



# WINDHAM NEWS & NOTES



## Veterans Memorial and Honorary Plaque to be Dedicated Sunday, November 14 at 2 PM

by Susan Persa and Mary Boyer

It is surprising that it was four years ago that we had a fund raiser to memorialize and honor the men and women of Windham who have served in the nation's military in war time from WWI to the present. A year and a half of research was spent identifying names. Another year was spent designing and editing a plaque large enough to accommodate more than one hundred and fifty names. We chose Bronze and Granite of Greencastle, PA to make the plaque. We had barely confirmed our order when COVID put foundry work on hold for another year. Now, after countless delays, our beautiful plaque is here, and has been mounted on a native Windham stone and is standing in front of the Meeting House.

Our Road Foreman Richard Paré extracted the huge stone from the property of Russ and Joyce Cumming, and very adeptly placed it upright at the Meeting House. Steve and Imme Maurath and Walter Woodruff did the chiseling to embed the plaque.

We are grateful for the very generous donations from the community and your suggestions of names of family members, friends and acquaintances you wanted remembered. We are deeply grateful for the many hours spent by Jonathan and Elizabeth Stevens whose research produced many of the names on the plaque. And to Richard, Steve, Walter and Imme for the final touches.

Most importantly, we offer our humble gratitude to the men and women whose names will now be memorialized and honored. Sadly, after the plaque was in production, we were given several names which we had missed. Those names will be listed on a framed calligraphy certificate which will be hung in the Town Office for public viewing. It will enable us to add names which were overlooked and to continue the work of honoring our future Veterans.

We would like to continue this project of honoring our Veterans by collecting more information about the individuals on this plaque. If you have a memory, or have been inspired by one of these people, we invite you to write a brief story and leave it for us at the Town Office. We will put together a book and perhaps post it online for future readers. And, of course if you know of someone who should be honored, please let us know.

**The dedication will be at the Meeting House on November 14th at 2 PM. Light refreshments will be served afterwards by Windham community members.**

[Editor's note: Many thanks to Mary and Heath Boyer and Susan Persa for spearheading this project! All of your time and effort is greatly appreciated! And it is such an honor to those who have served. Imme Maurath will be landscaping this area in the spring.]





## News from the Selectboard

Most of the gorgeous foliage and Halloween are behind us now for another year. Next up is Thanksgiving and the onset of winter. Make sure you're ready with hats, mittens, snow tires, scrapers and plenty of hot cocoa! You will find our Winter Roads Policy in this issue. Please become familiar with it and pay extra attention when you see snow plows out on the road.

**We are looking for a part-time plow driver. NO CDL IS REQUIRED. If you are interested, please call Richard at the Town Garage: 802- 874-7025.**

We have received a lot of "loose animal" complaints and are working with the Sheriff's department to gain control over the situation. Please remember that **dogs must be licensed and on leashes or under voice command** when they are off their owner's property.

The temporary repairs to Wheeler Road after the July 29 storm are complete and the road is open once again. Thanks to our Road Crew and contractor Scott Carson for all they've done to make this happen. The long-term, final repairs have been designated as a

FEMA-funded project and will take place over the next several years.

Undoubtedly, you've seen other road projects happening around Town. As part of Act 64, the Vermont Clean Water Act, some ditches in Town are getting the treatment they need to reduce road erosion and allow for proper roadside drainage. If you want a good, in-depth explanation of exactly what happens roadside, speak with Richard – he explains it beautifully.

With the number of Covid cases still high in Vermont, we ask you to continue to be careful. Remember that vaccination clinics are open, new age group availability is opening up and booster shots have been approved for many individuals.

Stay safe.

Maureen, Kord and George



*Above and below: Wheeler Road following July 29 storm*



*Above: During reconstruction*

*Right, above and below: Road repaired and ready for traffic*





## Results of School Closing Reconsideration Vote

by Ellen McDuffie

On September 7, 2021 the registered voters of Windham voted on the following two articles:

**Article 1:** Shall the Windham Elementary School be closed and all educational operations at that location be terminated at the end of the 2021-2022 school year and shall the voters authorize the Board of School Directors to provide for the education of the School District's PK-6 pupils by paying tuition in accordance with 16 V.S.A. §21(a)(1)? YES or NO

**Article 2:** Subject to voter approval of Article 1, shall the voters of the Windham School District pursuant to the provisions of 16 V.S.A. §821(d) authorize the Board of School Directors to pay tuition for its PK-6 pupils at an approved independent elementary school or an independent school meeting education quality standards? YES or NO

### The results of the September 7 election were as follows:

Article 1: Yes - 137; No - 135 The article passed.

Article 2: Yes – 121; No - 146 The article failed.

Spoiled or Blank - 5

Total number of ballots cast: 272

Total number of registered voters: 362 (including same-day registrations).

The Town Clerk received a request for a recount, which Vermont law describes the process in Article 17. Thus, a recount took place on Saturday, September 11, 2021 at 12 PM at the Meeting House. The results above were verified.

A petition was then submitted to the Town Clerk, signed by 111 registered voters, requesting a reconsideration of the vote on Article 1 above.

According to Vermont statute, it was necessary for the voters of Windham to revote on Article 1. **The revote was held on November 2, 2021 and the results were as follows:**

142 voted "No"

139 voted "Yes"

7 ballots were defective/spoiled. One certificate envelope was unsigned, one voter sent two certificate envelopes signed by the same voter, one voter voted "yes" and "no", and four voters did not put their ballots inside the signed certificate envelope.

288 voters cast ballots, both absentee and in person (16 more than September's vote)

The article failed. The school shall remain open.

