



Little Chute Windmill

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A Message from the Windmill Director



Happy New Year from Little Chute Windmill, Inc.!

2006 was an exciting year for us. In April I began work as executive director and have enjoyed my first nine months immensely. Little Chute is an exceptional community and has been very welcoming. We received a \$150,000 grant from the Fox Cities Convention and Visitor Bureau and a two year grant totaling \$30,000 from the Opportunity Fund within Community Foundation for the Fox Valley Region, Inc. We reached the \$1.5 million mark in our fundraising campaign. Over \$40,000 has been raised to date through our brick program. In honor of Dutch-American Heritage Day on November 16, the Consulate General of The Kingdom of The Netherlands General Willem Schiff issued an official declaration in recognition of the Little Chute Windmill Project. Dutch Delights, a collection of recipes celebrating the Dutch heritage of Little Chute has sold over 1100 copies. The windmill site has been cleared and is ready for construction. The list goes on and we are thankful for a year filled with success and progress.

To kick off 2007, this quarterly update is devoted to saying thank you to our donors, big and small. Your support is driving this unique project forward and getting us closer to realizing our goal. Now is an excellent time to give or consider giving again. Your involvement at this stage will have maximum impact and you will be able to say, "I helped build that!"

On behalf of Little Chute Windmill, Inc.,
THANK YOU!

Met vriendelijke groeten
(With friendly greetings),
Robin Dekker - Executive Director

Windmill board recognizes President Donald De Groot with \$50,000 gift



Don relaxes in a clog during a trip to The Netherlands in 2000.

The board of directors for Little Chute Windmill, Inc. has contributed almost \$50,000 to name an area in the Van Asten Visitor Center in honor of board president Donald De Groot. A special seating area set aside for conversation and relaxation will recognize De Groot's enduring commitment to the Little Chute Windmill Project.

"Not only does the \$50,000 gift help us reach our fundraising goal, it also demonstrates the high degree to which our board cares about this project and those who work so hard to make it happen," said executive director Robin Dekker. The gift was announced at the Little Chute Windmill, Inc. annual meeting at Liberty Hall in Kimberly on December 19, 2006 much to De Groot's surprise. "It is an honor that the board would do that for me. It certainly was a pleasant surprise. Without the commitment and diligence of our board of directors we would not have accomplished what we have to date," said

De Groot. Board vice president Michael Van Asten sent a letter to each board member inviting them to take part in honoring De Groot. Van Asten challenged the board to contribute \$25,000, which he pledged to match to reach the total goal of \$50,000 for the naming rights. Within a week \$21,000 had been contributed by the board members and the remainder is expected shortly. A few entities not on the board of directors also chose to contribute when they became aware of the room to be named in honor of De Groot.

The Van Asten Visitor Center will be located adjacent to the Little Chute Windmill and will house a gift shop, museum display area, video room, offices, and the relaxation area named in honor of De Groot. Visitors will enter the base of The Little Chute Windmill through the Van Asten Visitor Center and then proceed up through the multiple levels and tour the inner workings and environment of the windmill.

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Dutch Consulate officially recognizes Little Chute Windmill Project

In honor of Dutch-American Heritage Day on November 16, 2006 the Consulate General of The Kingdom of The Netherlands in Chicago has officially recognized the Little Chute Windmill Project. This recognition comes as an official declaration from the Dutch Consulate General Willem Schiff. The declaration states, "On the occasion of Dutch-American Heritage Day, the Consulate General of The Kingdom of The Netherlands is pleased to be made aware of the Little Chute Windmill Project. The Consulate General acknowledges the project's importance for underlining Dutch-American heritage in general and in particular the Dutch heritage of Little Chute, Wisconsin.". This honor lends further legitimacy to the project and is a benefit to the efforts and goals of Little Chute Windmill, Inc. In coming years, Little Chute Windmill, Inc. plans to celebrate Dutch-American Heritage Day with festivities held at The Little Chute Windmill and Visitor Center.



Thank You!

Little Chute Windmill, Inc. would like to thank all of the individuals, families, businesses and organizations which have chosen to support the Little Chute Windmill Project. Your partnership makes it possible for us to

realize our shared goal of celebrating history and enriching the future of our community.

We also thank all those who have purchased a brick through our brick program, which has raised over \$40,000 to date!

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New law can help you give IRA money to charities

By Curt Detjen

The Pension Protection Act, which President Bush signed into law in August, included important charitable provisions that have received little publicity in the national media.

