



# WINDHAM NEWS & NOTES



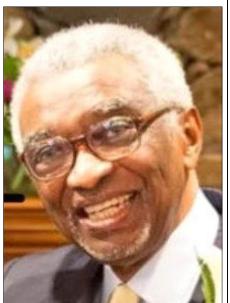
# **Remembering Jim Scott**

1931 - 2021

by Ginny Crittenden and Ellen McDuffie

Who was Jim Scott? An Amazing Man! Preacher, avid gardener, active community member, friend. I knew him as the inspiring preacher who would come to the Windham Congregational Church and the Grafton Community Church with his wonderful wise sermons. I also loved seeing his garden beds full of flowers and the amazing veggies that he shared generously.

The Reverend Dr. James Arthur Scott, with a Masters Degree in Divinity from Yale University and a Ph.D. in Urban Planning from Rutgers University, lived for 40 years in Newark, New Jersey. He came to Bethany Baptist Church in 1963 as its pastor, and grew its membership from 400 to 2,500 by the time he retired in 2000. He met his wife Beverly Dunston while they were both at Yale, and they married in 1957. Also an academic, Beverly earned a B.S. in biology from Bucknell University, M.S. in Nursing from Yale, and Doctorate of Education from New York University. Dr. Beverly was an Instructor at Tuskegee



Institute, a professor at New York University, and concluded her academic career as Professor Emeritus at Rutgers University. She most enjoyed teaching nursing students. Jim always held two full-time positions: Pastor of Bethany Baptist and Professor and Chair of Urban Education at Rutgers University.

In 1963, Jim and Beverly bought their house in Windham on Windham Hill Road for family vacations and their future retirement. When he retired in 2000, Jim and Beverly relocated to Windham.

Jim loved to travel, and through his work in the Baptist Church, he met people all over the world. Under his direction, Bethany Baptist was a pioneer in supporting a post-apartheid church in South Africa and a sister church in Cuba. He especially loved visiting friends in Prague, loving the city's architecture and culture. It seemed like every time you saw Jim, he had either just come home from traveling or he was just about to leave on another adventure. He has preached on every continent except Antarctica, and preached at many Vermont and New Hampshire churches, His last sermon, in October 2020, was on Zoom at Grafton Community Church in Grafton, Vermont.

Beverly passed away in 2011 after 53 years of marriage, leaving a hole in Jim's world and also in our little town of Windham. Jim stayed here and in 2017, he married his good friend, Muriel Gregory. Muriel came to Windham from Washington, D.C. and seems to have found it to her liking, along with traveling with Jim. They went to South Asia on their honeymoon, and a few years later to Machu Picchu in South America. Sadly, Jim's eyesight was failing, and Muriel has been his wonderful partner and strong supporter. During his last years, she has been Jim's "eyes" and has taken loving care of him. Jim loved Muriel, his blended family, his dogs and Windham.

Jim Scott was a pillar of our Windham community and served on many committees, and also as an elected official, during his many years here as a Windham resident. On May 15, 2021, at the age of 90, Jim passed away surrounded by his family.

As a memorial to Reverend Scott, an apple tree will be planted on the Windham School property. Many people knew Jim, and can be reminded of him as the tree grows and provides shade and sweet apples in his memory.

A memorial service will be held at the Grafton Community Church later this summer.

Thank you, Jim, for a life well-lived. You have left this world a better place through those you have touched. I feel honored that you called Windham "Home".

#### News from the Selectboard

Hello and welcome to Summer 2021! Can you feel the change happening around us? Vaccinations against Covid have soared to over 80% in Vermont and that means the start of getting back to normal!! Things are opening up and there is a feeling of optimism in the air. With this milestone having been reached, the Vermont State of Emergency has expired and all Covid restrictions have been lifted. We should begin to enjoy the freedoms of regular life once again, yet remain cautious.

As a result of the State of Emergency expiration, we had our first in-person Selectboard Meeting since March 2, 2020. Wow! The meeting on June 21, 2021 was a hybrid. Some of us were in-person at The Meeting House and others, for various reasons, joined in by Zoom. The Meeting House gives us extra space to spread out, and the Zoom connection makes it easy for people who can't or don't want to join us inperson. We will continue meeting this way, at least for the foreseeable future.

Since we left off last time, the paving of Windham Hill Road has concluded. Shoulder work and striping the road will take place soon. Please remember to watch your speed, as the speed limits have not changed.

You might have noticed Green Mountain Power's tree crews around Town, cutting ash trees from their rights-of-way. If they left you tree trunks, they should be perfectly fine to cut up into firewood, but do not transport the wood to other locations.

The engineer on the project and the Windham Regional Commission held the first "local concerns" meeting about the Culvert replacement project on Route 121. Although the replacement itself won't take place for two more summers, there is a lot of

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To reach the Road Crew, call the Town Garage at 802-874-7025, or Richard Paré at 802-379-5647 (cell) or 802-874-4971 (home). You may also call or email Kord, Maureen or George to let us know if there's any unsafe road situation.

behind-the-scenes work that must be done and the engineering firm will periodically update us as to their progress.

Windham County Sheriff Mark Anderson joined us to explain a little more about the Animal Control Officer (ACO) service that has started up on July 1. As you may recall, at Town Meeting in March, we approved Article 10, which appropriated money for an ACO shared service (with 4 other municipalities). In addition to responding to calls and issuing fines for animals that are in violation of Windham's Animal Nuisance Ordinance and Vermont Statutes, this officer, with much animal experience, will have the ability to impound animals that are found to be in violation of the laws. If there is an emergency and an animal is attacking, please call 9-1-1. Otherwise, to be put in touch with the ACO, starting July 1, please call the Sheriff's department at 802-365-4942. We urge all animal keepers to be good neighbors and responsible animal keepers. Please keep your animals on your own property or under strict control when they are off your property.

There will be some tree work done at The Meeting House soon. We will ask for volunteers to help with the clean-up. In other help-wanted news, we are looking to hire someone with a Commercial Driver's License (CDL) to fill a part-time summer position with the Road Crew. The work involves driving a dump truck, ditching and helping with culvert replacement. If you know someone who might be interested, please have them contact Richard at 802-874-7025. We continue to look for someone to fill the part-time Selectboard clerk position, as well. It's for a few hours per week. Please contact any Selectboard member for a job description.