In summary, the voters of Windham voted by two votes on September 7 to close the Windham elementary school after the close of the 2021-2022 school year. Then in a revote on November 2, by a margin of three votes, Windham voted to keep the school open. We seem to be equally divided on this issue.



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**Next deadline: December 20, 2021**

### Town Office Hours

**Monday Noon- 8 PM**

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**Wednesday 10AM - 2 PM**

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**Christmas Day**

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**Please use hand sanitizer and wear a face mask.**

### 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:

[mbellselectboard@gmail.com](mailto:mbellselectboard@gmail.com).

## **Reforging the Alliance, Part 1**

by Michael Pelton

In the 1790s, a fledgling nation called the United States of America experienced a series of extreme weather patterns. Droughts and harsh winters lead to scientific minds debating the possibilities of a warming trend. These individuals included Thomas Jefferson, as well as Noah Webster (of the Webster's Dictionary). The USA had experienced events such as Washington delivering the first "State of the Union Address" on January 8, 1790. Word traveled slowly, so to increase efficiency and organization, the Post Office Department was established 1792. A potential succession of hostilities between the US and Great Britain was optimistic after the establishment of the Jay Treaty. This marked the beginning of a controversial base upon which America could build a sound national economy and assure its commercial prosperity. The summer of 1794 brought the Whiskey Rebellion in PA where Pennsylvania citizens recoiled against the first taxation of domestic product. This was ultimately thwarted by troops sent by Washington to quell the uprising. In addition, this was the time when the Senate became open to the public for the first time, leading to increased public access and transparency. This was the age when the sleepy mountain town known as Windham, Vermont was forged. An alliance of Men and Women of this era chose to venture into the wilderness and strove to cut out of these mountains a new community, first around Lowell Lake, and eventually around Glebe Mountain, and on into what we call Windham today.

Our town has long been a town of transition, blossoming into a large vibrant community, prospering with the lumber and wool boom, but one of slow decline as the growth of the US moved westward and industry changed. Our town was once proud. We bragged about the number of mills we had and how our Meeting House was at the highest elevation in New England. Now, our town makes the media because of division and conflict. Let's move forward as a community, let's put aside these differences. Regardless of our personal opinions on polarizing issues, let's all agree to disagree, and focus on the task of increasing the vibrancy and cohesiveness of our town.

Many towns such as ours, have experienced boom and bust periods. We all can see the increase of the aging Vermont population looming before us, prophesizing an assured decline of our communities. Our town can and must refuse to submit to this prophecy, and choose a more suitable path. We can and must-see what others have done around the state, around our country and even the world, and then forge our own path in proper Windham fashion.

The key to our survival is a revival of sorts. A

"reforging" of the town in a new light. This doesn't mean we have to throw out the Windham of yesteryear or of today.

Instead, we must embrace it and bring this community together in new and invigorating ways. Many have suggested that a town can only sustain with a dedicated purpose of innovation, and by providing service to the town in such a way that people want to come, live here and forge friendships and paths of sustainment. The thoughtful building of infrastructure for the community and local business to enjoy and leverage, can lead to new economic booms and an increase of collaboration. Area wide approaches, collaboration and partnerships can lead to growth and prosperity through the sharing of resources that would be too expensive for small towns or individuals to consider on their own. Even the simplest strategies to bring folks and families together, all lead to success.

Drawing younger populations to town to start a family and raise children has proven as a reliable way to stabilize revenue and stimulate a community's resiliency. How can we do that? Clearly in this age of COVID, the age of high-speed connectivity can always be seen as a priority. Some towns have long given up the hope that the government or private business will provide these in a timely manner. Some towns have taken this into their own hands, investing in fiber optic connectivity for themselves.

The Town of Bethel, VT was inspired to create a community lead pop-up university free to all. In addition, the town effectively rebranded themselves using such tools as the Bethel Operators Manual. This beautiful "manual" introduces the town to residents and travelers alike, informing them of the ways that they can enjoy the town, and providing them with valuable town information. Brighton, VT rebranded their town as "a great place to live and play" and created 33 town festivals to draw 15,000 people to enjoy recreation together and attract new residents to their town.

These innovative paths seem to be helping these towns. Can we come up with ideas such as this? Stay tuned for part 2 of this essay [in the next issue of *News & Notes*], where I will discuss other concepts that have proven successful in other towns. Do you have a vision that might inspire a modern revival of our town and might responsibly support small business, or draw new active community members into town? Reach out to the Selectboard and let them know what your vision is of the future. I challenge you to dream of the legacy that you want the community of Windham to remember us by, and to start to dream of ways to make these happen.



## News from Windham Elementary

by Bridget Corby

The last few months have been challenging and emotional for many of us here in Windham with our initial vote on school closing in September, and more recently with our revote on November 2. With large voter turnout and very narrow margins, it is very clear that community members on both sides of the debate feel very strongly about the future of our school. As we know, on the first vote, the article to close the school passed by a two vote margin, but the same article failed on the second vote by just three votes. I think the big takeaway here is that our town is still very divided and there is a lot more work to do!

As a parent that took an active role in the conversation, I can say it has been a tough way to start the school year. The benefit to it all is that I've had the opportunity to connect with more members in our community than I have in the previous four years in which I've lived here. I've talked with folks on both sides of the debate who have weighed in on how they feel, and have learned more about our town as a whole. School board and informational meetings have had a strong turnout both in person and on Zoom, and I hope we can continue with this momentum.

Now that the results are in, the Board will begin to work on the budget for the next school year. Along with that, the parents of Windham Elementary students will form a parent's group which will meet on a monthly basis. I hope to see the continued support and participation, regardless of what you had hoped the results of the vote would be. As I've mentioned, we remain a divided town in regards to the school, but the common theme has been that voters have felt they were voting for what is best for the kids. Let's find a path forward with the children's best interest in mind.

