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# Mount Holly Chit Chat



June 2019

## Church Listings, back page "Who's Got It Locally?"

**Mt. Holly Community Asso** – Contact Penny Coldwell at 259-2760

**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's Hours:** Tues 10:00 am – 2:00 pm or by appointment 802-259-2391

**Town Garage: 259-3179**

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

**TRANSFER SITE: Wed. 4 pm – 7 pm & Sat. 8 am – 2 pm**

May 30<sup>th</sup> MH School Concert, School Gym 6:00 pm

Sat 1<sup>st</sup> Black River Valley Rod & Gun Club Annual Kid's Fishing Derby, Ludlow 8:30 am

*Brigham Young, Mormon Leader 1801*

Sun 2<sup>nd</sup> *US Citizenship Granted to all American Indian's 1924*

3<sup>rd</sup> *Sally Priesand 1<sup>st</sup> USA Woman Rabbi 1972 ~ Astronaut Edward White 1<sup>st</sup> American to Walk in Space 1965*

4<sup>th</sup> Mt. Holly Community Association Meeting, Library 7:00 pm

5<sup>th</sup> *1<sup>st</sup> Hot-Air Balloon Flight 1783*

6<sup>th</sup> Fire Dept. Business Meeting, Belmont Fire Station *D Day Normandy 1944* 7:00 pm

Sat 8<sup>th</sup> *Large & Smallmouth Bass Fishing Season Begins ~ US Bill of Rights by James Madison 1789*

10<sup>th</sup> Rescue Squad Meeting, Rescue Squad Building 7:00 pm

11<sup>th</sup> 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation, MH School Gym 6:00 pm

Community Guild Meeting, IOOF Hall, Belmont 9:00 am

Select Board Meeting, Town Office 6:00 pm

12<sup>th</sup> LMHUUS Meeting, 6:00 pm

Fire Dept. Ladies Auxiliary Meeting, Belmont Fire Station 7:00 pm

ODD Fellows Meeting, IOOF Hall, Belmont 7:00 pm

13<sup>th</sup> Fire Dept. Drill, Mt. Holly Fire Station 7:00 pm

14<sup>th</sup> *US Army Founded 1775 ~ 1<sup>st</sup> Non-Stop Transatlantic Flight 1919 ~ Flag Day*

Sun 16<sup>th</sup> *Father's Day*

17<sup>th</sup> Mount Holly Planning Commission, Town Office *Bunker Hill Day 1775* 7:00 pm

*Pan-Am 1<sup>st</sup> Airline for Around-The-World Flights 1947*

18<sup>th</sup> Mt. Holly Town Library Meeting, Belmont *Sally Ride 1<sup>st</sup> US Woman in Space 1983* 6:30 pm

20<sup>th</sup> Fire Dept. Work Detail, Fire Stations 7:00 pm

21<sup>st</sup> *Summer Solstice*

Sat 22<sup>nd</sup> *Pledge of Allegiance Recognized by Congress 1942 ~ GI Bill Signed into Law 1944*

24<sup>th</sup> Rescue Squad Meeting, Rescue Squad Building 7:00 pm

25<sup>th</sup> Community Guild Meeting, IOOF Hall, Belmont *Korean War Began 1950* 9:00 am

26<sup>th</sup> ODD Fellows Meeting, IOOF Hall, Belmont *Korean War Ended 1953* 7:00 pm

27<sup>th</sup> Fire Dept. Drill, Fire Stations *Helen Keller 1880* 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)

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**June Birthdays:** 1<sup>st</sup> -Torey Surething \* Mary Morgan \* Walter Surething 4<sup>th</sup> -Johnathan Davis \* Emily Colburn Freedman 5<sup>th</sup> - Diane Perry 6<sup>th</sup> -Jason Turco 7<sup>th</sup> -Kristin Veysey 8<sup>th</sup> -All Labozzo 9<sup>th</sup> -Barry Gagner \* Mary Ann Farley \* Molly Gagner 10<sup>th</sup> - Jennifer Turco \* Alex & Beth Lee \* Steve Hazelton 11<sup>th</sup> -Amber Nye 13<sup>th</sup> -Dylan Pierro \* David Crossman \* Shannon Labozzo 16<sup>th</sup> - Timothy Ryan \* Zak Delphia 19<sup>th</sup> -Stephanie Bussino (2000) 20<sup>th</sup> - Andrea Kilroe 22<sup>nd</sup> -Roger Garrow 24<sup>th</sup> -Natalie Brown 29<sup>th</sup> -Candace Neary \* Helen Graham 30<sup>th</sup> -Ted Garrow

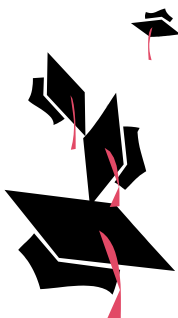


**June Anniversaries:** 6<sup>th</sup> -Maurice & Ann Doucette (60<sup>th</sup>) (1959) 12<sup>th</sup> -Clinton & Carol Woolley 14<sup>th</sup> -Mike & Mary Beth Dawley 50<sup>th</sup> (1969) 17<sup>th</sup> - Barb & Tony Falco 18<sup>th</sup> -Bill & Marnie Dassler (53<sup>th</sup>) 20<sup>th</sup> -Donald & Jean Gates

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.

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<b>Mount Holly</b> 802-259-2796		
Window	Mon – Fri	8:00 am – 10:00 am & 2:45 pm – 4:45 pm
Lobby Hours:	Mon – Fri	8:00 am – 4:45 pm
	Sat	7:30 am – 10:30 am
<b>Belmont</b> 802-259-2790		
Window	Mon – Fri	7:30 am – 9:30 am & 2:45 pm – 4:45 pm
	Sat	7:30 am – 10:30 am
Lobby Hours	Mon – Fri	7:30 am – 4:45 pm
<b>East Wallingford</b> 802-259-2829		
Window	Mon – Fri	7:00 am – 11:00 am & 7:00 am – 10:00 am
Lobby Hours	Mon – Fri	7:00 am – 4:45 pm
<b>Cuttingsville/Shrewsbury</b> 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
<b>Ludlow</b> 802-228-7436		
Post Master: Dawn Howlett		
Lobby Hours:	Mon – Fri	6:30 am – 5:30 pm & 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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**MEMBERSHIP IN CORPORATION:** Open to all who live, work, or own property in Mount Holly and who make an annual donation of any amount.

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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### Carol/Jackie Venter's Celebration of Life

As most of you know, our beloved passed away at 0745, Thursday, April 25, 2019 at home, at peace with her 3D's+1 at her side. Most also know that she loved her flowers and wanted to wait until they were in bloom to celebrate her Life. On **Saturday afternoon at 2PM, July 13th** there will be a service at the Village Baptist Church, Belmont, Vermont. On **Sunday at 2 PM, July 14th** there will be a service for friends and family on our meadow at 1490 Lake Ninevah Road. Carol was passionate about her flowers and asked us to build a special flower garden for her. We have. To fill Carol's garden please bring a potted perennial and we will plant it.

We thank you all for the out pouring of love.

