



WINDHAM NEWS & NOTES

Windham Elementary School Graduates Shine



From left: Jack Spengler, Mr. Mickey Parker-Jennings, Jake Desautels and Rihanna Dryden.

by Kathy Jungermann

On the night of June 12, 2019, Rihanna Dryden, Jaycob Desautels and Jack Spengler graduated from Windham Elementary School (WES). The graduation procession was led by Ben Partridge playing the bagpipes in what

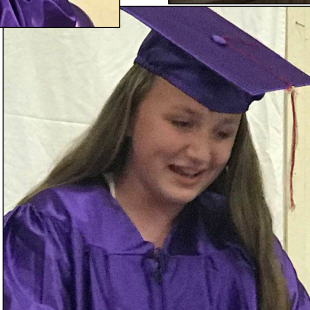
has become a truly treasured tradition. In welcoming remarks, Teaching Principal Mr. Parker-Jennings, reviewed the speeches given by graduates from the last several years, to put the current speakers at ease. The Windham School Board then extended their thanks to teaching staff, support staff, and members of the community for their contributions to the school. Special recognition was given to Gail Wyman, who is retiring this year, and will be greatly missed. In their touching remarks, each graduate spoke about their experience at WES with humor and sincerity. They acknowledged their family and friends, as well as teachers and staff members, who have been so supportive.

Next on the program was a special treat, a video record of the Sixth Grade Trip to New York City prepared by Mr. P-J. The five minute video captured all of their experiences while visiting the top of the Freedom Tower, the 911 Memorial Waterfalls, Ripley's Believe It or Not, Madame Tussauds Wax Museum, Times Square, Penn Station, Dave and Busters, and then finally tasting the world's best pizza at Sally's Pizza.

Diplomas were then presented and graduation caps were tossed in the air. At the conclusion of the ceremony, the other students of WES were invited up to sing for the graduates. For the last song of the evening, all of the alumni present also joined the students to sing *Dona Nobis Pacem*.

Congratulations and best wishes to Rihanna, Jaycob, and Jack, your future is very bright.

Below: Windham Elementary students serenade the graduates with direction from Sally Newton.



Clockwise from top left: 2019 WES Graduates presenting speeches; Jack Spengler, Jake Desautels, Rihanna Dryden.

From the Selectboard – Maureen, Kord and Hal

Together with the Town Clerk, we're working to properly register our roads with the State, which will allow us to regulate speeds and weights on them. The intent is to remove Windham Hill Road as a through route for trucks, weighing in excess of 24,000 pounds, traveling between VT Route 30 in West Townshend and VT Route 11 in Londonderry and Chester; not to restrict necessary truck access to Windham properties.

Timing of roadside mowing is critical to reducing the spread of invasive plants - Wild Chervil and Poisonous Parsnip, among others. The Selectboard will coordinate with the Windham Conservation Commission and Road Crew to identify ideal times for this work. [The first mowing of Wild Chervil was done a few weeks ago.]

The committee studying The Meeting House transition continues to meet and report to the Selectboard. You can read about their progress elsewhere in this newsletter, titled "Windham's Treasure".

We are 'this close' to some summer/fall paving projects. Details are being ironed out right now. We know everyone will be so pleased when this work

Interesting Facts About Windham

by Frank Seawright

Windham is the highest in elevation of any of our six abutting towns. Windham also contributes to three watersheds (West, Williams, and Saxtons rivers) which flow into one or more of the abutting towns. At a recent Conservation Commission (CC) meeting one attendee reminisced about Burbee Pond becoming silted-in over the years, and that lead to this essay.

A demonstration for the CC on using Geographic Information Systems generated a view of two sub-basins in Windham - the area flowing into Burbee Pond/wetlands and also the pond/wetland at Lawrence Four Corners (LFC). The two sub-basins were then compared and discussed with respect to the total area flowing into each, the number of houses located within each, and the river corridors affected.

Windham is 26.1 square miles (16,704 acres) in area and approximately 4,900 acres – 29.3% of the total surface area flows into Burbee Pond and approximately 1,120 acres (6.7%) drain into the pond and wetland at Lawrence Four Corners.

Additional comparisons show that 119 homes are within the Burbee Pond basin and 62 are within the LFC basin. Keep in mind that every home has a driveway, outbuildings, patios, parking area, and perhaps other factors, accelerating stormwater runoff

begins. Culverts around town will also be getting some more attention. [Milling has been done on Windham Hill Road from just north of Cross Road to just south of Wheeler Road.]

Property and Casualty Intermunicipal Fund (PACIF) is the leading provider of Property & Casualty, and Workers' Compensation coverage to municipal entities in Vermont. Their safety coordinator has provided the Road Crew with checklists, procedures, sign-off sheets, etc. that are required to bring the Town Garage into compliance with current safety regulations. PACIF personnel are also providing the Town with information concerning the Fall 2019 Grant Program that may help reduce some of the required compliance costs.