Please stay well and enjoy the summer! Maureen, Kord and George



Photos of New Pavement on Windham Hill Road

#### WHY GET A COVID-19 VACCINATION?

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by Marcia Clinton, Health Officer

Over 83% of eligible Vermonters have been vaccinated, but less than 50% of the people in Windham have been vaccinated! Because of the state's high vaccination rate, we can resume most of our normal activities from pre-pandemic days, so why bother getting the vaccine now? Because:

- 1. During the warmer months, the chance of contracting COVID-19 virus is very low, but come fall and winter when everyone is indoors and closer together, there is the expectation that the unvaccinated people will become ill. Depending on which vaccine you get, it will take between 4-8 weeks for you to be fully protected from COVID-19.
- 2. Presently, children under the age of 12 years are unable to be vaccinated and are therefore susceptible to contracting the virus. They are advised to continue wearing a mask and maintaining social distancing. You, as an adult, have the responsibility to be vaccinated to protect children and people who are not able to be vaccinated due to a weakened immune system or other health conditions.
- **3.** Unvaccinated adults and teenagers are advised to wear masks to protect themselves and the people around them from getting or spreading COVID-19. Do you really want to keep wearing a mask when everyone around you is finally free from maskwearing because they are vaccinated?
- **4.** The vaccine is free and no appointment is needed at the walk-in clinics. Shaw's, Rite-Aid and Walmart have walk-in clinics. The American Legion Hall in Chester will have a walk-in clinic from 3-7 PM on July 27. On August 7,' at Leland and Grey High School, there will be a walk-in clinic from 2-6 PM.
- **5.** Social media is exploding with false information regarding the COVID-19 virus and the vaccines available for protection from the virus. The website of the Vermont Department of Health, Getting the COVID-19 Vaccine | Vermont Department of Health (healthvermont.gov) is a source of accurate information. Click on the FAQ's page for answers to all your questions.



All Dogs Must Be Registered in the Town Office and Current Rabies Vaccination Must Be on File

Bring or mail certification of rabies vaccination and proof of neuter/spay, if applicable. Fees are: neutered or spayed dogs, \$12. Intact males, females, wolf hybrids, \$18.

You may mail in your registration fee or drop it by the office.



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Open by Appointment for records research 802-874-4211 or 802-875-1550 or email windham.town@gmail.com .



# To Join A Zoom Selectboard Meeting:

The Selectboard meeting information is available from the printed agendas that are posted throughout town on Saturdays before meetings, and are also posted on the town website, or you may email Maureen Bell for an invite at: <a href="mailto:mbellselect-board@gmail.com">mbellselect-board@gmail.com</a>.

#### Windham Fire Company

by Marcia Clinton

Fire Calls:

May 14 – VT Route 11 for motor vehicle accident. 3 responded with the engine.

May 26 - Mutual aid to Townshend for a structure fire. 4 responded with the tanker.

### Windham Volunteer Fire Company Annual Auction

After one year of absence, the Fire Company annual auction and BBQ will return on **Saturday**, **August 14**, **2021** at the firehouse on White Road in North Windham. Rain or shine, it will be held under a tent with plenty of seating.

The day begins at 9 AM for an auction preview and the opening of the Flea Market. Multiple tables loaded with treasures, comprise the Flea Market, which runs all day. And no prices! Just give a donation for the items you wish to take home. Plan on a breakfast of an egg sandwich, homemade donuts, and coffee from the concession stand, while you make those big decisions of what to buy.

Our new auctioneer, Kevin Cretelle, will start the auction action at 10 AM. In addition to donated items, there will be new merchandise and gift certificates from area businesses on which to bid. A 1994 Ski Doo snowmobile 570cc in good running condition, is one big ticket item to be auctioned off. When you get your number for the auction bidding, you can also purchase more 50/50 raffle tickets. The winning name for the raffle will be drawn at noon. 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 BBQ begins at 5 PM. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for kids under 12. The BBQ buffet will offer chicken, hot dogs, burgers, corn on the cob, salads, rolls and beverage. It's 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 Kevin Cretelle presiding. The buffet table is cleared for all the homemade pies and cakes. 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 confection for the Pie Auction. These can be dropped off at the firehouse Saturday, August 14th 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 802-875-3373 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, just in the audience or at the BBQ. See you there!

#### WANTED: SELECTBOARD CLERK

The Selectboard is looking to fill the paid, part-time position of Selectboard Clerk. The clerk provides administrative assistance and clerical support to the Selectboard. Interested candidates must have excellent organizational, verbal and written communication skills, and must be able to attend regular Monday Selectboard meetings, as well as other meetings. For a full job description, please contact Kord Scott, George Dutton or Maureen Bell.

# **MEMORIAL SERVICE** for Mary Newton Western

The family of Mary Western will be holding a Memorial Service for Mary on Saturday, August 21, 2021. The service will be held at the Windham Meeting House at 12 Noon. If you knew Mary and her family and would like to pay your respects, you are welcome to attend the service.

#### TAG/BOOK/CRAFT SALE

The Town Meeting House Committee is sponsoring a multi-table Tag/Book/ Craft Sale on Saturday, September 4, 2021 from 10 AM - 4 PM (Labor Day Weekend). The sale will be indoors at



the Meeting House so we do not have to depend on the weather. The sale will raise needed funds for the Committee's "Wish List" of upgrades, improvements and repairs for the Meeting House. Please come and support us. There is bound to be something you cannot live without!

There are still several tables for rent if you would like to participate. Contact Imme Maurath at: <a href="mailto:ism777oth@yahoo.com">ism777oth@yahoo.com</a>, or 802-875-8755, for availability and particulars.

Ace Cream



#### Thank You to Rescue Inc. !

by Kathy Jungermann

In early May, the Vermont Department of Health expanded its vaccination efforts against Covid-19 "to meet Vermonters where they are". This effort, to get as many shots in arms as possible, included large venues like speedways and walk-in clinics held in partnership with EMS teams. Responding to this endeavor to reach out to those still unvaccinated, Rescue Inc. of Townshend set up two mobile vaccination clinics in the parking lot of the Windham Town Office. Over two dozen people received the Johnson & Johnson single-dose vaccine on the evenings of May 17<sup>th</sup> and June 30<sup>th</sup>. Everyone was welcome and no appointment was necessary.