We know that this announcement won't reach everyone who might want to attend so please let someone you think would be interested know. Thank You All, The Venter Family



### Blossom M. Parsells

Blossom M. (Koch) Parsells, 82, died on May 5, 2019, surrounded by her family. She was born on June 25, 1936, in Jersey City, NJ, the daughter of Martin V. and Mildred C. (Holstein) Koch. Blossom married Karl H. Parsells on Jan. 4, 1958. She was a devoted wife and loving mother who followed her husband from Demarest, NJ, to Mount Holly in 1974. Blossom's happiest days were when her four children and their families gathered at the farm for special occasions. A Parsells tradition has been the family's pig roast and Blossom enjoyed entertaining family and friends at this event. Survivors include her three children Karleen Werner and husband Peter, of Brandon, Karl Parsells II and wife Julie, of Mount Holly, and Dwight Parsells, of Tyson; eight grandchildren Erik Werner, Kirsten Werner, Cassandra Baitz and husband Nick, Karl Parsells III, Damek Ryan, Kieran Ryan, George Raymond and Crystal Raymond; seven great-grandchildren Taylor, Ava, Brinley, Calyx, Karl IV, Dominic and Sam; a nephew and two nieces. She was predeceased by her husband, Karl Parsells, on Oct. 8, 2013; daughter, Jennifer Ryan, on March 6, 2016; daughter-in-law, Rose Parsells, on Oct. 3, 2016;

and brother, Laurence Koch, on Jan. 17, 2012. The calling hours were held Wednesday, May 8, 2019, from 2-4 p.m., followed by a funeral service at 4 p.m. in the Tossing Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in her name to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 262 Danny Thomas Place, Memphis, TN 38105. Arrangements are by Tossing Funeral Home.

### Join Bone Builders

Monday & Thursday Mornings  
9:00 am

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

### Mt. Holly Elementary School Notes

**PLEASE NOTE DATE CHANGE :** The Black River Valley Rod & Gun Club will hold its Annual Kid's Fishing Derby on

Saturday, June 1st. Sign up begins at 8:30 a.m. and fishing from 9:00—10:30 a.m. All children up to 15 years old are eligible to participate. The fishing derby will be held at Cook's Pond located on Rod & Gun Club Road in Ludlow. (Rain or shine) Prizes will be awarded and food available. If you have any questions, please contact Steven Howard 802-779-4447.

We will have a Celebration of Learning on June 6th from 6:00—7:00 p.m. instead of a 3rd Parent Conference.

**Please note:** The last day of the After School Program for this school year is Friday, May 31st. Please be sure to let your child's teacher know what their dismissal plan will be June 3—12. Thank you.

6<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation is June 11<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00 pm, Mt. Holly School Gym.

Last day of School June 12 with School Picnic at 11:00 am and Dismissal at 12:00 pm Noon.

Thank you Miss Ellen for doing an excellent job this year in the third grade. We wish you all the best at your new job up north. We would like to welcome Darcy Gibney as our new third grade teacher next school year. Darcy is a teacher at the Dorset School and we are very excited to have her join our staff.

### Suppers For Mount Holly Organizations



Settings Start 5:00 pm  
At



**The Odd Fellows Hall, Belmont**  
**All You Can Eat - Served Home Style**  
**Adults \$12 - Children 11 and Under \$6**

- May 25<sup>th</sup> Colfax Lodge – Baked Ham
- June 22<sup>nd</sup> MHVFD - Roast Beef
- July 4<sup>th</sup> Odd Fellows - Chicken BBQ 11:30
- Town Parade also that day Step off at 11:00 am
- July 20<sup>th</sup> Mt. Moriah Masons - Baked Ham
- Aug 10<sup>th</sup> Colfax Lodge - Roast Pork
- Aug 31<sup>st</sup> Historical Museum - Baked Ham
- Sept 21<sup>st</sup> MHV Rescue Squad - Roast Ham
- Oct 12<sup>th</sup> MHCA - Roast Beef
- Oct 26<sup>th</sup> Gill Home, IOOF – Baked Ham



**Take Outs Available With All Dinners**  
**More Info Call 802-259-2460**



## June 2019, Trestleboard Mt. Moriah Lodge #96

Next meeting Tuesday 06/11 8PM

**The following officers have been installed for the ensuing year:**

WM- Earl Miller SD- David Seward Tyler- Dave Walker SW- James Goss JD- Wayne Emmons Marshal- Jim Heald  
JW- Dennis Start SS- David Johnson Treasurer- Al Ridlon Sr. JS- Fay Freeman  
Secretary- Stanley Seward Chaplain- Leney Barclay

Once again it's time for our annual dues. The Secretary and Treasurer are asking you to please send them in as soon as possible. You can make them out to Mt Moriah Lodge #96 and send them to 4280 Sugar Hill Rd. East Wallingford, Vt. 05742. If you have questions on the amount due, you can reach the secretary at 802-259-9400, or by e-mail at: [sseward@vermontel.net](mailto:sseward@vermontel.net). I have enclosed your dues notice if you receive your Trestleboard by mail. For those of you who receive it by email, the amount of your dues will be on the bottom of your Trestleboard. Some of you who have been a Mason for 50 years or more are exempt from dues.

We are still short of money for the two scholarships we pass out each year because Grand Lodge has stopped giving money to that program. If you would like to donate a sum of money to that program, or the Conservation Camp program, make your check out to the lodge and send it to the same address as above. Fraternally, Dave Seward, WM & Buster Seward, Sec'y

**YOUR DUES ARE \$40.00 (Please disregard if you have already paid your dues.)**

### Black River Valley Rod & Gun Club Annual Fishing Derby Update

Please let your mailing list know that the Black River Valley Rod and Gun Club's Annual Kid's Fishing Derby has been **rescheduled** from this Saturday May 11th to **Saturday June 1<sup>st</sup> at 9:00 am**. The change was due to flood at the Club's Pond. Thanks. Steven and Maria Howard

### Flander's Excavating & Firewood

#### Complete Site Work Start To Finish

#### All Aspects of Excavating:

**Roads ~ Clearing Lots ~ Septic Systems ~ Ponds**

**Fully Insured – Call Steve @ 802-259-2147**

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**Firewood – Cut, Split & Delivered**

### Mount Holly Parent Teacher Student Association

The Mount Holly Parent Teacher Student Association's (PTSA) Green Up Day was a huge success. On Sunday May 5th the community showed up in droves to help spread wood chips which were provided by a grant from General Electric. Over 80 volunteers showed up to help. Mike Valente came to the rescue with his tractor and helped speed up the process of spreading the 20 foot tall tower of wood chips. Edward Blanchard, Dale Campopiano, Jeff Chase, Brandon Jenkins and Ted Panasci, worked on replacing the dugout on the baseball field which had been in severe disrepair. The materials for the dugout were generously donated by LaValleys in Ludlow. Tools and disposal of previous dugout were donated by Jenkins Builders. The Chase family donated additional materials for the dugout. The rest of the field is going to soon be restored to playing condition with the assistance of Tim Martin and Ted Panasci along with guidance from Nick Miele of the Ludlow Recreation Department. The field will then be used by the Ludlow Little League and the MHES gym classes. Dave Radican and Paul Meoli worked on power washing the school. Yanu Skiathitis restored the picnic tables to their original glory before rot got the best of them. The nature trail was picked up and spruced up by a group of families as well. McGown Landscaping donated play sand to fill the depleted sand box. The Auld family donated a sun shade to keep the sandbox shaded as a segway to a more permanent future structure. Ms. Jenna Laslow created a natural wood block play space and is working on further development of natural sensory engaging areas for the playground. The day ended with Morgan Skiathitis delivering fresh baked pizza's from Belmont store to feed the hungry workers.



The turnout was incredible and showed the pride Mount Holly Families take in the school. The PTSA is hoping to continue this as an annual event focusing on different areas of need and as a day to draw the community together for fun and work. The goal of the PTSA is to strengthen relationships between families, faculty and the community. This event helped show students the very real power they have to transform their own community with their own hard work. When the community works together they learn to care for each other by working towards a shared goal. This empowerment has a ripple effect of positivity that cannot be stopped. The Mount Holly PTSA is incredibly grateful to everyone who took time out of their busy weekend to help with the green up day. Anyone not named, know we are very thankful for you as well!