Finally, even though no longer a Selectboard member, Bob Kehoe continues to play a very active role in our beloved Windham and deserves a great big 'thank you'. He continues to work on the Town Garage compliance project and provides the continuity/oversight that is required. We value Bob's input and appreciate the time and knowledge that he still gives us.

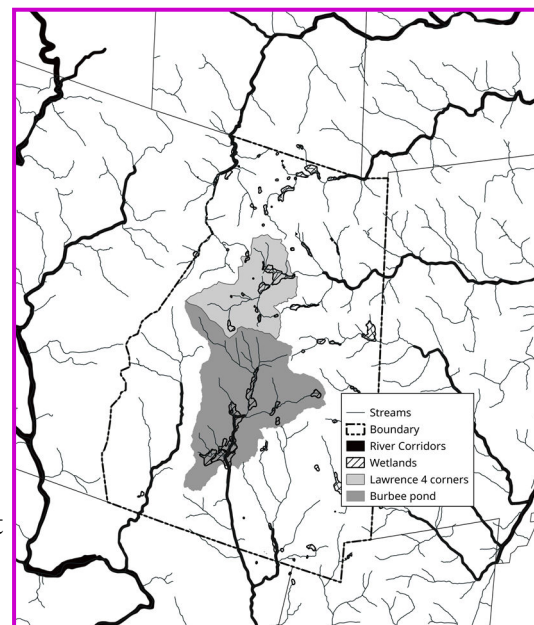
Enjoy the summer!

into the streams, and subsequently into these two sub-basins being discussed.

While it is not possible to reverse what has already happened, it is possible to implement some

measures that will slow, redirect, or otherwise minimize further silting in these two ponds/wetlands. By adopting appropriate stormwater management practices described in the VT Agency of Natural Resources Guide to Stormwater Management found here, we can mitigate the runoff: https://dec.vermont.gov/sites/dec/files/wsm/erp/docs/2018-06-14%20VT_Guide_to_Stormwater_for_Homeowners.pdf.

Implementing these measures will not only benefit Windham, but our six abutting towns as well.





WCO CHICKEN BARBEQUE SATURDAY, JULY 13, 5 PM

by Imme Maurath & Ellen McDuffie

Summer happiness is Windham's Annual Chicken BBQ and Raffle, hosted by the Windham Community Organization (WCO). It will be held on Saturday, July 13, promptly at 5 PM. Mark your calendar today!

Festivities will be held at the Windham Meeting House under the big white tent. We will be serving Walter Woodruff's celebrated BBQ chicken, homemade potato salad, baked beans, green salad, sweet breads, corn bread, and for dessert, strawberry shortcake topped with the "real deal" whipped cream for dessert. \$10/adult, \$5/child or \$25/family.

There will also be a raffle of items handcrafted and donated by Windham residents. Raffle tickets are \$1 each, or six for \$5. All proceeds benefit the Windham community through the WCO.

If you would like to help at the event, please contact Imme Maurath at 875-8755, or to donate to the raffle, contact Cindy Kehoe at 874-7028. Please donate your crafts, handiwork, baked goods, preserves, homemade beer, or even your time and expertise by gift certificate. Please bring these items to the church no later than noon on Saturday, July 13.

The event is held rain or shine, as those who attended last year can confirm! Join us for some summer fun in the sun (sun, hopefully)!

See you there!



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CORRECTION: In the May-June 2019 issue of *Windham News & Notes* on pages 3, 16 and 17, Nevaeh's name was spelt incorrectly. Above are Nevaeh, Beth McDonald and Ben Farrell prepping the 13-year-old ewe named Ivy, Queen of the Herd, for treatment for an abscess on her foot. The farm school students were learning to administer oral and topical herbal remedies to the animals.

Above, on the right, Nevaeh and Lillian are holding baby lambs at Meadows Bee Farm.



If you haven't seen them yet, check out the Nigerian Dwarf goats at 210 Abbott Road. They are impossibly cute!!!!



Windham's Treasure

by Louise and Tom Johnson

The Windham Meeting House – a beautiful, historic building dating from 1802 – is jointly owned by the Town of Windham and the United Church of Christ (UCC). For various reasons, the Church members have decided that they can no longer support their share of the ownership. They have agreed to turn over their portion to the Town of Windham for a nominal amount. A Transition Committee of volunteers has been formed by the Selectboard to determine the feasibility of sole ownership by the town, and the legal aspects of transfer. According to the town attorney, Fisher and Fisher, there are no legal obstacles to the town acquiring the part of the building that it doesn't already own. The consensus of the Transition Committee is that the Town of Windham should proceed with the full acquisition. The Meeting House is a center for many town activities and a part of the heritage of Windham that should remain in public ownership.

Once full ownership is acquired by the town, our town budget would be responsible for the full cost of upkeep and operation. How will this affect taxpayers? Using round numbers, the annual operating expenses for the building are about \$16,000, of which the town already pays about \$10,000. If the remaining \$6,000 were to come from taxes, this would result in an increase of \$0.05 per thousand dollars valuation for property owners. For example, a property valued at \$200,000 would see a tax increase of \$10 annually. Maintenance of the structure of the building would continue to be supported by donated funds to The Friends of the Meeting House, which is reorganizing to raise funds for that purpose.

