

Mount Holly Chit Chat



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December 2018

Church Listing on back page "Who's Got It Locally?"

Town Library: Sat 9-1 Sun 2-4 Mon 10am-6pm Tue 9am-1pm Wed 2-6, P.O. Box 93, Belmont, VT 05730 Call 259-3707

Town Office Hours: Mon. to Thurs. 8:30 am – 4:00 pm Closed Fri. & Holidays Phone & Fax 259-2391

Town Treasurer's Office Hours: Mon 8:30 am – 12:00 pm Wed 12:00 pm – 4:00 pm and by Appointment 802-259-2391

Town Lister Hours: Tuesdays 10:00 am – 2:00 pm and by Appointment 802-259-2391

Town Garage: 259-3179

Burn Permits: Call Fire Warden ~ Jim Seward 786-3408 or 259-2211

Transfer Site: Sat. 8 am – 2 pm & Sun. 9 am – 12 pm



Sat 1st **Bobcat, Fisher Trapping - Deer Bow & Arrow/Muzzleloader Season Begins ~ Rosa Parks Bus Boycott 1955**

Sun 2nd MH Snow Flyers Meeting, Belmont Fire Station

8:30 am

Hanukkah Begins

3rd Mt. Holly Community Association Meeting, Library

7:00 pm

4th **Holiday Movie Night**, MH School Library

AFL-CIO Founded 1955

5:30 pm

5th Fire Dept. Business Meeting, Belmont Fire Station

7:00 pm

6th *Pearl Harbor Day 1941*

7th *Soviet Union Dissolved 1991*

Sat 8th **Deer Bow & Arrow/Muzzleloader Season Ends**

Sun 9th *Hanukkah Ends*

10th Rescue Squad Meeting, Rescue Squad Building

7:00 pm

11th Mt. Holly PTSA Meeting, MH School Library

4:30 pm

Community Guild Meeting, IOOF Hall, Belmont

9:00 am

Selectmen's Meeting, Town Office

Anniversary of UNICEF Founding 1946

12th LMHUUS Meeting,

7:30 pm

Fire Dept. Ladies Auxiliary Meeting, Belmont Fire Station

6:00 pm

ODD Fellows Meeting, IOOF Hall, Belmont

7:00 pm

13th MH School Concert, MHS Gym

7:00 pm

Fire Dept. Drill, Mt. Holly Fire Station

6:00 pm

Sat 15th *Alexandre Eiffel 1832 ~ Bill of Rights Day 1791*

Sun 16th *Ludwig van Beethoven 1770 ~ Boston Tea Party 1773 ~ Battle of the Bulge Began 1944*

17th Mount Holly Planning Commission, Town Office

Bobcat Trapping Season Ends

7:00 pm

Operation Just Cause 1989

18th Mt. Holly Town Library Meeting, Library, Belmont *Wright Brothers' 1st Powered Flight Kitty Hawk, NC 1903*

6:30 pm

Mason Meeting, Mt. Moriah Lodge, E. Wallingford *13th Amendment Abolishes Slavery 1865*

8:00 pm

19th *Crow Season Ends*

20th Fire Dept. Work Detail, Fire Stations

7:00 pm

21st *Winter Solstice ~ Landing of the May Flower 1620*

24th Rescue Squad Meeting, Rescue Squad Building

7:00 pm

Kit Carson 1809 ~ USAF Began Strikes on Laos 1964 ~ Christmas Eve

25th *Christmas Day*

26th ODD Fellows Meeting, IOOF Hall, Belmont

7:00 pm

27th Fire Dept. Drill *George Cayley Father of Aerodynamics 1773 ~ Louis Pasteur 1822*

7:00 pm

31st *Republic of Panama Assumes Control of Panama Canal 1999 ~ Official End WWII 1946*

Gray Squirrel, Ruffed Grouse (Partridge), Raccoon, Fisher Hunting & Trapping Seasons End

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Emergency Services

Mount Holly Fire Dept.	259-2700 or	911	Poison Control	(802) 658-3456
Mount Holly Fire Warden – Jim Seward	786-3408	259-2211	American Red Cross	802-773-9159
Mount Holly Rescue Squad	775-3133 or	911	Game Warden – Tim Carey	802-773-9101
Mount Holly Constable Paul Faenza		C 802-353-8347	Health Officer - Tim Bickford	779-6429
Animal Control For Mt. Holly		C 802-353-8347	Vermont State Police	773-9101

Send ARTICLES to: Diana Garrow, 3379 Shunpike Rd., Mt. Holly, VT 05758 Phone 259-2314 or E-Mail to chitchat@vermontel.net Check out Mt. Holly Web Site www.mounthollyvt.org

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December Birthdays: 2nd -Richard H. Dawley (93rd) 3rd - Archie Bussino (1942) 4th -Shawn Palmer 5th -Mary Beth Jacobs 6th -Nikita Abrae Howard 8th -Zachary Taylor * Heather Graham (1999) 9th -Carol Skarzynski 10th -Madeline Veysey 16th -Heather Jacobs * Erin Devereux 16th -Shane Pearson 18th -Alec McCallum 19th -Lia Wortman * Jon Lombardi * Ryan Graf * Sarah Devereux 22nd -Leslie Colm 1960. 23rd -Kateri Collins * Stacey Johnson 24th -Christopher Colm * Joshua R. Wasilewski 25th - Annette Lynch 27th -Richard Lee 30th -John Ely * Jennifer Bussino Graham (1981) 31st - A.J. Labozzo



December Anniversaries: 11th -Joe & Donna McDonald 41 yrs. (1976) 27th -Dave & Carol Venter 59 Yrs. (1958)

If you would like to add or remove yours or a family members birthday and or anniversary from the list please send the information to me at the above address or e-mail me at chitchat@vermontel.net or call me at 802-259-2314.

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	&	2:45 pm – 4:45 pm
	Sat	7:30 am – 10:30 am
Lobby Hours:	Mon – Fri	8:00 am – 4:45 pm
Belmont		802-259-2790
Window	Mon – Fri	7:30 am – 9:30 am
	&	2:45 pm – 4:45 pm
	Sat	8:00 am – 10:45 am
Lobby Hours:	Mon – Fri	7:30 am – 4:45 pm
East Wallingford		802-259-2829
Window	Mon – Fri	7:00 am – 11:00 am
	Sat	7:00 am – 10:00 am
Lobby Hours:	Mon – Fri	7:00 am – 4:45 pm
Cuttingsville/Shrewsbury		802-492-3585
Window Hours	Mon – Fri	7:30 am – 10:30 am
	&	11:30 am – 2:30 pm
	Sat	8:00 am – 11:00 am
Lobby Hours	Mon – Fri	7:30 am – 5:00 pm
	Sat	7:30 am – 11:00 am
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Post Master: Dawn Howlett		
Lobby Hours:	Mon – Fri	6:30 am – 5:30 pm
	Sat	6:30 am – 11:00 am
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	Sat	8:30 am – 10:30 am



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The Annual Membership meeting is held on the second Monday in September in the Mount Holly Town Office at 6 p.m. The meeting includes the annual report and election of the Board of Directors

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Please help us Celebrate **Richard H. Dawley's 93rd Birthday on December 2nd** with a card shower to:

Richard Dawley, 484 Dawley Rd., Mt. Holly, VT 05758

Richard is the 7th generation of his family to live in Mount Holly since birth on the same farm. His family also boast to having the first white male child born in Mount Holly at the Dawley farm.

Earl I. "Tersh" Runner III

Earl I. "Tersh" Runner III 10/18/1949-10/27/2018 On Saturday afternoon, Oct. 27, 2018, Earl I. Runner III, of Cuttingsville, VT, known by his friends and family as "Tersh," passed away due to the effects of a recent and tragic illness. His death was sudden, but he remained himself to the end – a brave, thoughtful, sensitive soul. Tersh was born on Oct. 18, 1949, in New York City, to father Earl I. Runner and mother Faith H. Ilava. His family traveled during his childhood, bringing Tersh and his sister, Faith "Hasty" Runner, to encounter many new places and cultures, undoubtedly establishing Tersh's love of learning, knowledge and desire to be generous and open with the people he met throughout his life. After many adventures as a young man, Tersh returned to Westport, CT, a town where he spent much of his youth, and where he and his former wife, Martha Caruso, chose to raise their family. Tersh and Martha were blessed with two beautiful sons Samuel S. and Benjamin P. Runner - both unique souls, just like their father. The Runner family home was a place of learning, artistry and invention. Tersh loved to teach by experience; a fine-woodworker, Tersh helped his sons design and build amazing projects, including dioramas, machines and even their childhood tree house, which he lovingly guided them through assembling by their own hands. The boys recall the honest and thoughtful manner in which their Dad would respond to their questions - the truly singular way he taught them to appreciate art, craft and nature. He was profoundly loved by his sons; they write, "The sadness at his passing is indescribable; however, this does not stop us from remembering him as he was, a brilliant, well-thought, well-spoken man with an unfathomably deep love for his children." They are always reminded of him whenever they encounter something special and beautiful. Tersh was survived by his two loving sons Samuel S. Runner, of Hartland, VT, and Benjamin P. Runner, of West Tisbury, MA; by Benjamin's wife, Rose Campbell Runner, their two children Benjamin Jr. Runner and Ivy Runner, and by Sam's wife, Jackie Runner. Tersh was also survived by his sister, Faith "Hasty" Runner; Martha Caruso, his former wife and the mother of his children; and several cousins. Tersh was cherished by his best friend, comrade and life partner, Sharon T. Gardiner; the two had known each other for nearly 50 years. He was deeply loved by Sharon's family and by her daughter, Raleigh Gardiner. Tersh was an extraordinary person: an artist, a collector, an admirer of beautiful things, a master carpenter, a writer and a lifelong scholar of history and cultures. A true intellectual, Tersh was deeply curious about nature and the universe. He was a gentle soul who was always kind and respectful to others. He cared intensely about justice and fairness for all living things and lived his life accordingly. Tersh was the kind of person one would be lucky to have met in a lifetime; he will be dearly and deeply missed by all who were fortunate enough to be touched by his life. Tersh loved reading and volunteered at the Shrewsbury Library. His family and friends request that all donations made in Tersh's memory please be directed to the Shrewsbury Library, located at 98 Town Hill Road, Shrewsbury, VT 05738. A memorial service for Tersh Runner will be held on Dec. 9, at 1 p.m. at the Shrewsbury Library.