Windham would like to extend a heartfelt THANK YOU to Drew Hazelton and the staff of Rescue Inc. for providing this invaluable resource to Windham, and for their efforts to bring vaccine doses to those who have been unable to get to a hospital or vaccine distribution center. And a shout out to Erin Kehoe for her heads-up in the effort of helping to keep Windham Covid-safe.



# WCO Cancels Chicken BBQ for 2021 BUT... Holds WINDHAM ICE CREAM SOCIAL

SAVE THE DATE! SUNDAY, AUGUST 22, 3 – 5 PM at the Meeting House

The Windham Community Organization will host an Ice Cream Social, by donation, to benefit the Town Meeting House Committee, which is responsible for the operation and upkeep of the historic Windham Meeting House. Several varieties of ice cream, cones, nuts, cherries, bananas, sprinkles, hot fudge and other toppings will be available for you to create your own original, delicious dessert. All donations, big and small, will go toward the upkeep of this distinctive building, which is a unique Vermont historic building. Your support and generosity are greatly needed and appreciated. We hope you will come out and attend this fun summer tradition, and learn more about our Meeting House!





# **High Speed Internet is Coming! DVFiber Update**

from David Cherry

The following agreement is the result of months of evaluating different vendor proposals. The agreement allows our town, in union with twenty three other towns, to construct and control how we all will get state-of-the-art fiber optic internet. If anyone has questions they can contact me by leaving a message at 802-874-7094.

#### Press Release from DVFiber:

DVFiber, a non-profit municipality created by the State of Vermont, and Great Works Internet (GWI) of Biddeford, ME in partnership with ValleyNet of Royalton, VT announce the creation of a public / private partnership to secure broadband access for every home and business in the 24 towns of the Deerfield Valley Communications Union District (DVCUD). At a special meeting on Wednesday, July 1, 2021 the DVCUD governing board approved a memorandum of understanding (MOU) between GWI and DVCUD.

"We are pleased to begin work alongside GWI to complete this vitally important work" said Ann Manwaring, chairman of the DVCUD board. "With this budding partnership, the vision of securing broadband access for everyone in our district is just that much closer to becoming a reality. We are fortunate to have funding from the American Recovery Act to accelerate our work."

DVCUD was established at Town Meetings in March 2020 when the towns of Halifax, Marlboro, Stratton, Whitingham, and Wilmington each voted to establish the Deerfield Valley Communications Union District. The district now includes 24 towns in three southern Vermont counties. The Town of Windham is a member of the Deerfield Valley Communications Union District.

"GWI is incredibly excited to partner with DVFiber to bring fiber optic high speed broadband to the DVFiber community, driven by choice and community asset ownership" said, Kerem Durdag, President and COO of GWI. "The reliable, robust and affordable open access network will allow the community to participate in 21st century activities like telehealth, remote working, distance education with intent and participation, creating multigenerational opportunities for economic, personal and community development."

Great Works Internet, an Internet Service Provider (ISP), is also a certified B-Corporation, a designation identifying for-profit companies that use the power of business to build a more inclusive and sustainable
economy.
GWI's stated
values support
open access, net
neutrality, and
data privacy.
Based in
Maine, GWI
will bring



ValleyNet to the table as an integral partner. ValleyNet has a nearly 20 year history of broadband network construction and operation in the Upper Valley around White River Junction. ValleyNet currently partners with ECFiber, a 30 town Communications Union Districts (CUDs) in the Connecticut River Valley, Vermont's earliest communications union district.

"There are many solutions to ensure powerful broadband universal access in Vermont and I'm pleased that ValleyNet can be part of the solution for DVFiber," stated Carol Monroe, ValleyNet Board Chair. "It's essential that we leave no town behind. Our partnership with GWI in serving the southern Vermont region brings the strength and expertise of two companies that have experience in delivering a high quality reliable service. This project strives to ensure all premises in the District will be able to receive affordable, accessible, high speed broadband fulfilling the needs of today and for many years to come."

Preconstruction work - engineering and design - is expected to begin this summer and fall, with construction - hanging of fiber on phone poles and drops to customers - beginning in 2022. The DVFiber business plan calls for fiber-based internet to be available to unserved and poorly served areas by the end of 2024. GWI has committed to this goal, and will be coordinating closely with DVFiber on the commencement of the design and construction activities.

"This partnership is a great step forward for Rural Vermont", said Representative Laura Sibilia, who represents six towns in the Deerfield Valley Communications Union District. "Bringing high speed internet to Rural Vermont has been a commitment of mine ever since I was elected to the Vermont House of Representatives. CUDs, which are special purpose municipalities, were established by the Legislature to bring 21st century internet connections to people who live where commercial providers would not go. I am so proud of all the volunteers who came together to make this happen, and I would like to thank the Legislators from all our District towns for their support."

# News of Important Windham School Vote on September 7

by Carolyn Partridge

The Windham School Board held a special meeting on July 13, 2021, in response to a petition that asks for a vote to close the Windham Elementary School on June 30, 2022, and tuition students to public or approved independent schools for the 2022-2023 school year. The Board set the date for this vote for **Tuesday, September 7, 2021**, with the contingency that it be either an in-person meeting at the school or by Australian Ballot.

Given the importance of this vote and the fact that neither the school nor the Meeting House can comfortably accommodate a potential 300+ voters, especially during this time of COVID-19 and its variants, I contacted the Secretary of State's Office and spoke with Will Senning, who oversees elections, to determine if we could legally conduct an Australian Ballot. Under normal circumstances, we vote from the Floor, and to have an Australian Ballot requires an extra meeting to change our vote to Australian ballotwith required warning periods. Will Senning confirmed that the Legislature passed, and the governor signed, Act 162 in 2020, which allows all public questions to be voted via Australian Ballot through 2021.

Closing the Windham Elementary School would be a huge step to take, and we want citizens to be fully informed before they cast their votes on September 7. To that end, we have asked Superintendent Bill Anton and Financial Officer Laurie Garland to prepare documents that, to the best of their ability, indicate what things would look like financially if we continued to operate the Windham School versus tuitioning students elsewhere. They will also prepare a list of "a la carte" items that we might want to include in the final budget, in either case.