After acquisition, a committee would be formed to handle ongoing operations, and to promote the use of the building to generate income. Ideas for a fee structure and possible uses are being discussed. There appear to be many possible uses and it seems likely that enough revenue could be generated to completely offset the additional \$6,000 annual expense to the town.

Comments, ideas and suggestions are welcome. Please respond in writing at the Town Office or by sending an email to: meetinghouse@townofwindhamvt.com.

Windham News and Notes Appreciates Your Support

by Kathy Jungermann and Ellen McDuffie

The Windham Community Organization (WCO) would like to extend its heartfelt thanks to all who supported our 2019 *Windham News & Notes* subscription drive, and made it a success! Your donations which are in excess of our printing and postage costs become part of the WCO's general fund. These funds enable our outreach program, GOOD NEIGHBORS, to assist Windham residents in need. We make every effort to retain the confidentiality of those requesting aid, and have recently implemented new procedures to facilitate privacy. The WCO sponsors and organizes events which include the Chicken BBQ in July, The Harvest Supper in November, Pot Luck Lunch on Town Meeting day, and we also participate in the Chocolate, Cheese and Chili Fest in support of

thank
you!

Neighborhood Connections in August.

The *Windham News & Notes* is produced by a small, all-volunteer team. We provide the community with information and education about resources and activities that include local government, our school and churches, community organizations, and feature articles of local interest. We would love to GROW and encourage you to submit articles and photos, or join our team.

If you haven't returned your subscription information yet, it's never too late to do so. Please know that subscriptions run from July 1 – June 30, and are not prorated.

Come and join us at a WCO meeting. We meet on the last Wednesday of the month at 7 PM at the Meeting House. Our next meeting is July 31. For more information call Ellen McDuffie at 874-8183 or Kathy Jungermann at 874-4606.

Thank you for your support! We hope to see you at the Chicken BBQ this Saturday, July 13 at 5 PM. (Gluten-free and take-out meals are available.)

Exploring the Future of Windham

by Carolyn Partridge

At a meeting on November 26, 2018 at the Windham Elementary School, it was suggested that we have a conversation about the future of Windham. What do we want the town to look like in five, ten, twenty years?

In response to that request, we invited Paul Costello, Executive Director of the Vermont Council on Rural Development (VCRD), to join us at the Windham Elementary School on Monday, June 10th at 6:30 PM, in order to start that discussion.

Paul spent time talking about the work of the VCRD and what they might be able to offer to the Town of Windham. He stressed that their job is to listen and facilitate, but any ideas that were generated would be those of the residents of Windham. Paul also said that the VCRD is somewhat booked until the fall of 2020 but that they might be able to come back earlier than that for a community supper, to start the ball rolling. What is needed to start the process is a letter of

invitation from the Selectboard.

A couple of examples of the Community Visit Reports have been left at the Town Clerk's Office. You are welcome to take a look at them. As part of the process, typically, a "Vision for the Future" is developed by the residents for the town. Several priorities and other opportunities are identified to be worked on by task forces made up of community members. If VCRD can be helpful in connecting the town with technical, grant opportunities, or other financial assistance, they will do so.

At the Selectboard meeting on June 17, Carolyn Partridge made a brief presentation regarding the work of the VCRD and it was decided that Kord Scott would draft a letter to the VCRD to be approved by the Selectboard. It was felt that this effort would, in fact, be complementary with other efforts going on in town in determining Windham's assets and resources.



Windham Fire Company Auction and BBQ, August 10

Fire Calls:

- May 2** - Glebe Mountain Road, automatic fire alarm. 5 responded.
- June 1** - Glebe Mountain Road, smoke investigation, found controlled burn. 6 responded.
- June 12** - Burbee Pond Road, power lines down due to car accident. 3 responded.

The annual Auction & BBQ to benefit the Windham Fire Company will be Saturday, August 10, 2019 at the Firehouse on White Road in North Windham. Rain or shine, it will be held under a tent with plenty of seating.

Come early, grab a breakfast egg sandwich with coffee and donuts, and be there for the opening of the Flea Market at 9 AM. Multiple tables of treasures will await you to sort through. And no prices! Just give a donation for the items you wish to take home. There is something for everyone at this all-day Flea Market.

Our auctioneer, John Hall, will start the auction activities at 10 AM, but a preview of everything up for auction begins at 9 AM. Besides donated items, there will be tables loaded with new merchandise from local businesses, plus gift certificates. When you sign up for your auction number, be sure to purchase some tickets for the 50/50 raffle. The winning name will be chosen at noon, but you don't need to be there, so buy extra tickets for friends and relatives. The concession stand will be open throughout the auction offering breakfast, hot dogs, burgers, snacks and beverages.

