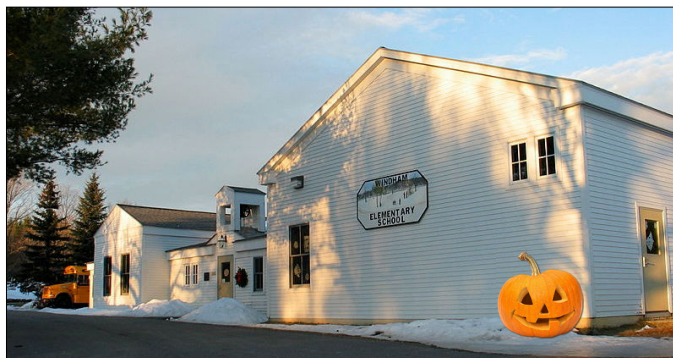




Windham News & Notes



Mark your calendars now!

Very Important Windham School District Meeting and Vote on Monday, November 26 at 7 PM at the Windham Elementary School

From the Windham School Board, submitted by Carolyn Partridge

On October 1, 2018, the Windham School Board voted to warn a vote on the following articles, for a vote on November 6 by Australian ballot:

Shall the voters of Windham Town School

District, if the State Board of Education votes to merge the District into West River Modified Union Education District (also sometimes referred to as West River MUUSD):

- 1. Authorize the School Board to sell the Windham Elementary School building, associated land, and all associated school-related personal property, including the school bus, to the Town of Windham; and*
- 2. Authorize the School Board to close Windham Elementary School effective, June 30, 2019, and to provide for the elementary education of the District's students by paying tuition, in accordance with law, to any public elementary school, or to any approved independent elementary school of the students' parents' choice?*

A Windham resident pointed out that in order to have an Australian ballot vote, we would have had to warn a meeting to have a vote to do so. [Windham votes from the floor unless we have a Town Meeting to vote to have an Australian ballot.] We thank that resident for letting us know, and can only say that we were relying on what turned out to be incorrect information from the Secretary of State's office, for which they have apologized. In short, **the school vote on November 6th will not happen.** *(Continued on Page 2)*

It's Time for the Harvest Supper, Square Dance and Photo Contest

by Imme Maurath and Staff

Mark your calendar now for the **Annual WCO Harvest Supper and Square Dance Saturday, November 10 at 5:00 PM**

at the Meeting House. The traditional dinner will consist of ham, a vegetarian Mexican Cornbread Casserole, butternut squash, baked beans, scalloped potatoes (and a gluten-free version), salad, sweet breads, rolls and assorted homemade pies. The cost: \$10 for adults, \$5 for kids, or \$25 per family. A lively Square Dance, called by Sally Newton, will follow the dinner.

This event includes the very popular Windham Photo Contest sponsored by the Windham Library. Submitted photos (8X10) will be displayed on the walls of the Meeting House for Harvest Supper patrons to vote for their favorites. The winning photos become part of the 2019 Windham Library Calendar, which is a fundraiser for the library. The theme of the contest is "Capturing the Beauty of Windham", so all pictures must be taken in Windham. The only other rule is "no people". Please drop your entries off at the library between 3pm-5pm on Wednesdays. Deadline: Wednesday November 7th. Calendars will be on sale at the library and town office by the end of November for \$10 each.

Hope to see you there!!!



(Windham School Continued from Page 1)

In order to move forward in a timely way, **we have decided to have a meeting of the Windham School District on November 26th at the Windham Elementary School at 7 PM.** Having a vote from the floor does not require an informational meeting, but we felt strongly that we should proceed to have the informational meeting that was warned for October 29th at 7 PM at the school. This meeting was to allow people to be better informed, and prepared to vote on November 26th.

School Board members have been asked if we will definitely take action to sell the school to the town, and close the school. The article authorizes us to sell and close the school if the State Board of Education votes to merge us with the West River Modified Union Education District (WRMUED), but does not require us to do so. **If we are forcibly merged, the WRMUED will take possession of our school, land, and the school bus.** If that were to happen, we would no longer have control over what happens to our building, etc. It would be under the control of the eleven-member WRMUED Board upon which we have one member.

The concept of selling our school to the town would protect our assets and allow the town to use the building for the purposes that we want. There is a group in town that is researching the creation and accreditation of an independent elementary school that could lease the building from the town. The details of the sale would be worked out with the Select Board members, but it is anticipated that it would be sold for a nominal price.

This could well be to the advantage of the taxpayers of Windham. Under the current education

funding mechanism, for every dollar we spend on the upkeep of the school, Windham taxpayers send two dollars to the State. If the town owned the building, taxpayers would pay on a one-to-one basis. Municipal taxes would go up slightly, but education taxes would go down.