Our expectation is that these scenarios will be available to us at our regular meeting on August 17 at 6 PM at the school and via Zoom. As a heads up to parents, on August 17, we will also be determining the school bus route for 2021-2022. We will have another meeting on August 24 at 6 PM at the school and via Zoom to further discuss the documents from Bill Anton and Laurie Garland, and other School Board related topics. On Saturday, August 28, we will have the statutorily required public information meeting at 10 AM at the school.

What also needs to be considered are things like transportation, if the school were to close. Because we are still part of the Leland and Gray Middle/High



School Union district, our students will continue to attend Leland and Gray unless they opt for another school through public school choice. Transportation would most likely continue to be provided to Leland and Gray, but transportation to elementary schools probably would not, unless students were attending Townshend Elementary and got on the bus with the middle/high school students. Details like this need to be explored and considered carefully so people, especially parents, know what will be required of them if the Windham School closes.

Please mark your calendars for the following dates:

August 17, 2021, 6 PM at Windham Elementary

 regular School Board meeting with information and school bus route planning.

August 24, 2021, 6 PM at Windham Elementary

additional School Board meeting with further discussion.

August 28, 2021, 10 AM at Windham Elemetary

 Statutorily required information meeting prior to Australian Ballot vote.

**September 7, 2021, 10 AM – 7 PM, location TBD** 

Australian Ballot vote.

# Warning! Bears are Breaking into Cars in Windham!

Not only are catalytic converters being stolen off of cars in our town, but there is a bear who is opening unlocked car doors and searching inside for something to



eat! Do not leave food in your car overnight, and you may also want to consider locking the doors to keep these crafty creatures out! You may want to secure the doors to your house at night, and not leave food (or seed) near an open door or window.

A bear's strongest sense is smell. They are thought to have the best sense of smell of any animal on earth. It is so acute that they can detect animal carcasses upwind and from a distance of 20 miles away. You should just assume that they can smell the food in your car or house. A bear has a sense of smell that is approximately 2,100 better than a human. (Source: nih.gov)

#### **Profiles In Community**

Edited by Carolyn Rubin

This column is to highlight friends and neighbors who live and/or work in our community so we can get to know each other better. We rely on each other as neighbors, committee members, providers of services, etc. Or you may just be new in town. If you have suggestions that will contribute to this column, please let me know jzrubin@comcast.net.

#### **KEITH GUSTAFSSON, Tug Boat Captain**

I am Keith Gustafsson. My wife Rory and our son Davin moved up to Vermont about three years ago. After years of coming to Vermont to snowboard and visit friends we decided to make this our home. For us, Windham was perfect, being within an hour in any direction to snowboarding, mountain biking, hiking and enjoying the beauty of Vermont.

I grew up in a little beach town, Rocky Point, on Long Island, New York. (Same as Rory, but that's later in the story)! My childhood passion was riding my bike. It was everything to me to go exploring. In time, it turned into hitting jumps and racing BMX at a local track, then traveling statewide for competitions. Age switched me to mountain and road biking (no more BMX), and my love of surfing eventually got me snowboarding, which brought me to Vermont.

I always wanted to be in the Navy flying jets, but I was too short, so I became a Captain on a tug boat in New York Harbor. I move oil and gas from New York to other ports on the East and Gulf Coasts. I started in the maritime industry at the bottom of the ladder, moving people on the Port Jefferson Ferry. This was a great place to start. I got my entry level credentials from the U.S. Coast Guard and became an O.S. (Ordinary Seamen) which got me working on bigger boats. It took two years to acquire enough sea time to climb the next step of the ladder. To get to be a Captain and be in the Wheelhouse was like climbing a mountain. It took years of sea time, exams, more licenses, trainings and classes (from first aid to firefighting), so that you can be totally able to care for the crew and the ship at sea 24/7.

Working on a tug boat is a huge responsibility. The boats have gone from 80 foot long with 100 foot barges, moving sand from Perth Amboy, NJ, to 130 foot boats with 400 foot barges, moving oil and gas anywhere on the East or Gulf Coast to Puerto Rico. The crew consists of only six men, being your own first responders, relying on each other for everything; from getting the barges full of products to transporting them to their destinations through all sorts of weather, engine problems, mechanical failures, and crew illnesses and accidents, while out to sea for weeks



at a time. I now work 30 days on and 30 days off. And as the Captain, I am responsible for all of it: the crew, the boat and the product.

I have always been adventurous whether it be hiking, biking, surfing, or snowboarding, and I've done some canyoneering in Utah too! But I was single. It was a challenge to find a partner with whom I could share adventures with. Five years ago, back in my home town, in a local bar, chatting with friends about biking tours of the five boroughs of New York, a beautiful young bartender chimed in expressing interest in the bike tour. Her enthusiasm got the team together, organized the training so we could all do 40 miles on a bike, and even got team shirts for a bunch of misfits called "DEKS WRECKS". During these training sessions, Rory and I started our "Love Journey", completing bike tours in NYC, NJ and Upstate NY, as well as Tough Mudders and Spartan races.

Everything I ever wanted had become real. I knew there was a future. Rory and our son Davin became a family, and then we found Windham. We researched elementary schools for Davin, who would be entering the 4th grade, and Windham Elementary was perfect. We found a house to rent, enrolled Davin in the 4th grade where he excelled. He graduated last year, and now attends Leland and Gray. Rory found a job at Dartmouth-Hitchcock as a Radiation Therapist. Now we snowboard when there's snow, and bike when there's no snow.

Moving to the end of my story for now, and to the beginning of my next chapter. Rory and I just got married at our home on Windham Hill Road on June 19th. You might have heard the celebration. We have made the family complete. With buying a house, and our recent marriage, we have fully dug our heels in and made Windham our home. This tiny, quiet community has made us feel welcome from the beginning, and we plan to stay!



