beth Pearce, has said that the last time there was a government shutdown it took 40 years to undo the damage.



Despite strong multi-partisan support for the first two budgets we passed, the governor vetoed both of them. The governor would like to be able to say that during this biennium no taxes or fees were increased. The budgets we passed did not raise taxes, but the education funding bill (a separate bill) did, in response to the votes of Vermonters.

Last winter the governor stated that he wanted school budgets to increase no more than 2.5% statewide. In fact they increased 1.7% - his challenge was met and exceeded. Once local school budgets are passed, it is the job of the Legislature to determine how to fund the cost.

To give some perspective, several years ago, the General Assembly adopted a practice of not spending one-time money on on-going expenses. Strict discipline has helped us bring spending growth in line with revenue growth, which was our goal. We also want to make wise investments that bear fruit in the future. The governor's proposal would use one-time money to buy down non-residential tax rates. This practice only exacerbates

the problem in the future. The Treasurer suggested that we invest the one-time money in the teachers' retirement fund where it will have a threefold benefit.

The governor's objection, like last year, came late in the legislative Session. This is particularly frustrating because both budgets we passed came with very strong multi-partisan support. When the governor vetoed them, however, many Republicans were not willing to support the veto override despite their original support for the budget.

We will be back in Montpelier next week trying hard to avoid a government shutdown. If this Session ever ends, you can find me on Old Cheney Road, by email at [cpartridge@leg.state.vt.us](mailto:cpartridge@leg.state.vt.us), or by phone at 874-4182. Don't hesitate to contact me, and remember, together, we govern.

*Postscript:* We returned to Montpelier on Monday, June 25, at 10 AM; reconsidered our late Friday vote; entertained several amendments, which were all defeated; and passed the third iteration of our budget. The governor let it become law without his signature, thereby averting a government shutdown, and we all returned home greatly relieved.



## Chocolate, Cheese and Chili Fest on August 7 Come for the Chocolate ....and STAY for the Cheese and Chili!

by Kathy Jungermann

The eighth annual Chocolate, Cheese and Chili Fest will take place on Monday, August 7 from 5 - 8 PM at the Landgrove Inn. Purchase a ticket and spend the evening sampling food from area chocolatiers, artisan cheese makers, and chefs from local restaurants. In addition to the delicious food, come out to enjoy the live music, a 50/50 raffle, a large silent auction, and cash bar. Tickets are \$15 when purchased in advance, or \$20 at the door.

This event is an important fundraiser for Neighborhood Connections of Londonderry, a non-profit that connects people in need with appropriate services, offers financial counseling and health education, and works with partners, including the Windham Community

## Mosquitos in Springfield Test Positive for West Nile Virus

from News Release from the Vermont Department of Health, June 29, 2018, provided by Rachel Spengler

### Vermonters are urged to take simple steps to prevent mosquito bites

Five mosquito pools collected in Springfield have tested positive for West Nile virus at the Vermont Department of Health Laboratory. These are the first positive pools of the 2018 surveillance season.

The infected mosquitoes were collected by the Vermont Agency of Agriculture and tested at the laboratory as part of an ongoing, interagency mosquito surveillance program that helps the State better understand the risk of diseases spread by mosquitoes.

West Nile virus is spread through the bite of an infected mosquito. Most people who are infected do not become sick, but of those who do, symptoms can include fever, headache, body aches, joint pains, vomiting, diarrhea and skin rash. [Less] than 1% of people who are infected become more seriously ill, with symptoms like high fever, disorientation, tremors, and even paralysis. People age 50 and older have the highest risk of severe disease, if bitten by a mosquito carrying West Nile virus. Symptoms can be treated, but there is no specific [medication or cure] for West Nile virus infection.

West Nile virus has been found in every county in Vermont. Since 2011, 11 cases of West Nile virus have

Organization (WCO), to meet the needs of local residents. They have been providing these services to local communities, including Windham, since 2009, while receiving no funding from the state or federal government.

WCO is happy to support this vital organization and will have a table filled with homemade chocolate delights. Please join us in Landgrove and help to make this fundraiser a great success.

We hope to see you under the tent, rain or shine!



been reported in Vermont residents. No human cases have been confirmed so far this year. There were three human cases of West Nile virus reported in 2017. [Birds, horses and other mammals can also be infected.]

"Preventing mosquito bites altogether is the most important step people can take to avoid West Nile virus and other diseases spread by mosquitoes in Vermont," said Natalie Kwit, DVM, the state's public health veterinarian.

