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# MOUNT HOLLY CHIT CHAT



February 2019

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. &amp; Holidays Phone &amp; 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 &amp; Sun. 9 am – 12 pm

1 <sup>st</sup>	<i>Freedom Day- Pres. Lincoln approves 13<sup>th</sup> Amendment Abolishing Slavery 1865</i>	
Sat 2 <sup>nd</sup>	<i>Ground Hog Day</i>	
Sun 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Snow Flyer Meeting, Belmont Fire Station	8:30 am
5 <sup>th</sup>	Mt. Holly Community Association Meeting, Library	7:00 pm
	<i>One of America's First Weather Observers, John Jeffries b. 1744</i>	
7 <sup>th</sup>	Fire Dept. Business Meeting, Belmont Fire Station	7:00 pm
8 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Bobcat Hunting Season Ends</i>	
Sun 10 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Boy Scouts Founded 1910</i>	
11 <sup>th</sup>	Rescue Squad Meeting, Rescue Squad Building	7:00 pm
	<i>Thomas Alva Edison Founder of General Electric Co. 1847</i>	
12 <sup>th</sup>	Mt. Holly PTSA Meeting, Mt. Holly School	4:30 pm
	Community Guild Meeting, IOOF Hall, Belmont	9:00 am
	Selectmen's Meeting, Town Office	7:30 pm
13 <sup>th</sup>	LMHUUS Meeting, Ludlow Elementary	6:00 pm
	Fire Dept. Ladies Auxiliary Meeting, Belmont Fire Station	7:00 pm
	ODD Fellows Meeting, IOOF Hall, Belmont	7:00 pm
14 <sup>th</sup>	Fire Dept. Drill, Fire Station	7:00 pm
15 <sup>th</sup>	<i>League of Women Voters Formed 1920 ~ St. Valentine's Day</i>	
18 <sup>th</sup>	Mount Holly Planning Commission, Town Office	7:00 pm
19 <sup>th</sup>	Mason Meeting, Mt. Moriah Lodge, E. Wallingford	8:00 pm
20 <sup>th</sup>	Mt. Holly Town Library Meeting, Library, Belmont	6:30 pm
	<i>1<sup>st</sup> American to Orbit Earth John Glenn on Friendship 7, 1962</i>	
21 <sup>st</sup>	Fire Dept. work night, Fire Stations	7:00 pm
22 <sup>nd</sup>	<i>George Washington 1732</i>	
Sat 23 <sup>rd</sup>	<i>Battle of Iwo Jima 1945</i>	
25 <sup>th</sup>	Rescue Squad Meeting, Rescue Squad Building	7:00 pm
26 <sup>th</sup>	Community Guild Meeting, IOOF Hall, Belmont	9:00 am
27 <sup>th</sup>	ODD Fellows Meeting, IOOF Hall, Belmont	7:00 pm
	<i>Levi Strauss 1829</i>	
	<i>Battle of Java Sea 1942</i>	
	<i>US Supreme Court Upholds 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment For Women's' Right to Vote 1922</i>	
28 <sup>th</sup>	Fire Dept. Drill, Fire Station	7:00 pm

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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](mailto:chitchat@vermontel.net) Check out Mt. Holly Web Site [www.mounthollyvt.org](http://www.mounthollyvt.org)

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**February Birthdays:** 2<sup>nd</sup> –Justin Bussino (2004) 4<sup>th</sup> –Chris Charuk 5<sup>th</sup> –Pat Marro 6<sup>th</sup> –Candance Bussino 8<sup>th</sup> –Alyssa Collins \* Debbie Pearce 9<sup>th</sup> –Emma Coldwell 10<sup>th</sup> –Amy Perrino \* Jack Koponen 11<sup>th</sup> –Mary Desautels 18<sup>th</sup> –Andy Bolalek \* Peggy Taylor 19<sup>th</sup> –Dennis Turco \* Denise Turco 20<sup>th</sup> –Barbara Palotta 21<sup>st</sup> –Ben Veysey 22<sup>nd</sup> –Susan Horsman 23<sup>rd</sup> –Jerome Brown 25<sup>th</sup> –Meghan Garrow 27<sup>th</sup> –Mary Crawford \* Steven Radonis



**February Anniversaries:** 17<sup>th</sup> –Lisa & Todd Bussino (1990) 23<sup>rd</sup> –Raymond & Clarise Dana 2017 is their 68 Yr (1949) 27<sup>th</sup> –John & Carol Delaney 51 Yr (1965) 28<sup>th</sup> –Andy & Teresa Bolalek

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](mailto:chitchat@vermontel.net) or call me at 802-259-2314.

## Local Post Office Hours

<b>Mount Holly</b>		<b>802-259-2796</b>
Window	Mon – Fri	8:00 am – 10:00 am
	&	2:45 pm – 4:45 pm
	Sat	7:30 am – 10:30 am
Lobby Hours: Mon – Fri		8:00 am – 4:45 pm
<b>Belmont</b>		<b>802-259-2790</b>
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
<b>East Wallingford</b>		<b>802-259-2829</b>
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
<b>Cuttingsville/Shrewsbury</b>		<b>802-492-3585</b>
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
<b>Ludlow</b>		<b>802-228-7436</b>
Post Master: Dawn Howlett		
Lobby Hours:		Mon – Fri 6:30 am – 5:30 pm
	Sat	6:30 am – 11:00 am
Window Hours:		Mon – Fri 8:30 am – 5:00 pm
	Sat	8:30 am – 10:30 am



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### **George P. Hinckley**

George Philip Hinckley, 73, of Belmont, died Tuesday, Jan. 1, 2019, at his home. He was born in Rutland April 3, 1945, the son of Philip and Grace (Taylor) Hinckley. George was a U.S. Air Force veteran of the Vietnam War and in 1991, served in the U.S. Army during Desert Storm. He was a member of the American Legion Post #31, the VFW, National Guard and the Mendon Fish & Game Club. He was employed by General Electric Co. for many years and was a member of the Rutland County Sheriff's Dept. Surviving are his wife, Betsy (Flanders) Hinckley, of Belmont; a son, Philip Hinckley, of Burlington; and a daughter, Kristy Hinckley, of Pearl River, LA. A celebration of life was held Thursday, Jan. 10, at 11 a.m. at American Legion Post #31 in Rutland.

Officiating was the Rev. Liam Muller, pastor of Trinity Episcopal Church in Rutland. Military honors were provided by American Legion Post #31 of Rutland. Jim Mills sounded taps. The eulogy was offered by Kevin Green. A reception followed catered by Keith's Country Kitchen. Arrangements were by Clifford Funeral Home in Rutland.

### **Dr. Robert C. Anderson**

Robert Christian Anderson, known as "Andy," died peacefully on Jan. 9, 2019, in Belmont, Vermont. He had celebrated his 100th birthday there in September with friends and family. A graduate of Middlebury College and Princeton University, he was a longtime resident of Brookhaven hamlet on Long Island. Among the first employees of the Brookhaven National Laboratory, where he worked from 1948 until 1983, he served from 1956 to 1983 as assistant director, responsible for scientific personnel, university relations and public affairs. In that capacity, he led efforts to expand opportunities for women and minorities in science. He was appointed to the governing council of Stony Brook University in 1974 and as its chair in 1976, serving in that role for nine years. An organic chemist, he worked on key medicinal compounds at Merck and Co. during World War II. He also conducted one of the first experiments in viniculture and wine-making on Long Island, for the New York State Agricultural Extension Service, in the 1950s. He was an avid outdoors enthusiast, a skilled silk-screen printmaker, and lifelong advocate for science in service of society. Dr. Anderson is survived by his wife of 26 years, the former Lynn Orenkewicz; his daughters Lisa (Marc Rauch), Amanda Vellia and Rebecca Pennington (John Pennington); son Jon; grandchildren Sally, Sam, Zeyna, Zak and Isaac; and great-grandchildren Aicha and Elina. His first wife, Luise T. Anderson, died in 1990. A memorial service was held at the Village Baptist Church in Belmont, Vermont, on Jan. 20, 2019, at 3 p.m. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Center for Environmental Education and Discovery <http://www.ceedli.org/> or the Green Mountain Club [www.greenmountainclub.org](http://www.greenmountainclub.org)

### **Mount Holly Ski Program**

Mount Holly Elementary PTSA is beyond excited that Vail decided to continue the great tradition of a ski program. They are looking forward to many years with this program that ensures local children who might not otherwise learn how to ski get the opportunity to go to the mountain every Friday for a half day. Many locals work on the mountain but then can't always afford to vacation at the mountain. And many parents work weekends and evenings, making it hard to take young children to the mountain. This is why the program is so important. Vermont kids should develop a love and appreciation for the wonders that are in their backyard.