If we vote to approve this article, the Windham School Board would continue to exist and would oversee the payment of tuition to any public elementary school, or to any approved independent elementary school of the student's parents' choice. Our payment would be limited to whatever the State allows for elementary tuition reimbursements. If an independent school is established in the Windham School [building], that tuition payment would be limited in the same way.

To give a broader picture of the situation, on October 17th, the State Board of Education preliminarily voted to forcibly merge Windham into the WRMUED. Their final vote is planned for November. The next step is for the WRMUED to warn a vote of the district electorate to accept us into the WRMUED. If the voters reject the idea, we could continue as we are. If they accept us, we could take steps to sell and close the school.

Additionally, the Windham School District will be participating in a lawsuit against the State on a number of grounds, including that this is a "taking" of our property without the voters' consent. Any Windham resident who would like to sign on as a plaintiff is invited to do so. A letter will be available for your signature as soon as the details are worked out. Please let Carolyn Partridge know if you would like to sign on:

(874-4182 or Carolyn.w.partridge@gmail.com)



VOTE, NOVEMBER 6!

10 AM - 7 PM at the TOWN OFFICE

If you would like to register to vote, or request an absentee ballot be mailed to you, you can do that now, and here's how: 1) you can come into the Town Office, or 2) you may register, or request an absentee ballot, online at www.sec.state.vt.us/elections/voters, or 3) you may call or email the Town Office to request an absentee ballot.

Be sure to turn your ballot over to vote for Windham Justices of the Peace.

On Tuesday, November 6, the Town Office will be open for voting from 10 AM-7 PM. If you are in line to vote at 7 PM, you will be allowed to cast your ballot. All absentee ballots must be turned in by the close of polls at 7 PM.



From Mike McLaine's Desk

Some much-needed work was done on the Town Office this summer. New, primed, clapboards replaced those that had rotted, and new water table trim was installed on the south and east sides of the building. Some of the corner boards were also replaced. The picnic table behind the office was also repaired and is now fully functional. Russ Cumming and I worked diligently to do the work, at no cost to the taxpayers (aside from the materials). There is, however, some additional, unanticipated work that needs to be done on the building. The side door and some of the sheathing will need to be completely replaced, as the water that bounced off the concrete steps caused premature weather damage all around the door. These steps should be replaced with a set of wooden steps with a grate, to allow the water to pass through, rather than splash up on the building. Many thanks to Russ for his help.



From the Selectboard

Is everyone enjoying the fall? Did you happen to notice the colors at Lawrence Four Corners a few weeks ago? Beautiful!

Well, the Selectboard has been very busy attending meetings, classes and talks. We're always trying to improve the quality of the work we do for you! One recent and important thing we've done is appoint Richard Paré as our Road Commissioner. Richard brings much experience and knowledge to the position; we are so glad to have him onboard. We look forward to a long and successful collaboration with him. You might have also noticed Ralph Wyman lending a hand. We extend a big thank you to Ralph for stepping out of retirement and back into our road equipment until we get the highway department settled. If you see them, along with Dan Diaz, our newest road crew member, give them a wave and say hello. (Rumor has it they might even enjoy some home-baked goodies on occasion.) They work long and very hard to keep our roads safe for travel. Some of the projects they've been working on as they prepare for winter are installing the new, very large, street signs [mandated by the state], replacing 5 failing culverts, cleaning ditches, grading roads and getting equipment and supplies winter-ready. Whew! Let's wish them a safe winter season.

And that goes for you too – let's all be safe. Please slow down when conditions warrant it. Our motto is "SAFE ROADS AT SAFE SPEEDS". The new road crew team is planning to focus extra attention on balancing efficient use of salt and sand while keeping the roads safe for travel. You may notice some changes in the plowing route, with the salt and/or sand application timing and quantity, and when the roads are "clean & dry" again after a storm event. Please keep in mind that as vehicle owners and drivers, you can have a positive impact on road safety by insuring that your winter tires are in good condition and by driving at a speed that is appropriate for the road conditions – and THAT MAY WELL BE UNDER THE SPEED LIMIT.

And please, if you see anything in town that needs the crew's attention, let us know. We can't be everywhere, all the time, but you can be our eyes around town. There are lots of ways to get in touch with us. Just call Richard at 802-379-5647 (cell) or 802-874-4971 (home). You can also continue to call or email Kord, Bob and/or Maureen to let us know if there's a tree down or any other unsafe road situation you encounter in town. Remember– DON'T TOUCH ANY DOWNED WIRES. LEAVE THAT TO THE PROS.

So be safe and think snow!