### Protect Yourself from Mosquito Bites

- Wear long-sleeved shirts and long pants when outdoors.
- Limit the time you spend outside at dawn and dusk, when mosquitoes are more likely to bite.
- Use an EPA-registered insect repellent. The EPA has a tool to help you find the right repellent. <https://www.epa.gov/insect-repellents/find-repellent-right-you>
- Cover baby carriages, strollers and outdoor playpens with mosquito netting.
- Mosquito-proof your home by fixing holes in screens and making sure screens fit well into door and window frames.
- Get rid of standing water in things like gutters and empty flower pots, which can become a breeding ground for mosquitoes. If you have a bird bath, change the water every three or four days.



## Valley Bible School by Susan Persa

A three-day Vacation Bible School is planned for July 10, 11 and 12 from 9 AM to Noon at Valley Bible Church in South Windham. An exciting theme of "Jungle Adventure" will feature bible stories, crafts, games and refreshments.

Children ages 4 – 12 are welcome, and there is no cost. Please call 874-7267 for more information and to pre-register.

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## Passes Available to Borrow from the Windham Library *by Maureen Bell*

Please visit the library on Wednesdays from 3-5 PM if you would like to borrow any of these passes, which provide free entry, or come to just look at the brochures and maps for planning your next excursion.

**Retreat Farm** – Located next to the Grafton Village Cheese Store in Brattleboro, where you can lead sheep to pasture, frolic with the goats, make cheese, collect eggs and gather herbs as you explore the learning center, forest playground, children's garden and farm shop. With 9 miles of trails, outdoor activities and special events for all ages, there is always something to do, see and experience at Retreat Farm.

As a center for farm-based education, Retreat Farm is committed to providing high-quality, affordable educational programming through their Children's Farm & Forest program. Launched in 2017, this Program is designed to instill a love of the natural world through farming, play, and hands-on exploration. See more at: [www.retreatfarm.org](http://www.retreatfarm.org)

**Vermont State Park Day Use Area** - Good for free entry into any Vermont State Park Day Use area (up to 8 people in one vehicle); open 10 AM - Sunset. For more information, go to: [www.vtstateparks.com](http://www.vtstateparks.com).

**Vermont State Historic Site** - Good for free entry into any Vermont State Historic Site (up to 8 people in one vehicle); hours vary. For more information, go to: [www.historicsites.vermont.gov](http://www.historicsites.vermont.gov).

## Second Congregational Church Londonderry, VT Turns 150!

*by Sherrie Rice*

The banner is up in the front of the Second Congregational Church, Londonderry to announce the church's 150th anniversary, to be held on August 19, during the morning worship service, followed by a picnic at Pingree Park.

All current members, past members, clergy, supporters, and friends are invited to celebrate with worship, food and games. August 19 will be a day long kick-off, to the year that will reflect the event of 1868, when the church was founded.

**Lino Cut Prints** Sign up NOW for free workshops at Meadows Bee Craft Barn, 4856 Windham Hill Road, 2-5 PM, Saturday, July 7, 5-8:30 PM, Monday, July 9 and Tuesday, July 10. Contact Toni at: [toni@meadowsbee.com](mailto:toni@meadowsbee.com)

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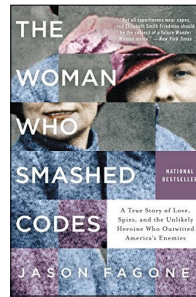
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## Windham Library Book Club Selections

Wednesday, July 11, 2018 - 3:30 PM

*Hillbilly Elegy* by J.D. Vance

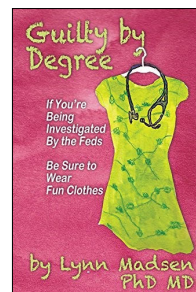
Wednesday, August 1, 2018 – 3:30 PM



*The Woman Who Smashed Codes* by Jason Fagone. This is the incredible true story of the greatest codebreaking duo that ever lived, an American woman and her husband, who invented the modern science of cryptology together, and used it to confront the evils of their time, solving puzzles that unmasked Nazi spies and helped win World War II.

In 1916, at the height of World War I, Elizebeth Smith went to work for an eccentric tycoon on his estate outside Chicago, who had close ties to the U.S. government, and he soon asked Elizebeth to apply her language skills to an exciting new venture: code-breaking. There she met the man who would become her husband, groundbreaking cryptologist William Friedman. Though she and Friedman are in many ways the "Adam and Eve" of the NSA, Elizebeth's story, incredibly, has never been told.