The festivities continue at 5 PM for the BBQ

dinner, \$10 for adults and \$5 for children under 12. The BBQ buffet will offer chicken, hot dogs, burgers, corn on the cob, salads, rolls and ice cream. All under a tent with lots of seats, and if you wish, take-out is available.

The infamous Pie Auction begins right after dinner, with John Hall presiding. The buffet table is cleared for all the home-made pies and cakes to be on display. Although the Pie Auction is notoriously known for high-price bidding, there are always bargains to be had. Lots of laughter and a fun time for all.

If you have items to donate for the auction, please call Mike McLaine at 875-1550 to arrange an appointment for drop-off at the Firehouse or a pick-up for multiple or large items. PLEASE, NO TV's, computers, mattresses, exercise bikes or machines, books, or clothing. Also we depend on the cooks of Windham to bake a pie, cake or other confections for the Pie Auction. These can be dropped off at the Firehouse on Saturday, August 10th after 4 PM.

The Auction and BBQ is the only fund raiser event for the Fire Company and every year we depend on volunteers to make this day a success. Call Jan Wyman at 875-3373 if you wish to volunteer. We need all sorts of help and not just on Saturday. Bake a cake or pie, check out your home for items you are no longer using that could go to the Flea Market or the Auction, help set up or prepare food the day before, and the list goes on. Besides supporting the Fire Company financially, our other goal for the day is that everyone has a good time, whether working, in the audience, or at the BBQ. See you there!

Thank You from the School Board

by Carolyn Partridge

The Windham Elementary School Board wishes to thank all of the Windham voters who got out to vote on June 11th. In a decisive victory, 508-166, the voters of the towns of Brookline, Jamaica, Newfane, Townshend, and Windham voted to *not* forcibly merge Windham into the West River Modified Union Education District (WRMUED).

What this means is that Windham will continue to have its own school board, which will develop its own budget. The Windham School District will retain its own school property including the land, building, contents, and the school bus, and school will go on as planned for next year. Our teachers will remain the same and we can, thankfully, honor the contracts we signed with them.

In terms of the future, we think it makes sense to start conversations about FY2021 soon. That year, we will see few, if any, children in the 4th grade classroom. Perhaps it will make sense to have a primary classroom only, with an expanded Pre-K program. We will have to make those decisions when we get there, keeping in mind that the addition or loss of even one family can make a huge difference in the conversation and the ultimate choices we make. We would especially like input from the families in town with young children aged 0-9.

The next vote, which happens on July 16th, regards Windham's overwhelming support for leaving the Leland and Gray Union Middle/High School District. On Town Meeting Day 2019, Windham voters overwhelmingly supported, with a 65-2 (and one spoiled ballot) majority, an article to leave the District.

When we joined the District in June of 1969, several things were made clear. Quoting from the minutes taken that day, "That students in the northern portion of the Windham area can attend, at the option and with the permission of the Union District School Board, a school other than Leland and Gray without being counted as members of the Leland and Gray Union High School District for tuition purposes" and additionally, "That membership shall be on grades 7-12 basis".

During those 50 years things have worked pretty well, but recently there have been some changes that haven't worked well, especially for students who choose a high school other than Leland and Gray. Several years ago, a state law was passed that required 7th and 8th graders to attend Leland and Gray even if they were choosing another high school for 9th - 12th, either under the 1969 agreement or through the public high school choice provision. So, someone choosing to go to Green Mountain High School in Chester is technically required to attend Leland and Gray for 7th and 8th grades. In our view, this makes no sense academically or socially.

In addition, the 1969 agreement with Leland and Gray was made for 7th and 8th grades, not 6th grade, which is now being required for members of the WRMUED. While the vote that was just taken allows the elementary school to remain autonomous, the fact that we are still part of the Leland and Gray Union for the purposes of 7th - 12th complicates matters, especially regarding bookkeeping, so if we are allowed to leave the District by vote of the other towns in the WRMUED that aspect will become a lot less complicated.

To be clear, Windham is not allowed to vote on July 16th. (We already voted at Town Meeting.) The other four towns will vote, their votes will be tallied individually, and each town will have to vote in favor of letting us leave, or the vote fails. We encourage people with friends, family, and acquaintances in those other towns to speak with them and ask them to support our desire to leave the District, with a "yes" vote on July 16.

If we are successful, and the other towns let us out of the Leland and Gray District, Windham will become a "choice" town, and we will tuition our students to the middle/high school of their choice, keeping in mind that we will only be responsible for the state public high school tuition rate of reimbursement to families with children in grades 7 - 12.



"Start your day Right" by N&N Staff

When some of our school kids arrived at school without breakfast, Mr. P-J stepped forward. Unwilling to single out any child, he started fixing breakfast for all the kids. For over two years now, he is there every morning prepping and serving each child a nourishing breakfast to start their day.

Gail Wyman tells us the effect on the kids has been amazing. They calmly sit around the breakfast table and have conversations. The lower grades sit at one table and the upper at another. When they enter the class room, they are better prepared both nutritionally and temperamentally. A win-win for every child. And the teachers, too!