Staff and local volunteers ski with the children, and it is a tradition that is enjoyed greatly by the community Okemo has had this program for over 40 years and the PTSA looks forward to seeing how this program will flourish and grow with new ownership.

This year rates have increased and the PTSA had already voted to cover the program fee. With the increase, they will need additional fundraising to meet their goals. They also want to provide scholarships to any family that cannot afford the season ski rental fee. Mount Holly has about 70 students participating so they are hoping for extra community support. The Mount Holly PTSA is running a Go Fund Me, inspired by the success and advice from Cavendish who raised over \$3,000 with theirs. They are asking people to consider donating to their Go Fund Me, [www.gofundme.com/save-our-snow-sports](http://www.gofundme.com/save-our-snow-sports).

They also stated that donors can mail in a check made out to Mount Holly PTSA with Snow Program in the memo. Mail to 150 School St., Mount Holly, VT 05758.

Mount Holly PTSA is a 501(c) (3) nonprofit so your contributions are tax-deductible. Let them know how to get a letter to you either via mail or email. Also any parents and community members interested in volunteering should contact the PTSA for information. If you have questions call Megan Jenkins 802-952-9721 or email question to [mounthollyptsa@gmail.com](mailto:mounthollyptsa@gmail.com)

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.)

**January 2019, Trestleboard Mt.  
Moriah Lodge #96**

**Next meeting Tuesday 02/19<sup>th</sup> 8PM**  
**Happy New Year to all the brothers and  
their families.**

Fourth Annual Valentine Sweethearts  
Dinner, sponsored by Mt. Lebanon Lodge  
#46 and assisted by the Scottish Rite  
Valley of Southern Vermont, will be held on  
Sunday, February 17<sup>th</sup> at the Mt Lebanon  
Lodge, located on Rt 30 in Jamaica,  
Vermont, beginning at 5 pm. Choice of  
Ham or Turkey. Gentlemen are asked for a  
\$10.00 donation. All Masons and friends  
are invited. RSVP to Stan Adams, 802-  
221-0569 or [vt101sec@gmail.com](mailto:vt101sec@gmail.com) or  
Howard Luurtsema, 802-297-1576 or  
[jaluurtz@hotmail.com](mailto:jaluurtz@hotmail.com).

At our December meeting, Dana and  
Calvin Seward did an excellent  
presentation on some of their 4-H travels  
from this past fall. Each member of their  
team had a respectable finish, representing  
Vermont nationally. Congratulations to all  
of them.

We decided to keep our annual dues for  
this year at the same rates as last year. To  
those of you who have email, and to save  
money, I will let you know what your  
particular dues are through this

*Trestleboard. Dues 2019-2020 - \$40.00. Fraternally, Dave Seward, WM & Buster Seward, Sec'y*

**Mount Holly Community Association**

Despite the weather, a good crowd gathered for **New Year's Eve at Star Lake!** Following is a report from **Mary Alberty** on the night's event:

"The fireworks went off without a hitch despite the rain, sleet and snow. Once again the Mount Holly Snow Flyers put on a fabulous, colorful display with a spectacular finale and a bonfire that kept many warm. Thanks to the Hollebeek and Forrest families for donating Christmas lights and to Morgan Skiathitis and her daughters, Olive and Lydian, for helping me set them up. The Odd Fellows also let us use their facilities if people needed to warm up, or use the bathrooms. The Rescue Squad/Fire Department left their decorations up for us in and outside of the Odd Fellows building, creating a great ambiance for the New Year's revelers. This was truly a great community collaboration!"

Many, many thanks to Mary Alberty for coordinating the evening! She also donated many strands of lights, cleaned up the lake area, and removed the lights the next day...talk about doing a job soup to nuts! Thank you, Mary!

New Year's Eve at Star Lake was the **last MHCA event of the year** until the regularly scheduled MHCA events resume in the spring, but we hope that the entire community will make use of the Library & Community Center throughout the winter months. The beautifully renovated Community Room on the lower level is currently used on a

weekly basis by the Play Group, the Mount Holly Folk Group, Bone Builders, and the Mount Holly Artists Group. The library is also a popular winter stop and our librarian, Jessica Shurlow, has done an amazing job keeping the library stocked with all of the latest best sellers and a great many recent movie releases. When it's too cold to go out, the library is a warm and welcoming place to spend a winter afternoon!

**Upcoming:** the next MHCA event is the **Spring Mud Fling**, which will be on Saturday, April 6<sup>th</sup>. The doors open at 8:00 pm and music begins at 9:00. Look for more details in the March Chit Chat. It is the best way to shake off the mud season blues...come join us!

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This will be our last call for **membership in the MHCA** for the 2018 – 2019 year. Reminder letters were recently sent out to a number of people who were members last year, but had not signed up for this year as yet. The MHCA is **your** community association and it needs your support to carry on its work sponsoring events for the entire town and to maintain the beautiful, historic building that houses the library and community room. Membership forms are available in the general store and the library. *Please join us in making this a record breaking year for membership in the MHCA...thank you for your support!!*

### Join Bone Builders

Monday & Thursday Mornings  
9:00 am

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

### You Are Invited

You are invited to a Pot Luck Lunch and housewarming party for Paul and Judy Nevin to help them stock their newly built house with some new items.

Please bring new gifts, and size does not matter as well bring your favorite lunch item!

**Where:** Annunciation Church Hall, Ludlow

**When:** Sunday, January 27, 2018 at 12:00 noon (if major snow storm will be postponed to [February 3.](#))



### Mount Holly Snow Flyers

The riding season is in full swing, trails have been cleaned up from all the storms & the weather has been cooperating so far. We were able to groom several times before the last storm & the trails were holding up good, they are a little rough in spots where the water bars have not completely froze up and around the logging area's on Salt Ash. Care needs to be taken in this area, as the logger may be on the trail at any time with their equipment. The new Tucker has had a couple of issues that we are in the process of working out. We have had several reports of people riding on the trails without registration or

current TMA's - just a word to the wise - law enforcement has been made aware of the situation and they are out patrolling at various times. The fines for No Registration or Expired registration, No TMA, Speeding, Modified Exhaust, and Driving while Impaired (drunk or drugged) are Very Substantial.

A lot of hard work by a few volunteers has gone into the trails this season - so enjoy them Safely.

### Mount Holly School Notes


We would like to extend a warm welcome to our new bus driver Mr. Dennis Cointreau. We are very fortunate to find such a qualified person to take over for Mrs. Perry. We would like to encourage parents, guardians and other designated people who drop off or pick up at bus stops to take a moment to introduce yourself to Mr. Cointreau.

Please contact Ms. Tobey or Ms. Kennedy with any ski program questions regarding the ski program. Please not ski days and times listed below.

Ski Program Dates: January 25<sup>th</sup>, February 1<sup>st</sup>, February 8<sup>th</sup>, March 1<sup>st</sup>, March 8<sup>th</sup>, March 15<sup>th</sup>, & March 29<sup>th</sup>.

Ski Program Times: Leaving MHS at 10:00 am and Returning to MHS at 1:45 pm.

On Thursday, January 31<sup>st</sup>, there will be celebration to honor Ms. Shelley Townsend's 30 years of service to the Mount Holly School Community. Please join us at 2:20 pm in the Mount Holly School Gym. If you would like to send a card please send to: Shelley Townsend, Mount Holly School, 150 School St., Mount Holly, VT 05758



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Front Cover "*Maids of the Mist*" by Emily Clifford

## Photos for 2020 Mount Holly Calendar

Every year an exciting highlight of October's Cider Days celebration is the public balloting for the photographs that will make up the next Mount Holly calendar. This past Cider Days was no different. Despite some less than agreeable weather during Cider Days 2018, when the ballots were counted more than 200 people had made their choices known about which photos they wanted to see in Mount Holly's 2020 calendar.