A Message from the Listers, Our Winter Hours

We will be transitioning to our winter hours, starting in November. Simultaneously, we will also be switching back to Wednesday hours from our current Tuesdays.

As ever, if you have an issue that needs immediate attention, you may contact any of us at home and make an appointment, or leave a message at the Town Office. Any zoning or 911 signage issues can also be addressed on these days. Here are the dates we will be in the office; hours are 9 AM-12 PM on all dates:

November 7th and 21st; December 5th; January 23rd, and February 20th. In March, we will return to our regular hours of 9 AM -12 PM every Wednesday. We also have an email address, to which we all have access from home: windham.listers@gmail.com. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or concerns.

Alison Cummings, (802) 236-7564
(Zoning Administrator and Lister)

Meredith Tips-McLaine, (802) 875-1550
(9-1-1 Coordinator and Lister)

Russell Cumming, (802) 874-7011
(Lister)

Windham Town Office, (802) 874-4211

Keep Warm!



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Next deadline: December 15, 2018

2019 Budget Planning Schedule for Upcoming Selectboard Meetings:

11/05/18	Listers and Zoning
11/19/18	Town Clerk, Social Services, and Delinquent Tax Collector
12/03/18	Town Office
12/17/18	Review
1/07/19	Roads
1/21/19	Roads



Jon Binhammer of The Nature Conservancy Will Discuss Pending Purchase in Windham



Jon Binhammer, from the Vermont Chapter of The Nature Conservancy, will be meeting with the Windham Conservation Commission on Tuesday, November 13, 2018 at 6:30 PM at the Windham Town Office to discuss the pending purchase of the McGraw property by The Nature Conservancy. This is a large 3,000+ acre tract of high altitude land in Windham and Londonderry.

Jon has been with the Vermont Chapter for over 25 years and he is currently the Director of Land Protection for The Nature Conservancy in Vermont. He has been instrumental in conserving over 26,000 acres in Vermont, including Black Mountain, Eshqua Bog Natural Area, Equinox Highlands, and more recently, part of Turkey Mountain ridge in Jamaica, VT.

This is an open meeting, and all Windhamites are encouraged to attend and ask questions. This is an important natural area right in our midst. Come and find out about its importance and its future management by The Nature Conservancy.



Button Up Vermont Kickoff

by Bill Dunkel



The Windham Energy Committee has decided to participate in Efficiency Vermont's Button Up Hero program, which is designed to help local residents save money and conserve energy by heating their homes more efficiently.

Homeowners or renters who choose to participate in this program can schedule a home visit with a certified energy contractor and receive a free written report on the scope, available savings, and cost of work for making their homes more comfortable and cheaper to heat. In exchange, homeowners agree to

Update on Windham's Veterans Memorial

from Susan Persa and Mary Boyer

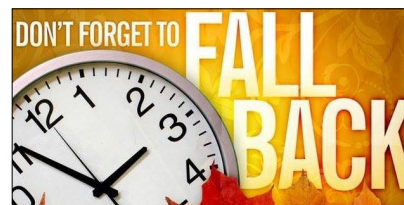


Plans continue for a memorial to honor Windham's many war veterans. The sight will be on the strip of grass between Windham Hill Road and the parking lot in front of the Town Office to the right of the mailboxes. A kidney-shaped area will be excavated for a walkway and two large boulders, one to hold the plaque of names and another for a contemplation bench.

Landscaping will be done by volunteers from the local chapter of the Vermont Master Gardeners and will include perennial and annual flowers, and shrubs.

We are still collecting and refining our list of names. If you know of anyone that was not on the list of veterans published in the 2018 July-August *Windham News & Notes*, or if you noticed any misspelled names, please let Mike McLaine or Jonathan Stevens know on Monday afternoons when the Town Office is open.

We thank all of you who have so generously donated to this project. We have raised almost \$5,000, but still need an additional \$2,000. Fundraising continues, and checks can be made out to the Windham Veterans Memorial, and sent to the Town Office. Thank you for your support.



**SET YOUR
CLOCK BACK
ONE HOUR
SATURDAY
NIGHT!**

complete a short online survey about home energy usage and home characteristics.

To find out more about the Button Up Vermont Hero program, please attend the **Windham Kickoff Event on Thursday, November 8, at 6:30 PM** at the Windham Elementary School. You will have an opportunity to hear from our assigned contractor and to have a one-on-one conversation with him about your residence.

Free weatherization products and gift cards for local retailers will be distributed at the Kickoff. Information about low cost loans and various financing options also will be available. If you have questions, feel free to call Bill Dunkel at 874-4131, or any member of the Energy Committee.

