

## Holy Hoot- It's the GEMS!!!

### Sibling Ribaldry

*Wilcox-Smith Twins Dominate as Bruch Haha Develops!*



*Katie and Robbie Wilcox-Smith score yet another point as they prove that twins are not only clairvoyant, but as opposed to the Bruchs, actually talk to one another...*

Once again the Chapel was filled with laughter, as teams of siblings lovingly teased each other.

Representing the different decades (more or less):

The 50's—Tom and Kevin Weston

The 40's—Tim and Julie Siftar

The 30's—Allie and Amy Brugh

The 20's—Kyle and Eric Nisson

The Teens—Calvin and Abby Weeks

The Twins-- Robbie and Katie Wilcox Smith

Think of all the things that could have gone wrong! What if siblings actually said out loud to the entire community the things that they are supposed to scream at each other only in the privacy of their cabins? Oh man, this could have been a disaster.

Instead we all had a surprisingly fun evening.

The Westin family brought a family chant, "Lets go, Weston!!" This included a "W" hand sign (which for Charlie Soper was more like crooked check mark). These boys acquitted

themselves quite well, though they are so thoroughly living in the moment, that they haven't yet developed a bucket list.

The Siftar sibs brought a strong message "Don't take out-houses for granted!"

The Bruch sisters, who just met each other at the camp registration, still managed to agree on who was the most spoiled. (Editorial note—real answer=both).

The Nisson Brothers carefully edited themselves, resulting in a collective sigh at the end of each round. "Roll, Tide!"

The Weeks kids made their parents proud (notwithstanding the whole principal tee-peeing thing).

And of course, The Wilcox-Smiths triumphed over all the non-twins, as they proclaimed they would. It should be noted the the resident FBI agent has been contacted to investigate a possible illegal use of telepathy.

After the sibling rivalry game, we all walked outside we a lovely star-filled evening.

### *Your Wednesday Evening Schedule*

**6:30-8:31 The Hoot! -  
The Chapel**

**8-10 Scoop Shop open - staffed  
by NNESRE volunteers for the  
night.**

**9:00 Barn Dancing -The Barn**

## HOOT TONIGHT!

## Labyrinith Walk Has Campers Going in Circles

*Walk until you drop or have an insight!*

Last night's Labyrinith community walk was another magical one. Dozens of campers walked the magical mile of a maze as talented improvisational musicians provided the auditory backdrop that would have made Rumi wish he was a Winnite. Whilst the musicians have moved on, we have decided to keep the labyrinith available to you for the rest of the week and the next 100 years. Do go down and take the walk that refreshes – it clears the mind, cleanses the soul, and reminds that grass planted in a leach field tends to glow...

## Go Visit the Memorial and Honor the Roots of NNESRE

*A time to Pause and Remember*

Take time to go down past the Council Ring to go visit the Winni Memorial – it is a lovely wood structure that holds plaques memorializing members of our Winni Community who have passed away. Go with a Winni old timer who can tell you about the wonderful folks there remembered on the plaques and the ways that they shaped our community.

And special thanks so much to Hans Seitz for being our Memorial Carekeeper during the year and this week. Doug Mertz, the woodcrafter who built the memorial for NNESRE, passed away in 2009. Since then Hans volunteered to take on the plaque construction which is actually a long and laborious process. The wood is cut to exacting specifications. Hans stains the wood and applies two coats of polyurethane and sands the finish. Then letters are purchased, and centered by outline, and then applied. Thanks so much, Hans, for keeping those important members of our community swinging in the Winni breeze.

## Yoga-rrrrrrific

*Jen Brosious shares afternoon yoga*

Many thanks to Jen Brosious for offering yoga classes in the Chapel this week. Thanks so much!

## Winni Swimmi on for Thursday

*The Dennis Courtney Memorial Swimmi is the Swim of the Week*

The 2011 Winni Swimmi will take place on Thursday afternoon at 2:30pm. For those unfamiliar with the event, the Swimmi is a one mile swim in the open lake.