## GOT BEES?

Warmer weather can cause honeybee colonies to swarm (they divide into 2 groups) and go looking for a new home. If you see a mass of honeybees about the size of a basketball hanging in the open from your house, a tree or shrub branch, or anyplace else this may be a swarm. They are not aggressive and should not be disturbed or harmed. Call me as soon as you see them and I will come by to collect them from your property, no charge. Call Jim Corven of Fenn Farmstead & Gardens at 802-259-2311.

### Mount Holly Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary

The Mount Holly Volunteer Firefighters Auxillary would like to thank all those who came and supported our dinner. Thanks to you and to all the wonderful volunteers who showed to help serve, cook and clean it was a success. We couldn't do it without you all. Thank you! MHVFD Auxiliary Members

Richard Dawley would love to have mail or visitors.

His address is as follows:

**Gill Odd Fellows Home**

**R Dawley-Room 118**

**8 Gill Terrace**

**Ludlow, VT 05149**

Thanks! He loves getting mail.



## Jewelry Wanted

The community Guild of Mount Holly is looking for donations of new and used jewelry for their Jewelry Display sale at their Annual Bazaar coming up on August 4<sup>th</sup>.

All donations are Greatly Appreciated.

Please contact Bessie at 259-3564 or Maggie at 259-2983



## Highway Safety is Top Priority For All Concerned

Summer season is here and the horses are out. This means that motorists and others enjoying the scenic beauty must be extra careful to avoid an accident. Highway safety is the responsibility of everyone involved. Both the motorist and rider have to be very cautious. The following sections are excerpts from the Vermont State Laws that pertain to horses and motor vehicles.

**TITLE 23 SECTION 1127** – “Whenever upon a public highway and approaching a vehicle drawn by a horse or other draft animal or approaching a horse or other animal upon which a person is riding, the operator of a motor vehicle shall operate the vehicle in such a manner as to exercise every reasonable precaution to

prevent the frightening of such horse or animal and to insure the safety and protection of the person riding or driving.”

**Title 23 Section 1014** – “A person riding an animal or driving any animal drawn vehicle upon a road is granted all of the right and is subject to all the duties applicable to the driver of a motor vehicle by this chapter except those provisions of this chapter which, by their very nature can have no application.”

The Vermont Driver's Manual directs motorists to exercise “every reasonable precaution” to avoid frightening a horse being ridden or driven and to insure the safety and protection of the horse and rider. To help both riders and motorists understand what's meant by “reasonable precaution”, the Vermont Horse Council offers these simple guidelines.

### Highway Precautions FOR RIDERS:

1. Always ride on the right side of the highway, preferably on the shoulder and be alert.
2. Always ride in single file when riding in a group.
3. To communicate to motorists that danger exists and they should approach with caution, wave the extended left hand with the palm face down.

### FOR MOTOR VEHICLE OPERATORS:

1. When meeting or passing horses on the highway relinquish the right lane to the horse in case an emergency should occur.
2. When approaching a BRIDGE or TUNNEL into which a horse has entered, STOP and permit the horse to complete its crossing.
3. Never be the cause of any loud, sharp noises, such as blowing the horn or applying air brakes. Acceleration in the lower gears can be sufficient to startle an animal. Motorcyclists should be extra cautious.
4. **Slow to at least 25 miles per hour or less**, both when meeting or passing a horse, and if necessary come to a complete stop as a means to avoid injuries.

Bicycles and joggers present a different kind of danger; they are quiet and just appear. Horses do not have vision directly to their rear; as such they have a major blind spot. A horse is a prey animal and their reflexive reaction is “Fight or Flight” when startled. Cyclist and joggers should speak in a normal tone of voice and ask the rider if it is safe to pass. This serves two purposes; it lets the horse know there is a human behind it and allows the rider time to prepare for what the horse may do.

I spend a lot of time riding in many different places. My horse is used to the hustle and bustle of the highway, but there are times when something will bother him. We could have ridden by it many times, but it may look a little different. During these times his reaction may place in a dangerous situation. Events like this happen less than 1% of the time. No horse is predictable. Everyone needs to be aware and prevent needless injuries. By Michael B. Guild







Do to flooding, the **Black River Valley Rod & Gun Club**

**has rescheduled its Annual Kid's Fishing Derby to**

**Saturday, June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019.** Sign up begins at 8:30 am

and fishing from 9 -10:30 am. All kids up to 15 years

old are eligible to participate. The fishing derby will be

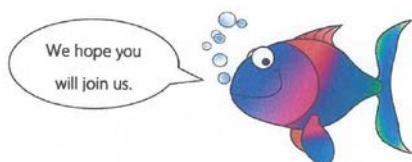
held at **Cook's Pond located on Rod & Gun Club Road**

**in Ludlow, Vermont.** (Rain or Shine)

Prizes will be awarded and food available.

*We apologize for any inconvenience this change*

*may have caused.*



*If you have any questions, please contact Steven J. Howard at 802-779-4447.*

## Black River Academy Has Strong Presence at High School Fair

The Black River Independent School Committee (BRISC) joined 15 area schools at the High School Fair hosted by Black River High School on May 2, 2019. BRISC showcased Black River Academy, the proposed independent school in Ludlow which would serve all students in grades 7-12 of Ludlow and Mt. Holly. As of June 2020, the towns of Mount Holly and Ludlow will acquire school choice, opening up the opportunity for the independent school to accept public tuition dollars. The general consensus at the fair was that students and parents are excited about the opportunity for Black River Academy to preserve local education while offering unique opportunities. Students were excited to participate in an interactive exercise choosing which activities they would like to see offered at the school. Activities ranged from the traditional baseball, soccer and basketball to horseback riding, archery and kayaking.

The group is soliciting input from the community. Weekly meetings are held every Thursday from 6:30-8 p.m. at the Black River High School library. Anyone with interest or expertise is encouraged to attend the meetings and to contribute to the work in progress. The group's primary focus is to define a mission and vision for the independent school, Black River Academy. BRISC is seeking not only monetary support but also volunteers.

If you would like more information or would like to get involved with the Black River Independent School, please contact Uli Donohue or John Bannon at [blackriverindependentschool@gmail.com](mailto:blackriverindependentschool@gmail.com). Please visit our website [www.blackriveracademy.org](http://www.blackriveracademy.org). Donations can be made on the website or by mailing a check to P.O. Box 485 Ludlow, VT.

## Sugar Hill Berry Farm

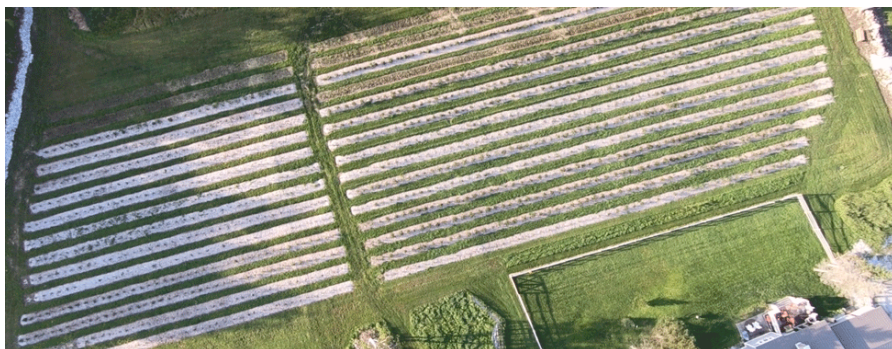
Sugar Hill Berry Farm, LLC is a family owned and operated berry farm located at 3237 Sugar Hill Rd. in East Wallingford, VT. Our goal is to provide quality berries to our customers. We also strive to provide a direct farm experience. We are primarily pick your own at this time.