Wednesday, September 5, 2018 – 3:30 PM



*Guilty By Degree: If You're Being Investigated By the Feds, Be Sure to Wear Fun Clothes* by Lynn Madsen, PhD, MD. This discussion might include a visit from the author!!! Epitomizing the phrase, "physician heal thyself," Madsen slowly but finally embraces the great irony that she must leave medicine in order to heal and transform her fears and doubts into truth and freedom.

After the feds visit her patients' homes, then her medical office, the extreme investigation by the federal government for Medicare and Medicaid billing fraud—that to her is a billing error blown out of proportion—continues. After eight months, her heart breaks and she spends five days in the hospital. Eventually, hitting the road, and living for six months in her van named Jane, she finds life after medicine with her new tribe—those living on the fringe of society.

A magnificent act of courage, beautifully crafted, this story needs and wants telling with all its humanity laid bare. This book honors every person's desire to do the right thing, fight the good fight, and find his or her own courage.



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## Grace Cottage Hospital Again Ranks in Top 20 Nationally

*from C.J. King*

For the second year in a row, Grace Cottage Family Health & Hospital has been named one of the Top 20 Critical Access Hospitals (CAHs) in the country for “Best Practices - Patient Satisfaction” by the National Rural Health Association (NRHA). Grace Cottage achieved this exclusive “Top 20” designation out of all 1,346 CAH facilities throughout the U.S., and it is the only CAH in the eastern United States to receive the award this year.

Grace Cottage Family Health & Hospital scored in the Top 20 for this award, among all Critical Access Hospitals in the nation, because of the hospital’s high rankings on the Patient Perspective Index (PPI). The PPI measures the “overall rating” given to Grace Cottage by patients, and the frequency with which Grace Cottage’s patients state their likeliness to “highly recommend” Grace Cottage as a healthcare organization of choice. The Chartis Center for Rural Health was responsible for tabulation of the data, and reporting of results.

“It was wonderful to learn that we received this award last year, and the fact that we have now received it two years in a row, is extraordinary” said Douglas DiVello, Grace Cottage Family Health & Hospital CEO. “We are so proud of the efforts of all of our employees who have contributed to our hospital achieving this designation. Our distinction as a top Critical Access Hospital in the U.S. for Patient Satisfaction means our community can count on us to deliver the services they need, now and in the future, in a professional, compassionate, and caring way.”

Serving healthcare needs of patients in and around Windham County since 1949, Grace Cottage Family Health & Hospital provides 24/7 emergency care, inpatient care, physical and occupational rehabilitation, primary care, mental health services, and ancillary services. It is located on Route 35 in the center of Townshend. For more information, visit [www.gracecottage.org](http://www.gracecottage.org).



## Grace Cottage Hospital Fair Saturday, August 4

Mark your calendar and come to the Townshend Common on Saturday, August 4, any time after 9 AM, for the Annual Grace Cottage Hospital Fair Day!

Voted a Top 10 Summer Event by the Vermont Chamber of Commerce in 2017, and called “New England at its finest” by the Boston Globe, this annual fair features activities to please the whole family: a live all-day auction, bargain booths, books, bingo, free pony rides and face painting, jewelry, classic fair-style food booths, live entertainment, kids games, costumes for kids, and more. Included in this year’s fair is an Arts & Crafts Show, held in the Townshend Church, with all pieces in the show being offered for sale. This all-day event is fun for all ages!

All proceeds from the festivities are used by Grace Cottage Family Health & Hospital to purchase medical equipment and other patient-care items on the “Wish List”.

There is no admission fee, and parking is free. Come and enjoy the fair! Held rain or (hopefully!) shine. For information, visit [www.gracecottage.org/events](http://www.gracecottage.org/events).

Donations for the live auction, white elephant, jewelry and book tents are gladly accepted through mid-July. Restrictions apply. Call 365-9109 for drop-off details. Pick-ups may be possible for large items.

## New Mental Health Family Support Group

The National Alliance on Mental Illness Vermont (NAMI Vermont) is pleased to announce a new family support group that will be offered in Townshend, beginning July 10th, from 6:30-8:00 PM on the 2nd Tuesday of every month. Grace Cottage has partnered with NAMI Vermont to offer the meetings at their Community Wellness Center at 133 Grafton Road (Route 35). NAMI Family Support Group meetings are free, monthly, 90-minute support groups of family and friends of individuals living with a mental illness, gathering together to help one another.