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loved ones. All items for sale will be under \$5 with an emphasis on \$1 and \$2 items. Please pass the word along to your crafty friends as the PTSA is looking for vendors to participate in this even. Application deadline is November 30th. Please call Morgan at 259-2755 with any questions!

Christmas Eve & Christmas Day Mass Schedule & Services

St. Patrick's in Wallingford

4:00 pm Christmas Eve

10:00 am Christmas Day

&

Christ The King in Rutland

Christmas Eve

4:00 pm ~ 8:00 pm ~ 11:30 pm

Christmas Day

7:30 am ~ 10:00 am

&

Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

in Ludlow

Christmas Eve

5:00 pm

Christmas Day

9:00 am

&

Holy Name of Mary in Proctorsville

Christmas Eve Only

7:00 pm

&

Belmont Village Baptist Church

Christmas Eve Service

7:00 pm

With Blacklight Chalk Drawing

Mount Holly School

PTSA meetings will now be held at 4:30 pm on the 2nd Tuesday's of the months in the library. Hope to see you then.

The Mount Holly School PTSA is looking for crafty folks to participate in the student shopping fair. On Friday, December 7th, all students at MHS are invited to shop for Holiday gifts for their

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Library News

Holiday Hours

The Library will be closed the following days for the holidays: December 24, 25, 26 & 31

January 1

Library Book Drop Temporarily Out of Service

Our Book Mailbox has sprung a leak! Due to several new books being ruined we ask that you please not use the old mailbox to drop off books when the library is closed. We are working on a solution and hope to have it up and running soon! Stay tuned to the Chit Chat and Newsflash for updates.

Book Donations - Closed

Thank you to all those that donated books for our book sale! Due to limited access to storage, the library

Mount Holly Library Reading Discussion Group

The Mount Holly Library Reading Discussion Group will not meet in December but will meet again in the New Year on Wednesday January 9th, 2019 at 6:00 pm at the home of has not been decided yet. The book we are reading has not been decided yet as well. Please call Minga for information needed at 259-2471. Have a wonderful Christmas and Happy, Healthy New Year. Minga Dana

Vermont author in need of adoption!



If you are a fan of local legend Archer Mayor and would like to read all of his new releases **FIRST**, please consider adoption!

By pledging to adopt you:

- * agree to reimburse the library for the cost of the book (25-45% off retail!)
- * are the first person to check out new releases by your author
- * help the library continue to provide new books to the community!

If interested please stop by the library during open hours or email mthollylibrary@gmail.com with your contact information

will no longer be accepting donations during the winter months. Please hold on to your donations, we will be taking them again in the spring before our next book sale.

Library Hours

The Mount Holly Town Library is open:
Mondays 10:00am – 6:00pm, Tuesdays 9:00am – 1:00pm, Wednesdays 2:00pm – 6:00pm, Saturdays 9:00am – 1:00pm and Sundays 2:00pm – 4:00pm.

Playgroup at Mount Holly Town Library

All children ages birth to 5 years are invited to join early education professional Lynn Gould for free play, songs, stories, healthy snacks and arts and crafts. Stop in the library after to check out some great picture books to take home! Tuesday Playgroup is a wonderful support for caregivers with young children.

Tuesdays

10:00am - 11:30am



Open to all children and caregivers in the surrounding area!



Join Bone Builders

Monday & Thursday Mornings
9:00 am

At Mt. Holly Community Center
For Weights and more information
Call Judy Nevin 259-2443



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Mount Holly Parent Teacher Association

The Mount Holly Parent Teacher Association organized a trick or treating party at The Village Baptist Green in Belmont, Vermont on Friday, October 26th. Over 75 children attended the event. There was a free hayride provided by Tim Martin in association with The Mount Holly Fire Department. Local community members opened their doors to trick or treaters handing out candy and other sweet treats. The event was organized for the first year by the PTSA, who took the reins from the Mount Holly Community Association. "I think the PTSA really pulled together and did a great job organizing and working as a team to continue the traditions the MHCA has put together. I am really proud of the work all the parents did to continue this fun and safe tradition. I was also really excited that we were able to get help from both the MHCA and The Fire

Department along with donations for our costume contest from The Green Mountain Sugar House, Mojos and The Belmont Store. Getting that support from the community and the fact that people were willing to provide candy and decorate their homes just means so much to us," said Megan Harlow Jenkins vice-president of the PTSA. The winners of the costume contest were Beau (Carleton) Jenkins tornado costume for "Most Creative Costume", Lydian Skiathitis as a jester for "Best Overall Costume" and The Campopiano Lions, Tigers, and Bears oh my won "Best Family Costume". Megan Harlow



November 2018, Trestleboard Mt. Moriah Lodge

Next meeting Tuesday 12/18th 8PM

HAPPY THANKSGIVING TO ALL THE BROTHERS AND THEIR FAMILIES

Black River Lafayette will hold their annual Christmas Party on December 20th in Chester. All Brothers and families are invited. Fraternally, Dave Seward, WM - Buster Seward, Sec'y

FOLA's Fun Christmas Program for All on December 14

Friends of the Ludlow Auditorium [FOLA] will bring the sights and sounds of the holiday season to the Ludlow Town Hall Auditorium with its annual Community Christmas Celebration on Friday, December 14 at 7:00 PM.

Bruce Schmidt will emcee this night of holiday performances by the members of the community. Heidi Beitz and the Ludlow Elementary School 6th Graders will give a reading of "Twas the Night Before Christmas". Mary Barron will lead students from the Ludlow Elementary School and the Mt Holly Elementary School in Christmas singalongs. Katherine Herrle and the Black River High School/Middle School will also perform a variety of holiday music including a rather enthusiastic rendition of the "Twelve Days of Christmas".

In addition to the student performances, there will be a skit where a movie producer comes up with the greatest script for a movie of all time that sounds a lot like the Christmas Eve story. A reading of a holiday story that will tug at your heartstrings. And many more lovely performances. Who knows, maybe even Santa Claus will show up.

So come and enjoy this celebration that will feature some of your friends and neighbors.

The Community Christmas Celebration is free and open to everyone of good cheer!

More information may be obtained about the program by contacting Scott at The Book Nook (802) 228-3238 or the FOLA web site at www.foia.us.



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Mount Holly Community Association

On Friday October 26th, Belmont Village was filled with princesses and Bat Men and ghouls and goblins for the **Children's Halloween Gathering on the Green** sponsored by the Mount Holly School PTSA and supported by the Mount Holly Community Association, the Mount Holly Fire Department, and all of the folks who opened their homes to all the children who went Trick-or-Treating and enjoyed hay rides around Belmont village. The costume contest was generously supported by prizes from the Belmont General Store, Green Mountain Sugar House, and Mojo Café. Many thanks to everyone who made this a very special evening for all the Mount Holly children!

Upcoming: Another fun-filled event for our children is right around the corner...**Christmas in Mount Holly!** Please join us at the library on Saturday, December 15th at 4:00 pm for the annual skit, the community Christmas caroling, the traditional reading of *The Night Before Christmas* and, needless to say, a visit from "you know who"! Santa will be here to give out the first gifts of Christmas to the children and find out what their fondest wish for Christmas is this

The Mount Holly Community Association

Invites one and all to the

Mount Holly Christmas Party

At the Mount Holly Library & Community Center

Saturday, December 15th at 4:00 PM

- **The Annual Christmas Skit presented by the Mount Holly Players**
 - **A visit from Santa himself**
 - **A reading of "The Night Before Christmas"**
 - **Sing-a-Long Christmas Caroling**
 - **Bring munchies to share.**

Mount Holly Community Association Membership Drive

2018 - 2019

Please join to support...Music on the Green-Mount Holly Day-Garden Tour-Square Dance-Cabaret-Photo Contest-Cider Days-Roast Beef Supper-Halloween Party-Christmas in Mount Holly-New Year's Eve at Star Lake-Spring Mud Fling

And the maintenance of our historic Community Center Building
Please join today!!

(Brochures will be mailed in June and will also be available in the library, the General Store, and the post offices.)

hundreds of people will keep you warm throughout the evening...please join us!

Well Project Update: On Friday, November 9th, we finally received the permit from the state to drill a well to provide a permanent and reliable source of water to the Library & Community Center building. We are now exploring the possibility of getting this project underway and completed before Christmas, but weather conditions may interfere with that plan. If it does look like a go, we will be updating you through the Newsflash and let you know the timeline for the work, as well as how it will impact the use of the Library and Community Center.

Reminders: It's time to renew your **MHCA Membership for 2018 - 2019**, if you have not already done so! All of the events sponsored by the Community Association (such as those described above) would not be possible without the participation of *everyone* in the community through your annual membership. It is our largest source of revenue to support all of the activities throughout the year, as well as the maintenance of our beautiful, historic building. Whether you join at the individual level of \$20, or the benefactor level at \$250, your participation is crucial to the

year. Refreshments will be served in the Community Room following the festivities. Please mark your calendars now and, whether you have young children, or if you're just young at heart, you should not miss this event. It is the warmest way to kick off the warmest season of the year...please join us!