As sometimes happens with national legislation, these provisions were added at the last minute, but they certainly represent more than an afterthought when it comes to their potential to benefit charities in a new way.

For a limited time, through the end of 2006 and 2007, anyone age 70½ or older can use his or her Individual Retirement Account (IRA) to make a direct transfer to charity of up to \$100,000 per year.

Why is that important? Because charitable individuals in this age group already face the requirement to take annual payouts from their IRAs, money that they may not need for daily living.

Now, these individuals can make a tax-free gift during their lifetime from their IRAs.

The new law allows such donors to direct the transfer straight from their IRA to the charity, rather than first taking the payout, counting this amount as income and paying income tax on it.

Donors choose the charities they care about and can see the money put to work immediately to support their favorite causes.

This is a win-win proposition, representing a way for donors to help themselves while they help the community. Every non-profit organization in the Fox Valley region can benefit.

Legislation like this is important, because so many dollars are invested in IRAs — \$3.6 billion at the end of 2005, as calculated by the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System. And the number continues to grow, increasing from \$2.6 billion over the past five years.

Of course, not all of those assets are invested by people who are already 70½, so they may not qualify to make a gift in this way. But the potential exists for many donors



to increase their charitable giving this year and next year, bringing more resources to meet the greatest needs.

Instead of leaving IRA dollars to face estate and income taxes after their death, these donors can make a difference today with these pre-tax dollars.

This excerpt is from a column which originally appeared December 10, 2006 in the Appleton Post-Crescent. Curt Detjen is president/CEO of the Community Foundation for the Fox Valley Region, Inc.

Van Dyn Hoven Automotive Group shows continued support for the Little Chute Windmill

Employees of Van Dyn Hoven Imports of Appleton present a \$10,000 check for the Little Chute Windmill Project to executive director Robin Dekker. The Van Dyn Hoven Automotive Group has pledged significant support to the project and owner Jerry Van Dyn Hoven serves on the Little Chute Windmill board of directors.



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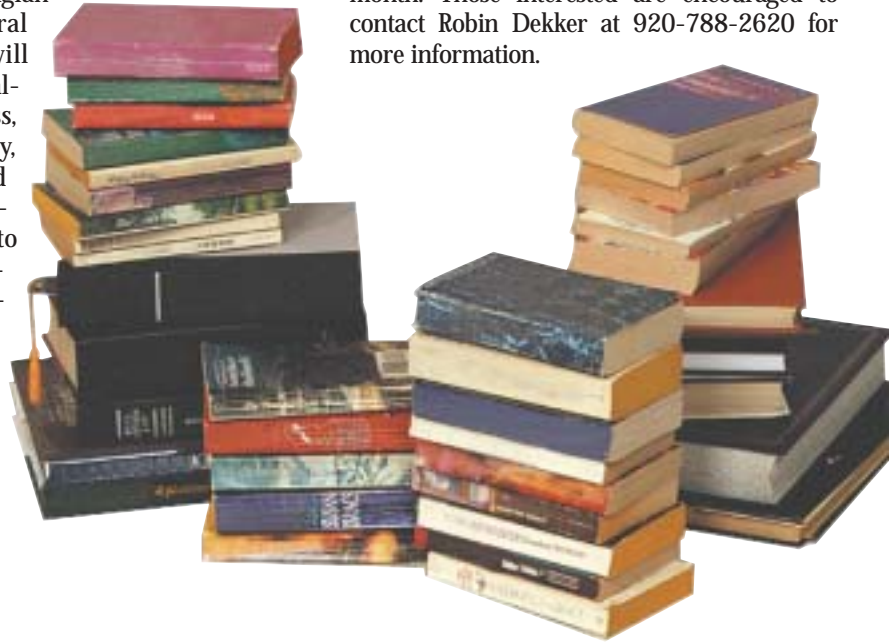
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Little Chute Windmill kicks off Boekenworm, a Dutch literature reading group

Boekenworm, a reading group presented by Little Chute Windmill, Inc., will kick off its first reading series in January, focusing on six works of fiction by renowned Dutch and Belgian authors. Boekenworm represents the first of many cultural programs to be organized through Little Chute Windmill, Inc. Little Chute Windmill, Inc. executive director Robin Dekker and board member Mark Harris are heading up the Boekenworm effort. "The Little Chute Windmill is not just a structure, but a historical and cultural institution to celebrate Dutch and Dutch-American heritage and contemporary life. We are looking forward to seeing the Windmill rise on the Little Chute horizon, but we felt that now is the right time to begin offering the public the sort of programming that we plan to carry forward. The Boekenworm reading group is a perfect way for people to participate in and benefit from Little Chute Windmill's broader mission, and we are very excited about that." said Harris. The six books in the series were

selected to highlight broad themes in the culture and history of The Netherlands and Belgium, as well as introduce readers to some of the most well-known and celebrated Dutch and Belgian authors. General themes will include colonialism, business, family, memory, happiness and nature. Boekenworm is open to anyone interested in literature and lively discussion.