School Board Meetings are held the third Tuesday of every month in-person and on Zoom. If you would like more information on the parent's group please email me at [bridgetcorby@ymail.com](mailto:bridgetcorby@ymail.com).



**MOUNTAIN MARKETPLACE**

**Junction Route 11 & 100 Londonderry**

## Winter Roads Policy - Windham, VT

Plow routes are set up to open the school routes and major traffic routes first. Operations usually begin at 4:00 AM to have the bus route and major roads cleared by 7:00 AM. After 16 hours on the job, the Road Crew is required to stop operations and get a minimum of 6 hours of rest. In extreme weather, a third part-time employee is available to accommodate this requirement. In most cases, there will be no maintenance between 10:00 PM and 4:00 AM.

Salt will be applied to paved roads, with sand added as necessary. (Salt is not effective when road temperatures are below 20 degrees F.) Sand will be applied to the gravel roads.



From the public, we ask the following:

- All turn-around areas should be kept clear of vehicles.
- Park your vehicles in your driveways, back from where snow will be thrown, so they don't get damaged or buried.
- When removing snow from your property, please make sure it does not get pushed or thrown into the plowed road. The resulting piles on our roads are dangerous to passing traffic and can lead to accidents.
- When the plows are on the road, please be patient. Don't pass unless necessary.

The Road Crew will make every reasonable effort to plow close to mailboxes, but not so close as to take them down – sometimes this is a balancing act. The more thoughtfully your mailbox is located and maintained, the less likely it will be damaged by the weight of the snow, or by the plow wing itself. The town cannot be responsible for mailbox damage.

Remember, the plow drivers are up high above the road and their primary attention is on the road and the plow, not on passing vehicles.

We anticipate a safe winter for everyone and thank you for your thoughtfulness.

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.

**WANTED: PART-TIME PLOW DRIVER. NO CDL IS REQUIRED.** If you are interested, please call Richard at the Town Garage: 802-874-7025.

### WANTED: SELECTBOARD CLERK

Part-time, paid position of Selectboard Clerk. The clerk provides administrative assistance and clerical support to the Selectboard. If you are interested, please contact Kord Scott, George Dutton or Maureen Bell.



## Trunk or Treat at the Firehouse

by Marcia Clinton

The Cookie Monster with Bert and Ernie parked first in the horseshoe arrangement. Then came a tribute to the NFL Steelers, followed by Count Dracula and Marilyn Crab Nose, a bloody slaughter scene, and cars with all kinds of Halloween decorations. Suddenly, the area was swarming with pint-sized Star Wars characters, witches, a mermaid, a fireman, a Dalmatian puppy, a pirate, clowns and even Spider-man popped up. They raced from car to car to fill their buckets with all the candy their parents would allow. Not to be missed was the table with prizes, one each, to take home. Not to be out done, there were adult-sized costumed characters. There was a hot dog, witches, a mouse, a cupcake, a hippie, a unicorn, a sheriff and the bloody axe clown.

This was Halloween 2021, the annual celebration sponsored by the Windham Fire Company. No inside party, but instead a 14 car Trunk or Treat fest on a Friday evening in perfect fall weather. All 50 prizes disappeared, and after 90 minutes the candy started to run out. But the kids had full buckets to bring home and everyone decided it was a grand success.

Hopefully next year we can all be inside for the games and good eats and a hay ride outside,






**DVFiber**

empowering our connection to the future



## DVFiber Awarded \$4.1 Million Broadband Grant

*Update from David Cherry*

The Vermont Community Broadband Board (VCBB), the new state board charged with overseeing broadband development in Vermont, recently approved DVFiber's \$4.1 million grant request. DVFiber can now move ahead with its partner Great Works Internet, Inc. (GWI) of Biddeford, Maine to secure high-speed broadband access for its 24 member towns.

The funding enables DVFiber to proceed with the design and engineering of a high-speed fiber optic network that will reach all unserved and underserved homes and businesses within its 24 member towns. This funding includes preparation of a high-level detailed design, engineering, and preparation of utility poles in the Phase I towns of Halifax, Marlboro, Readsboro, Stamford, Wardsboro, and Whitingham, which are those within the communications union district (CUD) with the most unserved and underserved addresses. We now expect to connect with our first customers by the second half of 2022, to expand construction to most other areas in 2023, and to complete construction to all unserved and underserved premises by the end of 2024.

"I am so proud of the work of our volunteers who wrote this grant application," said Ann Manwaring, Chair of the DVFiber Governing Board. "Our work to date has laid the groundwork to build and operate a community-based telecommunications network to offer universal access to the Internet at gigabit speeds. We are now poised to begin the actual construction of

the network. The pre-construction activities funded in this grant will serve as the basis for our next grant, covering actual construction of fiber to homes and businesses."

The federal government funding comes to Vermont through the provisions of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) and is being awarded through the VCBB to provide universal access to high-speed Internet.

"We are proud to be a partner and collaborator to DVFiber and all the communities," said Kerem Durdag, President and COO of GWI. "The journey to getting 21st century broadband infrastructure is now well underway and we are enormously pleased in the trust VCBB has placed with DVFiber. The entire DVFiber team has leaned-in to making sure progress is continuously made and the entire GWI organization is focused and committed to making this once-in-a-lifetime project be successful."

DVFiber will apply to the VCBB in early 2022 for additional federal funding to begin Phase I network construction as soon as possible. Phase II construction, including the towns of Brattleboro, Brookline, Dover, Dummerston, Guilford, Jamaica, Londonderry, Newfane, Putney, Searsburg, Stratton, Townshend, Vernon, Westminster, Weston, Wilmington, Windham and Winhall will follow immediately thereafter.