Accompanying boaters make it fun and safe for all. Any questions? See the master motivator himself, Bob Ganley.

The namesake of the Swimmi, Dennis Courtney, was a long-time Swimmi devotee, swimming 9 out of 10 years between 1999 and 2008, improving his time each year, and always ending with a signature feet-first touch at the raft. His last year at Winni, his health prevented him from doing the whole race, but he was present to cheer on the other swimmers and he dove in to swim the last few yards and demonstrate his traditional finish with flourish.

New campers are encouraged to participate and are given the boaters least likely to run over them during the Swimmi.

## Planning for Adult Program for Winni 2012

The Program and Evaluation Committee will have its first meeting on Thursday at 1:00PM on the screened porch of the meeting house. Please bring your course proposals. If you would like to have a course taught, please come and suggest that. Bonus points will be earned if you also have an instructor in mind. All are welcome to attend.

## Thursday's Coffeehouse – Aarghhhhh Rated...

Be sure and come to this year's CoffeeHouse on Thursday– our annual collection of adult expression – poetry, music, drama, or just a daring gaze of stage fright. This year, acts are requested to be adults of @ 18 years or older – though all campers are welcome to attend. The vision is to keep family fun whether young or old at the Hoot and more emerging, pensive, performance pieces for the CoffeeHouse. So do not do what you just do'd again – bring something worth mulling over the java.

## Board of Trustees

Annual meeting of the Board of Trustees will take place on Thursday, August 4, at 1:00 pm in the lower level of the Meeting House. If you have items to place on the agenda, please contact the Board Chair, Doug Hawthorne.

## Take me out to the ball game...

The annual no-holds-barred, no-tendons-unstretched, no-call-unquestioned softball game will take place tomorrow (Thursday) at 1:00 PM on the field across the hardtop road behind the scoop shop. Players and spectators (sometimes it's tricky to tell the difference) are welcome to attend! Come and play or cheer the action!

Joe Morrissey, game coordinator extraordinaire, kindly requests the assistance of a few souls at about 12:50 to help bring equipment from Chapel Line 2 to the field. "PLAY BALL!"

## Thank You's From The Evening Coordinators

-- To Bernadette and Larry and Co. for providing beautiful music during the labyrinth walk

-- To Tim and Julie for fun-filled games on the green.

-- To the participants in the Sibling Game...you make your parents proud!

Tom and Kevin Weston

Tim and Julie Siftar

Allie and Amy Bruch

Kyle and Erik Nisson

Calvin and Abigail Weeks

Robbie and Katie Wilcox-Smith

And to "Judge Judy" Barb Siftar

And to Haley for being our favorite.

*The Silk Screened T-Shirt Masterpiece by  
Amy Bruch modeled by Tim Siftar.*



## Above and Beyond

Many thanks to Amy Bruch for her beautiful silk screen design, "From this place, build a better world." Thank you also to Amy and her noble assistant Allie Bruch for spending yesterday afternoon silk screening our t-shirts. Anyone who would like to give a free will donation in honor of Amy for the Winni scholarship fund, please see Sue Hartley.

## Jerry's Working Hard

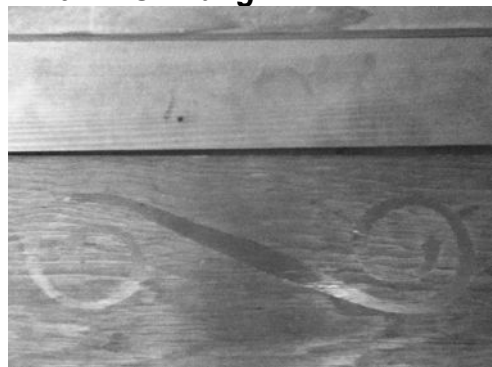
*Missing Jerry Christman*

We miss you Jerry. Hope all is well. From your many friends at Winni.