Fire Company News

by Marcia Clinton

Fire Calls:

September 21 - Windham Hill Road, automatic fire alarm. 4 responded.

September 25 - Burpee Pond Road, tree fallen on electric line with sparking. 2 responded.

October 1 - Windham Hill Road, mutual aid with Londonderry Rescue Squad for lift assistance. 5 responded.

October 12 - White Road, chimney fire. 4 responded.

On Wednesday, October 10, 2018, the Windham Fire Company responded to an alarm at the Windham Elementary School; all for the purpose of celebrating Fire Prevention Week. The students were shown the workings of the fire engine, learned the items of the turnout gear the fire fighters wear, and asked multiple questions. Inside the school, they viewed a movie and engaged in a Q & A session with the fire fighters regarding safety in the home.

Cold weather is creeping upon us. Did you have your chimney cleaned in anticipation of burning in your wood or pellet stove, or fireplace? Vermont leads the nation in the use of wood heating per capita. Heating and cooking fires in Vermont continue to be the leading causes of home structure fires. The leading factor contributing to home heating fires is failure to clean creosote from solid-fueled heating equipment chimneys.

To maintain a safe home, have your chimney or wood stove inspected and cleaned annually by a certified chimney specialist. Use only seasoned hardwood and good quality pellets (soft, moist wood accelerates creosote buildup). Dispose of wood ashes in a metal container that can be tightly closed, douse with water, place the closed container outside your home, away from wood decks, building or other combustible materials. Leave in the container for several days before disposing of them.



Windham Fire Company Halloween Party

It was the biggest Halloween party ever at the North Windham Firehouse, Friday, October 26th. Miniature zombies, cowboys, bears, firemen, fairies, moon walkers, a scarecrow and a butterfly; and a Kubota backhoe (he won the prize for most original), plus many adults in costume were there. As the kids marched around, the judges took notes, and prizes for scariest, ugliest, cutest, and most creative were awarded. Then off for a hayride went some. While



they were gone, the other half of the group played musical chairs. The buffet table offered hot dogs, chili, cider and lots of scary decorated treats. There was a jar of candy; whoever had guessed the correct number of pieces took it home. The piñata, filled with toys and candy, took a beating before it exploded. It took talent and perseverance to eat the donut hanging by a string, and many tried. Everyone had at least one chance to select from the overloaded prize table, and each child took home a bag of candy, as the evening ended.

Thank you to all the members of the Windham Fire Company, and especially the volunteers who come out every year to decorate the firehouse, select the prizes, MC the games, provide food and stay for clean-up. We could not do it without all that help. It was a great party, lots of laughs and good food, and now we can't wait for next year to do it all again.



Dawn Bower Is Honored by Senior Solutions

by News & Notes Staff

Please join in congratulating Dawn Bower for being honored by Senior Solutions - Council on Aging for Southeastern Vermont, Inc. at their annual meeting on October 31 in Springfield, VT. Senior Solutions- solicited nominations for its Twenty-second Annual Successful Aging Award. "This award recognizes the accomplishments of a senior who is at least eighty years old and who has demonstrated through deeds and leadership, the fostering of strong communities that encompass and support all ages."

Dawn was nominated by Maureen Bell on behalf of the Windham Community Organization (WCO). At age 83, Dawn is very active and involved in the Town of Windham. She serves on the Planning Commission, the Energy Committee and the Conservation Commission, and attends Selectboard meetings regularly. She volunteers as an Assistant Election official for our town, and she is an officer for the Friends of the Society of the Meeting House. Dawn has been active in the Windham Congregational Church, attends Strong Living exercise group and Windham Library Book Club, and provides flowers for the Town Office planter boxes and floral decorations for WCO events. Dawn is also an active member of WCO and helps get *Windham News & Notes* in the mail.

You can not deny that "Dawn Bower is a Senior All-Star!" Congratulations, Dawn!

Time for the Annual Flu Vaccine!

by Marcia Clinton, Health Officer

Influenza, commonly called "the flu", is a contagious respiratory illness caused by a virus that affects the nose, throat and lungs. Influenza spreads from person to person when an infected person coughs or sneezes. Unlike the common cold, the flu can cause serious illness and can be life-threatening. Each year, influenza is estimated to be responsible for at least 9 million cases of disease, 140,000 hospitalizations, and 12,000 deaths. Last year the death total jumped to over 80,000 deaths.