"ValleyNet has partnered with GWI to provide construction management, network operations, and customer Internet access to DVFiber. ValleyNet brings CUD and local operations expertise, and GWI will provide the resources and talent of a larger telecommunications organization. The pre-construction grant funding will be helpful in reducing the costs of this powerful, fiber-to-the-premise universal access network. It has been and continues to be a pleasure to work with the dedicated, talented volunteers of DVFiber," stated ValleyNet Board Chair Carol Monroe.

## Ten Digit Dialing Comes to Windham

*by Ellen McDuffie*

On July 16, 2020, the FCC adopted an Order (FCC 20-100) approving 988 as the three-digit abbreviated dialing code to reach the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline, starting July 16, 2022. The Order requires all telecommunications carriers, interconnected Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP) providers, and one-way VoIP providers (covered providers) to make network changes to ensure that users can dial 988 to reach the existing National Suicide Prevention Lifeline by July 16, 2022.

In order for 988 to work in area codes in all states, every customer with a number in area codes

with seven-digit local dialing must be changed to 10-digit dialing.

Beginning October 24, 2021, all consumers in area code 802 must now dial 10-digits, area code + telephone number, for all local calls. Local calls dialed after October 24 with only seven-digits will not be completed, and a recording may inform you that your call cannot be completed as dialed. Reprogramming of medical alert devices, alarm and security systems, fax machines and phone contacts, etc. may be needed.

Beginning July 16, 2022, dialing "988" will route your call to the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline. Customers must continue to dial 1-800-273-8255 (TALK) to reach the Lifeline until July 16, 2022.

## 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. All suggestions are welcome, [jzrubin@comcast.net](mailto:jzrubin@comcast.net).

**Jason Morin, Mail Carrier,** Jamaica/Windham Route, 05359 zip code

My story in Vermont starts at a very young age; two and a half months old to be exact. Our family had a permanent campsite along the West River, at Bald Mountain campground in Townshend, VT. My grandparents started bringing my father and his siblings to the very same campground when they were young, and so my four older brothers and I were the third generation at that camp. And I still maintain that camp today for the rest of my extended family to enjoy.

I hail from a small New England town in MA called West Warren. There is one traffic light, and the railroad tracks that come through town. That is the extent of the “bustle” in my home town. The elementary school where I attended was a short bus ride from home; however, to catch the bus I would have to walk about a half mile to the bottom of our street. And that’s how I met Rachael .....

She was a shy little blonde girl, with glasses and freckles, and I was drawn to her the moment I saw her. We would wait for the bus together, as she had moved in a few houses down from us with her parents, older brother, two younger sisters, and baby brother. And sometimes as a young boy, I was tasked with walking her and her younger siblings home from the bus stop. I always seemed to do most of the talking, as she and her sisters just giggled and followed.

Fast forward a few years, and one day they weren’t at the bus stop. My mother told me their family had to move, and I was too young to be given an explanation of why. Being a distracted boy, I managed to move on from that very quickly; however, over time when I went by their old house, I would wonder to myself, “Where did that little blonde girl head off to?”

My high school years were uneventful for the most part. I transferred to a bigger Vocational High School in Palmer, MA. My goals were to get through school and get working!! And I did, with fair grades and a strong back.

Now here’s the good part. Through my high school years, my parents separated and my father remarried a woman who lived just across the street from our old bus stop. My brothers and I moved with our father into our new step-mother Diane’s house which was quite an adjustment at the time. So we tended to stay busy with friends, or later when in high school with work... While this part of my life was unfolding, there were forces at work that neither myself nor anyone for that matter, could have foreseen. You see it turns out that my step-mother, Diane, was a very dear friend of Rachael’s

mother, and as a result, they had remained in contact. And one memorable evening in mid-December when I was a senior in high school, I came home from work, and there sitting in my kitchen, was that shy little blonde girl with freckles. Except she was not little anymore. She was beautiful!!

We hit it off immediately, and thanks to social media, we were able to put up with a long distance relationship for some time. You see, her family had moved just a few hours away in MA. After we both had graduated from high school in 2012 and 2013, we moved in together just one mile from that old bus stop. And whenever we had a free weekend, we would get out of town and head to my family camp in Vermont.

Our lives changed when my brother offered me a job in Dover, VT helping with his business, which would bring us close to the camp as well. We found a small apartment in Jamaica and moved with everything we had in November, 2014. It was a rough start, but we were determined to make it work. Rachael worked in a ski shop, and I did flooring. But eventually that changed when I became a part-time rural letter carrier, every Saturday in Londonderry. I started after July 4th 2016. It was not an easy job but I stayed committed, and started picking up more hours for the Post Office, filling in routes that were not all that desirable. I was working on roughly 13 different routes from Danby to Weston and Ludlow, and all the way to Wilmington, wherever I was needed; as well as every Saturday in Londonderry. My hard work payed off in the form of a full-time employment spot, running the Newfane Route. I had run the Jamaica/Windham route a few times for Norm and had always told myself “If and when Norm retires, I will be gunning for his route”. No more being bogged down with Amazon packages, and what’s 86 miles daily? And here I have achieved that goal, and I don’t plan on going anywhere else.

Rachael and I got “officially” married in August  
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*Welcome to Our Windham Community,  
Rachel, Mary Josephine and Jason Morin!*



A close-up photograph of a man with light brown hair and a beard, smiling broadly. He is wearing a yellow and black plaid shirt. He is holding a baby who is wearing a pink long-sleeved shirt with white heart patterns and a yellow bow in her hair. The background is a soft-focus outdoor setting with green foliage.