The farm is owned and operated by John Palatine and Taffy Hyypa.

In the spring of 2015, over 850 and 9 varieties of blueberry bushes were planted. We have continued to expand, planting more bushes each subsequent spring. This year, we should also have raspberries.

We anticipate our picking season will be late July through the beginning of September.

See our ad here in The Chit Chat. Check our website at: <https://sugarhillberryfarm.com/> Follow us on Facebook: Sugar Hill Berry Farm, East Wallingford, VT for up to date information.



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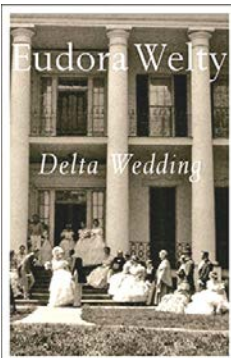


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## Library News

### New Books & DVDs Coming in June to MHTL!

**New DVDs:** "Spider-Man: Into the Spider-Verse", " \*Batteries Not Included", "Ready Player One"

**New Adult Fiction:** "The Body in the Castle Well" by Martin Walker, "City of Girls" by Elizabeth Gilbert, "An Elderly Lady is Up to No Good" by Helene Tursten, "Lost Roses" by Martha Hall Kelly, "The Oracle" by Clive Cussler, "The Rosie Result" by Graeme Simsion, "The Royal Secret" by Lucinda Riley, "The Sentence is Death" by Anthony Horowitz, "Skin Game" by Stuart Woods, "Summer of '69" by Elin Hilderbrand, "Enemy Contact" by Tom Clancy

### \*\*\* Hall Rental in Belmont \*\*\*

The use of the Hall in Belmont is scheduled by contacting Carol at 259-2791, or at [tcg2791@yahoo.com](mailto:tcg2791@yahoo.com). You may also leave a message with Dennis at 259-2460, or at [ddevereux@vermontel.net](mailto:ddevereux@vermontel.net).

**2019-2020 Red Clover Books:** "Counting on Katherine: How Katherine Johnson Saved Apollo 13" by Helaine Becker, "Drawn Together" by Minh Le, "Friends and Foes: Poems about Us All" by Douglas Florian, "Girl Running" by Annette Bay Pimentel, "Julian Is a Mermaid" by Jessica Love, "Misunderstood Shark" by Ame Dyckman, "Potato Pants!" by Laurie Keller, "The Wall in the Middle of the Book" by Jon Agee

**Looking for Board Members!:** The Mount Holly Town Library needs a few more members for their Board of Trustees! Come help your community library with fundraising, planning programs and services, and more! Meetings are the third Wednesday of the month at the Library. Interested? Talk with one of our current board members (Donna McDonald, Linda McGrath, Cheryl

Gantkin, Susan Hamilton, Andy Tanger, and Candace Neary) or email [mthollylibrary@gmail.com](mailto:mthollylibrary@gmail.com).

**Book Donations:** The MHTL relies on donations of used books from the community for its book sales. However, the library has limited resources for trash removal and recycling and also relies on the generosity of others for disposal. Combined with our lack of storage space we ask that you please go through all donations before they are left at the library to make sure we only keep what we can sell. **Please drop off donations during regular library hours**

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## 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.

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of events will be included with the membership brochure, but this year the two will be on the same piece of paper back to back, so *there will be only one insert with the brochure, not the two that you are used to receiving.* Both of these calendars will also appear on Facebook and the Mount Holly website ([www.mounthollyvt.org](http://www.mounthollyvt.org)) and hard copies will be left in the General Store, the post offices, and the library. Thanks for looking out for them in the membership brochure!

As we speak (write), plans for the **well project** are being finalized and a schedule for the work should be coming to us very soon. We will be sure to put that information out on the Newsflash, along with all of the ways in which the work will impact everyone in the community. At present, we know for certain that the groups using the Community Room on a regular basis will be dislocated, as we will have to empty the storage closet into the Community Room itself and it will probably take up most of the space there. We also know that the trench for the pipe will be dug across the parking lot and across the front of the ramp going into the side door of the building. As a result, the side door to the library will be closed and entry will take place at the front door only. Further issues are sure to arise and we will keep you apprised of everything as soon as they do. Thanks so much for your patience!

## Mount Holly Community Association

**Membership brochures** for the 2019 – 2020 year will be in the mail in late June. Please remember that the major source of revenue for the Mount Holly Community Association is membership! Without it we would not be able to provide you with the 11 outstanding events we sponsor each year, nor would we be able to maintain the lovely historic building at the crossroads in Belmont that is our Library & Community Center. Last year we raised more money in membership than we have ever done before. Please help us maintain this record breaking streak by returning your membership form as soon as you receive it...thanks so much!

### Summer Calendar and Annual Calendar of Events:

As usual, the summer calendar and the annual calendar

## Mount Holly Community Association

### Membership Drive

2019 – 2020

Please join to support...Music on the Green-Mount Holly Day-  
Garden Tour-Square Dance-Cabaret-Photo Contest-Cider Days-  
Roast Beef Supper-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.)

## "FRIENDS" PRESENT



**June 20th @ 7PM**  
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&  
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**Upcoming events:** No one is looking forward to summer more than the residents of Mount Holly! With that in mind, please don't forget to reserve your Thursdays in July and August for the **Music on the Green Series** that will begin on July 11<sup>th</sup>. Performances will begin at 7:00 pm as always. A calendar with all of the performers for the season will be out later in June. We are all looking forward to some beautiful, balmy evenings with friends and neighbors. See you there!

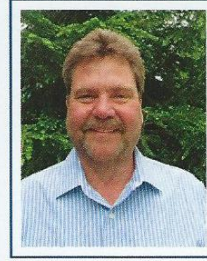
Also in July, don't miss the **Fourth of July Parade** to be held this year on Thursday, July 4<sup>th</sup>! Be sure to look for the MHCA float coming into town at the Belmont crossroads at 11:00 am. The **Garden Tour** is earlier than usual this year, so be sure to mark your calendars for Saturday, July 13<sup>th</sup>, 9:30 am – 4:00 pm. It is a wonderful opportunity to explore the varied high altitude gardens in our lovely town and possibly get to know some of your neighbors, whom you may not know well, or may not have even met. If you have children, bring them along to participate in the **Garden Tour Hunt**. It's great fun for them, while you are focusing on the beautiful gardens you are visiting.

**Mount Holly Day** will be at Star Lake this year on Sunday, July 21<sup>st</sup>. A barbecue picnic will be provided by the MHCA, along with the usual spectacular buffet of sides, salads, and desserts provided by...all of you! There will also be a plethora of old fashioned children's games, as well as swimming in the lake. Be sure to reserve that Sunday, July 21<sup>st</sup> from noon to 3:00 pm and join in with your friends and neighbors for a celebration of our great community!