Ring in the New Year at the best fireworks display in the Okemo Valley...**New Year's Eve at Star Lake!** Once again the Mount Holly Snow Flyers will provide the most extensive and elaborate fireworks show in the region on New Year's Eve, Monday, December 31st. Festivities begin at 8:00 pm with a bonfire by the lake and hot cocoa provided by the Mount Holly Community Association. There is no better way to welcome in the New Year than in the company of family and friends on the shore of Star Lake in Belmont. Even if the air is frigid, the bonfire and the camaraderie of

Don't forget...

Fireworks Monday night, December 31st

At Star Lake

beginning at 9:00 pm

**Compliments of the
Mount Holly Snow Flyers**

Hot cocoa served at 8:00 pm

**compliments of the
Mount Holly Community Association**

**All are welcome...be sure to join us
around the Bon Fire!**

Happy New Year!!!!!!!

vitality of **your** Community Association! A reminder was recently sent out, but if you have misplaced your form, you can pick one up at the library or at the General Store, or contact Beth Latino, our membership chair, at 259-2084. Forgotten whether you've joined or not?! You can get that information from Beth Latino as well. Please join today!!

The Mount Holly Photo Calendar is now on sale at the General Store, the library, the Town Office, Plew Farm, and the Crowley Cheese Factory. Be sure to pick up the calendars you need for holiday presents as soon as possible. In addition, we are running a second raffle! For every calendar you buy, you will have the chance to win a photograph by Tom Johnson. The lovely photo he has contributed, *A Change of Seasons*, is on display in the Belmont Store. Be sure to go take a look at it and buy a calendar or two while you're there! This is yet another way that you can support the MHCA...we are sincerely grateful for all you do!

The Mount Holly Art Group has changed its meeting day to Fridays at 10:00 am. The busy weekends kept some people from participating, so they switched their meeting day in the hopes that more of you will be able to join them. Please remember, you need not be an expert...just a lover of art and good company!

The Board of Directors of the Mount Holly Community Association wishes to extend its warmest best wishes to all during this season of light and celebration whether it be Christmas, Hannukah, or Kwanzaa...happy holidays to everyone!



cozy of your choice. Adult beverages will be available. The cost of admission for this event is \$25. The museum cannot accept credit cards at this time, please use cash or checks to pay for these fundraising events. Start off the winter season with an enjoyable evening at this historical venue decorated in a holiday Victorian ambiance. See you at the museum on 14 High Street in Ludlow from 6:30pm until 8:30pm. Snow date is Sunday, December 9th.

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BLACK RIVER ACADEMY MUSEUM SOUP 'N SIP ANNUAL GALA FUNDRAISER

DATE: SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2018

CONTACT: Joan M. Willett; EMAIL: willett@comcast.net Tel. # 802-228-8690

Join us this year for the festivities at the Black River Academy Museum on Saturday, December 8. It's time again for Soup 'n Sip; our annual fundraising event for the year. There will be many activities taking place that evening. Along with a silent auction, there are stocking and basket raffles, \$1 gift bags, a scavenger hunt, and of course, delicious soups/chowders/chili to warm you on a cold December evening. The soup will be served in hand-painted bowls which you can take home along with a locally sewn, colorful cloth

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- Mount Holly Library
- The Town Office
- Plew Farm
- Crowley Cheese Factory

And...For every calendar
you buy you
get a chance to
win a photograph by
noted photographer Tom Johnson (his
photos are on display at the Belmont Store).

All proceeds help Support the many activities of the
Mount Holly Community Association

Questions? Call: 802- 259-3947 or email to: mthollyphotos@gmail.com



'Twas The Night Before Christmas



'Twas the night before Christmas, when all through the house Not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse. The stockings were hung by the chimney with care, In hopes that St Nicholas soon would be there.

The children were nestled all snug in their beds, While visions of sugar-plums danced in their heads. And mamma in her 'kerchief, and I in my cap, Had just settled our brains for a long winter's nap.

When out on the lawn there arose such a clatter, I sprang from the bed to see what was the matter. Away to the window I flew like a flash, Tore open the shutters and threw up the sash.

The moon on the breast of the new-fallen snow Gave the lustre of mid-day to objects below. When, what to my wondering eyes should appear, But a miniature sleigh, and eight tinny reindeer.

With a little old driver, so lively and quick, I knew in a moment it must be St Nick. More rapid than eagles his coursers they came, And he whistled, and shouted, and called them by name!

"Now Dasher! now, Dancer! now, Prancer and Vixen! On, Comet! On, Cupid! on, on Donner and Blitzen! To the top of the porch! to the top of the wall! Now dash away! Dash away! Dash away all!"

As dry leaves that before the wild hurricane fly, When they meet with an obstacle, mount to the sky. So up to the house-top the coursers they flew, With the sleigh full of Toys, and St Nicholas too.

And then, in a twinkling, I heard on the roof The prancing and pawing of each little hoof. As I drew in my head, and was turning around, Down the chimney St Nicholas

came with a bound.

He was dressed all in fur, from his head to his foot, And his clothes were all tarnished with ashes and soot. A bundle of Toys he had flung on his back, And he looked like a peddler, just opening his pack.

His eyes-how they twinkled! his dimples how merry! His cheeks were like roses, his nose like a cherry! His droll little mouth was drawn up like a bow, And the beard of his chin was as white as the snow.

The stump of a pipe he held tight in his teeth, And the smoke it encircled his head like a wreath. He had a broad face and a little round belly, That shook when he laughed, like a bowlful of jelly!

He was chubby and plump, a right jolly old elf, And I laughed when I saw him, in spite of myself! A wink of his eye and a twist of his head, Soon gave me to know I had nothing to dread.

He spoke not a word, but went straight to his work, And filled all the stockings, then turned with a jerk. And laying his finger aside of his nose, And giving a nod, up the chimney he rose!

He sprang to his sleigh, to his team gave a whistle, And away they all flew like the down of a thistle. But I heard him exclaim, 'ere he drove out of sight, "Happy Christmas to all, and to all a good-night!"



Clement Clarke Moore Miniature Biography

Clement Clarke Moore (1799 - 1863) came from a prominent family and his father Benjamin Moore was the Bishop of New York who was famous for officiating at the inauguration of George Washington. The tradition of reading 'Twas the night before Christmas poem on Christmas Eve is now a Worldwide institution and tradition.

Clement Clarke Moore (1799 - 1863) wrote the poem 'Twas the night before Christmas also called "A Visit from St. Nicholas" in 1822. It is now the tradition in many American families to read the poem every Christmas Eve. The poem 'Twas the night before Christmas' has redefined our image of Christmas and Santa Claus. Prior to the creation of the story of 'Twas the night before Christmas' St. Nicholas, the patron saint of children, had never been associated with a sleigh or reindeer!

Clement Moore, the author of the poem 'Twas the night before Christmas, was a reticent man and it is believed that a family friend, Miss H. Butler, sent a copy of the poem to the New York Sentinel who published the poem. The condition of publication was that the author of 'Twas the night before Christmas was to remain anonymous.

The first publication date was 23rd December 1823 and it was an immediate success. It was not until 1844 that Clement Clarke Moore claimed ownership when the work was included in a book of his poetry.





Fletcher Memorial Library Presents Our Annual Holiday Auction.

Right now and until December 7th @ 6 PM – we have a very special item open for bidding! Popular Vermont author, Archer Mayor (pictured left), has graciously given us permission to auction off **“15 Minutes of Fame”** to the lucky high bidder. Your name will appear in an upcoming novel. It is Archer’s choice as to who your character is – dead or alive. What Fun! Stop in: Bid High and Bid Often. During the auction dates we will have 1 copy each of Archer Mayor’s 2 newest novels, signed and donated to us.

Great Items arriving daily for our Silent Auction which will run **November 26 – December 7** with last bid called @ 6 PM. PLEASE CONSIDER DONATING TO OUR AUCTION – THE STAFFS’ ANNUAL FUND RAISER. All proceeds benefit the community providing new or enhanced services for our patrons that are not in our budget. These could be a special collection, new on-line service, new DVD movies, technology upgrades and more . .

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A Note To The Voters of Mount Holly –

Please accept this note as thanks to all who considered or supported my recent candidacy, and particularly to those who generously took the time to share their thoughts and concerns with me. Peter Berger



WOW! Welcome to Winter!

Just last month it was fall and I wrote about the leaves turning and falling and winding up another great Rainbow Riding Center season of lessons, horses getting wooly, getting hay in for the winter and closing up shop for the year, but in a snap of Mother Nature’s fingers winter arrived like a stampede. And it just keeps coming.

At RRC it’s time to hunker down, take a look back at the season and start planning for next year. The horses get the winter off eating and playing, sparring, and eating some more. It is also a time when we can get some training in, exposing the horses to new things so we will be ready for some new adventures in the spring.

As the program grows so do the demands on the horse. When

they read their horsemanship 101 books it doesn’t say anything about people riding backwards or wheelchairs or people standing on their backs, gymnastics while riding, uncontrolled sounds or movements, horse teeter totters and all the other silly human tricks. What are these people thinking?

In between times, we look for ways to fund the program through grants, donations and fundraisers so we can provide financial assistance to anyone who can benefit from the company of horses. And as we grow so does our budget and it takes more and more to accomplish our goals.

Heading into our 11th year, we are in the midst of our annual fundraising campaign. All donations can be sent to Rainbow Riding Center PO Box 395 Shrewsbury, VT 05738.

We would like to thank everyone who is contributing to our success .Without our communities, volunteers, the commitment of our staff and our beloved equine partners we wouldn’t be able to continue to provide this amazing program in our area.

Thank you to all and enjoy a hearty and Happy Thanksgiving.

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What if the Wise Men were Wise Women?