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## Windham Looses an Icon

*From obituary in The Journal and by Staff*



Ernie Friedli, 95, died at home in Windham on September 20, 2021, with his family at his side. Ernie lost the love of his life, Sheila, in December, 2014. He and Sheila were childhood friends and married in April, 1962 in Brooklyn, NY. Over the years their love for travel and adventure took them to the far reaches of the globe including living in

Japan during the 70's. Ernie is survived by his son Kipp (wife Helen) of Illinois, their children Laura and Kate (husband Henry), his second son Brett of New York and his children Hayley and Ali; and great-grandchildren Sachie, Fiona, Elaina, and Logan. He is also survived by his sister Margaret Nussbickel.

The stories Ernie shared with those who listened were rich with glorious details about people and travels around the globe. People opened their hearts to him in response, sharing their own experiences, making a true connection. In the Navy for a short time, he was in

training to be a pilot, as World War II ended. As an engineer from Duke University, he joined IBM, and in the late 1940s built the first 13 hard disk drives, which facilitated launching the computer age. In the 1960s, he was chosen by Tom Watson Jr. to manage a new plant in Bedford-Stuyvesant in Brooklyn, NY, where he had been born and raised.

For the past 30-plus years, Ernie called Vermont home. A place where communities are real and people stop in the road to passionately debate matters of true importance. How do we educate our children? How do we supply electricity to a power-hungry world? How do we grow healthy food? How do we travel without destroying the earth? Vermont is a special place, full of loving neighbors.

Ernie and Sheila were both very involved in the Windham community, active in the Windham Congregational Church, and served in many positions, both appointed and elected, in the Town of Windham. Ernie funded a new entrance for Grace Cottage Hospital in memory of Sheila, and has been a generous donor over the years.

Donations may be made in Ernie's honor to the Grace Cottage Hospital Foundation, the Alzheimer's Association, or your favorite charity. A memorial service will be arranged at a future date.

Ernie Friedli, you were a true icon; an incredibly passionate and honorable man, and you will be sorely missed by this community.

## Windham Philharmonic Programs

*from Al McLaine*

The Windham Philharmonic will be performing the following concerts at the Latchis Theatre in Brattleboro.

### Early Mozart, Late Beethoven

Monday, November 15, 2021, 6 - 9 PM

Our inaugural concert featuring an early Mozart Symphony in A, and a wonderful arrangement of a late Beethoven piano set, Bagatelles op. 126. We will be opening the performance with Mozart's Masonic Funeral Music to remember the tragedies of COVID and all the grief and loss we have experienced.

### Past — Present — Future

Monday, December 6, 2021, 7 - 8 PM

"A Comprehensive Survey of Western Classical Music in 25 minutes." A sequence of Bach fugues and brief ensemble interludes for different-sized mixed ensembles.



**There will be NO HARVEST SUPPER THIS YEAR DUE TO COVID-19.**

## Farmers Markets Move Indoors

*by Kathy Jungermann*

The Brattleboro Winter Farmers Market opens its 16th season on November 6, once again in the C.F. Church Building at 80 Flat St. This year, with continued health and safety concerns related to the pandemic, the market will be in "SHOP 'N GO" mode, limiting the number of customers in the space at one time, and encouraging customers to move through the market, make their purchases and move on, so others can do the same. Open every Saturday from November 6, 2021 through March 26, 2022 from 10 AM – 2 PM. This new location offers onsite free parking. Rain or Shine, Sleet or Snow. Masks are required. 802-275-2835.

The Dorset Farmers market moves indoors for the winter at J.K. Adams Co. located at 1430 VT Route 30. Open Sundays from 10 AM - 2 PM.



**VeggieVanGo** will be distributing food at the Newfane Congregational Church on November 29, and December 23 from Noon to 1 PM.



## Windham Elementary School

*Submission by Sara Wunderle*

Our Autumn days at Windham Elementary School have been filled with lots of learning, outdoor play and some familiar traditions we were able to continue safely.

Apple picking at Green Mountain Orchards is a wonderful tradition that we look forward to each year! Thanks to our amazing bus driver Kord Scott for driving us over Putney Mountain, the students were able to enjoy the beautiful fall weather and explore the orchard. Students were able to pick different varieties of apples to taste with their families, learn how to press apples to make cider, and had a freshly made apple cider donut with a cup of cider as a snack before returning back to Windham Elementary School (WES).

Windham Elementary has teamed up with Meadows Bee Farm again, and students have been participating in their Young Farmers Program. Every Thursday morning, students start by assisting with the farm chores (ie. feeding/watering, cows, sheep, chickens and turkeys, collecting eggs, cleaning out stalls, and sweeping the barn). The second part of the visit is focused around other parts of the farm. Some fun activities we have done so far are: collecting pumpkins out of the compost pile, eating corn cakes in the teepee, and planting garlic! The students are close to earning their first badge - the livestock badge!

Outdoor Adventure class continues this year with Sally Newton. Students have taken some wonderful hikes and have been able to explore the Windham school trails thanks to some weekend work by the Pelton family. With the fall season upon us, students have been learning how to identify trees and their leaves.

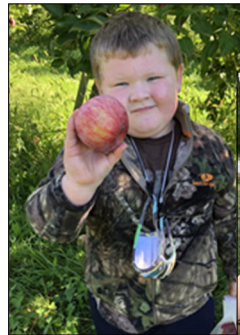
In addition, Sally, in partnership with Kate Ullman (retired music teacher), have been providing music, ukulele and recorder lessons weekly to the students. We are so grateful for both of them for sharing their talents with our students!