## Thanks to all the participants in Green Up Day!

We had a very successful Green Up with 71 adults and children collecting 128 bags of trash across the town of Mount Holly. This is an exciting state-wide effort that is unmatched across our nation. Congratulations to Thomas Hollebeek who won the basket of summer fun! A special thank you to a number of people who helped to make it an exceptional event. Thanks to Marianne McGee for helping to coordinate and organize everything in my absence. Thanks to Plew Farm for donating a dozen eggs to the families that participated again this year. Thanks to April and Gordon White, Belmont General Store's excellent storekeepers, for providing their tasty lasagna for participants. And last, but not least, thanks to our town crew for picking up the bags on Monday morning. The last few years Marianne McGee has been my co-organizer and this year I had to be out of town on the big day. I realized as I was sending Mount Holly's statistics for Green Up 2019 to Green Up headquarters that this was my 14<sup>th</sup> year as coordinator for our town. Many thanks to all who have helped and supported me through the years but I think it is time to pass the green bags on. Marianne has agreed to take over the responsibilities and I know she will do an even better job using social media and all the tech support that Green Up Vermont offers. Thank you, Lynne Herbst



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each stone back in place. A cleaning solution was used to bring back the colors of the stone as well. It was amazing to see how quickly they were upright and facing the east. Thank you to Tom Griffin, President of the Vermont Old Cemetery Association, for his guidance with this project. Nancy Cook Eddy, President of Packer Cemetery Assoc., along with the many volunteers are to be commended on their dedication to honor generations of Vermonters. A job well done!!

## Brighten Up Cemetery

These group of volunteers were at the Packer Cemetery on May 18, 2019 for 4 hours repairing gravestones and cleaning up grounds. Stones were dug up and pieced back together with epoxy. A lot of muscle was needed to erect



*Jet working very hard training some of our new and returning volunteers. Cora Hewitt riding, Natalie Henry leading, Bill McGrath (left) and Jen McDermott (right) side walking. Photo by Susan Presson*

## Rain, Mud, Snow and More Rain Can't Keep Us Down

The geese and ducks are back, the trees are budded and blooming and the peepers are singing at dusk every evening. Even though Saltash was showing white last week, it truly looks like it might be spring and the start of another great summer at Rainbow Riding Center in Shrewsbury.

We launched the new season with two Volunteer Clinics and once again we have been pleasantly surprised with the number and quality of all the wonderful people that have turned out to volunteer in the program and help us give our riders the times of their lives. Even if you've missed the Clinics it's still not too late to join us if you're looking for something gratifying to do this summer. (Contact information below.)

It's going to be a particularly busy year for us—more kids and more horses. To start off we have five schools participating in the program this spring; Shrewsbury Mt. School, Mt. Holly School, Ludlow Elementary School, Mill River Middle School and Proctor

Elementary School. While Proctor will be coming during the school day, the other four schools will participate in after school programs until school is out in June. In the fall they will return to finish up their sessions through the end of October as long as Mother Nature cooperates.

Once school is out old friends and new return to participate in the program. Our program for children of military families continues throughout the summer, ages 3 and up. We still have room for more riders for the summer, but you need to sign up soon. RRC will also be doing some camps this summer. Information about the camps will appear on the website soon.

We have some new horses in the program this year as well as some familiar manes and tails. Without these willing, gentle souls there would be no program, so we're celebrating our equine partners all summer long. For more information visit our website: [rainbowridingcenter.org](http://rainbowridingcenter.org); email [programs@rainbowridingcenter.org](mailto:programs@rainbowridingcenter.org), call 802-236-2483 or find us on Facebook.



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Furniture Polish  
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Drain Cleaners  
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Other Oils/Cleaners  
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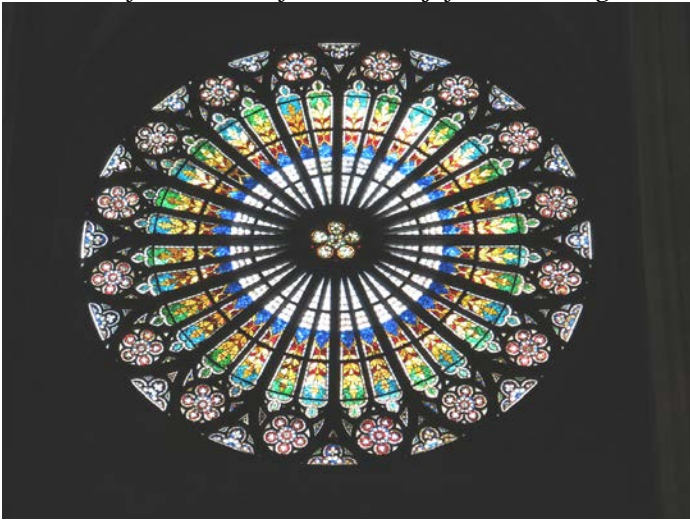
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Rat Poison  
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Muriatic Acids  
Propane Tanks (less than 20 lbs.)



## Notre Dame: We Know The Feeling

*As I watched the news feed video of the huge spire of the French Cathedral collapsing in flames I immediately identified. On the evening of March 26, 1990 a fire that started with heat tape in the bathroom sent the Mt. Holly Baptist Church up in flames. I recall one of the Magliones from across the street saying, "There it goes?" as the 700 lb. bell burned loose from its moorings and crashed into the flaming ashes of the vestibule. With an eerie deja vu I recall racing with my son, Wesley, to the chaotic scene where parishioners gathering for Sunday, post-Christmas Mass (2007) watched St. Mary's go up in smoke. I told that little circle (with Father Paul S.) that I knew what they were feeling and quoted the scripture that states, "I will give you beauty for ashes, says the Lord....joy for mourning."*



*It brings it all back. We have prayed for the members of Notre Dame that they might find comfort and strength as they rebuild. One of life's lessons is that the future we envision may never turn out as we expect. Today is all we have and enjoying the journey is often all we can do...right now.*

*I was quoted in the Herald this way, "As much as we value the memories and the history associated with a building like this, we have to remember the church of Jesus Christ is not a building. It's people -- people with a personal faith in Christ."*

*Some churches burn down by accident--others are targeted...like black churches in the south, the Easter bombings in Sri Lanka, synagogues everywhere, 69 churches in Niger within a few hours. One pastor's wife, Ruth, held her burned Bible and said she's forgiven the men who committed this atrocity. "My prayer is that they come to know Jesus and that the Lord would touch them even in a dream. I want God to do to them what He did to Paul the Apostle when he persecuted Christians. God touched him on his way to Damascus. I want those men to experience the same touch from God!"*

*In one church in China, armed police arrived during a worship service. The parishioners were given to the count of three to renounce their faith and exit the building. The doors and windows were then nailed shut and the sanctuary torched. Many prayed and sang on their knees as they forgave their executioners and entered the presence of their Savior.*

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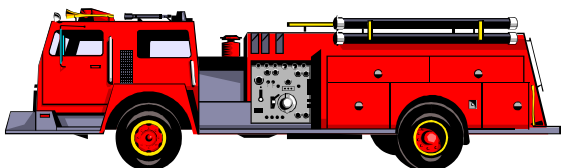
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## NITKA'S NOTES FROM THE STATE HOUSE

By: Senator Alice Nitka

The budget for the VT Agency of Transportation was presented in the Senate this week and includes everything from evidentiary blood samples to reducing greenhouse gas emissions to paving to electric charging stations to a study of "vehicle feebates". I was startled to find out they are rebates for persons who purchase or lease efficient vehicles and funded by persons who buy or lease inefficient vehicles. Yikes!