What would've happened if there had been three *Wise Women* instead of three Wise Men? First of all, they would've stopped to ask directions and they would've arrived on time. They would certainly have helped to deliver the baby, cleaned the place thoroughly, made a casserole and brought practical gifts like wet wipes, Pampers and gift cards.

We chuckle at the sex-role stereotyping, but actually they *did* ask for directions (of Herod) and got there as quickly as they could (not in time for the birth). And I'm not sure I'd want several Persian Astrologers in the birthing room anyway, thank you very much. The gifts they *did* bring were fit for a king and over 1,000 miles by camel is a big commitment to go worship. How committed are *we*?



candlelit sanctuary or a regular worship service), our hearts are lifted out of this temporal world into God's eternal world. According to William Temple, in worship the *conscience* is quickened by the holiness of God, the *mind* is fed by the truth of God, the *imagination* is purged by the beauty of God, the *heart* is opened to the love of God, and the *will* is devoted to the purpose of God. And thus we are helped onward in our goal of becoming more like God.

The wise men may've actually begun seeking God out of political motivations. Perhaps they thought this new King would help the Parthians defeat Rome. Maybe they were looking for a new king to unify the two empires. Possibly they were simply curious about the long-prophesied Jewish Messiah. Or could it be that they were genuinely seeking the one true God? Whatever their motives at the start of their journey, when they saw Him, "they fell down and worshiped Him." God in His grace opened their eyes to something His own people did not see- that Jesus was *God* in human form.

I take it from their response that they were converted and thus became the earliest Gentile believers in Christ. How about you, believer? Will you resolve right now that Sunday you'll join other worshipers with a heart of wisdom prepared to worship? What you worship determines what you become.

Here on the edge of celebrating His coming to earth, He'll come into your life if you'll invite Him. Just tell Him, "Jesus, I'm yours from this day on. I believe You died for me and I'm giving *me* to You right now." This could be the day that changes *everything*, ... wise man, wise woman ...*eternally*. Pastor Glenn Davis, The Village Church, Christmas Eve 7:00 pm

Have you ever noticed how much trouble people have when it comes to worshiping? First of all, it's so "humbling". And, I mean, "it's so-o-o far!" "I don't have time."

The Magi would look at you and say, "Are you crazy?" We have come to see THE KING!" The fact of worship of the KING was worth the price to get there. Is it worth anything to you?

Worship? Who needs it anyway? Well, we *all* do. We need worship because we are unique creatures made in the image of God. In fact, we are *made* for God, so we can't fulfill our purpose unless we develop a right relationship with Him. And worship helps us to do that when we focus on the Lord.

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MOUNT HOLLY COMMUNITY HISTORICAL MUSEUM

Festival of Lights

SILENT AUCTION

You are invited to The Festival of Lights Silent Auction, presented by The Mount Holly Community Historical Museum. This annual event will be Saturday, December 8th from 6-8pm. It is a fun and festive way to begin the Holiday Season.

Beautifully decorated one of a kind wreaths, creative gift baskets and an array of donated items will be auctioned. This is

the museum's primary fundraising event. The monies raised will support the development of new exhibits, the educational program and contributes to the upkeep of museum facilities.

This year's event will be at The Odd Fellows Hall, on Star Lake, in Belmont. An array of Hors d'oeuvres with wine and other refreshments will be offered beginning at 6pm. In addition to the silent auction there will be 4 wine and cheese basket raffles plus door prizes!

There is no charge to attend this "adults only" event. Come join the festivities and community fellowship while supporting the museum!

For more info about this event, visit www.mounthollyvtmuseum.org or our Facebook Page.

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Mount Holly Town News

The following Minutes of the Select Board and the Planning Commission are "DRAFT" until approved at their next meeting. NOTE: Most Select Board and Planning Commission meetings are covered by Okemo Valley TV. The videos can be viewed at their website, www.okemovalley.tv Computers with internet access are available at the Town Library.

Mount Holly Town Auditors Request

Mount Holly Town Auditors are requesting of all organizations who submit articles and or budgets for the Mount Holly Town Report to have your

Regular Select Board meetings are held on the second Tuesday of the month at 7:30pm in the Town Office. Items to be included on the Agenda are due by Noon the Thursday before the meeting.

TOWN OF MOUNT HOLLY

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articles typed single spaced and mailed or dropped off or e-mailed to: mthollyauditors@gmail.com to the Town Office no later than January 16, 2019. All articles mail to the Town Office at the following address: Mount Holly Town Office, Attn: Auditors, P.O. Box 248, Mt. Holly, VT 05758

If you have any pictures of your organization or the Town of MT. Holly that have occurred in town this past year and wish to have them included in the Town Report, please send them to us for our consideration. We can scan the photo and return it to you. For more information, call the town office and leave a message for one of the Auditors. Thank You, The Mount Holly Town Auditors

Winter Parking Ordinance

Reminder the winter parking ordinance is in effect from November 1 - April 30. No person, owning, operating or controlling a motor vehicle shall park or cause to be parked said motor vehicle on any street or highway within the Town of Mount Holly from 9:00 P.M. to 6:00 A.M.

Mount Holly Animal Control Officer

The Mount Holly Animal Control Officer is Constable Paul Faenza. He handles all calls concerning domesticated and farm animals, including Animal Cruelty concerns. For more information or to make a report please call (802) 353-8347 or email pfaenza47@yahoo.com

Mount Holly Town Office

Will be **CLOSED** the following dates:

Monday, December 24th, 2018 For Christmas Eve
Tuesday, December 25th, 2018 For Christmas

Monday, December 31st, 2018 For New Years Eve
Tuesday, January 1st, 2019 For New Years Day

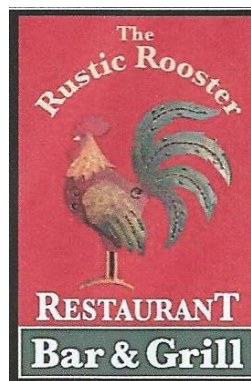
Monday, January 21st, 2019 for Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Mount Holly Listers Hours

The Listers are at the Mount Holly Town Office most Tuesdays 10:00am-2:00 pm or by appointment. Please call 802-259-2391 for any questions.



To Contact Mt. Holly Town Road Crew,
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Food Shelf Taking Holiday Basket Applications

The holiday season is beginning and most people are looking forward to family and celebrations. But not all of

our neighbors are so lucky and many will struggle to just keep food on the table and heat in the house this winter.

Black River Good Neighbor Services in Ludlow helps those who need a helping hand each year with food and children's toys through the holiday basket program. Each year the folks at BRGNS reach out to over a hundred local families, delivering all the ingredients for a full holiday meal.

In order to receive a holiday basket an individual or family must first fill out an application. If you or someone you know needs assistance this season, please call Krey or Audrey at 802-228-3663. Applications are available at the food shelf and thrift store, 37B Main Street in Ludlow, and on line at www.brgn.org.

BRGNS serves people in Ludlow, Cavendish, Proctorsville, Plymouth, Mount Holly, and Belmont. The food shelf is open Monday through Friday from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Black River Good Neighbor Services thanks all of our friends and neighbors who recently donated to and attended the annual Stick Season Social. We held the event at Sam's Steakhouse in Ludlow on a Saturday evening and the outpouring of support was tremendous.

There were well over a hundred items donated to the silent auction and raffle, and seven local businesses sponsored the event. To that add the 120 people who attended and who enjoyed a fabulous dinner and evening of socializing with friends and neighbors.

The staff, volunteers and clients of BRGNS thank everyone for making this evening a rousing success. Proceeds from the event will be used to support the various programs of BRGNS including provision of food and heat during the coming winter months. Peter LaBelle, BRGNS Director

Rockingham-Clarendon Route 103 Roadway Project

The Vermont Agency of Transportation would like to notify the public that it has become necessary for the Rockingham-Clarendon Route 103 paving project to hold over until Spring of 2019. Due to weather, surface conditions and other unforeseen construction factors, work along this 42-mile project was not able to be completed in 2018 as anticipated.

Winter shut down activities are underway and will include paving a leveling course over the existing milled surface and hot-in-place recycled surface from Chester to Mount Holly. Also, paving temporary fillets alongside road and driveway aprons as required to create smooth transitions and allow for proper winter maintenance, along with other highway related items.

Once all winter shut-down work has been completed, the 40-mph work zone speed reduction will be removed until the spring when work resumes. Once weather permits in the spring, Pike will resume paving the remaining 14 miles of wearing course from Chester to Mount Holly, including side road and driveway aprons.

Thank you for your assistance and cooperation throughout this portion of the 2018-2019 construction season. You may contact Project Outreach Coordinator Natalie Boyle at (802) 855-3893 or nboyle@eivtech.com if you have any questions or concerns.



Ludlow Rotary Awards George Thomson 2018 Community Service Award

The Ludlow Rotary Club (LRC) took great pride last month in celebrating Rotary Week, the week of October 21- 26, at a well-attended joint meeting with the Okemo Valley Chamber of Commerce. A special award was presented to Ludlow resident and longtime Cavendish Town Elementary School principal George Thomson. Every year the Ludlow Rotary Club presents this award to a local person or organization who has done great things for our communities.

Having been in education for over 40 years George was principal of the Cavendish Town Elementary school for 29 years when he retired this past June. Always active in his community and beyond-George has been on many local non-profits boards as well holding an office including: Mountainside House, LPC-TV now Okemo Valley TV, Fletcher Farm Foundation, the Chester Music Series, The United Church of Ludlow, FOLA and was an active member of the Rutland

Cornerstone Barbershop singers.

He and his wife Linda have helped raise money for the Malayaka House Orphanage in Africa and spent a bit of time volunteering there last summer. George is a humble, caring person, always willing to help anyone in need, never seeks recognition and was truly dedicated to the kids and staff at the Proctorsville school for so many years. Many of his former colleagues attended the mixer to share in the surprise award.