School Year Ends on a High

by Gail Wyman

Each spring Windham Elementary borrows an incubator from Mark Emmons, our neighbor across the street. Two dozen fertilized eggs are set in it. On Sunday, June 2, the first egg hatched. The chick peeped his way through Sunday, still in the incubator. Monday, Meadows Bee Farm brought us a heat lamp, and the first little guy spent the day peeping in a large box with newspaper, shavings, a bowl of water filled with rocks so he could not drown, and chicken starter grain, which he would share all the future chicks. With him in the box was a large teddy bear for company. Then on Tuesday, other chicks started pecking their way out. First each child, then another, hovered over the incubator and box whenever they got a chance to watch the chicks. Sally clearly taught them the process for picking up and transporting the new chicks from the incubator to the box. On Wednesday, each child got a half-hour's time to sit at the table where the incubator was, and draw pictures of what they were seeing or imagining was happening. Lots of people checked the new chicks out; visitors to the school, the janitor fussing and checking, and all the students listening for new peeps and doing constant checks on them. It was a great time at the school! All children had to wash their hands after handling the chicks, or even when they touched the side of the box.

What is the plan each year for the chicks??? Sally's project is done at year's end, and when school closes for the summer the chicks go to either the Persa's farm or to someone else who raises chickens. This year Meadows Bee Farm was ready for them.

During the last week of school, Sally's class took a trip to the Montshire Museum of Science in Norwich. If you have never been, check it out. When there you realize how diversified the museum is, upstairs, downstairs, the walk along the Connecticut river, the outside water and the patio where the children can talk back and forth to each other through large cemented-in pipes, the list of activities is endless.

Mr. P-J and another chaperone took the sixth graders on a one day graduation trip to New York City. It was a long day that started at 5:30 AM, and ended past midnight when they finally headed off to bed, at home again.

Once the snow finally went away, and the grass in the field finally dried, almost all students played kickball with Mr. P-J serving as the pitcher and umpire. The kindergartners and first graders were given the first two bases free, with no out. Once they hit second grade, those freebies are gone.

What a great finish to another school year!

Heavenly Voices Heard in Windham

by Mary Boyer

On May 28th, the Windham Elementary School gave its annual Concert. Each spring the entire school performs a stunning variety of songs, demonstrating their new and refined skills. The packed audience heard everything from the familiar Peter, Paul and Mary's rendition of *If I had a Hammer* and the Beatle's *Octopus's Garden* to traditional songs from Turkey, Ghana, Israel and England. Included were American folk songs like *Polly Wolly Doodle* and *Down on the Farm*.

Kate Ullman, Music Director, has the children singing rounds, harmony and syncopation with a few hand gestures thrown in. All children learn how to focus their attention on the Director (rather than looking for parents in the audience, a particular challenge for the younger ones!); listen to their own and the other voices around them; and practice a few foreign languages. Mr. P-J's class offered their rendition of *Glorious*, an inspirational song with lines that seemed particularly relevant:

*There are times when you might feel aimless
And can't see the places where you belong
But you will find that there is a purpose
It's been there within you all along
And when you're near it you can almost hear it*

*It's like a symphony, just keep listening
And pretty soon you'll start to figure out your part
Everyone plays a piece and there are melodies
In each one of us Oohhh it's glorious*

Every year Dan DeWalt does a fine job of supporting their voices on the piano without drowning them out.

It was a delightful evening. We congratulate all those fine voices and give thanks to Kate and Dan for their dedication to the children's learning, and experiencing, good music.



Windham Elementary School's Spring Concert, May 28, 2019



Windham's Green Up Day a Success!

by Ellen McDuffie

Green Up Day was held this year across the state of Vermont on Saturday, May 4. Coffee, juice, Heritage Bakery's Crumb Cake, Louise Johnson's scones and home-made clotted cream, were served at the Town Office from 9-11 AM. There was a

reasonable showing of residents stopping by to get their green trash bags and say "Good Morning".

Thank you to all who braved the mud and dampness to do your part in cleaning up Windham on Green Up Day. The road crew reported that they picked up a record number of bags on Monday - 55! They also reported that Windham collected 3 tires, 5 plastic chairs, 1 plastic tub, 1 bucket and 1 TV.

Hal Wilkins reported that he picked up \$1.25 in deposit cans and bottles (mostly Bud Light, but one Conehead IPA), a gas can and a useable blue tarp on Harrington Road. Nancy Tips stopped by the office to show us a terrarium she found that was made by Mother Nature in an unusual bottle with a small hole in the side. The Jungermann's found half of a dollar bill! Did anyone find the other half?



Leigh Merinoff said, "We collected many beer cans and bottles tossed out of cars on Route 121 and will go back with plenty of bags to get more. There is an old stove down a cliff laying by a stream, but I don't know how we can get it up the hillside to the road for pickup."