The flu vaccination is recommended for everyone age 6 months and older. High-risk groups include: pregnant women, breastfeeding mothers, **all adults 50 years of age and older**, residents of nursing homes and other long term care facilities, healthcare workers, travelers, people with certain chronic medical conditions, people with a compromised immune system, anyone with a condition that can compromise respiratory function and people at



Young Farmers Badge

by Leigh Merinoff

Here is a cute photo from our Young Farmers Badge Program at Meadows Bee Farm. These are our proud participants with their jars of kimchi. The sauerkraut for the kimchi was made from cabbage the children grew, and is in containers they also made at the Field House ceramics studio. This was the Third Series of the Young Farmers Badge Program, and included Sauerkraut 1 & 2, AgroEcology 1, and Seed Saving 1.

Series 4, of the Meadows Bee 'Farm Young Farmers Badge Program' begins in January. We will be accepting applications from young farmers 4-10 years of age. The cost for the four sessions is \$30.00. Please contact Toni Kessler at toni@meadowsbee.com for more information.

high risk for severe complications from influenza.

In addition to getting your flu shot, simple everyday actions can help stop flu in its tracks - wash your hands with soap and water, cover your nose when you cough and sneeze, avoid contact with sick individuals, and stay home if you're sick.

Symptoms of flu may include fever (usually high), headache, tiredness and weakness, dry cough, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose, body or muscle aches, nausea, vomiting, and diarrhea. A person who is sick with the flu is contagious. Adults can be contagious from one day before having symptoms to seven days after getting sick. Children can be contagious for even longer than seven days.

[Please stay home when you are sick, and possibly contagious.]



**DON'T BE LIKE THIS CHICKEN!
GET YOUR FLU SHOT!**

James and the Giant Pumpkin

by Annabel Carson,
9 year old resident of South Windham, VT

James is my little brother, and he is 7 years old. He grew a 326 pound "Atlantic Giant" pumpkin from just a little seed. He accomplished this amazing feat with the help of his Gramma, Susan Persa, and two buckets of water with Miracle Grow each day. He entered it in the Eastern States Youth Competition in Springfield, Massachusetts on September 13, and received First Place for largest pumpkin in the youth division. His winnings included a trophy, a ribbon, and \$100 dollars! He plans to take his Gramma out to breakfast. Now he can't wait to try for an even bigger pumpkin next year!



**326 Pounds!
Windham Grows
a Winner!
Congratulations,
James!**



James Carson has lots to be proud of, First Place in the Youth Division

Announcing the Marriage of Kayla and Ben

Kayla Norton and Ben Partridge were married on September 22nd at the Hill Farm Inn in Sunderland, Vermont. It was a lovely day, with Mount Equinox in the near distance, and the leaves just beginning to turn. Kayla looked like a princess in her beautiful dress, and Ben was handsome in his suit and tie. Kayla's sister, Jessie West, was Maid of Honor, and her best friend, Kelsey Hanrahan, served as Bridesmaid. Ben's good friend, Forrest Schwab, served as Best Man. Kayla, Ben, and Forrest all met when they attended St. Lawrence University.

The ceremony, officiated by the Mother of the Groom, Carolyn Partridge, was highlighted when the Hill Farm Inn's cat, Milo, wandered through the wedding party. The wedding



reception and dinner, hosted by Kayla's parents, Chris and Sally Norton, was made especially memorable with music by Kat Wright and the Indomitable Soul Band. A wonderful time was had by all!

Ben recently took a full-time position at Okemo Mountain Resort as Manager of On-Snow Services, and Kayla is Staff Accountant for the Taconic Hotel in Manchester, VT. Ben and Kayla will continue to live at their home on Burbee Pond Road in Windham.

Annual Carol Sing and Tree Lighting

Friday, November 23 at 4 PM at the Windham Meeting House, Chris and Diane Fisher will lead the post-Thanksgiving/ pre-Christmas crowd in favorite and familiar holiday songs, continuing the Windham tradition. Please join this celebration. Hot chocolate, cider, donuts and cookies will be served. Then, on to the lighting of the big Christmas tree in front of the Meeting House!



Russ Cumming with his Windham bounty; from left: Dawn Bower, Bev Carmichael, Russ, Sally Hoover and Mia Clark

Winter Squash is in Season

by Kathy Jungermann

Have you picked up some Acorn or Delicata squash from a farmers market? Maybe you were lucky enough to receive some from a very generous local grower (Looking at you, Russ Cumming!). Here is a tasty way to prepare them.

Delicata squash is easily recognized by its oblong shape and orange or green stripes. As its name suggests, this mild squash has a delicate skin that doesn't require peeling and can be eaten. Acorn squash has distinctive longitudinal ridges on its exterior and sweet yellow-orange flesh inside.