Pictured above, from left to right, are Brigid Sullivan, Rotary Club President; George Thomson, and Linda Thomson.

LRC meets for lunch on most Tuesdays at 12:15 pm at DJ's Restaurant. The LRC is small and is always looking to welcome new members. If you would like to attend a meeting and learn how you may 'Serve Humanity' while enjoying the fun and fellowship of others, please contact any Rotarian or drop a note to Ludlow Rotary, PO Box 216, Ludlow Vermont.

MATCHED SAVINGS ACCOUNT SLOTS AVAILABLE

The Vermont Individual Development Account (IDA) Savings Program currently has a limited number of slots available for income eligible residents of Rutland and Bennington Counties to open matched savings accounts.

If you save \$1,000 over a one to two-year period; \$1,000 is matched. The money you save is put into a special account. The savings can be used for:

- Home ownership
- Post-secondary education
- Business self-employment
- Vehicle purchase or repair
- Home repair
- Job training
- Job tools

Please contact Shelley Faris at BROCC Community Action if you are interested in saving for your future to request a Vermont IDA Savings Program application. Shelley can be reached at 802-665-1742 or sfaris@brocc.org.

Fletcher Memorial Library Holiday Silent Auction

It's that time of year again! Fletcher Memorial Library is having their 19th annual Holiday Silent Auction from Nov. 26th to Dec. 7th. This auction helps us provide enhanced services that are not in our budget. All proceeds enable us to continue providing 21st century technology for our community.

We are currently looking for donations. New merchandise, gift cards or certificates, local services or products, and cash are all welcome. Donations are tax deductible.

Items may be dropped off at the library at 88 Main St. in Ludlow Monday – Friday 10-5 and Saturday 10-1. Gift certificates may be sent at any time. Be sure to include your business card and the value of your donation. Call the library at 228-8921 with any questions.

Your support, by donation or bid, is greatly appreciated. With your help, 2018 will be our most successful auction!



The Free Range Restaurant Welcomes Chef Tostrup as New Owner

The Free Range Restaurant in Chester has a new Owner. On October 1, 2018, Chef Jason Tostrup, longtime local Chef and pioneer of local foods in the area, purchased the restaurant from Anne and Rick Paterno. The Paterno's purchased the Historic building 4 years ago and created the "Free Range Concept" along with a major remodel of the building. The remodel of the historic Victorian home has brought pride back to the location which is centrally

located "on the green" in downtown Chester, Vt.

Chef Tostrup came on board in 2017 as managing partner with intentions to purchase the establishment. Chef Tostrup is looking forward to joining the local business community and feels tremendously fortunate to be fulfilling his lifelong dream of owning his own restaurant.

Chef Tostrup plans to keep the "Free Range concept" which focuses on fresh and local foods in a relaxed dining atmosphere. Chef Tostrup brings a great new energy to the business and has over 25 years of professional restaurant experience. Originally from Duluth Minnesota, Tostrup starting working in the industry at the young age of 15 and has since gone on to work, travel and train under some of the top chefs in the country. Since moving to Vermont 12 years ago he has accumulated several accolades, including The Vermont "Chef Of The Year" 2008, best restaurant in Vermont 2011 and served a US delegate in Turin, Italy at the prestigious Terra Madre Food conference in 2014.

He has also been written up in several national food publications and featured on national television shows.

Chef Tostrup plans to launch a few new aspects to the business: Free Range Catering, "Eat It Up" Fundraising campaigns and an Artisan dinner series.

Tostrup sees a big opportunity to provide several different catering opportunities to the area, big or small. He is already

booking several holiday parties. His "Eat It Up" campaign launched this month in conjunction with the Chester Andover family Center. His hope is to raise money and awareness of the needs of those in his own community. Lastly, Chef Tostrup is very excited about setting the dates for his Artisan dinner series. He is known for these special dinners and excited to bring them to the Free Range.

With great joy, we invite you to stop by the restaurant and congratulate Chef Jason. The Free Range Restaurant is open for dinner Tuesday-Sunday, and serves Lunch on Saturday and Brunch on Sunday. Please call to book your holiday party or make reservations for Thanksgiving. 802-875-3346 or visit us online at www.thefreerangevt.com or e-mail at thefreerangevt@gmail.com



Brandon Jenkins
Owner

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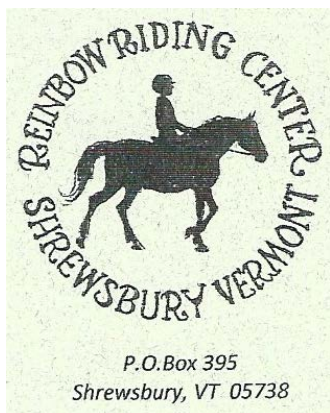


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with all proceeds going as a fundraiser to Bells of Joy, less 10% to the Town of Wallingford. Wallingford Historical Society will sponsor a bake sale. Wallingford Town Hall is accessible to all abilities. Elevator entrance is on the east side of the building off Taft Terrace. For more information, contact the Town Administrator at (802)446-2872. This concert is being presented as part of the Wallingford Town Hall Concert Series.



Dear Friends,

As a familiar chill fills the air and the leaves paint our surrounding mountains with crimson and gold we enter our seemingly quiet time here at Rainbow Riding Center. We are energized by the many successes of your past season beginning in the Spring with the unbelievable turn out at our volunteer training day. But now we enter the planning season where we throw lofty goals onto the table and we start sentences like "wouldn't it be amazing if....." AS a rule of thumb, therapeutic riding students pay one third of the cost of their lessons. Considering that a horse has a head and

hind end, how do these center make ends meet? A generous and informed community that knows the term "It takes a village" is how.

So let's get back to the fun of imagining the future for the development of our students and well-being of our amazing horses.

What if.....

- We could serve all the people in our area who would benefit from therapeutic riding.
- We could get funding from all the communities we serve in Rutland, Addison and Windsor counties?! And that's right, we are the **only PATH certified Center in this area.**
- Our beloved hors Monty could have a siesta while another horse worked with a person.
- Our sensory riding trail could be expanded.
- We could offer a scholarship program...and the list goes on.

These are all in addendum to our barebones functioning budget. Our need for your financial help cannot be under estimated. Please join your community in ensuring the continued and growing success of Rainbow Riding Center.

Many thanks in advance, Lynn McDermott, Board President

Rainbow Riding Center is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit and all your generous donations are tax deductible.

Wallingford Town Hall Concert Series

Bells of Joy directed by Karen James will present a wonderful holiday concert that is sure to lift your heart and spirit as a fundraiser at Wallingford Town Hall on Wednesday, December 12 at 7:00 p.m. The concert will feature traditional Christmas music as well as selections inspired by the Lessons and Carols Service from Kings College, Cambridge in England arranged specially for this unique instrument comprised of 5 octaves of bronze handbells and 5 octaves of lovely handchimes. Come early to get a good seat as seating will be limited to 125. Suggested donations of \$10 to \$15 per person at the door

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Okemo to Hold Food Drive for Local Food Shelf

Okemo ski area will continue a long-standing tradition on December 2nd when the employees and volunteers hold their Fall Cares and Shares food drive. When skiers and snowboarders donate at least five non-perishable food items, a new/unused child's toy, new/unused clothing item, or \$20 cash they receive a coupon for a \$45 lift ticket good on this day.

Donations will be collected in the Clock Tower Base Plaza from 7:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The savings on the cost of a lift ticket are significant.

Many skiers bring food for the drive even though they have already purchased a pass or ticket. This food drive helps Black River Good Neighbor Services in Ludlow to administer its holiday food basket program and also to fill its food shelves for the coming winter months.

Black River Good Neighbor Services assists qualified residents of Ludlow, Cavendish, Mount Holly, and Plymouth with food and financial assistance. For more information about BRGNS please call Audrey or Krey at 802-228-3663.



BRHS Students Describe Trip to Iceland to Ludlow Rotary Club

At its recent meeting, the Ludlow Rotary Club (LRC) had the good fortune to hear four Black River High School students describe their trip to Iceland this past June. In all, eight of the high school students flew to Reykjavik, the capitol of Iceland. There they had the opportunity to explore and hike the many wonders of that northern Atlantic island. Using a colorful slide show presentation, they describe the adventure of climbing the magnificent glaciers in Iceland, experiencing the natural wonders of Gullfoss and Geysir, climbing to the top of Skogafoss waterfall, and swimming in the Blue Lagoon. They were particularly taken with the difference in life-styles in the country as well as the many similarities to our own environment. They noted that the entire population of Iceland was less than that of Vermont. Pictured above, from left to right, are Glenn Heitsmith, Rotarian, and three of BRHS students who participated in this trek, Aaron Merrill,

Luke DeArruda, Ryleigh Corrigan, and Black River High School Science/Math teacher Heather Miele.

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Broadcast Your Holiday Cheer on PEGTV

*Free filming of holiday greetings for
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Broadcast your holiday cheer and reach over 20,000 homes! PEGTV invites the public to stop in or reserve a time to record a short seasonal greeting to be aired on television throughout the upcoming holiday season. It's a great way to reach your friends and neighbors while participating in a community tradition.

Organizations, businesses and individuals within Rutland County can record a special non-commercial seasonal greeting on our holiday set, or PEGTV can come to your location! Simply call to reserve a time and a PEGTV staff member will stop by to record your message. Short on time? Another option is to record your greeting using your smartphone and send it to our Facebook page.

All greetings will be played throughout the holiday season on Channels 15, 20 and 21 and on PEGTV's social media sites. If you would like to set up an appointment call the station by December 19th at 802-747-0151 or email pegvtv@pegvtv.com

PEGTV is comprised of Comcast Channels 15, 20 and 21 and VTel channels 163, 164, and 165 and is available throughout Rutland County to all cable subscribers. Streaming programming, hyper-local weather forecasts, and video on demand services are also available online at pegtv.com.