Page 1 "*Sandy's Hydrangea*" by Patricia Salner

Once again, the competition to get into the calendar was fierce. There were just so many exceptional entries to choose from. Subjects ultimately chosen by the public included horses, cows, dogs, a moose (what would the calendar be without a moose?) and a toddler, just to mention a few. Emily Clifford's "*Maids of the Mist*" (the overall highest vote getter) will be the 2020 calendar's front cover, and Joanna Tanger's "*Farm Dogs*" will be the back cover. There is only one vertical format photo in each calendar and the 2020 calendar will feature Lisa Anderson's vertical photo, "*Star Lake, August 6<sup>th</sup>, 7pm*".

In this issue of the *Chit Chat*, you can see all of the chosen photos. To view these photos in color, please go to [mounthollyvt.org/chit-chat/](http://mounthollyvt.org/chit-chat/), the online edition of the *Chit Chat*.

So, congratulations to the photographers chosen for the 2020 calendar and thank you to everyone who participated, whether by submitting photos, by casting ballots, by judging, or by volunteering their time to help with the competition.

And remember, the photos taken for the 2021 calendar competition are out there for the taking, so please take that camera or smartphone with you wherever you go in Mount Holly and submit your photos starting in August when entry forms will be available. ***But don't wait until August to take them. In the 2018 competition we had very few winter photos and an overabundance of spring and summer photos.*** The *Chit Chat*, the *Newsflash* and the town bulletin boards will be the best sources for information about how to submit photos. Or you can request an entry form at [mthollyphotos@gmail.com](mailto:mthollyphotos@gmail.com).

The competition is open to all residents and non-residents. The only rule governing subject matter is that all photos must be of Mount Holly. The competition has always been intense, and this past year was no exception, so let's make the next competition even more so.

The 2020 calendar will go on sale this coming July. As always, sales of the calendar support the activities of the Mount Holly Community Association. Buy them early and often as the saying goes. They do sell out.

The winners of the popular voting and the months they will be representing in the 2020 Mount Holly calendar are:

Front Cover: "*Maids of the Mist*" by Emily Clifford Jackson

Vertical: "*Star Lake August 6<sup>th</sup> 7pm*" by Lisa Anderson

February: "*Early for Spring Visitor*" by Karen Berger

April: "*Waiting for Spring*" by Jill Gates

June: "*Moo Are You?*" by Dorothy Stanley

August: "*Red Wagon of Gold*" by Jim Corven

October: "*Liquid Gold*" by Patrick DeVine

December: "*Noble Barns*" by Mary Leonard

Inside Page 1: "*Sandy's Hydrangea*" by Patricia Salner

January: "*Steeple High Sunset*" by Derek Covalla

March: "*Spring Thaw*" by Randy Paz

May: "*Spring Miracle*" by Marcy Tanger

July: "*Field of Beauty*" by John Wincze

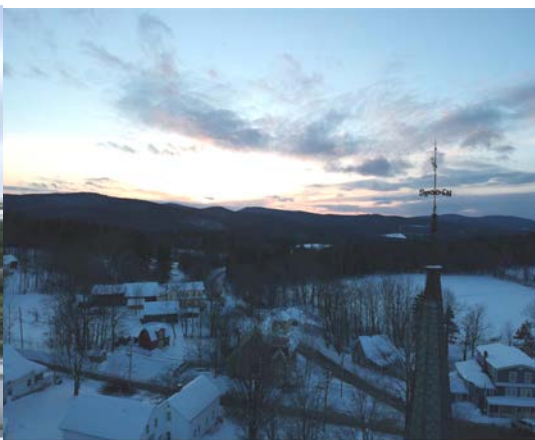
September: "*Early Evening Kayaker*" by MaryFaenza

November: "*Last Light*" by Susan Presson

Back Cover: "*Farm Dogs*" by Joanna Tanger



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## Library News

### New Books Coming in February to MHTL!

**Adult Fiction:** "Careless Love" by Peter Robinson, "Dead Man Running" by Steve Hamilton, "The Forbidden Door" by Dean Koontz, "Hazards of Time Travel" by Joyce Carol Oates, "The Kingdom of Copper" by S.A. Chakraborty, "The Labyrinth of the Spirits" by Carlos Ruiz Zafon, "Night of Miracles" by Elizabeth Berg, "Nine Perfect Strangers" by Liane Moriarty, "Of Blood and Bone: Chronicles of the One, Book 2" by Nora Roberts, "The Other Woman" by Daniel Silva, "Transcription" by Kate Atkinson, "Where the Crawdads Sing" by Delia Owens

**Children's Fiction:** "Beatrice Zinker, Upside Down Thinker: Incognito" by Shelley Johannes, "The Cloud Searchers: Amulet

## Authors in need of Adoption!

- John Sanford
- Lee Child
- Elin Hilderbrand
- John Grisham
- David Baldacci
- Your favorite author!

By pledging to adopt an author 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!

**Thank you to everyone who has already adopted an author!!**

If interested please stop by the library during open hours or email [mthollylibrary@gmail.com](mailto:mthollylibrary@gmail.com) with your contact information and which author you would like to adopt!

Look for an announcement in the NewsFlash sometime in the first two weeks of February for the exact date it can be used. Thank you to everyone for your patience with this!

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### Library Hours

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### Mount Holly Town Library Food Shelf

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**Library Hours**  
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Kazu Kibuishi, "Ranger in Time: D-Day Battle on the Beach" by Kate Messner, "Dog Man: Brawl of the Wild" by Dav Pilkey, "The Kings of Clonmel: Rangers Apprentice #8" by John Flanagan, "Peanut Butter and Jelly: a Narwhal and Jelly Book #3" by Ben Clanton, "Small Spaces" by Katherine Arden, "The Terrible Two Go Wild" by Mac Barnett, "Unicorn Academy #1: Sophia and Rainbow" by Julie Sykes, "Magic Treehouse: Warriors in Winter" by Mary Pope Osborne

**Picture Books:** "Chicken Talk" by Patricia MacLachlan, "The Good Egg" by Jory John, "A Parade of Elephants" by Kevin Henkes

### New Library Book Drop Coming Soon!

Our new outdoor book drop has been ordered and is on its way!

## 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.

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## To the Editor:

My name is Jennifer Matthews, and I am announcing that I am a candidate for the Select Board.

I love Mount Holly. We live in a town of extraordinary natural beauty and full of some of the most independent, hardy, and interesting people I have ever had the privilege to meet.

We have a wonderful community here and I want to work to ensure that Mount Holly remains the great town it currently is.

We face a number of challenges on the horizon. What does the sale of Okemo to the more upscale Vail Resorts mean for Mount Holly? What will the effects of that sale be on our town? What are the ramifications of an aging population on our Rescue Squad, and how might that changing demographic and the new unified school district affect our excellent elementary school? How might the future sale of recreational marijuana, the push for more solar farms, further forest fragmentation, and more intense storms impact our town and our lifestyle? And how might all of this impact our taxes? What do we want for Mount Holly?

## Maryann Gagner Quilt Project

Workshops being scheduled in Ludlow and Mount Holly.

Contact [sgeimer@gmail.com](mailto:sgeimer@gmail.com) for details.

benefits with a woman on the Select Board as we look to the future of Mount Holly.

Just a little bit about my own background: I have served the town of Mount Holly in a variety of capacities over the past 23 years. I was on the Planning Commission for six years. I served as an Auditor for 12 years, and I am again serving in that position, having been appointed by the Select Board to fill a vacancy. I was recently elected to serve as a Lister as well.

My work background here in Vermont over the past 40 years is in small business and non-profit financial management. I owned

and ran two small businesses, and I have worked as a Senior Accountant of one non-profit, Finance Director of another, and Executive Director of a third. I would bring all of these business, organizational, and financial management skills to the Select Board.