*Sue Hartley*

## 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Graders

*Find This Thang!*



## Notes From Joe Whodaythunkit?

After watching last night's "Sibling's Game" in the chapel, I'd just like to take the time to introduce a couple of people. Amy, this is Ally. Ally, this is Amy. Although you both share the same last name, I don't believe that you've ever met. (Must just be one of life's funny coincidences.) Perhaps the two of you can sit down and get to know each other some time because I believe that you would get along wonderfully.

Speaking of last night's game: don't be self-conscious Calvin but the entire camp will be watching you today to see how it is that you walk. Congratulations to the Robbie and Katie on your victory but don't expect to be doing your homework without your parents watching over you any time soon. After watching the Nisson boys it's obvious why Haley's loved the most. Thanks to Julie and Tom for letting the kids in camp know that there are benefits to a college degree that saves Mom and Dad a few bucks. Finally, isn't it nice to know that we were all part of the dumbest thing that the

Weston boys have ever done? I for one will cherish the moment (and look back years from now and still laugh at the best answer of the night).

Let's hear it for Barb Siftar. She sings at the Barb and Bill show, she leads the barn dancing, she teaches classes, and she is the arbitrator at The Siblings Game. Is there anything that this woman cannot do?

The water problems in camp this week continue. We've been asked to conserve water. So much for flushing early and flushing often. We've also been asked to shower only once a day. If we shower with our spouses can we do that twice a day? Just a thought.

For Lillian Daniel's "7 Deadly Sins" class, today's sin was "lust". My sources tell me that the class was to be moved to the Meeting Hall's main assembly room in order to handle the expected overflow standing room only crowd. I've also been told that Mike Nisson was planning on attending both the first and second period classes, asking for extra homework, and writing a 20 page term paper. One other person in attendance for Lillian's class will be my wife Lorraine. All I can say is should you need to do any research, I'm here for you Baby!

*Joe Morrissey*

**Amy Bruch says....**

**Come Get Your Art On...**

***Thursday 2-4pm in the Meetinghouse.***

We will have materials to make a wool felt quilt which will be part of the closing ceremony and then disassembled so you can take your quilt square home. Another option: felting wool "stones"! A \$5 donation would be appreciated to cover the cost of the materials. See Amy Bruch if you have any questions(related to this activity!)

## Kudos to the Astronomer...

Many thanks to the star expert who thankfully proved to be no weather predictor. The skies cleared and the camp enjoyed a wonderful evening of laughter- and song- filled alternative programming.

## Ginny's Headed to 50!

Best wishes to Ginny Houghtaling as she heads off to Chicago for her 50<sup>th</sup> High School Reunion.

## Haiku

To my heart's delight  
I breathe the freshness of dawn  
And see you smiling

Sweet tender kisses  
Gently reach your waiting lips  
Soft as morning dew

Linda Sacco

## Family Gems

submitted by Kelly Garrett

"Families are like fudge – mostly sweet with a few nuts."

Author unknown

"A family is a unit composed of not only children, but of men, women, an occasional animal and the common cold."

Ogden Nash

"Family: A social unit where the father is concerned with parking space, the children with outer space, and the mother with closet space."

Evan Esar

You don't choose your family. They are God's gift to you, as you are to them.

Desmond Tutu

## Top ten current nominations for next year's NNESRE theme

10. Celebrating other cultures, apologizing for our own.
9. It's all about Joe.
8. Its all about plumbing
7. Its all about Joe's plumbing.
6. Everything old is mildewed again.
5. Has anyone seen my children?
4. All my life is a spiral...downward
3. Roll Tide!
2. Water is over-rated.
1. Thank goodness it's only a week.

## Diary of a new camper: Day 4

Made it to Morning Watch!! Looking out over the lake, while music washed over me, just being one with nature—was feeling very peaceful and meditative. Wind was strong enough to blow away the body odor of some of my fellow watchers. Starting to see why people like this place.

Breakfast also kind of peaceful—the Mean Woman offered me a cold hard-boiled egg. I ate it with the shell on because I thought she wanted me to. Then off to Class!! Tried to walk through the outside chapel to get to Gibbes, but small singing cult members had taken over the pews, so I walked down to the beach.

I just decided, ok, I'll do some research on sloth today so at least I can be prepared for class tomorrow.