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## TrustedHousesitters.com

by Imme Maurath

Recently my husband and I went to Germany for our son's wedding. It's always a problem leaving home, when you have animals that need taking of. You could pay to put them in a kennel, or have someone stay in your home (for a nice fee - we were gone for 15 days) or you could join TrustedHousesitters.com and have someone watch your animals for free. It's a \$119 membership/year (use my promo code RAF121818, and you get 20% off). A background check is done on everyone and there's a code of ethics. Within four hours of listing my dates, I had a retired couple from Oklahoma respond. Janet and Larry were awesome! They texted me pictures (above with our three dachshunds) while we were away, to reassure me all was OK. They told me it "wasn't their first rodeo".



Next month, we leave for a week to Mexico. This next couple coming to house sit, sold their house and travel all over the world (yes, the world) to house sit. They are from California.

So, if you have animals, including cats, birds, pigs, cows, horses, etc., or just want someone to stay in your home while you are away, check out the site at [TrustedHousesitters.com](http://TrustedHousesitters.com). You can also use this site, obviously, if you want to house sit for others.

## Londonderry Transfer Station Now Accepting Textiles

from Esther Fishman

As of Friday, June 25, 2018 the Londonderry Transfer Station will once again begin accepting clean and dry clothing, shoes and sheets for recycling. Please bring your donations in plastic bags.

Recycling and donating your clothes and shoes will keep them out of the trash, and put them into the hands of someone who can give them a second life.

### OFFICIAL TOWN WEBSITE

Be sure to use the Official Windham Town Website: **TOWNOFWINDHAMVT.COM** for warnings, meeting schedules and minutes, events, town information. Your input is important. Please contact the webmaster, Vance Bell, with ideas or corrections: [webmaster@townofwindhamvt.com](mailto:webmaster@townofwindhamvt.com).

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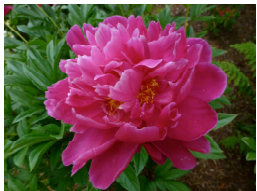
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#### REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETINGS



**Energy Committee:**  
3rd Thursday at 4:30 PM  
at Town Office, July 19  
& Aug 16

#### 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,  
and Federal Holidays. Open every  
fourth Saturday, July 28 &  
Aug 25, 8 AM - Noon

#### Select Board:

1st & 3rd Mondays,  
July 2 & 16, Aug 6 & 20  
at 6:30 PM at the Town  
Office; Open meetings.  
Agenda posted. Check web-  
site: [townofwindhamvt.com](http://townofwindhamvt.com)

#### School Board:

NO Meeting in July, 2nd  
Monday in August, Aug 13  
in AM at the Elementary  
School. Check posting.  
Call Antje Rupert at  
874-4759 to confirm.

#### Planning and Zoning:

Second Wednesday of the  
month at 6:30 PM at the  
Town Office; July 11 & Aug  
15. Open meetings. Agenda  
posted. Call Bill Dunkel at  
874-4131 for information.

#### Library:

Every Wednesday, 3-5 PM  
at the Meeting House.  
**Closed July 4.**  
Book Group at 3:30 PM,  
Wednesdays, July 11 &  
Aug 8 at Meeting House.

#### Volunteer Fire Company:

First Thursday of the  
month, July 5 & Aug 2 at  
6 PM at the Firehouse.  
Heavy refreshments/dinner  
served.

#### Windham Community Organization:

Last Wednesday of the month  
at 7 PM at the Meeting House,  
July 25. **NO Meeting in Aug.**  
Call Ellen McDuffie at  
874-8183 for information.

#### Windham Congregational Church (UCC):

Sundays: **No summer  
services.** Call Dave  
Crittenden at 874-4049.

#### Valley Bible Church:

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

**Listers:** Every Tuesday  
9 AM- Noon at the Town  
Office.

**WRMU Union School District:**  
Third Mondays at 7 PM at  
Leland & Gray. Call Leland &  
Gray for Summer schedule.

#### SAVE THESE DATES!

July 7 - Fourth of July in Londonderry & Gallery Opening at Fourth Corner Foundation, 5 PM  
July 14 - WCO Chicken Barbecue, Meeting House, 5 PM  
August 4 - Grace Cottage Hospital Fair, Townshend, begins at 9 AM - all day  
August 7 - Chocolate, Cheese and Chili Fest in Landgrove, 5 - 7:30 PM  
August 11 - Windham Fire Company Auction, BBQ and Pie Auction, begins at 9 AM - 7:30 PM  
August 14 - Primary Election, 10 AM - 7 PM, Town Office

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## By supporting the *Windham News & Notes*

The next issue of the *News & Notes* begins our **16th** year of bi-monthly publication. We have an all-volunteer staff and depend on your annual support to cover the cost of production and mailing.