During Fire Prevention Week, the Windham Fire Department visited with our students again this year. After our fire drill, and watching the fire trucks enter the school driveway, a wonderful

outdoor presentation was given to the students. The focus was on fire safety, and introducing the students to all the equipment that is used during fires and emergencies. This year, each student was able to hold the fire hose and spray clean our driveway! At the end of the event, each student was then presented with a fire prevention goodie bag, hat and stickers by the firemen. Thank you to the Windham Fire Department for the time you gave to our students again this year.

Approximately 20 monarch butterflies were released at the start of the fall, after watching the life cycle of a monarch caterpillar from September to October. The students learned not only about the life cycle, but how to identify the male vs. the female monarch, as they stretched their wings and took flight!

We have finished off our October by carving pumpkins that were donated to Windham students by Cindy & Bob Kehoe and the Marie Hill Farm. Pumpkin seeds were then dried overnight and cooked to be enjoyed the following day.





## Leonard McCormick, 1947-2021

Long-time Windham resident, Leonard Joseph McCormick, 74, of Chase Road, passed away September 23, 2021 at Gills Odd Fellows Home in Ludlow, VT following a long fight against cancer. He was born July 10, 1947 in Trenton, NJ, the son of Leander V. and Vincenza (Scarpato) McCormick. Leonard attended schools in NJ. Later, he served in the United States Army. He had a long career as Information Security for Dow Jones & Company, The Wall Street Journal. Following retirement in 2005, he moved to Vermont to be near friends Tony Persa, his wife Doris, and their children Caitlin and Andrew.



*Caitlin Persa Larson with-  
Leonard McCormick*

Leonard is survived by a brother George McCormick of Alabama. He was predeceased by his parents and brother David.

On October 17th, there was a service for Leonard at the Valley Bible Church in Windham, VT. His cremated remains will be interred at St. Mary's Cemetery in Trenton, NJ at a later date.

Lenny was a true, kind and generous friend who will be greatly missed.



## Wreaths For Sale

The Carson family on Chase Road is once again selling wreaths this holiday season, for \$20 each. For orders, please call 802-874-4057 by November 21. Wreaths will be ready for pick up or local delivery after Thanksgiving.

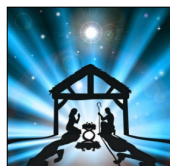


## Who Owns That Property?

Frank Seawright has recently updated the Windham parcel map with data as of April 1 from the Windham Grand List of properties. Windham has around 730 parcels, but the Grand List shows only about 530. Why is that? As an example, The Nature Conservancy bought multiple parcels, but only one shows on the Grand List. The practice of Listers in most of Vermont is to consolidate contiguous parcels having one owner, as one row in the Grand List data. The Listers have the other data, but the consolidation simplifies preparation of tax bills.

So if you want to see who owns the property around you, you can now go to the town website at: [townofwindhamvt.com](http://townofwindhamvt.com) and get information on each parcel. Once on the website, you can find the link under Town Info, Documents, Land Records, Parcel map, or go directly to: <http://eustabee.info/windhamparcels/index.html>. You will need to enlarge the map so you can click on a particular parcel. Once you click on the parcel of interest, a window pops up with the Parcel number, Owner, Acreage, Owner other, Owner's Address, Windham Street and number, and the Lister Appraisal value.

It's lots of fun to see who owns the empty lot across the street or to find out your neighbor's mailing address so you can contact them. It is a very powerful tool. To learn more, contact Frank Seawright at : [fseawright@vermontel.net](mailto:fseawright@vermontel.net).



## Valley Bible Church Christmas Program

*by Susan Persa*

The Valley Bible Church in South Windham plans to hold their usual Christmas Eve Service on Friday, December 24 at 7 PM. A musical concert will take place on Sunday, December 19 at 11 AM. There will also be a New Year's Eve service on Friday, December 31 at 7 PM.

Our usual order of Sunday services remains the same, with Sunday School for all ages at 10 AM, followed by Sunday morning service at 11 AM. On Wednesday evenings, prayer and Bible study is at 7 PM. All are welcome!

Valley Bible Church is located at 3264 Windham Hill Road in South Windham. It is an independent Bible church. Mark Griffin has been serving as Pastor of Valley Bible Church since February of 2000. For more information, call (802) 874-7267 or visit the website at: [www.valleybiblevt.com](http://www.valleybiblevt.com).



## Lions Donate Bench to Park

from Randee Keith

Londonderry Tri-Mtn Lions recently donated a Trex bench to Pingree Dog Park in Londonderry. Tri-Mtn Lions have used a program of recycling 500 pounds of clear plastic, and receiving a free bench from the Trex Company. This is the third bench the Lions have donated in the Tri-Mtn area.

Tri Mtn Lions donated \$250.00 from their successful quilt raffle at the Bondville Fair to the Londonderry Community Christmas Tree Fund. Mike Wilcox was the winner of the First-place prize in the summer raffle. Mike is an ice cream vendor at the Bondville Fair each year. This quilt was made by members of the Lions club with the help of our friends Carolyn and Sue at Country Treasures in Chester. Second place winner of two handcrafted Lynn Eckhardt bags was Pete Bryant of Chester. Third place winner, of 1 quart of pure Vermont Maple Syrup, was David Simonetti of Bondville. Thank you to everyone who participated by purchasing a raffle ticket.

Lions serve the communities they live in. We assist those who qualify in the purchase of glasses, and we recycle used glasses from our drop off boxes. We have food drives for the local food shelves twice a year. We are here to help in the community. If you know of a need, contact Pam Nichols at 802-362-3504 or by email: [vtlionpam@gmail.com](mailto:vtlionpam@gmail.com). We welcome new members anytime.