Fell asleep on the beach. I walked back up to the Green after the beach and spent much of the day smiling politely at people and pretending I knew their names. Tried not to stare to much at women campers name tags.

Feel like I am getting the swing of the place.

Thank the Lord there is no Corn Dancing tonight!  
Good night, Diary.

## GEMS Struggles with Lack of Mom

I'm not sure if you've heard but Din left last night after receiving a call from the president. Obama's Portuguese waterdog, Bo, as well as 6 babies were all stuck in a well. Din saved the day with help from her dog Lassie. We're trying to think of some sort of trophy.

Trophy ideas:

1. A macaroni necklace
2. Dumbledore's beard dread lock
3. An old red toaster that only works on the left hand side
4. Mike Nisson's swimming trunks
5. A fresh water muscle shell... wait that might be dinner
6. A bullhorn battery
7. Earplugs for the beach
8. Wes's boat's transmission coil
9. Joe Morrissey
10. The honor of formatting the gems

As Din returns please congratulate her for her accomplishment with many loving hugs. As we sit here in the gems office we realize our skill without Din. None. Although Bill may be confident in his skills we all quiver with fear. If this is even possible for you to read right now then some sort of miracle must have happened. We don't want to look bad so here are some reasons why the gems might not be a good. Attacked by marshmallow guns, distracted by chapel line, snack break, naptime, Alien invasion, message from god, Jo-Jo's run, giant spider in corner of room, overall lazyness. Without Din as our filter we apologize in case this gems is not appropriate for Dock Road. No worries Chapel Line. We miss you Din! And your formatting skills.

*By Abby Weeks*

## Cops Called After Party at Stateline

After many games of coffee pong and shuffleboard, things seemed to get out of hand. As we made attempt to quiet them down we were escorted out by their newly hired bouncer. Don't let the gray hair fool you, after a few Geritol Jello shots the young kids were out of hand. After not sleeping for several hours Chapel Line had had enough and called the Police to deal with whippersnappers. The couples showed up to morning watch stumbling the jitterbug while singing "Bicycle Built for Two". When we went to investigate everyone was sleeping and the lawns surrounded with empty Pepto-Bismol and Tums containers.

*By Abby Weeks*

## Ode to Mike Nisson on the Eve of his Early Departure from Camp

Though at first he might appear a bit abrasive  
And his humor can be also quite invasive  
One -on-one, this guy is a actually quite nice  
A good listener with surprisingly good advice.  
Camp is not quite the same when you go missin'  
See you next year,  
And we love you Michael Nisson

## Kids Loving the Games on the Green Hosted by Dan and Julie Nicholson





The Kendrix Family Relaxing on a Bench



Amy and Allie Bruch miss another answer...



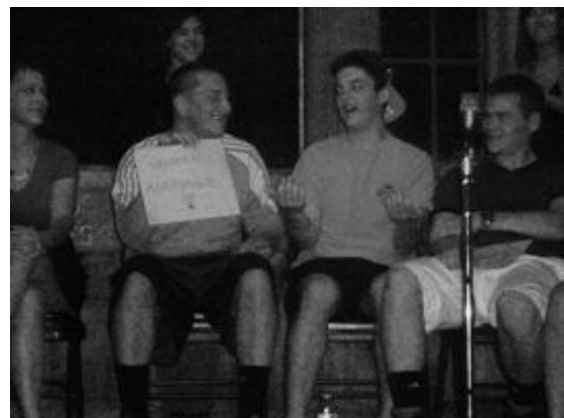
*The woman on campus  
with the real scoop – Dot!*



The Dean Identifies the True  
Nature of His Brother, Kevin



**A Consolation Hug From Daddy  
Weeks to his daughter Abigail**



Kyle and Eric Nisson miss an answer to the  
great relief of Allie Bruch and Calvin Weeks

## Things We're Likely to See, Feel or Do At The Hoot – Or least would like to....

*Can you find: singing, dancing, gags, chocolateicecreamcone, jokes and 24 more?*

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