### Wedding in Windham A Perfect Day, in A Perfect Place

by Kathy Jungermann and Carolyn Rubin

The Windham Community would like to congratulate Rory Alethe Rosselot and Keith Gustafsson on their marriage on June 19. On a lovely day in Windham, guests were led into an open area on their property where Keith had spent weeks building an exquisite outdoor cathedral where the ceremony would take place. The nuptials were officiated by a close friend of the couple, and his enthusiasm and affection for Rory and Keith drew everyone in, and focused the guests on the ceremony. After the vows were exchanged and everyone had a chance to congratulate the couple, guests were free to roam the lovely grounds and relax while being serenaded by live music from local musicians. Sparkling string lights lined the tent where a delicious buffet took place at tables decorated with candles and foliage. After dinner, a rock band took over and the barn was transformed into a bar and dance floor. In this comfortable, familiar, and beautiful setting, friends and family from near and far gathered together to extend their best wishes to Rory, Keith and Davin. Windham is very fortunate to have them call our community home!

#### **Strong Living**

by Imme Maurath

Hello, friends and neighbors! We have resumed our Strong Living classes. They take place on Mondays and Thursdays at 10 AM at the Meeting House. The classes take about an hour (depending on how much talking we do!) and include a warm-up, then exercises with weights for your arms and legs, and lots of stretching in between. There is no charge for the class, just volunteer donations. Hope to see you there!

#### Thank you for your Generosity!

by News &Notes Staff

Once again we asked for your support during this Covid-19 pandemic, not knowing if we would be ready to gather for our annual Chicken BBQ, and you really came through! We have decided to forego the barbeque again this year, but we are planning for an Ice Cream Social on August 22 and a fun Harvest Supper and Square Dance in November.

Windham Community Organization (WCO) and Windham News & Notes (N&N) are so appreciative of your generosity. During our recent annual subscription drive, you opened your hearts and your wallets to help support our organization, and thereby, your Windham neighbors. We can't thank you enough! All donations that are not spent on producing and mailing N&N become part of WCO's general funds

As we begin our 19<sup>th</sup> year, we want to remind you that *N&N* is published under the umbrella of the Windham Community Organization, which is a 501(c)3 non-profit corporation. Our mission is to assist Windham residents in time of need, provide the community with information and education about available resources and activities, foster active involvement in the community and organize events that bring people together. We sponsor the WCO Chicken BBQ, the Harvest Supper and other events. It has been extremely difficult for us to give up our community interactions and events during this pandemic, but we are ready for a return to "normal".

Our *N&N* team is all-volunteer and it is truly a community effort to get our newsletter out to you. We encourage you to submit ideas, articles and photos to include in our publication. Are you new in town, do you have a new baby or a new grandchild? If so, we would love to hear from you. We also appreciate all the positive comments we have received from you, and we hope you will support our advertisers as well.

If you would like to join us, WCO meets on the last Wednesday of the month, at 5:15 PM at the Meeting House. Our next meeting is July 28. For more information please call Ellen McDuffie at 874-8183 or Kathy Jungermann at 874-4606.



### Windham Energy Committee Window Dressers Storm Window

**Inserts** by Bill Dunkel

If it is difficult and expensive to heat your home in cold weather because you have drafty windows, you can get air-tight storm window inserts for very little money - perhaps even for free. The energy committees in Windham, Wardsboro and Londonderry are working with Window Dressers, a non-profit organization based in Maine, which produces custom-fitted interior storm windows, made of wood and heavy plastic, which are efficient, attractive and very inexpensive.

Window Dressers will train a few local volunteers this summer in how to use a laser tool to precisely measure windows. These volunteers will visit homes in August and the measurements they take will be sent to a Window Dressers hub in Maine, where their personnel will custom cut and label the pieces of each window frame. The frames, plastic, special tools and even assembly tables will be delivered, most likely to a location in Windham, in mid-November. Over the course of several days,

local volunteers will assemble the windows using a five or six step assembly line process that Window Dressers has perfected over the years. The tasks are easy to perform, require no special skill or advanced training, and no power tools are used other than a simple hand drill.

A community sponsored build brings people together and makes it possible to produce windows for as little as \$30, \$40, or \$50 for small, medium or large sizes, respectively. Low income families may be able to purchase windows for as little as \$5 to \$10, and in some cases windows may be available for free. Much more information, including a price list and videos, can be found on the Window Dressers website: (www.windowdressers.org).

If you are interested in having windows made for your home, or if you have questions, or need more information, please contact me or any member of the energy committee.

Bill Dunkel, Town Energy Coordinator bdunkel1455@gmail.com; 802-874-4131

Other Energy Committee Members: Dawn Bower, Vance Bell, Tom Johnson, Michael Simonds

### **Londonderry Tri-Mountain Club**

by Randee Keith

Londonderry Area Tri-Mountain Lions Pam Nichols and Pat Glabach are smiling over the 290 pounds of non-perishable foods, personal hygiene products and \$475 in monetary donations collected at the 'Food From the Heart' drive on Saturday May 22<sup>nd</sup>. Tri-Mountain Lions Gail Wyman and Randee Keith helped set up the collection area in front of Londonderry Hardware at 10:00 AM, and collected and boxed items generously donated by community members and weekend guests to our area.

Thank you to all who donated. A big thank you to the folks at Londonderry Hardware who let us set up in front of their store, and to Jamie who wrote a check to match the \$475 collected. As our banner states, "Kindness Matters". The proceeds from this drive are divided between Londonderry's Neighbor's Pantry and the Winhall Community Center Food Shelf.



The lucky winners of 2021 Tri-Mountain Lions Club Annual Duck Race on July 3<sup>rd</sup> on the West River (photo on left) were Jon Foster of Mount Holly, 1<sup>st</sup> place winnings of \$175; Elizabeth Grant of Winhall, 2<sup>nd</sup> place winnings of \$125; and Bart Colburn of Londonderry, 3<sup>rd</sup> place winnings of \$50. This Duck Race is our Lions Club's major fundraiser for the coming year. Thank you to all who purchased tickets. We truly appreciate the support.

After a year off due to Covid 19, the Tri-Mountain Lions will be back doing vision screenings this fall in our local schools.

Stop in at our booth at the Bondville Fair in August to pick up some free ear plugs for the track events.

Interested in becoming a Lion?? Contact <u>Randee.55@comcast.net</u>.

#### **News from Windham Elementary**

by Sara Wunderle

This past school year (which ended on June 14) certainly has been one that we are all happy to see leave, but was one that we want to celebrate. Our Windham students came to school prepared and ready to learn back in September and they never once complained or questioned the rules that we had in place to keep us all safe from COVID. We took each day as it came and through it all, we were able to make some amazing memories during these past 168 masked school days. As our Windham Field Day T-shirts stated this year, each one of our WES students are All-Stars for showing determination and perseverance throughout the 2020-2021 school year. Congratulations to all our students and their families for a fabulous year! We are Windham Strong!