This 2020 budget plan includes multiple investments to reduce fossil fuel use and further the goals and policies of the Comprehensive Energy Plan as well as to satisfy commitments to the Paris Agreement climate goals. Park and Ride facilities will grow by a total of 554 new spaces owned by the state at existing locations and at three new proposed locations. The cost along with other improvements will total more than \$2.5 million. Under the Bike and Pedestrian Facilities Program, \$14.7 million is proposed for construction in 2021 of 34 projects and 20 design or right of way projects. Some towns in Windsor County who will benefit are Chester, Hartford, Norwich, Royalton, and Springfield. The projects include the creation or improvement of walkways, sidewalks, bike paths, shared use pathways and cycling lanes.

The Public Transit Program authorizes \$36.8 million for use throughout the state. This is a 17% increase over 2019. It includes spending on two large all-electric transit buses for the Burlington area and two all-electric small shuttle buses for the Montpelier area. \$3 million from the Federal Transit Authority that flows through the state will go directly to the Green Mountain Transit Authority. A grant of \$50,000. will go to the Vermont Kidney Foundation to support the transportation needs of Vermonters in need of dialysis services.

Transformation of the state vehicle fleet of 734 vehicles of which 54 are hybrids or plug-ins presently will occur. After July 1, 2019 the state will be required to purchase or lease not less than 50% of new vehicles as hybrids or plug-ins and after July 1, 2021 not less than 75%. There is money for level 3 charging stations to be installed. Other proposals in this area of the Transportation budget include an electric vehicle incentive purchase program for income eligible Vermont households as well as a program to assist financially with emissions repairs for low income persons on their existing vehicles. \$1.5 million is authorized for these two programs and it will be on a first come, first served basis until the funds are exhausted. I believe the rules will still need to be written.

There is also invested \$35.9 million for freight and passenger uses which is an 11% increase over last year. It includes infrastructure upgrades to bring passenger rail service from Rutland to Burlington. Regarding freight, one freight car holds the equivalent of four tractor trailers and reduces the wear and tear on the highways. There is spending for paving, bridges, airports, garages, salt, rest areas, town highways, traffic operations, salaries, the Dept of Motor Vehicles and law enforcement and more. The total appropriation is \$617 million.

Consider visiting your State House and hear the floor debates. Bills are very hard to follow now as they are being combined with other bills that are more likely to pass. 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. The videos can be viewed at their website, [www.okemovalley.tv](http://www.okemovalley.tv). Computers with internet access are available at the Town Library.

### Mount Holly Select Board Meeting - Minutes May 14, 2019

In Attendance: Select Board: Mark Turco (chair), Ron Tarbell, Jennifer Matthews

**Regular Select Board meetings are held on the second Tuesday of the month at 6:00 pm in the Town Office. Items to be included on the Agenda are due by Noon the Wednesday before the meeting.**

Town Officials: Sue Covalla, David Johnson, Clinton Woolley

Public: Paul Barton, Peter Berger, Judy Hyjek, Annette Lynch, Jon McCann, Mary Jane Osborne, Don Richardson, Gordon White

*Prior to the beginning of the meeting, Mark Turco pointed out the two new flag standards of the United States of America and the State of Vermont that were donated to the Town of Mount Holly in honor of Mount Holly citizen, Charlie Tarbell, who died in 1862 while serving his country for liberty.*

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1. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by Mark Turco.

2. All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. **Agenda changes:**

a. Gordon White, lessee and operator of the Belmont Store, presented a

proposal for a Belmont General Store sponsored "1<sup>st</sup> Annual Belmont Brewfest!!" on August 10, 2019 from 12 noon to 9 pm. The program would have: breweries and vendors from Vermont; music by local bands from 12 noon to 5 pm; the Odd Fellows dinner from 5 to 7 pm; a Karaoke contest from 7 to 9 pm; and kids' activities on the green from 12 noon to 5 pm.

Mr. White said that the Mount Holly Community Association thought this was a great idea. Members of the Select Board agreed and stated the Board would be open to helping with the requests made by Mr. White (road closures, parking control, constable on site) if all state requirements for a brewfest were met. Mr. White said he would return with that information.

b. The 2019 Lake Ninevah Aquatic Nuisance Control (Milfoil) Grant from the State needed approval and signature by the Mount Holly Select Board. Ron Tarbell made a motion, seconded by Jennifer Matthews and passed unanimously, to approve and sign the grant.

4. **April 9, 2019 Minutes:** Ron Tarbell made a motion, seconded by Jennifer Matthews, to approve the minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

#### 5. Reports

a. **Highways – Clinton Woolley**

##### i. Update

1. Storm damage expenses are still coming in. The Rutland Regional Planning Commission said it would be at least two months before FEMA responds regarding the disaster declaration.

2. The repair work on Lushas Acres Lane has been completed. Work continues on Freeman Brook Road.

i. Plow bills to Plymouth for \$3200 and Wallingford for \$2500 were approved.

ii. Salt purchase of 350 tons was approved (352 tons used this past winter) with a motion by Ron Tarbell, seconded by Jennifer Matthews, and passed unanimously.

iii. Road Crew hire: Discussion was deferred to Executive Session.

iv. Judy Hyjek thanked Mr. Woolley for changing and adding signs on Shunpike Road.

v. A question arose about who was responsible for removing dog waste from the trash bin at Star Lake. Mr. Woolley responded that in the 14 years he has been with the Town, the road crew has never been responsible for doing so. The Select Board decided to place a "dog waste" notice on trash receptacles.

b. **Treasurer – David Johnson**

i. **Monthly Income and Expense Report:** \$51,879 in taxes is still outstanding on a total of 13 properties with legal proceedings to begin soon. As to the Profit and Loss: not much activity this time of year; all state aid for roads has been received; just over \$5700 to go to Rutland Regional Planning Commission for various services; solid waste revenues continue to be good, while expenses are down with 209 tons of garbage this year compared with 252 tons a year ago; the Workers Comp audit has been done; Education figures are still coming in, with about \$439,000 to go to the Education Fund by the end of month; storm damage expenses are still coming in with three bids now needed for the work on Beaver Meadow Road.

ii. **Reappraisal Revenue Fund:** \$204 more was received than budgeted. Jennifer Matthews made a motion to add the extra \$204 to the Reappraisal Reserve Fund. Motion was seconded by Ron Tarbell and passed unanimously.

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## 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)

**c.Delinquent Tax Update:** Peter Perrino was unable to be present. David Johnson reported that it has been hard to find a tax sale attorney, as all want more than 15% of sale. Select Board decided to wait to hear from Mr. Perrino.

**d.Rutland Regional Planning Commission:** Jon McCann, Town RRPC Rep, reported on his first meeting, which was primarily

devoted to data studies of the county:

i.US Census will have 1800 census positions available in the State (approx. 180 in Rutland County). These positions pay well and last for months. The Select Board agreed to get this information out to the community.

ii.Local census response is important as it provides about \$2500 in Federal funds per resident counted.

iii.Data requests and resource assistance is available for planning and other needs.

iv.A Wetlands Bill making its way through the Legislature could soon shift the burden from the State to localities. Mr. McCann with RRPC will monitor bill.

Mark Turco, with concurrence from Ron Tarbell and Jennifer Matthews, declared Jon McCann's report a "great update" and looks forward to such updates continuing.

## 6. Old Business

### a.Reorganization

i.Rutland County Solid Waste District Representative: A new representative is needed, as Carrie Dougherty who was appointed in March no longer works for the town. Clinton Woolley, the alternate rep, volunteered. A motion was made by Jennifer Matthews and seconded by Ron Tarbell to appoint Mr. Woolley Mount Holly's Representative. Motion passed unanimously. Mr. Woolley noted that the meetings were usually about economics related to markets and recyclables. Don Richardson volunteered to serve as the Alternate Rep. Ron Tarbell made a motion, seconded by Jennifer Matthews, to appoint Mr. Richardson the Alternate. Motion passed unanimously.

ii.Conflict of Interest Policy: The Policy, based on a model developed by the Vermont League of Cities and Towns, needs to be signed by July first. The Select Board will sign it at the June meeting, and hereafter, will sign it in March as part of the Annual Reorganization Meeting.

iii.Copies of the Policy will be available for public viewing both in a binder kept in the Town Office and on the town website.