Now retired, I have the time and availability to do the day-to-day work of the Select Board. I would also be in the town office on a regular basis to meet with residents to discuss issues, problems, and any and all great ideas regarding Mount Holly's future.

If you should have any questions, or if you would like me to sit down with you and your family, neighbors, and/or group, please do not hesitate to contact me. You can reach me at [matthewsinmountholly@gmail.com](mailto:matthewsinmountholly@gmail.com) or at 259-2529.

I would welcome the opportunity to serve Mount Holly as a Select Board member and to work for the best future possible for our wonderful town.

I thank you for your time and your consideration, and come March 5<sup>th</sup>, your vote. Sincerely – Jennifer Matthews



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I believe we can meet these challenges in a way that benefits our community rather than having change forced upon us.

To do this, we need an engaged Select Board, and perhaps a Select Board that includes a woman. Women make up half the population of the town, and women bring a different perspective and different experiences to the table. I think our community can only reap huge




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## History Beneath Snowshoes

Ever so gently nestled at the backside base of Okemo Mountain is a hillside farm first cleared in the late 1700's by Crowley ancestors. There is a gray patina to the columns of boulders marching like continental soldiers to mark out the homestead's boundaries. We tramp across the hayfield in deep snow left by a 48 hour blizzard. The golden hour now makes all the windswept swirls in the whiteness stand out in bas relief. We climb the steep slope of the pristine pasture, stopping to catch our breath in the last amber rays of the day before spring (2017). We admire the rust-encrusted hay rake beneath the gnarled apple tree; two antiques serving as centerpieces to reign over the sleeping hay. We trudge through the yawning gap in the lichen stones of a wall long laid. On the snowy surface ahead we see our long, thin, blue shadows extending almost to the next rock wall. Rounding a copse of trees, guarding some ancient rocks

Sunshine glows on rosy cheeks like the light reflected off autumn's apples. Too mighty to be budged by a team of draft horses and a stoneboat, we make the turn toward home. I note that our neighbor's house sits low behind the trees in shadow like a crouching catamount. I am promptly reminded that our own white farmhouse likewise slouches in blue-green shade as the golden orb gets prickled by the stretching branches on the ridge. We pause to savor the timeless tread of the tyrannical, blazing, bright ball balancing before its descent behind the trees. We wallow and follow our snowshoe tracks like the markings in sand of some snow turtle coming out to lay her eggs. Sixteen seasons spent traversing this same sun-drenched scenery and yet there seems always to be another sight to see in the gloaming. Just as generations of simple mountainfolk before us have done, we take our last glance at the fleeting, pink alpenglow on the frosty ridge and then shut out the chill with unmitten fingers stretched toward the warmth of a woodfire's blaze. *Pastor Glenn Davis*



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## Mount Holly Senior Stars

The Mount Holly Senior Stars (as in Star Lake seniors?) met in January for a delicious lunch at Harry's Cafe. The next luncheon will be held at noon on St. Valentine's Day, February 14th.

Seating is limited so reservations are required. There are still a few places available and we can always create a back-up list to call if someone can't make it at the last minute. In order to attend, contact Carol Ballou at 259 2333 or email [wmsgal@gmail.com](mailto:wmsgal@gmail.com) to get on the list. The cost is \$5.00.

Once you have attended a luncheon, the following month needs to be paid in advance. For those who have already signed up and paid, your payment can be refunded if you cancel before noon on Monday 2/11.

The Southwestern Vermont Council on the Aging is interested in training anyone willing to lead a Tai Chi for seniors group here in Mount Holly. The next training workshop will be held in Brattleboro on May 4 & 5. The cost is \$300 which the Council on Aging will pay. If you are interested, let one of us know.

Looking forward to good food and pleasant company. See you at Harry's Cafe! Carol Ballou, Mary Nortunen, Judy Nevin

## Learn About Solar Power and Battery Backup

SunCommon in conjunction with the Cavendish Community and Conservation Association will host a free workshop to discuss solar power generation and battery storage on Sunday, January 27th at 1:00 p.m. at Crow's Bakery on Depot Street in Proctorsville. Residents of any town are invited to attend.

The presentation will be both informational and educational, focusing on the steps to take in order to install solar at your home, or to join a community to share in a solar installation. Further, using the Tesla Powerwall you can capture excess solar power and use it during a power outage to keep your freezer frozen, your heater heating, your water flowing and your lights on.

There will be plenty of time for questions, and at the end of the workshop you will understand more about the way solar energy is generated and stored, and what you can do to make your home more efficient.

Refreshments will be served. For more information, please call Robin Timko at 802-226-7736.



## NITKA'S NOTES FROM THE STATE HOUSE

By: Senator Alice Nitka

The new Legislative Session began January 9th and the Senate welcomed five new members of the thirty while the House of Representatives had about forty new persons join their 150 person roster. Two of the newly elected are the youngest members in each body, Senator Corey Parent of St. Albans representing Franklin County at age twenty-eight and Representative Patrick Seymour, of Sutton representing the Caledonia 4 District. Senator Parent previously served in the House while Rep. Seymour is new to the building. Every elected member present took the Oath of Office on the first day while the Governor and the other newly elected statewide officers, Lieutenant Governor, Treasurer, Secretary of State, Auditor

and Attorney General took their oaths on the second day. The Governor's oath was administered by Chief Justice Paul Reiber of the Vermont Supreme Court. Prior to the Governor being sworn in, the results of the Canvassing Committee's report were read as to numbers of votes received by all the statewide candidates. Total votes cast for Governor were 274,087 with the breakdown as follows: Trevor Barlow, Cavendish 3,266; Cris Ericson, Chester 2,129; Christine Hallquist, Hyde Park, 110,335; Charles Laramie, Fair Haven, 2,287; Stephen Marx, Strafford, 1,855; Emily Peyton, Putney 1,839; Phil Scott, Berlin 151,261 and write in votes 1,115. Those elected to all the positions mentioned will serve for two years as will the House and Senate members. There is a Constitutional Amendment being proposed this year to the VT Constitution to make the Governor's term four years instead of two. This has been proposed in other years but hasn't passed. It is long process and would have to pass two Legislative Bienniums in addition to being voted on positively in a statewide election.

The Governor's Inaugural Address, given in the packed House Chamber was very well received and not marred by a protestor who threw papers off the balcony and yelled something about Bill Lee. The governor responded by saying he too liked Bill Lee, who actually ran against the Governor in his first run for Governor and is a former Red Sox pitcher. (Who knew this would come up?) The Governor mentioned among many issues labor force expansion, modernizing Act 250, lowering our carbon emissions, getting all schools drinking water tested within a year re lead levels recently detected in some schools, early child care and learning, broadband and doing a better job leveraging our assets. There was much more and the speech is available on line. Other notable speakers were the Lt. Governor, ministers and a rabbi giving persuasive homilies. There was a quote from Jim Jeffords, "...we have the freedom and obligation to solve problems and help people". A quote from Rev. Robert Potter that he said many years ago and repeated again today, "We may not have it all together but together we have it all". Additionally we have a new Goddess on our roof so we should be inspired. Come visit you State House and see Ceres.

We're just completing the second week of the biennium and speeches for the most part have ended, the Pomp and Circumstance is over, committee assignments have been doled out and the cold weather has settled in for a spell. The lighted skating rink on the front lawn of the State House is in full swing with some hockey players performing under the lights in ten-degree weather. With regard to committee placements, where one will spend the Winter and Spring working on relevant topics, Senators seem pleased with where they find themselves. Senators serve on two committees, one in the morning and one in the afternoon. There are eleven committees and membership is five, six or seven members. I am serving on Appropriations and Judiciary. These are positions I have held previously. Some of the other committees are Education; Finance; Agriculture; Economic Development and Housing; Health and Welfare; Natural Resources and Energy; and Transportation. In the House of Representatives there are twelve committees generally with eleven members with a few exceptions. Topics are comparable to the Senate with some additional fields of jurisdiction such as Corrections and Institutions; Human Services; General Housing and Military Affairs; and Energy and Technology. Assignments for three new Legislators in our region are Logan Nicholl, Ludlow to Human Services, Zachariah Ralph, Hartland to Commerce and Economic Development, Randall Szott, Barnard, (Weston's Librarian) to General, Housing and Military Affairs and Becca White, Hartford to Transportation. With 150 members in the House, it isn't easy for the Speaker to give every member one of their top choices. With some exceptions, most Representatives seemed pleased with their committees.