The end of our school year brought many wonderful opportunities to wrap up 168 days of masked school days!

Troy Wunderle, from Wunderle's Big Top Adventures, spent a full day at Windham school and provided our students full access to all sorts of juggling, manipulative objects, and balance apparatus. It was a wonderful day had by both students and teachers! A HUGE thank you to Susan Haefner and Sally Newton for working with our students to provide the wonderful theatrical and musical performance at the end of May. In the midst of this last year, to have our students be able to express themselves on stage and enjoy the process of producing a play and singing/dancing to their favorite songs, was a joy to witness.

The first week of June we decided to call it Spring Fling week, and students and staff had specific dress up days. The days included Crazy Hair Day, Pajama Day, Inside Out & Backwards Day and Color Day.

Memorial Day found students learning facts about our American Flag and what it means to respect and honor the flag. The entire school visited the Windham Center Cemetery and placed flags at Veteran's graves. We talked about the proper placement of where the flags should go, and that placing a flag shows respect and is a thoughtful gesture for those that have fought for our country.

With just a few days to spare, we were able to finish the last herbal medicine project towards the Meadows Bee Farm - Herbal Medicine Badge. This project focused on learning about different types of herbal teas and what ailments each can help alleviate. They then learned how to take the leaves of two herbal plants, mint and raspberry, grind them, and put them in tea bags to enjoy with their families at home.

Outdoor learning with Sally and Mr. B ended with a wonderful trip to Hamilton Falls. What a

beautiful little spot, so close to our little school, to explore and enjoy.

Thanks to the wonderful volunteers, Nate and Erin Kehoe, Bob Kehoe, Alexis & Erik Mialkowski, George Dutton, & Amel Larrabee, for helping us to remove the old playground in June. The new playground equipment has



been shipped, and we hope installation will begin by early August, ready for the students in September.

Windham Elementary Summer School will be held on August 2-6. Email to be sent in July with more specifics and sign-up information. The days will be half days - 8:30 AM to 12:00 PM. There will be a mixture of some academics that will include some assessments to better prepare for the students' return to school in September, some outdoor activities, music/art/PE, snack time, and getting the new students used to the safety protocols and use of PPE.

School starts on September 1.

# Congratulations to Oliver Corriveau, for graduating Kindergarten! Great going, Oliver!



For more photos of the children participating in all of these activities, go to: http://www.windhamschool.org.

#### **COVID-19:**

#### Why you should be vaccinated

by Pat McLaine, Doctor of Public Health

Although COVID-19 vaccination rates in Vermont are high, some Vermonters have been reluctant to get a vaccine even though this has been recommended by local, state, national and international experts. With the increase in more number and percentage of infectious COVID variants, such as Delta, we should all understand the benefits of getting immunized. Here are some reasons you should get the COVID immunization:

Do it for yourself – vaccination will protect against the Delta variant, the most common COVID virus strain now causing illness and death. [Almost all deaths in the U.S. are currently in unvaccinated individuals.]

Do it for your kids – young school-age children (under 12) can't get vaccinated yet, so they are at risk. Results from clinical trials on how well the vaccine works for younger children (7-12) are expected this fall. If the results are positive, vaccines will likely be offered to children 7-12 this fall, but the youngest children will remain unprotected by vaccines. We will need high levels of community vaccination and masks and social distancing to protect them. Their protection is related to high rates of vaccination among parents, teachers, staff and anyone who spends time with young children. Vaccination will enable kids to safely attend school, play sports, and to participate in school and community activities.

**Do it for your co-workers** – We spend more than half of our awake time at work, often more hours than we spend awake with our families. Being vaccinated offers our co-workers protection from COVID-19. Some adults with immune system disorders or diseases can't get immunized so their protection relies on all of us getting vaccinated.

**Do it for your parents and extended family** – we all anticipate resuming family relationships and visiting our parents, grandchildren and extended family face-to-face. Once you are vaccinated, it's easier to

Gerry Amsden is no longer collecting scrap metal. Please do not leave scrap metal for him,. His son Evan is still collecting refundable aluminum cans and plastic bottles, These can be left in a bag at the bottom of the Amsden's driveway at 7995 Windham Hill Road. Evan also collects old bikes, fixes them and resells them.

Londonderry Transfer Station takes scrap metal. Ask attendant where to leave it. A Transfer Station permit is required.

travel – by car or plane or train – and you won't have to quarantine.

**Do it for your community** — with the state opening up, we are able to meet again in public spaces. The higher our community rate of vaccination, the less chance that the COVID-19 virus will spread, because fewer people are susceptible.

Do it for Vermont – our state of Vermont is a leader in vaccination rates among US states. Higher vaccination rates means fewer cases, fewer hospitalizations, fewer deaths. Help us keep Vermont safe and Vermonters healthy. We are seeing fewer cases related to outbreaks compared to 2020, indicating that COVID-19 has nowhere to go when such high percentages of the population are vaccinated. Right now, the median age of new COVID cases is roughly 30 (Vermont Digger: Officials encourage Vermonters to talk to their families about getting vaccinated, July 2, 2021), meaning that young adults who haven't been vaccinated are at high risk for getting COVID.

#### Here are some steps you can take:

- Find a location to get free COVID vaccination near you: <a href="www.healthvermont.gov/covid-19/"waccine">www.healthvermont.gov/covid-19/</a>
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- Have a conversation with your health care provider to discuss vaccination for you and your loved ones including children.
- Talk with your family and friends about concerns and benefits.
- Get your child vaccinated as soon as you are able. That's now for children 12 and over.

Remember, we're all in this together. What you do matters to you, to your family, to your friends and neighbors, to our community and our state.

Stay safe – get your vaccine and help us end the COVID-19 pandemic!