### b.Local Emergency Management Plan and National Incident Management

**System:** Following on the discussion at last month's Select Board meeting, there is a new template requiring much more detail. Jennifer Matthews has worked on fleshing out those details. Mark Turco will serve as Emergency Management Director with Russ Garrow as Emergency Management Coordinator. The town should readopt the NIMS standards which were last adopted in 2008. Don Richardson noted that changes in LEPC II through RRPC would probably need to be integrated with the above new changes.

### Further information:

- The Town's Emergency Operations Center will be located at the Town Office.
- The Primary Shelter is located at the Elementary School. Second and Third sites are the Belmont Fire Station and the Oddfellows Hall.
- Neither the Town Office nor the School has a back-up generator and no grants are currently available for this. Many small towns are in the same position.
- It was asked if the Town Garage could be the Emergency Operations Center as it has a generator.
- Further discussion centered on the method for emergency communication. There are about 30 hand-held radios in town used by Town, Road, Fire and Rescue members.
- There was additional discussion about the availability of defibrillators. Rescue and the School each have one; the Town Office does not have one.
- The question of a designated helipad arose. DHART uses VT Route 103.
- Ms. Matthews pointed out that once an emergency has been declared, FEMA will cover 75% of costs. With the LEMP in place, the State will cover 12.5% of remaining costs, so that the Town and taxpayers are only responsible for the last 12.5% of costs.

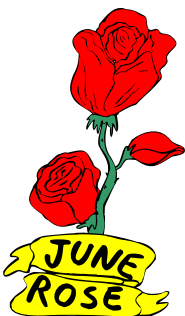
A motion was made by Ron Tarbell and seconded by Jennifer Matthews to approve NIMS and the LEMP, pending input from Russ Garrow on the use of the town garage or the Belmont Fire Station as the back-up Emergency Operations Center, before signing the Plan. The motion passed unanimously. The Select Board also agreed that the emergency plan information would be available to the public on the town website, bulletin boards, and on the inside back cover of the Annual Town Report.

**c.Other:** Jennifer Matthews reported that work on the donation, construction, or acquisition of a Swap Shed at the Transfer Station continues. Anyone interested in helping make the Swap Shed a reality is asked to call the town office.

## 7. New Business

## 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.





## **SWAP SHED NEEDED**

### **@ Transfer Station**

The Town of Mount Holly and  
Residents who like to swap reusable items  
in very good shape are looking for the donation of:

~ an 8' x 12' Shed

~ in Very Good to Excellent Condition

~ Maintenance-Free

~ & Weatherproof

~ or Building Materials to Construct the Shed

If you have such a shed or the building materials  
to donate,  
please call the town office @ 259-2391.  
Thanks!

**a.Parcel Mapping Proposal:** There was a lengthy discussion about the contract to have new paper maps made of the Town's parcels. The mapper would reference deeds, surveys and subdivisions to reflect parcel boundaries as accurately as possible. This work builds on the State's mapping project, which the Town has been involved in for the past year. Two thirds of the money for the paper maps has already been budgeted with one third to come in next year's budget. The color-coded maps will be available digitally and in books. Updates can be requested every one or two years. Ron Tarbell made a motion, seconded by Jennifer Matthews, to proceed with the mapping project to be done by Russell Graphics. The motion passed unanimously.

**b.Dental Insurance Renewal:** July first is the renewal date with any changes to be made now. Current plan is fine. Rates will increase by 3.39%. Ron Tarbell made a motion to renew the current plan, seconded by Jennifer Matthews, and passed unanimously.

**c.Liquor License – Harry's:** Approved and signed.

**d.Town Office Exterior Maintenance Bids:** Two bids for painting the exterior of the Town Office were received and discussed in detail. A motion was made by Ron Tarbell, seconded by Jennifer Matthews, to award the contract to MRS Unlimited LLC for \$5486.

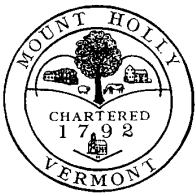
Motion passed unanimously.

**e.Town Office Maintenance:** There was discussion about the roof. Several tiles have come off, so the roof should be inspected for any leaks or damage. The floors need cleaning. Sue Covalla will follow up. The front door lock will be replaced with a coded key pad.

**f.Town Website:** Jennifer Matthews has been updating the information on the website. She has added an Announcements page and a Road Construction Updates page to the site. She had a discussion with the VT League of Cities and Towns as to what makes a town website "official". That occurs once the Select Board has voted to make the site official and has decided what all it would like to include on the site. The only requirements are for town boards' and commissions' agendas and (draft) minutes to be posted in a timely manner. More updates will be coming to the site. It was agreed with some discussion that the town website is a great tool for information-sharing.

8. **Announcements:** Mary Jane Osborne reported on a bill before the Public Service Board regarding the lack of emergency phone service (after a few hours of battery life) in power outages. Comments on the bill are due by May 24th. The Select Board agreed to write a letter to the PSB regarding this situation in which town residents are left with no ability to reach emergency services during power outages.
9. **Review and Sign Orders:** Reviewed and signed.
10. **Executive Session:** Entered at 7:45 to discuss new Road Crew hire. Exited at 8:12 with no decisions made. Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm. Respectfully submitted by Jennifer Matthews

### **Town of Mount Holly NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS**



Agreeably to the provisions of Title 32, Section 4111 Vermont Statutes Annotated, notice is hereby given that the undersigned Listers within and for the Town of **MOUNT HOLLY** have this day completed the abstract of individual lists of persons, co-partnerships, associations, and corporations owning taxable property in said Town on the first day of April 2017 that they have this day lodged the same in the office of the clerk of said town for the inspection of taxpayers; that on the **14th of June 2019 between the hours of 11:00am and 6:00PM; 15th of June 2019 between the hours of 9:00am and 12:00PM**, the undersigned Listers will meet at the **Mount Holly Town Office** in the Listers Office in said Town, to hear grievances of persons, co-partnerships, associations or corporations aggrieved by any of their appraisals or by any of their acts such Listers who objections thereto in writing shall have been filed with them as prescribed by statute, and to make such corrections in said abstract as shall upon hearing or otherwise be determined by them; and that unless cause to the contrary be shown, the contents of said abstract will, for the year 2019 become the Grand List of said Town and of each person, co-partnership, association or corporation therein named.

To be timely, such grievance must be in writing and received (postmarks not accepted) by the close of business on the 13th of June 2019.

Given under our hands at Mount Holly in the County of Rutland this 30<sup>th</sup> day of May 2019.  
Listers of the Town of Mount Holly, Carol Garrow-Woolley, David Johnson, Mary Surething

## Okemo Valley TV Seeks Nominations to Board of Directors

### Help Independent, Non Profit Local Media Thrive!

Okemo Valley TV, the community access TV station & media education center, is seeking nominations to its Board of Directors in advance of its annual meeting in June. The meeting will include the election for the new Board of Directors. Any resident of Andover, Ludlow, Mount Holly, Plymouth, Reading, or Cavendish who is at least 18 years of age is eligible to serve on the Board.