All committees are reviewing reports that were done over Summer and Fall and were requested in different bills. In Judiciary we received a report from the Dept. of State's Attorneys and Sheriffs with regard to the costs for transporting prisoners, juveniles and persons with mental illness. The transport of prisoners to courts all around the state is an issue under review every session and not without controversy as to the right to make an appearance versus a video appearance. Some prisons and courts can do appearances by video. The report by the Governor's Marijuana Advisory Commission which was awaited by many was presented in the Judiciary Committee. There was not consensus as to all the recommendations. The Roadway Safety Subcommittee wants, "a set impairment threshold for operating a motor vehicle on State roads and highways" as well as "an appropriate impairment testing mechanism, and/or increased Drug Recognition Experts and Training". The report is thorough and will be part of the consideration when the Legislature reviews a bill that will propose a taxed and regulated system. The bill hasn't been introduced but is expected to be in the next few weeks. All the new reports being received are on the Legislative website or will be shortly.

Contact me at home at 802-228-8432 or the State House at 1-800-322-5616 or [anitka@leg.state.vt.us](mailto:anitka@leg.state.vt.us) I am able to read all of your e-mails and appreciate you sending them, however the volume received makes it impossible to respond to all of them.

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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 [www.okemovalley.tv](http://www.okemovalley.tv) or read the minutes on the town unofficial web site [www.mounthollyvt.org](http://www.mounthollyvt.org) or if you have no computer you can visit the Town Library as Computers with internet access are available for all Towns people. Also you may read the minutes at the Town Office.

**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.**

**To Contact Mt. Holly Town Road Crew, call the Town Garage at 259-3179**

1. Meeting called to order by Mark Turco.
2. All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Considerations of any changes, additions or removal to agenda:
  - a. E-cycle contract was signed
  - b. Elect Selectboard chair – Ron made the motion to elect Mark the Selectboard chair, seconded and pass (2-0)
  - c. Approve minutes December 11, 2018 these minutes will be revised to reflect the letter of resignation by Tim Martin (if possible), and voted next meeting.

### 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.

### Selectboard Meeting Minutes - January 8, 2019

**Present:** Mark Turco, Ron Tarbell, David Johnson, Carrie Dougherty, Sue Covalla, Carol Garrow-Woolley, Clinton Woolley, Jim Seward, Paul Barton, Bill McGrath, Jennifer Matthews, Peter Berger, Russ Garrow, Amy Turco, Brigid Sullivan, Annette Lynch

### 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](mailto:pfaenza47@yahoo.com)

4. **Highways** – the certification of highway miles was signed, and Mark made a motion to elect Ron as the town DER.
5. **Treasurer's report** – David present the report for the first six months of fiscal year 2019. The replacement reserve for the equipment fund will be transferred to the equipment account. This is for the replacement of a town truck slated for next year.

The property tax collector has collected \$73,000 in taxes.

The town received the grant money for Sawyer Hill and Tarbellville Roads. These projects were completed over the summer of 2018.

Transfer sticker sales continue to increase. These sales are far better than last year.

Both workers compensation and property insurance bills came in under budget for the year.

Highway expenses this month include repairs to two town trucks.

The audit is slated for Wednesday, January 9, 2014.

**The Vermont Property and Evaluation:** common level of appraisal is 106.05% down from 110.00%, which means the tax rate will have a slight increase. The conversion rate is 16.1%, which has been the same for years.

**6. Proposed budget FY20-** The fiscal year 2020 budget is still a work in progress. This budget will include a one-time payment of \$11,000.00. This is to keep the school district out of the penalty base and a result of the deficiency in the last year of high school operation. This is a one-time payment. The Select Board's position on this expense is all future costs must be run through the school budget. This will then reflect an accurate cost per pupil.

7. The date for signing the warning is set for January 23, 2019 at 5:00 P.M.

8. Additional insurance will be acquired to cover the outbuildings at the garage. This is approximately an additional \$100.00 a year.

9. The selectmen discussed the illegal dumping near the Shrewsbury-Mount Holly town line. This happens about three times a year, which requires the town road crew to clean up the pull off. No action was taken at this time.

Mark suggested changing the meeting time to 6:00 P.M. This item will be on the February agenda.

11. Mark moved to go into executive order, seconded by Ron to discuss the appointment of a Selectboard member to fill Tim Martin's seat. The board entered executive session at 8:13 P.M. and returned at 8:23 P.M. Mark made the motion to appoint Peter Berger to fill the seat for the remaining term. Ron seconded the motion, and motion passed (2-0).

12. Orders were signed by the board. Meeting adjourned at 8:27 P.M. Respectfully Submitted, Carrie Dougherty, Selectboard Clerk

### Planning Commission Meeting Minutes - January 21, 2019

**Present:** Bill McGrath, Peter, Berger, Jim Seward, Carrie Dougherty, OkemoTV

Bill call the meeting to order at 7:02 P.M. There were no changes to the agenda.

The minutes were reviewed for December. Peter made the motion to accept the minutes as written, and Jim seconded the motion. Passed (3-0)

**Old business** – The conflict of interest and procedure policies were reviewed. Motion was made by Peter to approve the document with the changes discussed. Jim seconded the motion and the motion passed 3-0.

**New business** – The wastewater permit for the property on 564 N. Hedgehog Hill was discussed. The commission does not have a building permit for this property. Bill will investigate and write a letter to the property owner.

Jim made the motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Peter. The motion passed (3-0). Meeting ended at 7:40 P.M. Respectfully Submitted, Carrie Dougherty, Planning Commission Clerk

### Mount Holly Town Office

Will be **CLOSED** the following dates:

**Tuesday, February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2019 For Lincoln's Birthday**  
**Monday, February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2019 for Washington's Birthday**



## Chester Police Chief Discusses K-9 Partner to Rotary

At its recent weekly luncheon meeting, the Ludlow Rotary Club (LRC) was addressed by Richard Cloud, Chief of Police in Chester, VT, along with his K-9 partner, Dutch, a Dutch Shepherd owned and trained by Chief Cloud.

In discussing the role that Dutch plays in the Chester Police Department, Chief Cloud noted that Dutch had been trained and certified in various drug detection categories as well as various other policing demands. In describing Dutch's speed, he indicated that the dog was capable of doing the 100 yard dash in less than three seconds, commenting that "I'd hate to be the guy Dutch tracks down on the run since he'd be hitting him at 44 mph!"

Pictured above is Chief Cloud with Dutch. On the left is Ludlow Rotarian, Bob Kirkbride, who is entering his 62nd year as a Ludlow Rotarian. 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.



## Don't Delay For The Best Seats!

**Tickets** Go On Sale TODAY (Jan. 10th) at 10am

The 2nd Annual Real Rutland Feud

will take place on Saturday, February 23rd, 7 pm at the Paramount Theatre. The Real Rutland Feud pits local businesses against each other in an effort to raise funds for the Real Rutland Regional Marketing Initiative.

The Real Rutland Feud is based on the popular TV game show Family Feud. Every great game show needs a host; and the Real Rutland Feud has recruited Eric Mallette of the Paramount Theatre. Be sure to be there to see Proctor Gas hand off the trophy to this year's winning team.

The Chamber is excited to announce the following businesses who will go head to head in this fun event:

[Marcell Oil Company vs The Bank of Bennington](#)

[Rutland Free Library vs Phoenix Books](#)

[McCormack, Guyette & Associates, PC CPAs vs O'Brien Shortle Reynolds and Sabotka, PC](#)

[Stafford Technical Center vs GE-Rutland](#)

[Hannoush Jewelers vs H & R Block](#)

The audience will also be able to get involved with the addition of "Minute to Win It" sponsored by [Vermont Veterans Home](#). Minute to Win It will take place between the rounds of feuds and will also be hosted by Eric Mallette. Audience members will compete for prizes by doing challenges using everyday items.