Parmesan Crusted Delicata Squash Rings

- 1 Delicata Squash
- 1 egg
- ½ teaspoon garlic powder
- ½ teaspoon sea salt
- 1 cup grated Parmesan Cheese

A sprinkle of dried basil and oregano
Marinara sauce for serving

Preheat oven to 350F. Cut the squash in half and scoop out the seeds. Cut squash into ¼ inch rounds. In one bowl, whisk the egg, garlic powder, and sea salt. In a



Valley Bible Christmas Services

Valley Bible Church will be having their choir and instrumental concert on Sunday, December 23, 2018, at 11 AM. All are welcome to attend. On Monday evening, Christmas Eve, December 24, there will be a 7 PM candlelight service. The following week, there will be New Year's Eve services on December 31 at 7 PM.

Our regular service times are the same: Sunday School, 10 AM; Sunday Church Service, 11 AM, followed by a Pot Luck Lunch; Sunday Afternoon, 1:15 PM; Wednesday Prayer Meeting, 7 PM.



Farmers Markets Move Indoors

The following area markets are open during the winter months:

Brattleboro: Newly located in the C.F. Church Building at 80 Flat Street. Open every Saturday from November 3, 2018 through March 31, 2019 from 10-2PM. This new location offers free parking, over two dozen vendors, and live local music; 802-869-2141.

Bellows Falls: Indoors at The Great River Art Institute at 33 Bridge Street. Open Friday evening, November 16 and December 21, from 4- 7 PM. Veggies, craft vendors, music and food served; 802-376-9534.

Dorset: the indoor market at JK Adams Kitchen Store, 1430 VT Route 30, opened on October 14. The market operates inside the woodworking shop every Sunday from 10-2PM. Enjoy live, local music, rain or shine; 802-353-9656.

Putney: The 9th annual winter market resumes on November 18, and continues thru December 23. Open on Sundays from 11-2PM, and located inside at Green Mountain Orchards, 130 West Hill Road; 802-387-4052.

To verify or get directions, go online to www.nofavt.org or www.postoilsolutions.org.



second bowl, place the grated Parmesan. Coat the squash with the egg mixture and then drop into the Parmesan, completely coating the squash. Place on a baking sheet lined with parchment paper. Sprinkle with dried basil and oregano. Bake for 20 minutes until golden brown. Broil on high for an additional 2 minutes to get them nice and crispy, if needed. Serve with marinara sauce.

While squash varies slightly in sweetness and taste, you can usually substitute one for another in most recipes. Acorn squash also tastes great prepared this way. It's crunchy, salty, and garlicky - great for a game day appetizer.

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A Confluence of Life Opportunities

by Wren Watts



I traveled for the first time to West Townshend/Windham in 2016 to visit with Kermit Blackwood, a longtime resident of Windham County. We'd been collaborating on various projects for a few years and when an opportunity arrived to work together at the same table, I made the trip from my home in Belmont, Massachusetts to visit with Kermit and Phyllis Trier of Townshend. They had started an animal nutrition company together and needed help with websites, etc. I have kin in nearby Dummerston and looked forward to our meetings at Kermit's home on the Whetstone Brook in Brattleboro. This led us to visit the cooperating farms he's collaborated with for many years, including Taft Hill Farm, Meadows Bee Farm, the Field House, and of course Kermit's collection of birds and animals at Tara. Invariably we dined at the West Townshend Café, which is always a terrific experience, with its local food and community atmosphere. These were such memorable experiences, I realized that if ever an opportunity arose, I might just want to move here.

As fate would have it, that circumstance presented itself, and I searched the area for a perfect spot to nest. Kermit's cousin Khawaga from Egypt made his first visit to the USA last January (during a blizzard, and one of the coldest periods in recent history), and decided that he might like to live here too. He was completely blown away with the West Townshend Cafe, especially Jennifer Hoitt's unique baked goods which are like nothing he had experienced before. When the Cantina Vidorra on Elliot Street came up for sale, a confluence of life opportunities manifested. Khawaga would have a business, with which Kermit and I would collaborate

(with mentorship from Phyllis!). This would give us an opportunity to experiment with a business model that focuses on growing local employment opportunities by utilizing the Slow Food/ Farm to Fork movement, with focus on sustainable agriculture.

Our business is called The Old Egyptian Tea & Noodle house, located on Elliot Street near the Harmony parking lot. Our signature dishes are modern fusion - based on 18th century recipes from Egypt's indigenous cultures (from Kermit's grandmother), and made from local ingredients. Indigenous Native American dishes are also permanent menu items. Local farmer and culinary artist, Andy Earle, is our head chef, and we are working together in collaboration with the Culinary Institute of America's extern and intern programs. They were invaluable in the development and success of Kermit's first experiment in food/farm/art, Mount Kisco's critically acclaimed Flying Pig restaurant. The Old Egyptian will open in November (or December) 2018, from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM, 7 days a week. We have designed it as an immersive "place to be", where folks can relax, drink tea and socialize in a relaxing atmosphere.