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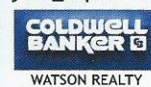
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Ludlow Rotary Awards Grants to 5 Area Community Groups

In October, the Ludlow Rotary Club (LRC) was awarded a successful Rotary District 7870 Grant in the amount of \$2000. This grant was charting new territory as rather than one recipient, the funds were given to five area community organizations.

The Ludlow Rotary felt this way more of our area could be served. Those receiving funds were invited to lunch at DJ's Tuesday, Nov. 6th to receive their checks. The recipients are; Reinbow Riding (Shrewsbury), Streetscapes (Ludlow), Mt. Holly Library, Black River Action Team (Ludlow/Cavendish) and the Town of Cavendish to landscape the plot of land next to the elementary school. Each organization is required to match the Rotary funds. Look for great things to happen from all of these organizations! Thank you all for applying and making our

communities a better place!

LRC meets for lunch on most Tuesdays at 12:15 pm at DJ's Restaurant. The LRC is small and is always looking to welcome new members. If you would like to attend a meeting and learn how you may 'Serve Humanity' while enjoying the fun and fellowship of others, please contact any Rotarian or drop a note to Ludlow Rotary, PO Box 216, Ludlow Vermont.

Photos: Grants-Area-Groups-1-1-2018-composite
Shown left to right- Top Rotary President Brigid Sullivan presenting to Patty Greenwood of

Streetscapes; 2nd Down - Brigid presenting to Barbara Dickey representing the Town of Cavendish; 3rd Next to 2nd - Brigid presenting to Jessica Shurlock of the Mt Holly Library; Bottom Left - presenting to MaryJane Osborne and Janet Upton of Reinbow Riding; and Bottom Right President Brigid Sullivan presenting to Kelly Stettner of The Black River Action Team.

Cavendish Historical Society Presents

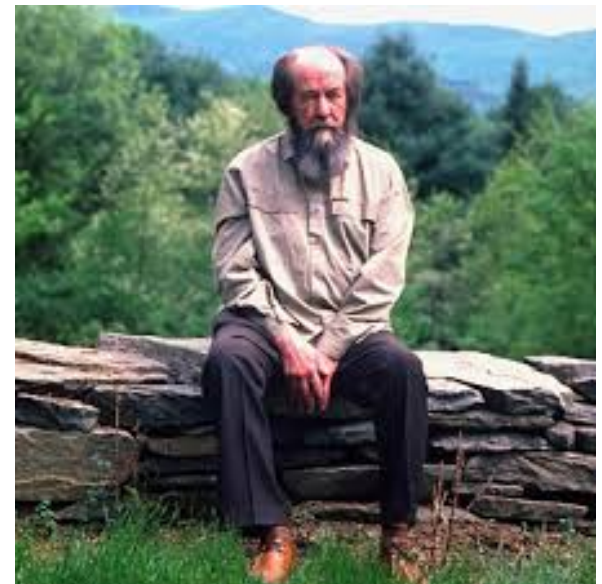
December 11, marks the 100th anniversary of the birth of Soviet dissident and Nobel Prize winner Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn. Author of such books as

"Gulag Archipelago," "One Day in the Life of Ivan Denisovich," and "Cancer Ward," Solzhenitsyn used his experiences and writing to draw the world's attention to conditions in the Soviet Union, which ultimately led to the break of the USSR.

Solzhenitsyn spent 18 of his 20 years in exile from Russia living and writing in Cavendish, Vermont. It was here that he wrote "The Red Wheel."

On December 2 (Sunday) at 4 pm, the Cavendish Historical Society (CHS) will be hosting a celebration of Solzhenitsyn's 100th birthday, which will include the showing of the video of Solzhenitsyn's farewell address to Cavendish in 1994. Following the screening there will be a discussion and potluck supper. CHS will be providing the ice cream and cake.

This event will take place at the Cavendish Baptist Church, 2258 Main St. The snow date is December 9 (Sunday), same time and place. For more information contact Margo Caulfield, 802-226-7807 margocaulfield@icloud.com






A Community Christmas Celebration



Heald Auditorium Ludlow Town Hall

7 PM

December 14, 2018







Christmas Eve 1942

Image may contain: one or more people, horse and outdoor

Darin Lenon

December 25, 2015

It was Christmas Eve 1942. I was fifteen years old and feeling like the world had caved in on me because there just hadn't been enough money to buy me the rifle that I'd wanted for Christmas.

We did the chores early that night for some reason. I just figured Daddy wanted a little extra time so we could read in the Bible. After supper was over I took my boots off and stretched out in front of the fireplace and waited for Daddy to get down the old Bible.

I was still feeling sorry for myself and, to be honest, I wasn't in much of a mood to read Scriptures. But Daddy didn't get the Bible instead he bundled up again and went outside. I couldn't figure it out because we had already done all the chores. I

didn't worry about it long though I was too busy wallowing in self-pity.

Soon he came back in. It was a cold clear night out and there was ice in his beard. "Come on, Matt," he said. "Bundle up good, it's cold out tonight." I was really upset then. Not only wasn't I getting the rifle for Christmas, now he was dragging me out in the cold, and for no earthly reason that I could see. We'd already done all the chores, and I couldn't think of anything else that needed doing, especially not on a night like this. But I knew he was not very patient at one dragging one's feet when he'd told them to do something, so I got up and put my boots back on and got my coat. Mommy gave me a mysterious smile as I opened the door to leave the house. Something was up, but I didn't know what..

Outside, I became even more dismayed. There in front of the house was the work team, already hitched to the big sled. Whatever it was we were going to do wasn't going to be a short, quick, little job. I could tell. We never hitched up this sled unless we were going to haul a big load. Daddy was already up on the seat, reins in hand. I reluctantly climbed up beside him. The cold was already biting at me. I wasn't happy. When I was on, Daddy pulled the sled around the house and stopped in front of the woodshed. He got off and I followed.

"I think we'll put on the high sideboards," he said. "Here, help me." The high sideboards! It had been a bigger job than I wanted to do with just the low sideboards on, but whatever it was we were going to do would be a lot bigger with the high side boards on.

Then Daddy went into the woodshed and came out with an armload of wood - the wood I'd spent all summer hauling down from the mountain, and then all Fall sawing into blocks and splitting. What was he doing? Finally I said something. I asked, "what are you doing?" You been by the Widow Jensen's lately?" he asked. Mrs.Jensen lived about two miles down the road. Her husband had died a year or so before and left her with three children, the oldest being eight. Sure, I'd been by, but so what?

Yeah," I said, "Why?"

"I rode by just today," he said. "Little Jakey was out digging around in the woodpile trying to find a few chips. They're out of wood, Matt." That was all he said and then he turned and went back into the woodshed for another armload of wood. I followed him. We loaded the sled so high that I began to wonder if the horses would be able to pull it. Finally, he called a halt to our loading then we went to the smoke house and he took down a big ham and a side of bacon. He handed them to me and told me to put them in the sled and wait. When he returned he was carrying a sack of flour over his right shoulder and a smaller sack of something in his left hand.

"What's in the little sack?" I asked. Shoes, they're out of shoes. Little Jakey just had gunny sacks wrapped around his feet when he was out in the woodpile this morning. I got the children a little candy too. It just wouldn't be Christmas without a little candy."

We rode the two miles to Mrs.Jensen's pretty much in silence. I tried to think through what Daddy was doing. We didn't have much by worldly standards. Of course, we did have a big woodpile, though most of what was left now was still in the form of logs that I would have to saw into blocks and split before we could use it. We also had meat and flour, so we could spare that, but I knew we didn't have any money, so why was he buying them shoes and candy? Really, why was he doing any of this? Widow Jensen had closer neighbors than us; it shouldn't have been our concern.

We came in from the blind side of the Jensen house and unloaded the wood as quietly as possible then we took the meat and flour and shoes to the door. We knocked. The door opened a crack and a timid voice said, "Who is it?" "Lucas Miles, Ma'am, and my son, Matt, could we come in for a bit?"

Mrs.Jensen opened the door and let us in. She had a blanket wrapped around her shoulders. The children were wrapped in another and were sitting in front of the fireplace by a very small fire that hardly gave off any heat at all. Mrs.Jensen fumbled with a match and finally lit the lamp.

"We brought you a few things, Ma'am," Daddy said and set down the sack of flour. I put the meat on the table. Then he handed her the sack that had the shoes in it. She opened it hesitantly and took the shoes out one pair at a time. There was a pair for her and one for each of the children - sturdy shoes, the best, shoes that would last. I watched her carefully. She bit her lower lip to keep it

from trembling and then tears filled her eyes and started running down her cheeks. She looked up at my Daddy like she wanted to say something, but it wouldn't come out.

"We brought a load of wood too, Ma'am," he said. Then turned to me and said, "Matt, go bring in enough to last awhile. Let's get that fire up to size and heat this place up." I wasn't the same person when I went back out to bring in the wood. I had a big lump in my throat and as much as I hate to admit it, there were tears in my eyes too. In my mind I kept seeing those three kids huddled around the fireplace and their mother standing there with tears running down her cheeks with so much gratitude in her heart that she couldn't speak.

My heart swelled within me and a joy that I'd never known before filled my soul. I had given at Christmas many times before, but never when it had made so much difference. I could see we were literally saving the lives of these people.

I soon had the fire blazing and everyone's spirits soared. The kids started giggling when Daddy handed them each a piece of candy and Mrs. Jensen looked on with a smile that probably hadn't crossed her face for a long time. She finally turned to us. "God bless you," she said. "I know the Lord has sent you. The children and I have been praying that he would send one of his angels to spare us."