This promises to be a fun evening of laughs while raising much needed funds for the Real Regional Marketing Initiative.

All tickets will be sold through the Paramount Theatre Box Office and online at [paramountvt.org](http://paramountvt.org).

## Worried about 'Cabin Fever'? Get relief with Downhill Racer and the Calypso Connections

Robert Redford Stars in "Downhill Racer", February 2

Robert Redford will lead the cast in the ski adventure, "Downhill Racer", in the Heald Auditorium at Ludlow Town Hall on Saturday, February 2 at 7 PM.

Downhill Racer is a 1969 American sports drama film starring Robert Redford, Gene Hackman and Camilla Sparv. The film is about a talented downhill skier who joins the United States ski team in Europe to compete in international skiing competitions.

An ambitious young skier, determined to break all existing records, is contemptuous of the teamwork advocated by the US coach when they go to Europe for the Olympics. It plunges the viewer thrillingly into the action of the sport -- and continues to hold the attention as a thoughtful drama.

Downhill Racer was filmed on location in Kitzbühel and Sankt Anton am Arlberg in Austria, Wengen, Switzerland, Megève and Grenoble in France, and Boulder and Idaho Springs. The film received positive reviews upon its theatrical release, with Roger Ebert calling it "the best movie ever made about sports—without really being about sports at all."

Everyone is welcome to attend the movie which is free; donations are appreciated. Popcorn will be furnished by Berkshire Bank, water by FOLA.

Around the middle of February, we all seem to suffer from that plague known as "Cabin Fever". In an effort to alleviate this ailment the "doctors" at FOLA have developed a marvelous cure - an evening in the tropics with the sounds and music of the Caribbean Islands.

On Saturday, February 16 at 7 PM in the Heald Auditorium at Ludlow Town Hall, FOLA will present the music of the Calypso Connections - a 10 piece ensemble of steel drums playing the music of the tropics. Come tap your feet and sway your hips to the sound of calypso, reggae and samba, as Vermont's largest steel band performs a mix of favorite tunes from the islands and beyond. (And, if you're so inclined, perhaps you could do a little dancing as well - as you rid yourself of Vermont's winter weather and musically slip into the 'trade wind' climate of the islands!)

So mark your calendar for Saturday, February 2 & 16 at 7 PM in Heald Auditorium at Ludlow Town Hall as you listen to the warmth and feel the gentle breezes emanating from the steel drums of the Calypso Connections! It's all free (donations are appreciated) and open to everyone! For information, call 802-228-7239 or visit FOLA's web site at [www.fola.us](http://www.fola.us).

## Rutland-Area Real Estate Market is Booming

### *Sales, Prices and Inventory Point To Strong Local Economy and Community*

The Rutland County real estate market had its best year in a decade in 2018, soaring back to pre-recession sales volume, with higher prices, significantly increased sales, and the renovation of dozens of formerly troubled properties.

"From prices to restoration of properties to sales volume, the real estate market in Rutland and Rutland County is back in a big way," said Mary Cohen, executive director of the Rutland Region Chamber of Commerce. Added Steve Costello, co-chair of the Rutland Regional Marketing Committee and a vice president at Green Mountain Power: "The dark days in real estate that started with the great recession are over in Rutland!"

Sean Sargeant, principal of Sargeant Appraisal Service, said 2018 was a very strong year in the local real estate market. "The last two years are the strongest in the Rutland County residential market of the last decade," Sargeant said. "The median price over that time is up 4.4 percent, and active inventory is down 17 percent.

"And Rutland County affordability is still excellent," he said. "With a 10 percent down payment, a couple working one full-time and one half-time job need to make an average of \$16.80 an hour to afford the median-priced home in Rutland County. That's literally half the salary required to buy the median-priced home in Chittenden County. Your money goes twice as far here!"

Laurie Mecier-Brochu, regional manager for Four Seasons Sotheby's, who has been a Realtor for 25 years, said 2018 was a great year for buyers and sellers. "We had agents doing more business than they have ever done before," she said.

"Homes are selling very quickly in many price ranges," she said. "It's still about price, and location, and condition, but if people are serious about selling, if they list their home as indicated by the marketplace, it's going to sell and it's going to sell relatively quickly. It has slowly gotten better over the past few years, but last year was definitely the best year we've had in a decade."

Sargeant said the resort market is extremely strong as the New Year begins. "Killington residential sales are on fire!" Sargeant said. "The median sale price is up 27 percent over the past 24 months and active inventory is now below six months. Based on that, I expect we will see new 'spec' development in the spring, the first in 14 years."

In Rutland City, efforts to boost the Northwest Neighborhood have helped boost housing improvements, sales and redevelopment. The city has returned 20 formerly troubled properties to the tax rolls in recent years, working with Neighborworks, Habitat for Humanity, GMP, and others.

"Like the GMP Innovation Home, which brought great new residents to the community and turned a dilapidated property into a brand new carbon-free energy marvel, these homes are seeing significant investment, and are creating dreams-come-true for families," Mayor David Allaire said. "They will be adding to the grand list, are breathing new life into the city, and helping create new energy and optimism in Rutland."

Mike and Cat Heatley, natives of the Durango, Colo., area, bought a dilapidated city-owned home on Cleveland Avenue, next to the GMP Innovation Home, for \$6,000 last fall. They have nearly finished a complete overhaul of the first floor, and plan to renovate the second floor to create an income-producing apartment.

There are certainly empty storefronts in downtown Rutland as there are in most downtowns in our region. There is no question the face of retail is changing – and changing here in Rutland too. Despite the empty store fronts, there have been numerous new businesses open in Downtown over the past 18-24 months (you can get a complete list from the Downtown Rutland Partnership – [www.downtownrutland.com](http://www.downtownrutland.com) (802)773-9380). There has also been significant development in the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> floor spaces throughout downtown as well. Not only are there more residential units, there is also an influx of some businesses locating in these upper levels. Truth is, there are lots of exciting things happening here!

"Rutland has exceeded all of our expectations," Mike Heatley said. "We've built social and business contacts quickly, and have found Rutland to be incredibly welcoming and supportive. We couldn't have asked for a better experience."

Contact: Mary Cohen – Rutland Region Chamber of Commerce – 802-773-2747



## Calling All Photographers, Get Out In The Snow!

If you're thinking about taking photos for entry into the next **Mount Holly Photo & Calendar Contest**, do it now! Experience tells us that we get a lot more warm weather photo entries than cold weather. Entry forms will be available in July and judging will be in October during **Cider Days**. Contest is open to everyone, but photos must be of Mount Holly.

### Mount Holly Photo & Calendar Contest

## **Hello Mount Holly,**

The legislative session started Tuesday, November 9 and I am honored and thrilled to be there representing our communities. Every day walking into the building and being in the house chamber I am struck by the beauty and history. Being there has been a learning experience but I am learning how things get accomplished and how I can best serve our district and our state during this session.

I am very excited to have been appointed to the House Human Services Committee and know that I will be able to do a lot of the work that I hoped to do this session in that committee. One of our primary roles is working with the Agency of Human Services to make sure they are able to do what they do as effectively as possible. While most of our time the last two weeks in the chamber and in committee has been introductions to the various roles the legislature has, already I have been involved in discussions that may pave the way to improving access to affordable childcare amongst other things. You may remember from my campaign that my mom runs a daycare out of her house and has done so for 34+ years, a daycare that I am often a substitute for during dentist/doctor's appointments. Because of that I am excited to bring my perspective to these conversations.

I am also excited because of the major role that the Agency of Human Services and by extension the Human Services Committee plays in setting substance use disorder treatment and prevention policies. The major issue I talked about when knocking on doors throughout our communities was reforms to our drug policy. I continue to think that issue is the most important for our state at the moment and that we need to take a dramatically different approach to attain the dramatically different results we all want and expect.