I am now a resident of Windham, having purchased the former Mountain Grove Farm on Burbee Pond Road. We are refurbishing the house and property to create an educational center in cooperation with the Slow Food/Sustainable Agriculture movement already underway here. Our apprentice internships will include animal husbandry, with emphasis on forest pasture and selective breeding of a Windham Mithun [a large bovine of northeastern India and China], Taft Hill Copper Scotch hens, and Windham sheep (the two latter breeds nearly 20 years along in their development). The interns will also participate in the creation of our unique dishes at The Old Egyptian. I am the owner/creator of the Pet of the Day websites, which is my mainstay. Please visit petoftheday.com.

Best Regards, Karen "Wren" Watts, your neighbor at Wren's Grove Farm on Burbee Pond Road in Windham.



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Help support Megan Carson, representing Windham, by purchasing holiday wreaths made right here in Windham by Megan and her family. Wreaths are 15" diameter, sell for \$20 each and come with a red bow and pine cones. They will be available for pick up or local delivery by November 24. Call 802-874-4057 to order wreaths by November 22.



Greetings,

My name is Megan Carson. I am in seventh grade, and attend Leland and Gray Middle School located in Townshend, Vermont. I am looking for sponsorships to help me afford the fees associated with participation on the Interscholastic Equestrian Association (IEA) team. As a member of *Horse Amore*, a riding club in Castleton, Vermont, we both host and travel to IEA horse shows in the Northeast, Zone 1. The MISSION of the IEA is to introduce students in middle and secondary schools to equestrian sports, and to promote and improve the quality of equestrian competition and instruction. IEA coaches aim to develop understanding and appreciation of equestrian sports through organized student competitions, and additional equine educational opportunities. Students have the opportunity to earn scholarships toward their college education through awards in competition and through sportsmanship activities. If you would like to sponsor me, you may send your sponsorship to: Megan Carson
911 Chase Rd
Windham, VT 05359

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,
Megan Carson



Transfer Station

2019 Annual Permits for the Londonderry Transfer Station will be on sale at the Windham Town Office in November. (We don't have them yet.) **The Transfer Station is closed on Wednesdays, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day and New Year's Day.** Information on just about everything: recycling, trash, hazardous waste and more at www.londonderryvt.org/recycletransfer.

Grace Cottage Hospital Staff Enjoys National Recognition for Patient Satisfaction

by Jacki Brown

In early October, Grace Cottage Hospital Nurse Manager, Rebecca Lapointe, returned from the National Rural Health Association's annual Critical Access Hospital Conference in Kansas City, carrying a prestigious award.

For the second year in a row, Grace Cottage Hospital achieved national recognition as a "Top 20 Critical Access Hospital (CAH) for Best Practice – Patient Satisfaction." Out of more than 1,300 CAH facilities throughout the United States, Grace Cottage scored in the Top 20 for "Best Practices in Patient Satisfaction" due to the hospital's high rankings on the Patient Perspective Index (PPI). The PPI measures the "overall rating" given to a hospital by patients, and the frequency with which patients state their likeliness to "highly recommend" the hospital as a healthcare organization of choice.

In the accompanying photograph are Grace Cottage staff members who assembled when the 2017 and 2018 crystal awards were brought to the nurses' station: Dr. Kimona Alin (ER Director); Doug DiVello (CEO); Rebecca Lapointe (Nurse Manager); Crystal Moore, Elise Vinton, Shelly Beck (Nurses); Lisa May (Nurse Educator); Brooke Lazar (Housekeeping); Eddie Benoit (Maintenance); Doug Tweedy (Dietary); Jemez Jopin (EMT); John Kim (Director of Pharmacy); Melinda Roy (Occupational Therapist); Amanda Stoddard (LNA); Stacey Switzer (Nurse); Lisa Eaton (CNO); Itara Jacobs (Radiologic Tech); Carryn Francis (Nurse); Diane Bousquet (Occupational Therapist Assistant); Dawn Bathwick (Nurse); and Margaret Herreid (LNA).

Serving the healthcare needs of patients in and around Windham County since 1949, Grace Cottage Family Health & Hospital provides 24/7 emergency care; inpatient care; physical, occupational, and speech rehabilitation; primary care and mental health services. For more information, visit www.gracecottage.org.