Photo: Londonderry Parks Board member Steve Bergleitner, with his dog Stella, are happy to have a bench in the park. Standing on left: Board member Elizabeth Labeau, and Lion Pam Nichols; Sitting on the new bench: Lion Randee Keith and Board member Marge Fish; Standing next to bench on right: Lion Gail Wyman. Kelly Pajala, Parks Board President was behind the camera taking the photograph.

## Windham Library News

The Windham Town Library is open again! Please join us on **Wednesdays from 3-5 PM** or on **Sundays from 1-3 PM** at the Meeting House. **Windham Library 2022 calendars will be on sale the end of November for \$10.** Book Club selections:

**Wednesday, December 1, 2021 - 3:30 PM**



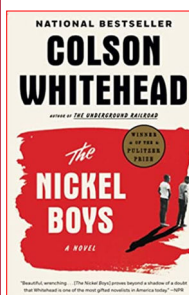
### *The Best of Simple*

by Langston Hughes

In *The Best of Simple*, Langston Hughes has picked his favorites from earlier volumes, stories that not only have proved popular but are now part of a great and growing literary tradition. Simple might be considered an Everyman for black Americans. Hughes himself wrote: "...these tales are about a great many people--although they are stories about no specific persons as such. But it is impossible to live in Harlem and not know at least a hundred Simples, fifty Joyces, twenty-five Zaritas, and several Cousin Minnies--or reasonable facsimiles thereof."

**NO BOOK CLUB IN JANUARY**

**Wednesday, February , 2022 - 3:30 PM**



### *The Nickel Boys*

by Colson Whitehead

In this Pulitzer Prize-winning, *New York Times* bestselling follow-up to *The Underground Railroad*, Colson Whitehead brilliantly dramatizes another strand of American history through the story of two boys unjustly sentenced to a hellish reform school in Jim Crow-era Florida. When Elwood Curtis, a black boy growing up in 1960s Tallahassee, is unfairly sentenced to a juvenile reformatory, he finds himself trapped in a grotesque chamber of horrors. Elwood's only salvation is his friendship with fellow "delinquent" Turner, which deepens despite Turner's conviction that Elwood is hopelessly naive, that the world is crooked, and that the only way to survive is to scheme and avoid trouble. As life at the Academy becomes ever more perilous, the tension between Elwood's ideals and Turner's skepticism leads to a decision whose repercussions will echo down the decades. Based on the real story of a reform school that operated for 111 years and warped the lives of thousands of children, *The Nickel Boys* is a devastating, driven narrative.

**Contact Maureen Bell at 802-875-1024, for more information and/or the Zoom link.**

## "Giving Tuesday" at Grace Cottage Hospital

from C.J. King



After *Black Friday* and *Cyber Monday* comes *Giving Tuesday*, a world-wide day of philanthropy during the season of gratitude. Grace Cottage Family Health & Hospital asks its friends and neighbors to participate in its Giving Tuesday campaign on November 30, to support much needed renovations to the Hospital Emergency Department. The goal is to raise \$50,000.

To participate in Grace Cottage's "Giving Tuesday" 2021 campaign, call (802) 365-9109 between 8 AM and 5 PM or go online to [www.gracecottage.org/](http://www.gracecottage.org/) through midnight on November 30. Checks payable to Grace Cottage with "Giving Tuesday" on the memo line can be sent to PO Box 1, Townshend, VT, 05353.

Thank you for your support!

## Londonderry "Trail of Lights"

Project Londonderry has launched "Trail of Lights" as part of Vermont Lights the Way campaign to help overcome pandemic fatigue. Governor Scott has encouraged Vermonters to decorate their homes, businesses, parks, and public spaces to show community support.

The Londonderry "Trail of Lights" will be a six-mile driving tour through the heart of Londonderry from December 20 to January 1. The tour is designed to showcase the town's holiday decorations and provide businesses an opportunity to promote special holiday offerings.

The "Trail of Lights" tour will begin at the triangle at the intersection of Routes 11 and 100, following Main Street east, turn right on Middletown Road, then turn right onto Route 100 N, and end at the Mountain Marketplace. Project Londonderry encourages everyone to light up your property, join the fun, and do the tour!



## Takes a Village

We're self-made men,  
we've pulled ourselves up  
by our bootstraps, we claim.  
But it's a lie--  
we couldn't have done anything  
without help from so many others--  
Without the input of parents,  
of teachers and doctors and role models,  
of builders of roads and lives.  
Backgrounds propped us up,  
conditions facilitated our rise,  
gift after gift made it easier.  
No, we aren't self-made men.  
We're the product of all  
the investments others made in us.  
They paid the cost, they labored,  
and we reaped the benefits--  
it takes a village, after all.

by Dathene Stanley, September 15, 2021



## Removal of Ash Trees by GMP Continues

from Alan Serrano, New England Tree Experts

The Public Utility Commission has authorized Green Mountain Power (GMP) to proactively remove both infested, and not-yet infested, ash trees in the areas that the State Agency of Natural Resources has identified as "Confirmed Infested" with Emerald Ash Borer. The Town of Windham is included in a confirmed infested zone established in 2018. GMP has partnered with New England Tree Experts (NETE) for ash tree removal.

Trees that are included in the program are within the power line right-of-ways, and outside of the right-of-way if it has the capacity to strike power lines.

The trees are identified, marked, and recorded into a data collection application. Each landowner is contacted and asked for permission to cut the trees. Once permission is granted the crews are free to cut the trees.

[Editor's note: This work continues and may lead to some inconvenience as the road often has to be blocked for a short time. Please watch for flagmen and men working in and beside the roadways. Our property has at least ten trees along the power lines that have been marked for removal and crews have been blocking Windham Hill Road at times].