While my major policy concerns mostly do fall into human services subjects, I have interest in bills in many other committees this session as well. Please feel free to reach out with comments or concerns on any issues. In an effort to make it easier to get in touch with me I will be starting weekly "Legislator Coffee Hours" on Monday Feb 4 at Pierce's Store, and will be there from 7:30am to 10:00am. The following week I will be at Belmont General Store, Monday Feb 11 from 7:00am to 10:00am, Sweet Surrender on Monday Feb 18 6:00am to 9:00am, and then back to Pierce's on Monday Feb 25, 7:30am to 10:00am. I hope to be able to continue this routine throughout the session and if you have any legislative questions or concerns I hope you're able to make it to one of these times. Alternatively you can always contact me by email at [lnicoll@leg.state.vt.us](mailto:lnicoll@leg.state.vt.us) or on my cell phone at 802-345-8430 (call or text anytime). So far I have mostly been commuting each day, but may start to stay during the middle of the week occasionally. That being said I will be in Ludlow for the weekend by 7pm on Fridays until early Tuesday morning if you do need to meet to discuss any issues. See you soon, Logan Nicoll, State Representative, Rutland-Windsor-2



## **Black River Good Neighbor Services**

### **To the Editor,**

By the time you are reading this we hope that the government shutdown has ended. But if not, the folks at Black River Good Neighbor Services in Ludlow want to remind any government employee who is having trouble meeting financial obligations that we stand ready to help with food or heating assistance. We are, first and foremost a food shelf and we will never turn someone away if they are suffering an emergency and need food. We are located at the thrift store, 37B Main Street in Ludlow. John Dean, Board President & Audrey Bridge, Executive Director

Each year the staff and volunteers at Black River Good Neighbor Services collect food and toys during December and distribute them to deserving families throughout the area. This distribution dates back to well before the creation of BRGNS, but our staff and volunteers are proud to continue the tradition and to serve our clients in this manner. We at BRGNS offer our sincere thanks to all who made this season's annual holiday food and gift distribution possible.

Our staff and volunteers packed and then distributed dinners and toys to many community residents who would otherwise have a bleak holiday. On December 18th some 30 volunteers packed boxes and then on December 20th thirty-five teams of volunteers gathered at Fletcher Farm and fanned out across the area, carrying boxes and bags to over 100 households with 214 individuals including more than 60 children.

Thanks go to Lee and Linda Potter, Jane Pixley, and Claire Walker for coordinating the distribution. In all we delivered nearly \$11,000 worth of food and toys to people in Ludlow, Cavendish, Proctorsville, Plymouth, Mount Holly, and Belmont. While this project is a centerpiece of the Black River Good Neighbor Services' program and has grown substantially over the years, we all wish that it wasn't needed.

The process begins early in the year, but gears up in earnest with the annual Stuff-a-Bus in Ludlow, followed by the Okemo Cares and Shares food drive. Thanks go to all who worked at the Stuff-a-Bus, and at the Okemo food drive, and especially the Okemo staff for making the food drive happen. And, importantly we thank all those who donated food or money at either event.

Toys and additional food were donated by Ludlow Rotary, Heritage Credit Union, United Church of Ludlow, Annunciation Church, Ludlow Garden Club, Friends of the Library, St. James Methodist Church of Proctorsville, Ludlow Women's Club, Ludlow Town Employees, Berkshire Bank, Cavendish Baptist Church, People's Bank, LaValley's, Cota and Cota, and Tyson Ladies Aid, all of whom deserve deepest thanks. A special thanks is due to Claire Walker and to Linda Potter for their superb coordination amongst all of these organizations.

Thanks go to Okemo for donating turkeys, to Black River Produce for giving oranges, apples, and potatoes, to Peoples Bank for delivery drivers, to LaValleys for supplies, to Mountainside House for help transporting food, and to numerous individuals who gave cash, which was used to buy perishable and non-perishable food items.

Lastly, the Fletcher Farm School gets special thanks for donating space for all of this to happen. This is truly a community effort, and the BRGNS' officers, staff and clients deeply thank all of the many individual volunteers and donors who make this program possible each year. John Dean, Board President & Audrey Bridge, Executive Director

## IT TAKES A VILLAGE TO SAVE A CHILD

The opioid crisis impacts our country as we all search for solutions that are taking our most valuable assets, our young people. We need treatment centers, programs to provide our medical personnel with the life-saving shots, and alternatives to locking them up. Preventive programs through education are needed to teach our young people alternatives. We need to work together with the many resources available.

Okemo Ski area opening their slopes to local school children for an afternoon and Rainbow Riding Center visiting the schools, introducing the children to their horses and making it affordable, even offering scholarships, to enroll in their program are examples. We do not know how active the sportsman groups are in this area but saw organizations were raising money to send young people to Conservation Camps, an opportunity that is unsurpassed.

We were shocked when Mike Wichrowski, ([mike.wichrowski@vermont.gov](mailto:mike.wichrowski@vermont.gov)) told us that fishing and hunting license purchases were down so much in the past years that the State opened accesses to all boaters. There are grants available to expand the areas. The Ninevah Foundation received grants from the State to clean the lake of milfoil and also grants to hire "greeters" to check all boats for milfoil at the access. Public donations also contribute. The fisherman and sportsman need to get involved so their young children can again enjoy learning to fish, swim, and enjoy all the lake has to offer.

The Ninevah Foundation has joined with the Farm & Wilderness and have involved hundreds of young people in their Outdoor Education programs for 80 years. In 1978 we spent 10 days in Outward Bound at graduate school at the University of Maine. It changed who we were. We added an Adventure Program for physical education and changed many other lives. They are effective.

Foundation and Farm & Wilderness are committed to education and work through non-profit, tax-exempt charity organizations so prices are affordable. In 24 hours recently they collected \$28,000 for scholarships. These organizations do receive grants from the State of Vermont as well as donations for their programs. The Ninevah Foundation has received 3 very large grants to purchase 3,300 acres of land from the Vermont Forest Legacy Program. In return they are committed to keeping the land forever wild so the public can enjoy all the outdoor recreational activities the water and land have to offer. The purpose of these grants is to open lands for recreational purposes enhancing the quality of life for Vermonters.

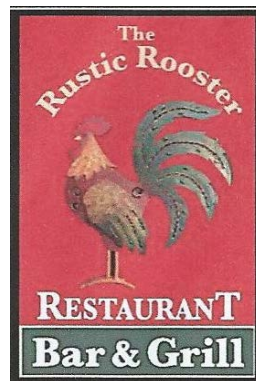
It would be valuable if the Farm and Wilderness could share their expertise with the area schools. It would also be helpful if the schools and other programs involved with at risk young people could refer them to their program. An Outdoor Education day program for area youths would be ideal.

Our granddaughter graduated from Castleton University, with a B.S. in Physical Education. She teaches at her grandfather's school and is the 3rd generation to teach Adventure Education. Castleton would be another valuable resource. The winter activities in this area are boundless.

We need to have our children put down their video games, i phones and turn off the tv for a while. We need to put a fish pole in their hand, involve them in co-operative activities or take a hike to the top of the mountain and experience the sunrise. We need to teach them the value of life.

Art and I had a favorite saying when we started our Adventure Programs: "Give a child a toy and it is soon broken. Give a child the love of the outdoors and it is a gift that lasts a lifetime!" Yes, it does take a village working together to save a child.

(Art's family was from Rutland. We grew up in Bennington. Ninevah has been our second home for 61 years. We can be reached at [iegage1955@gmail.com](mailto:iegage1955@gmail.com). We would be happy to share our stories and share our expertise to those interested in establishing programs for our youth..) Arthur & Ida Gage



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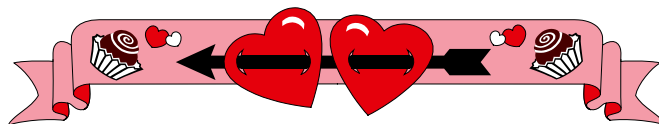
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**On Thursday, January 31<sup>st</sup>  
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honor Ms. Shelley Townsend's  
30 years of service to the  
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Community.**

**Please join us at 2:20 p.m. in  
the Mount Holly School gym.**

**If you would like to send a card  
please send to :**

**Shelley Townsend  
Mount Holly School  
150 School Street  
Mount Holly, VT 05758**

### **Blueberry Johnny Cake**

2 Cups Corn Meal	1 Cup Flour
4 Teas Baking Powder	1/2 Teas Salt
1 Cup Sugar	
4 Tbls Canola Oil	3 Eggs
1 Cup Milk	2 Teas Vanilla
2 Cups Blueberries (optional)	

Mix the dry ingredients. Add the well beaten eggs, sugar, milk, vanilla and oil. Mix well then add blueberries. Bake in a 9 X 13 greased and floured pan in a 450 F degree oven for 20 minutes.