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Silver Medal for *Epimediums*

On October 18th, Karen Perkins, part-time resident of Windham and girlfriend of Phil Talbot, was nominated for the Silver Medal for her efforts in the propagation and promotion of *Epimediums*. These are herbaceous, deciduous or evergreen, hardy perennials, commonly known as bishop's hat or barrenwort. Karen is the owner of Garden Vision Epimediums, and has

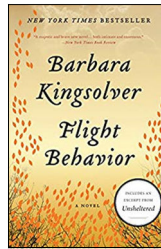


demonstrated her dedication to the science of horticulture and promotion of plants for people to enjoy in their gardens. The award was presented by the Board of Trustees of the Massachusetts Horticultural Society. The Society's Honorary Awards Program continues the 118 year tradition of awarding medals to individuals and organizations for their contributions to 'excellence in horticulture for the public good.'

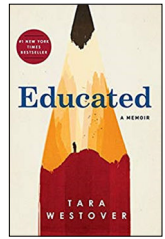
Congratulations Karen!

Windham Library Book Club Selections

Wednesday, November 7, 2018 - 3:30 PM
Flight Behavior by Barbara Kingsolver



Wednesday, December 5, 2018 - 3:30 PM
Educated, A Memoir by Tara Westover



An account of the struggle for self-invention in a coming-of-age story that gets to the heart of what an education is, and what it offers: the perspective to see one's life through new eyes, and the will to change it.



Wednesday, January 2, 2018 - 3:30 PM
Lila & Theron by Bill Schubert

Set in rural America and spanning much of the 20th century, this novel captures the spirit of the American rural experience, as it relates to personal stories of love and sacrifice

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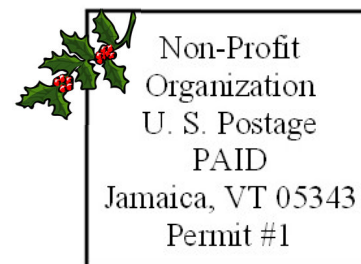


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Be sure to use the Official Windham Town
Website: **TOWNOFWINDHAMVT.COM**
for warnings, meeting schedules and
minutes, events, town information. Please
contact the webmaster, Vance Bell, with
input: webmaster@townofwindhamvt.com.

REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETINGS



Energy Committee:
3rd Thursday at 4:30 PM at
Town Office, Nov 15 &
Dec 20.

Windham Community Organization:

NO Meeting in November;
Dec 12 Cookie Plates and
Yankee Swap at 6:30 PM at
the Meeting House. Call Ellen
McDuffie at 874-8183.

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, Nov 24 & Dec
22, 8 AM - Noon.

Planning and Zoning:

Second Wednesday of the
month at 6:30 PM at the
Town Office; Nov 14 & Dec
12. Open meetings. Agenda
posted. Call Bill Dunkel at
874-4131 for information.

Conservation Committee:

Second Tuesday of the
month at 7:00 PM at the
Town Office; Nov 13 & Dec
11. Open meetings. Call
Alison Trowbridge at
874-7050 for information.

Select Board:

1st & 3rd Mondays,
Nov 5 & 19, Dec 3 & 17 at
6:30 PM at the Town
Office. Open meetings.
Agenda posted. Check web-
site: townofwindhamvt.com

Library:

Every Wednesday, 3-5 PM
at the Meeting House,
Book Group at 3:30 PM,
1st Wednesdays, Nov 7 &
Dec 5 at the Meeting
House.

Valley Bible Church:

Sundays: Sunday School,
10 AM; Morning Worship,
11 AM; Potluck following;
Sun. Afternoon Service,
1:15 PM; Wednesdays, Bible
Study/ Prayer, 7 PM.

School Board:

First Mondays at the
Elementary School at 4 PM.
Nov 5 & Dec 3. Special
Meeting & Vote Nov 26 at
7 PM Call Antje Rupert at
874-4759.

Volunteer Fire Company:

First Thursday of the
month, Nov 1 & Dec 6 at
6 PM at the Firehouse.
Heavy refreshments/dinner
served.

Listers: Wednesdays,
Nov 7 & 21, Dec 5; 9 AM-
Noon at the Town Office.

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

SAVE THESE DATES!

November 6 - Election Day, 10 AM - 7 PM, Town Office
November 7 - Photos for "Capturing the Beauty of Windham" due by 5 PM at the Library
November 8 - Button Up Vermont Kickoff, 6:30 PM, Windham Elementary School
November 10 - WCO Harvest Supper & Square Dance, 5 PM, Meeting House
November 13 - Jon Binhammer of The Nature Conservancy, 6:30 PM, Town Office
November 23 - Annual Carol Sing & Tree Lighting, 4 PM at the Meeting House
November 26 - Windham School District Meeting and Vote, 7 PM, Windham Elementary School