In spite of myself, the lump returned to my throat and the tears welled up in my eyes again. I'd never thought of my Daddy in those exact terms before, but after Widow Jensen mentioned it I could see that it was probably true. I was sure that a better man than Daddy had never walked the earth. I started remembering all the times he had gone out of his way for Mommy and me, and many others. The list seemed endless as I thought on it.

Daddy insisted that everyone try on the shoes before we left. I was amazed when they all fit and I wondered how he had known what sizes to get. Then I guessed that if he was on an errand for the Lord that the Lord would make sure he got the right sizes.

Tears were running down Widow Jensen's face again when we stood up to leave. My Daddy took each of the kids in his big arms and gave them a hug. They clung to him and didn't want us to go. I could see that they missed their Daddy and I was glad that I still had mine.

At the door he turned to Widow Jensen and said, "The Mrs. wanted me to invite you and the children over for Christmas dinner tomorrow. The turkey will be more than the three of us can eat, and a man can get cantankerous if he has to eat turkey for too many meals. We'll be by to get you about eleven. It'll be nice to have some little ones around again. Matt, here, hasn't been little for quite a spell." I was the youngest. My two brothers and two sisters had all married and had moved away.

Mrs. Jensen nodded and said, "Thank you, Brother Miles. I don't have to say, May the Lord bless you, I know for certain that He will."

Out on the sled I felt a warmth that came from deep within and I didn't even notice the cold. When we had gone a ways, Daddy turned to me and said, "Matt, I want you to know something. Your Mother and me have been tucking a little money away here and there all year so we could buy that rifle for you, but we didn't have quite enough.

Then yesterday a man who owed me a little money from years back came by to make things square. Your Mom and me were real excited, thinking that now we could get you that rifle, and I started into town this morning to do just that, but on the way I saw little Jakey out scratching in the woodpile with his feet wrapped in those gunny sacks and I knew what I had to do. Son, I spent the money for shoes and a little candy for those children. I hope you understand."

I understood, and my eyes became wet with tears again. I understood very well, and I was so glad Daddy had done it. Now the rifle seemed very low on my list of priorities. He had given me a lot more. He had given me the look on Mrs. Jensen's face and the radiant smiles of her three children. For the rest of my life, Whenever I saw any of the Jensens, or split a block of wood, I remembered,

and remembering brought back that same joy I felt riding home beside of my Daddy that night. He had given me much more than a rifle that night, he had given me the best Christmas of my life..
Author Matt Miles



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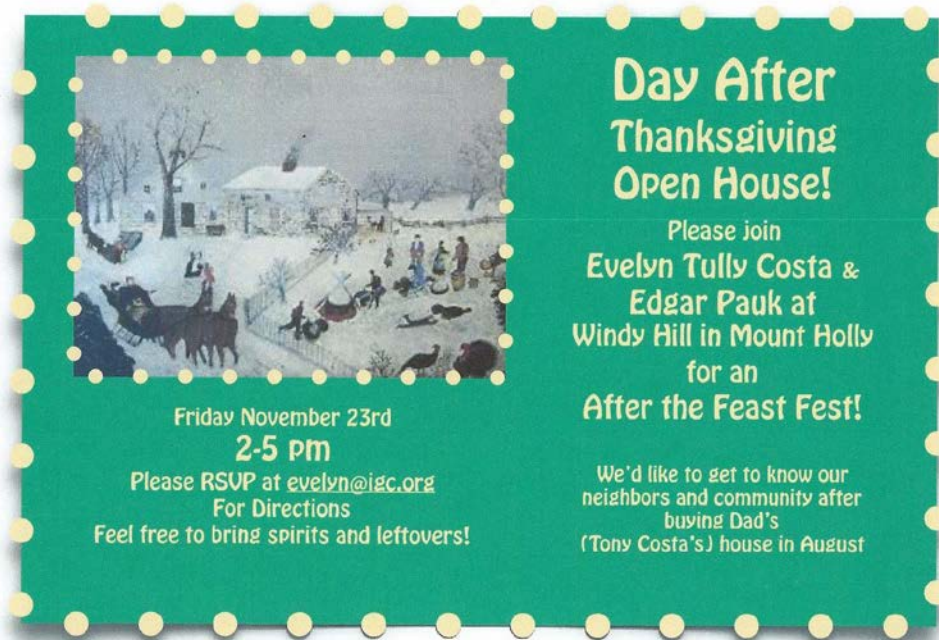
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December 11, 2018

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Mount Holly Chit Chat

The Editor and the Mount Holly Chit Chat Board, would like to Thank all of you for your faithful readership, continued support, as well as those of you who provide the much looked for fodder for the paper throughout the year. We would like to wish all of you a Very Merry Christmas, Happy Chanukah, Happy Kwanzaa, Happy Boxing Day and Happy, Health New Year. Here's to a wonderful 2019.



FOLA Announces Program Schedule for Coming Year

While we're still very much in 2018, FOLA has prepared its basic program schedule for 2019. The planned programs for the coming year will feature 12 great movies, 4 hit Broadway-streamed musicals, and a classic silent movie. Additionally, based on the reception of the Big Band concert and dance this past year, FOLA has made arrangements for the Enerjazz Big Band to return with its swing and jazz music.

A special treat will be a Peter Sellers movie series featuring three of his great comedic and dramatic films.

The 2019 season will begin with "Born in China", a Disney photographic wonder of some of the special animals that are native to China.

The silent movie will be "The Last

Command" featuring Emil Jannings in his award-winning role. Jannings was awarded the first Oscar for Best Actor in a film playing the role of a bit Hollywood player who once was a leader of a Russian army during the Bolshevik Revolution in Russia.

Some of the other films will include "Chocolat", "The Assassination of Jesse James", "When Harry Met Sally", and "Sweet Bird of Youth".

Four Broadway musicals will be streamed including "Billy Elliot Live", "Jesus Christ Superstar", "Daddy Long Legs", and "Holiday Inn".

The return of the Enerjazz Big Band will bring back the Swing and Big Band era music that drew a large and happy audience this past September.

As is FOLA's tradition, the 2019 season will close with the annual Community Christmas Celebration.

FOLA will add new programs to this schedule so keep checking the web site at www.fola.us for program updates.

For additional information on the schedule, contact FOLA at (802)228-7239 or its web site at www.fola.us.

FOLA Kicks Off Fund Raising for New 2019 Projects

FOLA began its fund raising efforts to underwrite the costs of new projects it has planned for 2019.

Included in these projects are:

- Upgrading stage & balcony spotlights
- Completing the audio consolidation in the balcony
- Designing a permanent stage setting & rigging
- Installing modern risers for group performers on stage

To help FOLA realize these goals, interested donors may contribute to FOAL by using the online facilities of this web site by clicking [HERE](#) or mail their donation to: FOLA, 1 Whispering Pines, Ludlow, VT 05149

All contributions are tax-deductible since FOLA is a 501(c)(3) organization.



Mount Holly Voters,

Thank you to everyone who made it out to vote on Election Day or voted early. Obviously the weather was not ideal on Election Day, but Cherry and I were able to meet with a lot of you again on your way to or from voting and we are beyond thrilled that in all three towns in our district we broke records for midterm turnout. You had a very difficult choice this election and I am so happy to have shared a ballot with such a nice man. It was encouraging as well that we did not fall victim to all the nastiness that can seep into even local races such as ours these days. My wife and I knocked on many of your doors in the run up to the election, but I do apologize if you had been hoping to connect with me and we did not get to yours before the election. That being said I encourage you to reach out to me anytime via my cell phone at 802-345-8430. I generally work nights 3pm-11pm, but if you leave me a voicemail I will call you back as soon as I am available. Alternatively you can also email me anytime at loganmicoll@gmail.com. I intend to follow the example of Mr. Devereux and Mrs. Nitka by writing regular articles here so you know what I am up to in Montpelier as well.

Obviously I would be remiss not to give a special thank you to everyone who supported me and contributed to our campaign in one way or another, I wouldn't call each of you out by name without your permission but you know who you are. With the election being as close as it was I can't stress enough that I would not be here today without everyone who contributed exactly what they did.

Thank you so much for this opportunity! Logan Nicoll, 802-345-8430 (call/text anytime) loganmicoll@gmail.com



New Volunteer Opportunities

If interested in learning more about any of these organizations or how you might find some new and rewarding volunteer work or a new placement, kindly call our office at 775-8220.

Dismas House: Would you like to share time cooking a meal, mentoring individuals who are in need of a second chance, helping with mailings, doing some building maintaining tasks???

Libraries: Many local libraries are in need of volunteers to help with events, read to children, help with book sales, and serve on boards. Give us a call!

Loretta Home/St. Joseph's Residence: Both senior residences are in need of activity helpers, friendly visitors, special event helpers, folks to present information or share talents, skills or hobbies with residents.

Interage Day Program: Interage is always in need of volunteers, if you have a skill to share or would enjoy helping out at meal time, this senior day program might be a great match.

Prevent Child Abuse VT: This national initiative offers a variety of support programs to young parents or grandparents raising children. If you would enjoy facilitating a nurturing fathers program or a parenting class, this might be a match for you.

Rutland County Parent Child Centers: Do you love small children? This agency is looking for volunteers to help out in our Rutland and Brandon sites. Support is needed during the lunch hour, nap time, and with daily activities.

Marble Valley Correctional Facility: Volunteers needed to facilitate movie hour, give presentations on informative topics, offer art music enrichments.

Area Food Shelves: Most communities have food shelves that require staffing and support around Rutland County. Community Cupboard, Pittsford Food Shelf, Fair Haven Concerned, BROCC Food Shelf and Commodities, Castleton, and the Poultney area all work hard to maintain their on-going service.

Essential Driving Programs: One to One and Bridges and Beyond are always looking for drivers. If you would like to transport an individual to the doctors or grocery store, this might be the job for you. Travel reimbursement is available.