Jo-Jo and Jim Chlebogiannis discovered an old TV with "rabbit ears" and a chrome hub cap worth about \$20. They filled five Green Up Day bags on Windham Hill Road from their house to Lawrence Four Corners. Jo-Jo commented that there was considerably less trash in this area than in years past, and that the "serial nips" drinker of tequila who disposes of their evidence on Windham Hill Road, was down considerably this year. There were only about a dozen nip bottles this year."



Maureen and Vance Bell found many "treasures" left behind in years past from The Friendly Gathering in Timber Ridge. "Yeah, we had fun". I think we got nine bags plus extras. There were four plastic patio chairs, a plastic cooler, a truck oil pan, a wooden window box, mini blinds, fuel pumps, a piece of culvert, realtor signs, a tarp, a plastic tote, a styrofoam cooler, a steak knife, a cement mixing tub, lots of take-out clam shell packages, a surprising number of full drink bottles, but the winner was Bud Lite by a landslide!"

Congratulations and thanks to all those who helped clean up our town!

Much Love to the Hescock Family



A Celebration of Life was held for Robert "Bob" J. Hescock, 42, on June 30th at The Wardsboro Methodist Church, with a reception following at the Wardsboro Town Hall.

Bob, who lived in Wardsboro, VT, son of Lissa (Holman) and James Hescock, died suddenly on June 17, 2019

while working in Grafton. Bob was born in Townshend, VT on May 11, 1977. During his high school days, he met his wife of 19 1/2 years, Angela Kehoe. Throughout their high school career, she watched and cheered him on while playing sports, and later playing on an adult softball league.

Bob attended electrician apprenticeship school for four years, then began working as a journeyman for Sparky Electric, where he had been working for 20 years. He was a devoted husband and father to his wife and kids. Bob coached his children's basketball team and was always there to support them. He was an avid hunter and was passing down his knowledge and skills to his children. As a family, they enjoyed going to

Maine to camp and swim and spend time together at Wells Beach.

He is survived by his wife, Angela and their four children, Sydney, Hayley, Cody, and Taylor. Also surviving are his parents, and sister, Melissa Bush and her husband Michael, and their children, of Wardsboro; and his in-laws, Cynthia and Robert (Bob) Kehoe of Windham and their entire family, as well as other extended family members and numerous friends.

In Memory of a great man and awesome father, a GoFundMe account has been set up to support Bob's wife and children in the challenging days, months and years to come as they work thru the healing process. To donate, please go to:

<https://www.gofundme.com/xygmnb>.

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Brooms, Birds, Bowls and Boxes

by Mary Boyer

Our new resident, Brian Newton, was the inspiration for Windham's first participation in Vermont's Open Studio weekend, May 25-26. You will remember Brian was introduced in the March/April issue of *News and Notes*. He is the master broom maker whose studio is on Windham Hill Road. He is also an ardent supporter of other crafters. Brian invited Bryan Richheimer of Sandgate, VT and Heath Boyer, a Windham resident, to participate with him in a joint exhibit of their beautiful and unique crafts. Also on display were Shaker boxes and chairs by master craftsman Peter Baxter who could not be there.

Over Open Studio weekend Brian demonstrated how BROOMS are made. Brooms were one of the first products made by machine at the beginning of the industrial age. Brian has elevated the broom to the level of art form and if you missed the show you might want to drop in and take a look at his collection. It is quite a surprise to see how beautiful and colorful the humble broom can be. Look for the "Open" flag at 5622 Windham Hill Road.

Bryan Richheimer, is a creator of BIRD sculptures. Although many are familiar birds, they take on a new beauty in Bryan's able hands. The sculpted birds are fitted with found wood tails and feathers and are placed on

natural materials chosen for their own beauty. Together, the birds and settings are truly unique works of art.

Heath Boyer brought a small lathe from home and demonstrated how to turn wood cuttings into beautiful and functional BOWLS AND BOXES. Three shelves of small wood items demonstrated his talent and the variety of items he has produced over his 12 years of wood turning.

Peter Baxter is a member of the Early American Life Directory of Traditional American Craft, as is Brian Newton. Peter's Shaker BOXES range from very small to coffee table size. His ladder back chairs are beautiful. Many Shaker villages sell his work, the closest being Hancock Shaker Village in Pittsfield, MA.

Brian modified his barn to create a beautiful show room that nicely displayed all four crafts. The artists were available both days to demonstrate and answer questions. If you missed it, they will be back in the fall for another Open Studio event right around Thanksgiving.



Celebrating Sue Nelson

Susan Barbara Nelson died peacefully at Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center in Lebanon, NH, May 24, 2019 after a heroic battle with cancer. She was a resident of Timber Ridge on Spruce Road in Windham, VT.

"Sue" or "Susie" as she was known to most, was born

October 5, 1942 to the late Marjorie Smith Sheppard in Detroit, MI and was raised in Uniondale, NY.

Her passion for caring for others began early on. Following high school, she became an x-ray technician, a field she loved and would continue in as her career for 15 years.