#### WATCH YOUR SPEED!



The speed limit on Windham Hill Road through Windham is 40 mph on most sections. **BEWARE!** 

IN THE SCHOOL ZONE (in front

of the school, the town office and the cemetery). <u>IT</u>

<u>DROPS TO 25 MPH, 24 HOURS A DAY, 7 DAYS A</u>

<u>WEEK</u>. The Sheriff's Department gives out stiff tickets for speeding, whether you are a resident or not! And the speed limit is <u>30 MPH THROUGH SOUTH WIND-HAM!</u>

#### REMEMBERING DELORES BARBEAU



from Neighborhood Connections
We are deeply saddened by the recent passing of our beloved friend, Dr.
Delores Barbeau. Delores, along with Gloria Dawson, Carol Olsten and Carol Robbshaw, founded
Neighborhood Connections in 2009 to provide social services to the residents of the mountain towns of southern Vermont.

Professionally, Delores was a physician, but she was so much more - an advocate, teacher, friend and supporter of all people.

A celebration of her extraordinary life is planned at The Weston Priory, located at 58 Priory Hill Road, Weston. The schedule is as follows:

Friday, August 13 at 5:15 PM there will be a Eucharistic Celebration at the Weston Priory Barn Chapel.

Saturday, August 14th at 10:30 AM there will be a procession from the Weston Barn Chapel to the Priory Cemetery for internment. A Testimonial Service immediately follows the internment. All are then invited to a shared meal.

Throughout the day, Neighborhood Connections will host a celebration of Delore's life through

photos and videos in the Priory's Visitor Center. Delores established a fund in her name at Neighborhood Connections intended to carry on her mission. You can contribute to The Delores Fund through Neighborhood Connections.



**MOUNTAIN MARKETPLACE** 

**Junction Route 11 & 100 Londonderry** 

#### **Windham Library Reopens**

The Windham Town Library is <u>open again!</u> Please join us on <u>Wednesdays from 3-5 PM</u> in the Meeting House. <u>In addition, we will now be open on Sundays from 1-3 PM.</u>

Our book club discussions take place at 3:30 PM on the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesdays of the month. On August 4, the discussion will be about *The Water Dance* by Ta-Nehisi Coates, and on September 1 we will discuss *The Night Watchman* by Louise Erdrich.

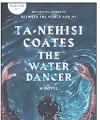
We received a grant enabling us to purchase a new computer and printer for the library. These will be installed soon. You will be able to use these devices to access the internet, write documents, produce spreadsheets, print files and more. Look for more details soon.

Lastly, through the Department of Libraries, we have received **free Vermont State Park and Historic Site Passes to lend you**. They are good for up to eight people in one vehicle. Please ask any of the Library Trustees about borrowing one of these.

We look forward to seeing you at the Library. Chris, Cindy, Eileen, John and Maureen

#### **Book Club**

#### Wednesday, August 4, 2021 - 3:30 PM



**The Water Dance** by Ta-Nehisi Coates

Young Hiram Walker was born into bondage. When his mother was sold away, Hiram was robbed of all memory of her, but was gifted with a mysterious power. Years later, when Hiram almost drowns in a river, that same power saves his life. This brush

with death births an urgency in Hiram and a daring scheme: to escape from the only home he's ever known. So begins an unexpected journey that takes Hiram from the corrupt grandeur of Virginia's proud plantations to desperate guerrilla cells in the wilderness, from the Deep South to dangerously idealistic movements in the North. This is the dramatic story of an atrocity inflicted on generations of women, men, and children--and the war they waged to make lives with the people they loved.

#### Wednesday, September 1, 2021 - 3:30 PM



The Night Watchman by Louise Aldrich.

Winner of Pulitzer Prize in Fiction 2021 It is 1953. Thomas Wazhushk is the night watchman at the first factory to open near the Turtle Mountain Reservation in rural North Dakota. He is also a prominent Chippewa Council member, trying to understand a new bill that is soon to be put before Congress. Called

an 'emancipation' bill; but it isn't about freedom - it threatens the rights of Native Americans to their land, their very identity. How can he fight this betrayal?

Contact Maureen Bell at 875-1024, for more information and/or the Zoom link.

#### Grace Cottage News from C.J. King



### Mostly-Virtual FAIR DAY! August 1 - 8

Yes, the world is starting to open up! Still, in abundance of caution, Grace Cottage will hold its 2021 Hospital Fair Day as a mostly-virtual event.

A wonderful collection of unique items will be offered in the online auction, August 1-8 at <a href="https://www.32auctions.com/GraceCottageFairDay">www.32auctions.com/GraceCottageFairDay</a>.

A White Elephant Sale will be held on Eileen Fahey's porch (across the street from the hospital, 108 Townshend Road) during the month of July.

And best of all, a small in-person Fair Day will occur on the Townshend Common on **August 7**, 10-2 with live music, food and pies, and t-shirts and hats for sale. All of these help raise much-needed funds for hospital equipment and infrastructure.

For more information, visit www.gracecottage.org or call 802-365-9109.

#### Townshend VeggieVanGo New Schedule

The July and August "VeggieVanGo" free food distributions, hosted by Grace Cottage Family Health & Hospital and organized by the Vermont Foodbank, will be held on THURSDAYs, July 22 & August 26. Food is distributed in front of Leland & Gray Middle & High School; please enter via the school driveway on Peaked Mountain Road (behind Messenger Valley Pharmacy).

VeggieVanGo helps people obtain fresh fruits and vegetables for a healthy lifestyle. All are welcome, and no proof of eligibility is required. For information, visit <a href="www.gracecottage.org">www.gracecottage.org</a> or call 802-365-9109.

# Senior Solutions Helps Vermonters with Food & Fuel Benefits

While we may be seeing the light at the end of the pandemic tunnel, the economic challenges that have faced us all are ongoing – and for many older Vermonters, the challenges of paying for food, fuel, and medical bills are very real. And yet, 60% of older Vermonters who are eligible for assistance such as 3SquaresVT do not participate!

<u>3SquaresVT</u> is a nutrition program that helps you put healthy food on your table. A family of two with a monthly gross income of \$2,659 or less, or a single senior with an income of \$1,969, may be eligible to receive funds for food, as either cash in the bank or on a card that works just like a debit card.

A new program, "3SquaresVT in a SNAP", makes it even easier! If everyone in your household is at least 60 years old or receiving disability benefits, and no one is earning income from employment, you can apply with a simpler application and you can keep your benefits for three years with no additional paperwork. You may qualify even if you have money in the bank, own your own home, or are employed.