Like public radio and public TV, we ask you to contribute whatever you can, with the average contribution being \$15. Your support will ensure that you and others receive Windham's own news source for another year.

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## Juneau Projects

Juneau Projects has kindly collaborated with Two Chairs from afar on Stream: Chapters 3 and 4 (2016 and 2017) with projects that invited audience participation. These projects built on an imagined event, a preoccupation in their work, called 'the Infocalypse' (an imagined technological disaster) prompting their exploration of "post-apocalyptic worlds and the potential usefulness of artists in these fictitious scenarios."

This year, working with Meadows Bee Farm, we are pleased to host Juneau Projects for a residency during the summer. Their engagement with our community will be amplified by their in-person presence. During the residency period they will conduct three lino-cut printing workshops at Meadows Bee Farm's craft barn – open to the community. Selected illustrations will be featured in an upcoming publication co-sponsored by Lismore Castle in Ireland, and due out this Fall.

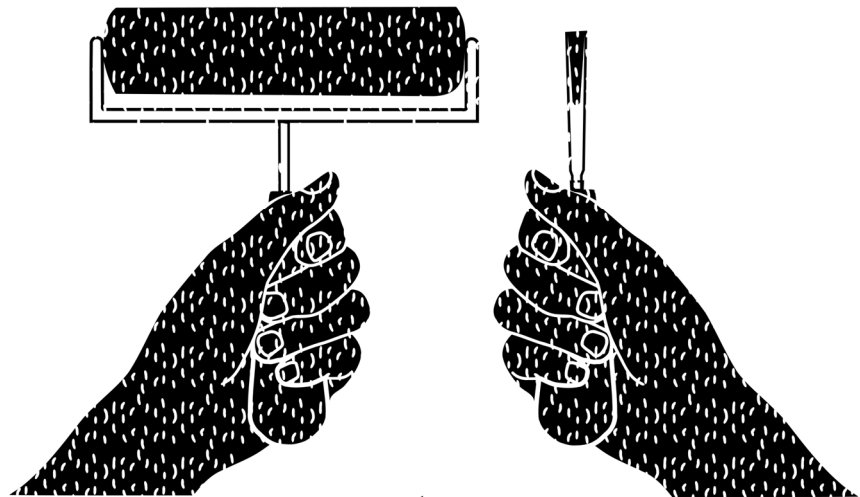
The publication focuses on two communities of people, who are compelled by parasitic fungal spores to create wooden sculptures on which the spores can grow and spread. The story is, in part, inspired by two outdoor works by artist David Nash, one sited in the grounds of Lismore Castle, Ireland, and the other in Windham, Vermont (commissioned as part of Stream 3 by Two Chairs).

# JOIN IN!

Work with artists Juneau Projects to make

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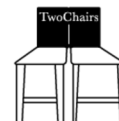
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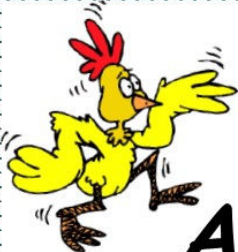


Workshops at  
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2 - 5 pm Saturday July 7th  
5 - 8.30 pm Monday July 9th  
5 - 8.30pm Tuesday July 10th

Juneau Projects will also perform live at Pizza Night!!!!!!  
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West Townshend Country Store, 6573 VT-30, West Townshend, VT 05359

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We welcome submissions from our readers dealing with news, local history, personal adventures or experiences. Gardening, wildlife, natural history, weather and "local characters" are examples of subjects found in past issues. All submissions become the property of Windham News and Notes and will be edited as appropriate. Where possible, editorial changes will be shared with authors before publication.

## **Statement on the Submission of Personal Opinions**

The Windham News & Notes is a bi-monthly community newsletter organized to provide articles of local and regional interest. It is not constructed to be a forum for personal opinions. As such, all articles are subject to approval by the editorial staff and the decisions of the staff are final. Submissions may not be accepted or may be edited to conform to the spirit of the newsletter. Authors will be told in advance of such edits should they wish to withdraw their submission.

We want to thank our readership for their continued support on this matter and encourage those who do want to publish their personal opinions to do so in the many local newspapers that provide this service.