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TED WILLIAMS

Ted Williams Baseball Camp

Former Baseball Camp Now Site of Town Facilities

Ted Williams, of the Boston Red Sox, has been called by many the greatest hitter who ever lived. Williams, the last person in major league baseball to bat over .400 in a season, is a member of the Baseball Hall of Fame and a member of the Sports Illustrated All-time All-Star Team. Williams won both the American League Most Valuable Player award and the Triple Crown twice. He achieved this success despite having his career interrupted two different times to serve as a Marine fighter pilot in World War II and the Korean War.

In 1959, Williams and his partner Al Cassidy purchased land in Lakeville to establish a baseball camp. Ted Williams was a regular participant at the camp over many years, including an annual fundraiser event for the Jimmy Fund. Williams, who spent summers at various locations in Lakeville, was a regular visitor to various establishments while in town.

In 1986, the Town of Lakeville purchased the property. It is now the site of the Lakeville Public Library, the Lakeville Senior Center and other town facilities.

The Lakeville Senior Center is located next to Loon Pond, one of many places in Lakeville where Ted Williams used to fish.

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