As we have already had our first summer heat wave, heating for the winter might be the last thing on your mind...but **the time to apply for winter <u>Fuel</u>**Assistance is <u>now</u>. 3SquaresVT and Fuel Assistance can both be applied for in a single application. Fuel Assistance helps with winter home heating bills, and may be used for fuel oil, propane, electricity, and even wood heating.

Simply call the **Senior HelpLine at 802-885-2669** to start the process for either program. Senior Solutions can help you find other programs you may be eligible for, such as Medicare Savings Programs, Prescription Drug Assistance, Meals on Wheels, and others. We will help you through every step of the applications.

Senior Solutions is the trusted non-profit agency and has operated as the area's Council on Aging since 1973. It does not charge any fees for helping area residents. Please call now for assistance.



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#### **London Transfer Station**

by Esther Fishman

The Transfer Station will be <u>closed on</u> Sundays until further notice.

#### **Job Opening - Londonderry Transfer Station**

The Town of Londonderry is accepting applications for a part-time (5 hours per week) Transfer Station Attendant to work on weekends. Backhoe experience preferred.

Applicants are asked to submit a required Employment Application, which can be found in the Town Forms section of the Londonderry web site: <a href="www.londonderryvt.org">www.londonderryvt.org</a>. Submit via email to: <a href="townadmin@londonderryvt.org">townadmin@londonderryvt.org</a> or mail to: <a href="Town of Londonderry">Town of Londonderry</a>, 100 Old School Street, South Londonderry, VT 05155.

Position is open until filled. The Town of Londonderry is an equal opportunity employer.



#### TAKE IT OR LEAVE IT SHED REOPENS

The Take it or Leave it Shed reopened Monday, June 28th from 12-3 PM each day.

**NO ELECTRONIC DEVICES** 

**NO BEDDING** 

**NO VHS TAPES** 

NO BROKEN/UNUSABLE ITEMS

NO CLOTHING/SHOES-bring to Thrifty Attic or place in One World bins in plastic bags

ALL ITEMS SHOULD BE IN GOOD WORKING CONDITIONS

#### When in doubt, ask the attendant

Thank you for your cooperation.

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

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

Town Road Commissioner: Richard Paré, cell phone: 802-379-5647 or call the Town Garage, 874-7025

Lister and Zoning: Alison Cummings, 874-7223; cobbbrookfarm@gmail.com; Lister: Russ Cumming, 874-7011

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

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Windham Fire Warden: Rick Weitzel, phone: 874-4104; Ralph Wyman, phone: 875-3373

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

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REGULARLY SCHEDULED WINDHAM MEETINGS CALL CONTACT TO CONFIRM

Citizens Advisory Committee, Second Tuesday of Feb., May, Aug. & Nov. at 6:30 PM. Contact Marcia Clinton at 875-3531,

Energy Committee:

3rd Thursday of the month, at 4:30 PM on Zoom, Contact Bill Dunkel 874-4131.

Windham Community Organization:

Last Wednesday of most months at the Meeting House at 5:15 PM. Contact 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, 8 AM-

Planning and Zoning:

Second Wednesday of the month at 6:30 PM usually at the Town Office. Open meetings. Agenda posted. Contact Bill Dunkel at 874-4131.

Conservation Committee:

Third Tuesday of the month usually at 7 PM. Contact Alison Trowbridge at 874-7050 for information.

Select Board:

1st & 3rd Mondays at 5:30 PM at the Meetina House or on Zoom. Open meetings. Agenda posted. Check website: townofwindhamvt.com

Library:

Wednesday, 3-5 PM and Sunday 1-3 PM Book Group at 3:30 PM, 1st Wednesdays on Zoom or at the Meeting House. Contact Maureen Bell at 875-1024.

Valley Bible Church:

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

Windham School Board: NOTE CHANGE: Third Tuesday of the month at 6

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PM. Contact Beth McDonald 874-4015 or Russ Cumming 874-7011 for information.

Next meeting July 20.

Volunteer Fire Company: First Thursday of the month at 6 PM. Contact Jan Wyman at 875-3373 for information.

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

West River Education District: Third Mondays at 7 PM at Leland & Gray. Call Leland & Gray 365-7355 for info.

#### SAVE THESE DATES! ALL DOGS MUST BE REGISTERED for 2021 at the Town Office

August 14 - Fire Company Auction & BBQ, Begins at 9 AM on White Road

August 14 - Memorial Service for Delores Barbeau, 10:30 AM, Weston Priory

August 21 - Memorial Service for Mary Western, Noon at Meeting House

August 22 - Ice Cream Social, 3-5 PM at Meeting House

August 28 - Informational Meeting on School Vote, 10 AM at Elementary School

September 1 - Windham Elementary School begins classes



# Windham News & Notes Annual Subscription Drive



This issue of the *Windham News & Notes* begins our **19th** 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 about \$15. Your support will ensure that you and others receive Windham's own news source for another year. Again, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Windham Community Organization needs your support more than ever, as the future of our fundraising activities for 2021 is still unclear. We ask you to be as generous as you can. Additional contributions, over and above what are needed to produce and mail the newsletter, will go toward helping neighbors in times of need. Windham Community Organization is a 501(C)3 non-profit, ID#41-2201889.

#### PLEASE PRINT THIS FORM (PAGE 17)

#### Check the desired boxes below, and return this entire form to:

Windham Community Organization, 5976 Windham Hill Road, Windham, VT 05359.

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# **Photos from Windham Elementary School**





Residency Artists - Troy Wunderle and Susan Haefner



# Spring Fling









### Memorial Day







# Meadows Bee Farm - Herbal Medicine



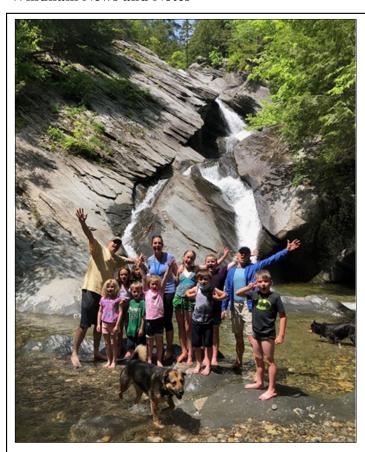






Hamilton Falls Trip (and top of next page)







New Playground Progress!