Discussion sessions will be held at Sirocco's Mediterranean Tapas Restaurant at 125 East College Avenue in downtown Appleton from 5:30 to 7:30pm on the last Wednesday of each month. Those interested are encouraged to contact Robin Dekker at 920-788-2620 for more information.





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NEW North a big plus for Windmill project

By Mark Harris

Little Chute Windmill's executive director, Robin Dekker, and board member Mark Harris, attended the third annual NEW North Summit in Manitowoc on December 14. One thing that attendees definitely learned that day is how to answer the question, "What is the NEW North?"

The NEW North, with the NEW standing for "Northeast Wisconsin," is an 18-county regional economic development effort. The 18 counties stretch from Sheboygan, Fond du Lac, Green Lake, and Marquette Counties on the southern edge; to Marinette, Oconto, and Florence Counties on the northern edge; to Menominee, Shawano, Waupaca, and Waushara Counties on the western edge; to Door, Kewaunee, and Manitowoc Counties on the eastern edge. Also included are the populous central counties of Brown, Outagamie, and Winnebago, as well as Calumet County.

The NEW North began as a discussion among informal groups of CEOs in Green Bay and Appleton about five years ago. Their efforts helped lead to a comprehensive Northeast Wisconsin Economic Opportunity Study conducted by University of Wisconsin — Extension and NorthStar Economics. The study was "launched" at the first summit in Green Bay in November 2004, with about 500 businesspeople, municipal leaders, economic developers, community and regional planners, educators, and non-profit executives in attendance. Those groups have become the backbone of what is now the NEW North.

One of the recommendations of the NEW Economic Opportunity study was the formation of a regional economic development organization; another recommendation was branding and marketing the region. Both those recommendations reached fruition at the second summit in Oshkosh in December 2005, with the official launch of the organi-

zation and branding campaign called the NEW North, as well as the introduction of an executive director, Jerry Murphy.

Jerry Murphy was hired after a nationwide search. He returns to the upper Midwest from the Buffalo Niagara Partnership in Buffalo, New York, a similar multi-county organization, where he was Executive Vice President. Prior to that, he was an economic developer for fourteen years in Michigan's Upper Peninsula, and he holds an MBA from UW Parkside. He has both region-



al roots and broad national experience in the challenging field of economic development.

So what is the relevance of the NEW North to our Little Chute Windmill? If you look at a map of the 18 counties, you will immediately notice that Little Chute is almost at the exact geographic center of the region, advantageously positioned on Highways 41 and 441 and close to Highway 10. The NEW North region will logically be the Windmill's primary "nearby" marketing territory, from

which the majority of day trips to the Windmill will come.

Furthermore, we live in a much more connected world now. Part of the impetus behind NEW North is that the 18 counties (and all their individual cities, villages, and towns) can do much better in the 21st century by working together instead of at cross-purposes. A win for one is a win for all. The Village of Little Chute and the Windmill will benefit and be better known by taking full advantage of this new regional context.

There is a fresh excitement in Northeast Wisconsin that has been very noticeable at all three of the summits to date. "Collaboration" is the new rallying cry. With so many of the most energetic personalities in the region working together, and with everyone who lives here invited to contribute their talents to making a great corner of America even greater, this area is going to achieve real growth and gain favorable national attention over the coming years.

People across America will come to realize that Northeast Wisconsin is more than just our beloved Green Bay Packers — although the Packers will always be our calling card, since no other region of our kind, without a huge central city, boasts a deservedly legendary major league sports franchise.

Northeast Wisconsin is also the EAA, and summer week-ends in Door County, and golf in Sheboygan. It is hunting in the woods and ice-fishing on the lakes. It is a great place to live and work and raise a family. It is a superb work-force and a friendly, diverse population. It is excellent educational institutions. It is ethical politicians and community leaders. It is traditional industry and manufacturing, and it is innovation in business. It is one of America's best-kept secrets (although not for long!). And it is the Little Chute Windmill, too.