RSVP Bone Builders: Come solo or team up with a friend and take a workshop to become a certified Bone Builders instructor. Have fun, get healthy and meet new friends all at the same time!

Tax Preparers: Do you like to do taxes?, tax software-literate?, and would like to serve your fellow Rutland County citizens as an AARP Tax Aide volunteer, we would like to hear from you. All volunteers will be trained using IRS-provided training materials. You can call the RSVP office at 775-8220 or Phil Stephan at 773-8931.

Operation Dolls and More News 2018

Thanks to our Operation Dolls and More volunteers for their continued contributions. We have been back in "Santa Workshop" action since February, working hard in all areas of our project. Our group meets monthly on the last Tuesday of every month to network, share ideas, deliver creations, introduce new volunteers, and pick up new supplies and projects to bring home to work on. If you are interested in finding out more information or considering joining our group, please call the RSVP office. If you have a friend or relative that knits, sews, paints, crochets, wood works, or just enjoys kids toys and dolls...this just might be the project for them. We are always looking for donation from clubs, community groups and families that will help make our job of providing holiday gifts to over 55 non-profit organizations easier and successful.. We happily take donations of warm items, (fleece blankets, socks, PJ's, coats) cosmetics, hygiene products, crafty items, toys, games, stuffed animals, books, fabric, sewing notions or sewing machines. Wrapping paper, gift bags, costume jewelry, and baby/infant clothing. Call RSVP @ 775-8220 with questions.

Items and Support needed for Operation Dolls and More

We are always in need of holiday involvements or donations from groups or clubs. Monetary donations are used to buy children's bikes or specifically requested items. Recently we have had a few offices and work places choose our holiday effort as a source to do something specific for the community from their place of work in the spirit of giving to those less fortunate. This is an awesome support to us. These business and civic involvements allow us to help some families.

Cleaning out a closet??? We are in need of the following items:

Sewing and craft notions...such as....thin elastic, Velcro, ribbons, glue, small cans of paint, quilt batting, gift wrap, colored gift bags, tissue paper, cello basket wraps, and YARN.

We also love receiving children's dress up attire, action figures, books, toys, socks, PJ'S, trucks, video games, movies, and arts and crafts items and school supplies, Please call 775-8220 the RSVP office if you have any inquiries.

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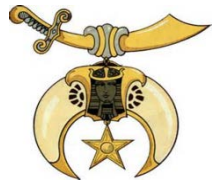
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Community Health Clinics

December Blood Pressure/Foot Care Clinics

Wednesday, 12/05/2018,	Wallingford, Wallingford House,	10:30am
Thursday, 12/06/2018,	Rutland, Parker House,	10am
Thursday, 12/06/2018,	Rutland, Bardwell House,	12:30pm
Wednesday, 12/26/2018,	Rutland, Godnick Adult Center,	12:30pm

The cost of the foot clinic is \$10. No appointment necessary. Please call 802.770.1536 for more information.

Cholesterol Screening: Wednesday, 12/05/2018, Rutland, Rutland office of VNAHSR, 8:30am

The cost is \$30 and can be billed to most major insurance companies. Call 802.770.1536 for more information.

Bereavement Groups: Every Tuesday at 6pm at Grace Congregational Church. The Reverend Andrew Carlson, office chaplain for the Rutland VNAHSR office, will facilitate. Call 802.770.1613 for more information.

Bereavement groups are free and open to the public.

Ostomy Support Meeting: The Vermont Ostomy support meeting will be held Saturday, December 8th from 10:30am - noon at the VNA & Hospice of the Southwest Region, 7 Albert Cree Drive, Rutland. Guest speaker, Janine Small, LMSW. **For more information contact Kate Lawrence, MSN, RN, CWOCN, ET/WOC NURSE at 802.770.1682 or email kate.lawrence@vnahsr.org.**

One-2One Needs More Volunteer Drivers

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Merry Christmas

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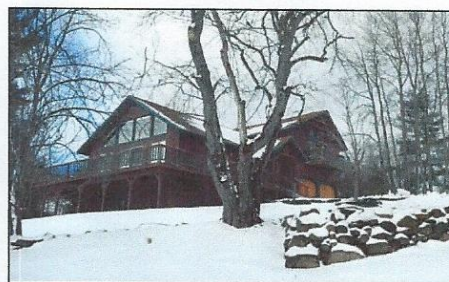
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Holy Name of Mary, Proctorsville, Mass Sun 9:30 am
Rev Thomas Mosher 228-3451
Belmont Village Baptist Church-Worship 9:30am, Coffee Hour 10:30
Pastor Glenn Davis vbch@weebly.com 259-2440
E. Wallingford Baptist – SS 10 am, Worship 11 am, 6:30 pm
Pastor Kevin Miner www.ewbaptist.com 259-2831
First Baptist Church, Wallingford, SS 11am Prayer Meeting Wed 7 pm
Pastor Dave Bentley 446-2020
Lighthouse Independent Baptist Church, Rutland SS 11am & 3pm
Until May 11am & 6pm 779-0300
Ludlow Baptist Church, 9:30 am SS, 10:30 am Music Fellowship,
11 am WS, 6:30 pm Evening PS, Wed 6:30 pm PM & BS
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Equipment For Hire & Snow Moving

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Devereux Earth & Snow Moving 259-2809
Norton's Property Management – Logging*Land Clearing*Snowplowing
*Brush Hogging*Mowing & Care Taking 802-353-6289 Cell 259-3108
Russ Garrow –Lawn Mowing*Brush Hogging*Garden Tilling*Snow Plowing
*Care Taking 259-3167

Farm Fresh Products

Plew Farm (meat, eggs, maple) 802-259-2250
Smith Maple Crest Farm, Grass-Fed Beef Cuts Fresh/Frozen 492-2151
www.Smithmaplecrestfarm.com

Food Shelf

Black River Good Neighbor Services – Krey Kellington 228-3663

Funeral Homes

Clifford Funeral Home 773-3010

Garage, Repair & Wrecking

Belmont Motor Works LLC - Harley-Davidson, Small Engine 259-3178
Snowmobile, ATV, Aluminum Welding & Metal Fabrication
Joe's Garage – ATV's, Snowmobiles, Motorcycles 259-2688
Joesgaragellc@hotmail.com
Miller's Garage – Cold River Rd. Rutland 775-6852

Garden & Landscape, Lawn Mowing

Belmont Country Gardens Quality Custom Stonework & More 259-2364
Frost Hill Farm Seasonal Peony Wedding Flowers 259-2716
Jeb Porter Landscaping rocker@vermontel.net 259-3058
Kevin Smith, Garden Service & Lawn Mowing 259-3964
Noreen's Petals & Greens 236-8188
Salt Ash Nursery - The Balsam Barn – Scott Crawford 259-2146

Health Care Providers

Dr. Joseph P. Donohue – Chiropractic Care, Thrive Center 446-2499
Massage Therapy/Bodywork, Thrive Center of Green Mtns 446-2499
Lisa Donohue MA, LMT ~ Linda O'Brien MT 446-2499

Home Management Services

Belmont Country Gardens Property Management 259-2364
Mowing & Plowing Jon Lienhard
Country Home Management, Richardson/Rivers 259-3662 228-7086
Jenkins Builders brandon@jenkinsbuild.com 952-9722
Seiple's Property Management 802- 236-8104
Yankee Home Management, Keith Hawkins 259-3064

Interior Design

Rose of Sharon Designs – Sharon Napier Design Consultant 860-214-3911

Manufacturing & UPS Outlet

DECO Manufacture Machine Job Shop 259-2477

Maple Syrup

Green Mtn. Sugar House 228-7151
Smith Maple Crest Farm www.Smithmaplecrestfarm.com 492-2151

Marketing & Promotional Services

Express Copy Inc., Don Reiser H 259-2722 362-0501

Metal Fabrication

Wayne Jones Metal www.waynejonesmetal.com 259-2521

Mount Holly Email

Randy Bixby – mhnewsflash1@gmail.com mhnewsflash@gmail.com
<http://www.mhnewsflash.blogspot.com/>

Painters

MRS Unlimited Visions LLC Interior/Exterior Painting –Melissa 259-3989

Personal Services

Paneless Window Cleaning- Insured, Free Estimates 259-2786
Pet Sitter – Barbara Pallotta 259-2856

Plumbing & Heating

Master Plumbing & Heating Inc. 802-975-0369
masterplumbingheating@gmail.com

Real Estate Sales

Coldwell Banker Watson Realty, frank_ellison@cbwatson.net 228-5678
Frank Ellison Real Estate H 228-4011 - Cell 802-345-3766
Engel & Volkers, Okemo - Woodstock Gail Beardmore 802-975-0338
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Patrick.Mclaughlin@evusa.com Cell 203-994-6768 802-975-0338
Kelley Real Estate, Don Eatmon, Broker/Owner H 259-2646 228-5333
Don@KelleyRealEstate.com

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Roofing

Buddy System Roofing Contct Buddy 259-3989
New Roofs/Roof Repairs & Replacement – Slate/Wood/Asphalt/Metal

Security

Countryside Alarms – Mike Blais www.countrysidealarms.com 259-2213

Septic System Design

Krueger Engineering – Arthur G. Krueger, P.E. 492-3653

Therapeutic Riding

Rienbow Riding Center Home 259-2282 Barn 492-2226

Tree Services

G.M. Tree Tech & Landscaping, Greg McKirryher 259-8733

Volunteer Services

Belmont/Mt. Holly Food Co-op, Tanger H 259-2344 W 259-2899
Black River Good Neighbor Service 228-3663

Woodworking, Cabinets & Furniture

Chesters Custom Woodworking ccw@vermontel.net 259-3232
www.chesterscustomwoodworking.com
Stone Creek Workshops www.stonecreekworkshops.com 259-2254