Sue met her husband, Harold A. Nelson, while in high school, leading them to 61 amazing years together,

with 55 years of marriage celebrated this past March 3. She and Harold had four beautiful children: Sandy, Craig, Sarah, and Tim.

Her passions were many. A beautiful day could find her on a golf course, tennis court, or making scrumptious meals to serve visitors from all over. She welcomed everyone as though they were her dearest, and her retirement years found her and her husband both at home with friends, or traveling to the West Coast to see their children.

Sue spent her spare time caring for others. She was known and loved by so many and all recall the warmth and playful spirit, coupled with a keen listening ear. She was the ultimate hostess and the mom all considered to be their own.

Susan is survived by her husband Harold, four children and four grandchildren. There will be a Celebration of Life August 10, 2019 in Londonderry, VT for all who wish to pay respects, and celebrate who she was. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Second Congregational Church in Londonderry.

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A Tale of 2 Dogs (Pun Intended)

by Kathy Jungermann

The first ever Williamsville International Dog Show was held on Saturday, April 27 at the Williamsville Hall. It was sponsored by One Stop Country Pet Store in Brattleboro and organized by Janine Rose, a resident of Williamsville. The entry and admission fees were a fundraiser for the benefit of maintaining Williamsville Hall. As promised on the poster, the show was a howling success!

Windham residents Louise and Tom Johnson entered their two Collies Greta and Levi (Greta is always first!) and a loyal group of fans from Windham were present to



cheer them on.

Approximately 12 dogs registered to strut their stuff in the show ring in front of the Judge's panel. The dogs competed in many fun categories including Best Tail Wag, Most Shaggy, Best Tricks, Best Attitude, Awesome Eyes, and Best in Show. Toys and treats were awarded to the winners in each category.

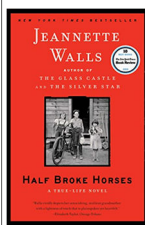
Greta and Levi tied in both the Most Shaggy and Best Gait categories, and Levi was 2nd runner up for Best in Show. Windham is so proud of Greta and Levi!

The dog show was filmed by Brattleboro Community Television and can be viewed in its entirety at: www.brattleborotv.org.

Windham Library Book Club

Wednesday, August 7, 2019 - 3:30 PM

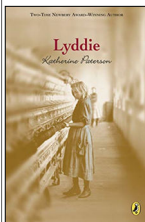
Half Broke Horses by Jeannette Walls



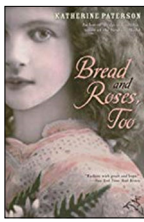
As riveting and dramatic as Isak Dinesen's *Out of Africa*. Destined to become a classic, it will transfix readers everywhere. It is the story of Lily Casey Smith, Jeannette Walls's no-nonsense, resourceful, and compelling grandmother. By age six, Lily was helping her father break horses. At fifteen, she left home to teach in a frontier town, riding five hundred miles on her pony, alone, to get to her job. She learned to drive a car and fly a plane. And, with her husband, Jim, she ran a vast ranch in Arizona. She raised two children, one who is Jeannette's memorable mother, Rosemary Smith Walls, portrayed in *The Glass Castle*.

Wednesday, September 4, 2019 - 3:30 PM

Lyddie and Bread and Roses, Too by Katherine Paterson



When Lyddie and her younger brother are hired out as servants to help pay off their family farm's debts, Lyddie is determined to find a way to reunite her family once again. Hearing about all the money a girl can make working in the textile mills in Lowell, MA, she makes her way there, only to find that her dreams of returning home may never come true.



Rosa's mother is singing again, for the first time since Papa died in an accident in the mills. Mamma is out on the streets singing union songs, and Rosa is terrified that her mother and older sister, Anna, are endangering their lives by marching against the corrupt mill owners in the real events of the infamous 1912 strike.

Windham News & Notes Fun Facts

by Kathy Jungermann and Maureen Bell

With the preceding issue, May-June 2019, *Windham News & Notes* did our annual mailing to all Windham property owners.

FYI - here's some numbers for ya!

- 551 pieces were mailed
- 148 went to zip code 05359
- 403 went to other zip codes
- Total cost of mailing was \$100.01 (with Non-profit permit which has an annual fee)
- 17 cents each for zip code 05359
- 18.5 cents for other zip codes

It took five volunteers 3 hours, to get the issue ready for mailing. A new record! We had plenty of laughs. Maureen Bell said, "People from 'away' who don't do these sorts of things, can never understand when I tell them what fun we can have!"

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VeggieVanGo Mobile Food Pantry

The Vermont Foodbank is making it easier to access fresh food with their mobile pantry VeggieVanGo. This is a free, fresh food distribution program held each month at schools and hospital sites across Vermont. All are welcome and no proof of eligibility or registration is required. Typical items include seasonal fresh produce and occasional frozen or dairy products. Participants are asked to take only what they need for their own household use and to bring reusable shopping bags or boxes to carry their items home.