Kiwanis Club of Little Chute continues commitment to Little Chute Windmill

The Kiwanis Club of Little Chute presented a \$1,000.00 check to Little Chute Windmill, Inc. at their meeting on January 9. Executive director Robin Dekker spoke to the group about the project and accepted the check on behalf of Little Chute Windmill, Inc. To date, the Kiwanis Club of Little Chute has donated over \$10,000.00 to the project

and is a Gold Level donor. They were the first entity to donate to the project and have demonstrated a long-standing commitment to the windmill. Dekker spoke of the goals the Kiwanis and Little Chute Windmill, Inc. have in common, including the desire to enrich the lives of children and provide opportunities for learning.



Recepten Hoekje

(Recipe Corner)

“Stamppot”, which literally means “smash pot”, is the quintessential Dutch meal. Made from inexpensive and readily available ingredients, stamppot is rich, hearty and satisfying. This version uses kale, but there are also versions which use sauerkraut, endive, spinach or any other leafy greens. Different sausages can also be used, such as chorizo, pork sausage, Italian sausage or chicken sausage. The possibilities are endless, so get out your pot and whip up a quick traditional Dutch favorite using whatever you have on hand!

Boerenkoolstamppot met rookworst

(Mashed potatoes and kale with smoked sausage)

3 lbs. potatoes

20 oz. kale

1- 16 oz. smoked sausage

Milk

Butter

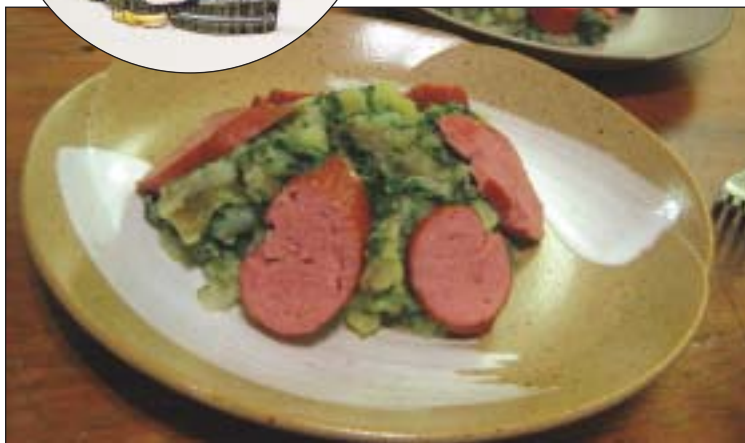
Salt & freshly ground pepper

1. Wash, peel and cut potatoes into chunks. Place in a large pot, cover with water and boil until tender.
2. Wash kale, remove tough stalks and chop roughly. Steam for 5 minutes or until tender.
3. Cook smoked sausage to desired doneness according to package directions, on stovetop or in the oven, broiler or microwave.
4. Drain and mash potatoes. Stir in milk, butter, salt and pepper to taste (just as if you were making mashed potatoes). Stir in steamed kale and adjust seasonings.
5. Slice cooked sausage into pieces and serve on a generous mound of mashed potatoes and kale.

Eet smakelijk! (Bon appétit!)

Variations: Try using a different leafy green or sausage. Stir grated cheese or chopped fresh garlic into hot mashed potatoes.

Use sour cream instead of milk for a richer tangy flavor. Cook carrots, parsnips or turnips with potatoes and mash together. Try grilling your sausage. Try not peeling your potatoes for an extra earthy flavor and higher nutrient content.



At the January 15th meeting of the Little Chute Historical Society, the society presented President Don DeGroot with a check for \$1000 to go towards fund raising for the windmill. The money was raised by the Little Chute Historical Society by hosting its first annual Holiday House, held December 1 at the home of Mark Husby at 107 Canal Street in Little Chute.

Pictured from left to right are 2006 Little Chute Historical Society President, Mark Husby, President of Little Chute Windmill Inc. Don DeGroot and 2006 Little Chute Historical Society Treasurer Virgie Janssen.



Election of 2007 officers for the Little Chute Historical Society were also held at the January 15th meeting.

Pictured left to right **Vice President** Louis (Lou) Van Eperen, **Secretary** Ellen Mischler, **President** Virgie Janssen, **Treasurer** Jane Vanden Heuvel



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PUBLIC MEETING

Do you have questions or want to learn more about the Little Chute Windmill Project?

You are invited to attend a public informational meeting on

Monday, February 26 at 7:00pm

at the Little Chute Village Hall.

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