### **Old-fashioned Sugar Cookies**

1 cup shortening	2 cups sugar
1 teaspoon salt	2 eggs
1 cup milk	1 teaspoon vanilla
5 cups flour, sifted	1/4 teaspoon soda
4 teaspoons baking powder	1/2 teaspoon nutmeg

Cream sugar and shortening, add eggs. Add milk alternately with dry ingredients. Add flavoring. Raisins, nuts or chocolate chips may be added for variety. Drop teaspoon full of cookie dough on cookie sheet. Heat oven to 350 degrees and bake for 12 minutes or until golden brown.

We like them with just a bag of Chocolate chips and a bag of Butterscotch chips added.



## Shriner Hospital For Children

Shriner Hospital for Children provides specialty care to children up to age 21 with orthopedic conditions, burns, spinal cord injuries, and cleft lip and palate, regardless of the family's ability to pay. All care and services are delivered in a family-centered environment.

To learn more about our services, or to refer a patient, visit [www.shrinershospitalforchildren.org](http://www.shrinershospitalforchildren.org) to locate a hospital near you. Or call 800-237-5055 in the U.S. or 800-361-7256 Canada – Past Potentate Bob Ferguson, Cairo Shriners, Rutland



## Community Health Clinics – February 2019

### February Blood Pressure/Foot Care Clinics

Wednesday, 02/06/2019,	Wallingford, Wallingford House,	10:30am
Thursday, 02/07/2019,	Rutland, Parker House,	10am
Thursday, 02/07/2019,	Rutland, Bardwell House,	12:30pm
Wednesday, 02/27/2019,	Rutland, Godnick Adult Center,	12:30pm

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**The cost of the foot clinic is \$10. Please contact 802.770.1536 to find a clinic near you. No appointment necessary.**

**Cholesterol Screening:** Wednesday, 02/06/2018, Rutland, Rutland office of VNAHSR, 8:30am

**The cost is \$30. 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, February 16th from 10:30am - noon at the VNA & Hospice of the Southwest Region, 7 Albert Cree Drive, Rutland. **For more information contact Kate Lawrence, MSN, RN, CWOCN, ET/WOC NURSE at 802.770.1682 or email [kate.lawrence@vnahsr.org](mailto:kate.lawrence@vnahsr.org).**

### About the VNA & Hospice of the Southwest Region

Founded in Rutland, Vermont, the VNAHSR has grown to include locations throughout Bennington and Rutland Counties. VNAHSR is a non-profit, Medicare-certified home health and hospice agency delivering a wide-range of advanced medical care with compassion, dependability, and expertise to people of all ages.

With office locations in Bennington, Dorset, Manchester and Rutland, we have nearly 350 trusted health professionals and caregivers committed to providing exceptional care to patients and families.

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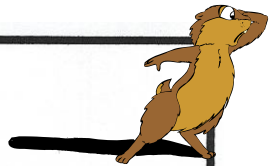
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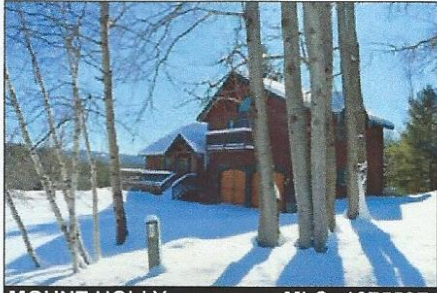
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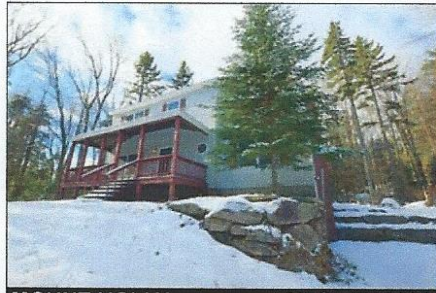
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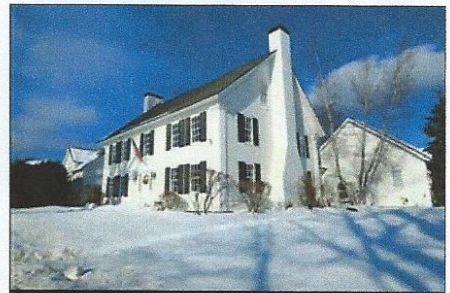
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**Bring Your Horses with you!**  
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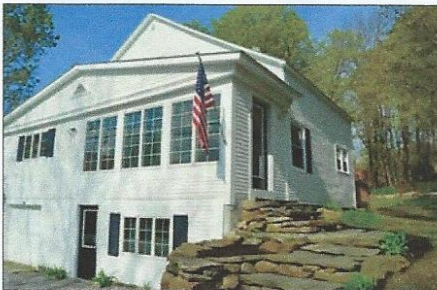
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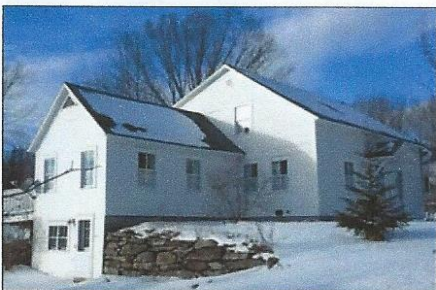
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Wright Construction – Brett Wright 259-2094

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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](http://vbch.weebly.com) 259-2440

E. Wallingford Baptist – SS 10 am, Worship 11 am, 6:30 pm

Pastor Kevin Miner [www.ewbaptist.com](http://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

Pastor Jerry Scheumann [jfscheumann@gmail.com](mailto:jfscheumann@gmail.com) 603-439-0803

St. Patrick's, Wallingford, Mass Sat 4 pm, Sun 10 am

Rev Msgr Bernard Bourgeois [christthekingprsh@gmail.com](mailto:christthekingprsh@gmail.com) 446-2161

Wilderness Friends Meeting (Quaker) Sundays 10 am

Shrewsbury Library, Cuttingsville 259-2803

## Cleaning Services

Home Clean Home – Agnieszka 802-855-3453

[HomeCleanHome802@gmail.com](mailto:HomeCleanHome802@gmail.com)

## Engineering

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

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Russ Garrow – Lawn Mowing\*Brush Hogging\*Garden Tilling\*Snow Plowing

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Smith Maple Crest Farm, Grass-Fed Beef Cuts Fresh/Frozen 492-2151

[www.Smithmaplecrestfarm.com](http://www.Smithmaplecrestfarm.com)

## Food Shelf

Black River Good Neighbor Services – Krey Kellington 228-3663

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Clifford Funeral Home 773-3010

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Belmont Motor Works LLC - Harley-Davidson, Small Engine 259-3178

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[Joesaragellic@hotmail.com](mailto:Joesaragellic@hotmail.com)

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Frost Hill Farm Seasonal Peony Wedding Flowers 259-2716

Jeb Porter Landscaping [rocker@vermontel.net](mailto: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

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Lisa Donohue MA, LMT ~ Linda O'Brien MT 446-2499

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Mowing & Plowing Jon Lienhard

Country Home Management, Richardson/Rivers 259-3662 228-7086

Jenkins Builders [brandon@jenkinsbuild.com](mailto:brandon@jenkinsbuild.com) 952-9722

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[Patrick.Mclaughlin@evusa.com](mailto:Patrick.Mclaughlin@evusa.com) Cell 203-994-6768 802- 975-0338

Kelley Real Estate, Don Eatmon, Broker/Owner H 259-2646 228-5333

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Black River Good Neighbor Service 228-3663

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