Grace Cottage Family Health hosts VeggieVanGo on the fourth Thursday of the month from noon to 1 PM, located next to the main clinic entrance at 185 Grafton Road. Please park in the roadside spaces or in the lot across the street.



For further information on this program at Grace Cottage call 802-365-9109. To learn about additional sites that VeggieVanGo visits, see www.vtfoodbank.org.

Chocolate, Cheese & Chili Fest!!!

Monday, August 5, 2019

5 - 8 PM Rain or Shine!



New Location: Motel in the Meadow, Chester
Live music, silent auction, and cash bar

\$15 pre-buy, \$20 at door, kids 16 & under are FREE Call 824-4343 for more information.

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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 WINDHAM MEETINGS

**Citizens Advisory
Committee**, Second
Tuesday of Feb, May ,Aug
& Nov; August 13
at 6:30 PM at Town Office.

Energy Committee:
3rd Thursday of the month,
July 18 & August 15
at 4:30 PM at Town Office,

**Windham Community
Organization:**
Last Wednesday of the month,
July 31 and August 28 at 7 PM
at the Meeting House. Call
Ellen McDuffie at 874-8183
for more info. Join us!

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 27 & Au-
gust 24, 8 AM - Noon.

Planning and Zoning:
Second Wednesday of the
month, July 10 & August 14
at 6:30 PM at the Town
Office. Open meetings.
Agenda posted.
Call Bill Dunkel at 874-4131.

Conservation Committee:
Third Tuesday of the month
at 7:00 PM, July 16 & Au-
gust 20 usually at the Town
Office. Open meetings. Call
Hal Wilkins at 875-7578
for information.

Select Board:
1st & 3rd Mondays,
July 1 & 15, August 5 & 19
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, July 1,
August 7 and September 4
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, No Meeting
in July. Second Monday in
August, August 12 at the
Elementary School at
10 AM.
Call Antje at 874-4759.

Volunteer Fire Company:
First Thursday of the
month, July 11 & August 1
at 6 PM at the Firehouse.
Heavy refreshments/dinner
served.

Listers: Every Wednesday,
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!

July 13 - WCO Chicken BBQ, 5 PM at the Meeting House

July 16 - Other Towns in WRMUED Vote to Allow Windham Out of L&G

August 3 - Grace Cottage Fair, 9-4 PM on Townshend Common

August 5 - Chocolate, Cheese and Chili Fest, 5-8 PM at Motel in the Meadows, Chester

August 10 - Windham Fire Co. Breakfast, Auction, BBQ, 9 AM until 8 PM at the Firehouse





Help for Family Dental Care

According to a recent community health needs assessment conducted by Brattleboro Memorial Hospital; there are about 5,000 adults in Windham County who don't have a regular dental care provider. To address this need, the hospital has collaborated with the United Way of Windham County to open the Windham County Dental Center.

The Center, located at 375 Canal Street in Brattleboro, opened its doors on May 21st. Brattleboro hospital is donating the space, Horizon Dental donated the equipment, and several local contractors made renovations possible.

The Center will accept patients with no insurance, commercial insurance, or Medicaid. Services offered include extractions, fillings, cleanings, and emergency care.

If you are interested to see if you qualify for an appointment call 802-490-2923. To learn more, find the Windham Dental Center on Facebook or visit the United Way at www.unitedwaywindham.org.

More Pictures from Open Studio at Broomcorn Johnny's



Above: Heath Boyer with lathe



Above: Brian Newton making a broom into art





*Mr. P-J making breakfast for
Windham Elementary students*



*Graduates process in. From front to back: Jake,
Rihanna and Jack, with Mr. P-J.*

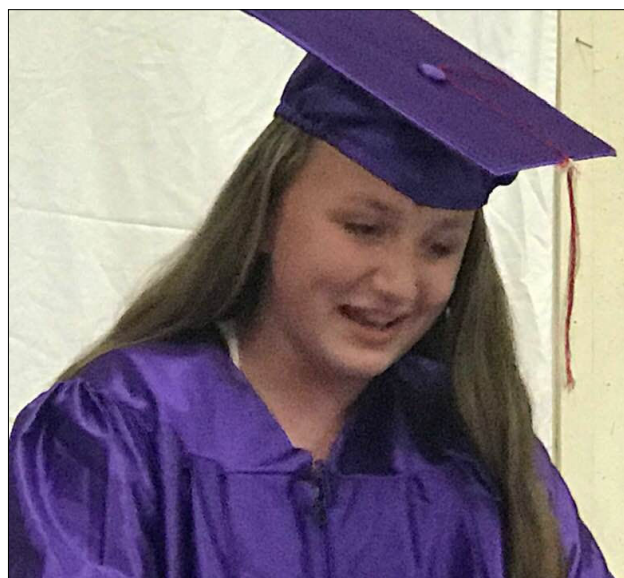


Ben Partridge leading graduation procession



Jake and Jack during graduation ceremony.

Congratulations Windham Graduates!



Clockwise from upper left: Jake, Jack and Rihanna