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## What Goes Where?

from *Esther Fishman*

**The following MIXED PAPER items can be recycled in ONE CONTAINER and DO NOT have to be separated from each other:**



**ACCEPTED Mixed Paper:** Office Paper, Computer Paper, Fax Paper, Telephone Books, Soft Cover Books, Posters, Magazines, White and Colored Paper, Manila Folders, Envelopes, Junk Mail, Chipboard (Cereal Boxes/Gift Boxes), Egg Cartons, Brown Paper Bags, Hardcover Books (remove covers), and School Paper

**NOTACCEPTED:** Waxed Paper, Cereal Box Inserts, Napkins, Used Paper Plates, Paper Towels, Wrapping Paper **Please do not put corrugated cardboard in the paper collection container.**

**The following COMMINGLED items can be recycled in ONE CONTAINER and DO NOT have to be separated from each other.**

**ACCEPTED Commingled:** Juice Boxes, Aseptic Milk/Juice Cartons, Aluminum/Steel/Tin Cans, Glass Bottles (brown, green, clear, blue), Aluminum Foil, Pie Tins, Plastic Containers #1 through #7, Frozen Food Cartons, Rigid Plastics including toys and tubs. **Please RINSE all food and beverage containers.**

**NOT ACCEPTED:** Porcelain Toilets and Sinks, Pyrex, Ceramics (Coffee mugs, etc.), Drinking Glasses, Window Panes, Mirrors, Styrofoam

**The Following MUST be Separated:**

**Corrugated Cardboard:** Please make sure that all pieces are clean, dry, and flattened.

**Newspaper:** Black and white newspaper only. No glossy inserts or staples. Please bag. *(These are kept separate from all other papers as they are given to local farmers for livestock bedding.)*

**2022 Annual Permits for the Transfer Station will go on sale for \$10 at the Town Office the first week of December.**

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

Lister and Zoning: Alison Cummings, 802-874-7223; cobbbrookfarm@gmail.com; Lister: Russ Cumming, 802-874-7011

E911 Coordinator and Lister: Meredith Tips-McLaine, 802-875-1550; meredithtipsmcaine@gmail.com

Select Board: Maureen Bell, chair, phone: 802-875-1024; email: mbellselectboard@gmail.com

School Board: Beth McDonald, chair, phone: 802-874-4015; email: 219woodburn@gmail.com

Windham Community Organization: Ellen McDuffie, phone: 802-874-8183; email: eflockwood@aol.com

Windham Fire Warden: Rick Weitzel, phone: 802-874-4104; Ralph Wyman, phone: 802-875-3373

Health Officer: Marcia Clinton, phone: 802-875-3531; email: mcClinton@vermontel.net

Planning and Energy Commission: Bill Dunkel, phone: 802-874-4131; email: bdunkel1455@gmail.com (lower case L, then number 1455)



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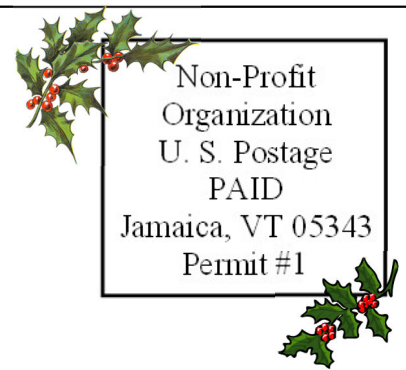


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input: [webmaster@townofwindhamvt.com](mailto:webmaster@townofwindhamvt.com).

#### 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 802-875-3531.

**Energy Committee:**  
3rd Thursday of the month,  
at 4:30 PM on Zoom, Contact  
Bill Dunkel 802-874-4131.

**Windham Community  
Organization:**  
Last Wednesday of most  
months at the Meeting House  
at 5:15 PM. Contact Ellen  
McDuffie at 802-874-8183.

**Town Clerk: 802-874-4211**  
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  
fourth Saturday, 8AM-Noon.

**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 802-  
874-4131.

**Conservation Committee:**  
Third Tuesday of the month  
usually at 7 PM. Contact  
Alison Trowbridge at 802-  
874-7050 for information.

**Select Board:**  
1st & 3rd Mondays at  
5:30 PM at the Meeting  
House or on Zoom. Open  
meetings. Agenda posted.  
Check website:  
[townofwindhamvt.com](http://townofwindhamvt.com)

**Library:**  
Wednesday, 3-5 PM and  
Sunday 1-3 PM  
**Book Group** 3:30 PM, 1st  
Wednesdays on Zoom or at  
Meeting House. Contact  
Maureen Bell at 802-875-1024.

**Valley Bible Church:**  
Sundays: Sunday School,  
10 AM; Morning Worship,  
11 AM; No potluck due to  
Covid. Wednesdays, Bible  
Study/ Prayer, 7 PM. Call  
802-874-7267 for more info.

**Windham School Board:**  
Third Tuesday of the  
month at 6 PM. Contact  
Beth McDonald 802-874-  
4015 or Russ Cumming 802-  
874-7011 for information.

**Volunteer Fire Company:**  
First Thursday of the  
month at 6 PM. Contact  
Jan Wyman at 802-875-  
3373 for information.

**Listers:** Every Wednesday,  
9 AM- Noon at the Town  
Office. 802-874-4211

**West River Education Dis-  
trict:** Third Mondays at 7 PM  
at Leland & Gray. Call Leland &  
Gray 802-365-7355 for info.

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

November 14 - Dedication of Veterans Honorary Plaque 2 PM at the Meeting House

November 17 - 21 - Window Dressers storm window assembly at the Meeting House

November 15 & December 6 - Windham Philharmonic at the Latchis Theatre

December 11 - Windham Tractor Parade (hopefully)

December - 2022 Annual Transfer Permits on sale at the Town Office

December - Library Calendars on Sale at the Library and the Town Office