The Board of Directors' current needs are primarily related to macro-level support for the organization through strategic planning, marketing, and fundraising. As such, those with experience in these areas are particularly encouraged to consider joining the Board.

Anyone interested in becoming a candidate or nominating someone they know should email Executive Director, Patrick Cody, at [pcody@okemovalley.tv](mailto:pcody@okemovalley.tv), or call the station at 228-8808. Nominations must be received by Friday, June 7th.

Visit the Board page on Okemo Valley TV's website at [okemovalley.tv/board-directors](http://okemovalley.tv/board-directors) for background information on the roles of Board members and other documentation. **Patrick Cody**, *Executive Director*, Okemo Valley TV, 37C Main St., Ludlow, VT 05149 **office:** (802) 228-8808 **direct:** (802) 975-0200

## Wallingford Town Hall Concert Series Presents Stewart and Slattery

**Wednesday, June 5<sup>th</sup> at Wallingford Town Hall at 7:00 p.m.**

Andy Stewart (fiddle) & Mary Jo Slattery (guitar, vocals) perform music from several roots traditions, including the exuberant soulful two-steps & waltzes of Cajun Louisiana, the upbeat fiddle tunes of French Canada and New England, as well as blues and southern mountain ballads. Recognized by Louisiana's Cajun French Music Association for the authenticity of their style and repertoire, Mary Jo & Andy have performed in festivals, concert halls, farmers markets, schools, nursing homes and assisted living facilities from southwest Louisiana to northern New England...from Mexico and the Caribbean to northern Canada. When not performing as a duo, these two versatile musicians play with the NH Council on the Arts accredited Cajun band, The Offshore Aces. For some 25 years they played with the NH and VT based contra dance band Northern Spy, selected for inclusion in the Smithsonian Folkways CD on New Hampshire social dancing titled "Choose Your Partner!" Their latest exciting project is a trio called The Occasional Jug Band.

Suggested donations of \$10 to \$15 at the door. All proceeds less 10 percent go to the musical group. A non-profit group will host a bake sale.

Please mark your calendar for Wednesday, June 5<sup>th</sup> and support local live music. Sandi Switzer, Wallingford Town Administrator (802)446-2872

Visit the municipal website at [www.wallingfordvt.com](http://www.wallingfordvt.com) for Agendas, Meeting Minutes, Town Clerk and Treasurer Information, municipal officer contacts and much more.

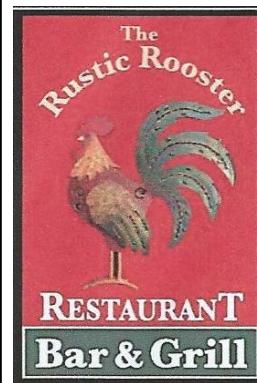
## Black River Academy Museum

### Thank You to 2019 Corporate/Business Members

Georgia Brehm; EMAIL: [gbrehm15@gmail.com](mailto:gbrehm15@gmail.com), Tel: 802-228-5050

The Black River Academy Museum Board of Directors and Trustees would like to thank the following Corporate and Business Members for their 2019 contributions. With their assistance, we are working to continue the operation of this museum as a successful and viable contribution to our town. This imposing three-story historical building is located at 14 High Street, Ludlow. The museum opens for the season on Saturday, June 1, 2019. Refreshments will be provided. All are welcome!

- Baystate Health – UMASS; Springfield, MA;
- Kathleen A. Mahoney, MD –Ludlow, VT
- Matthew Birmingham, Esquire; Ludlow, VT
- Black River Mechanical Services; Belmont, VT
- Book Nook; Ludlow, VT
- Brewfest Beverage Co.; Ludlow, VT
- Garvey & Garvey, Inc.; Ludlow, VT
- Homestyle Hostel; Ludlow, VT
- Ludlow Area Rotary Charitable Fund, Inc.; Ludlow, VT
- Mary Davis Realtor; Ludlow, VT
- Precision International; Brookhaven, NY
- Michael J. Skinner Consulting; Haddonfield, NJ
- Ted Stryhaus Builders, Inc.; Ludlow, VT
- Wright Construction; Mt. Holly, VT



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Tuesday	Closed
Wednesday	5pm-9pm
Thursday	5pm-9pm
Friday	12 noon - 9pm
Saturday	12 noon - 9 pm
Sunday Brunch:	10 – 2 pm
Sunday Regular Menu:	12 noon – 9 pm

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Pictured above are, from left to right, Barbara LaMire, LRC President; Jim Finger; and Frank Heald, 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. **Ralph Pace** [ralphcpace@gmail.com](mailto:ralphcpace@gmail.com)

### Okemo Valley Chamber Offering New Membership Categories

The *Okemo Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce* (OVRCC) recently announced new membership categories for home based entrepreneurs and individuals.

The new **Entrepreneurial Membership** category is designed for home-based businesses with no employees. This level is targeted to micro-businesses such as artisans, artists, agriculture related or new businesses just starting out. These members are eligible to receive promotional benefits such as a listing on the chamber's website. They are also eligible for discounted group insurance programs such as dental and vision. The annual membership dues are only \$175.

**Individual Memberships** are designed for retirees or second homeowners who do not operate a business in the Okemo Valley but wish to be more involved and supportive of the business community in the region. Individual members are eligible to attend chamber events and functions such as Mixers or workshops. However since they are not affiliated with a local business, they do not receive any of the advertising or promotional benefits like regular members. Dues are determined by the type of Individual membership in various categories:

- **Basic** individual membership is \$100
- **Silver** Level individual membership is for an investment between \$200 & \$500
- **Gold** Level individual membership is for an investment between \$501 & \$800
- **Platinum** Level individual membership is for an investment beginning at \$801+

Regular member dues are determined by the number of employees (including the owners) in the business. In order to be considered for regular membership in the Okemo Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce, a person or business must maintain a professional license or be registered with the Vermont Secretary of State, and/or have a Federal Taxpayer ID. The business must support the Chamber, embody the spirit of the Chamber's Mission Statement, and demonstrate a desire to promote and support the activities of the Chamber. Regular member dues begin at \$278. The OVRCC also offers non-profit organizations chamber membership for only \$149.

Chamber members enjoy discounts from fellow members. All employees of regular chamber member businesses are also considered as chamber members. Chamber member businesses can offer this member-to-member discount benefit to potential employees as a competitive advantage in recruiting.

The OVRCC is a not-for-profit, member-driven association and the voice of the business communities in South Central Vermont. OVRCC includes the communities of Andover, Baltimore, Cavendish, Chester, Grafton, Londonderry, Ludlow, Mount Holly, Plymouth, Shrewsbury, Weathersfield, & Weston along the Route 100 Byway. OVRCC provides advocacy, support, and unified regional marketing to promote and enhance businesses in the region as well as the four-season economy. FOR MORE INFORMATION: *Okemo Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce* [www.yourplaceinvermont.com](http://www.yourplaceinvermont.com) 802-228-5830



### Rutland EMS Leader Speaks to Ludlow Rotary Club

At its recent luncheon meeting at DJ's Restaurant, the Ludlow Rotary Club (LRC) heard from Jim Finger, CEO of the Regional Ambulance Service, Inc of Rutland, VT. Finger explained the various healthcare roles his organization played in providing medical assistance to Rutland area residents.

He devoted much of his address to the role of volunteers in manning EMS operations, noting the difficulty in getting volunteers and the impact it had on EMS service.

Finger indicated that current employment requirements made it difficult for many people who used to volunteer for EMS service to satisfy the needs of their jobs while still having time to work as volunteers. This was a problem that was not unique to Rutland or Vermont. Rather it is a national problem.



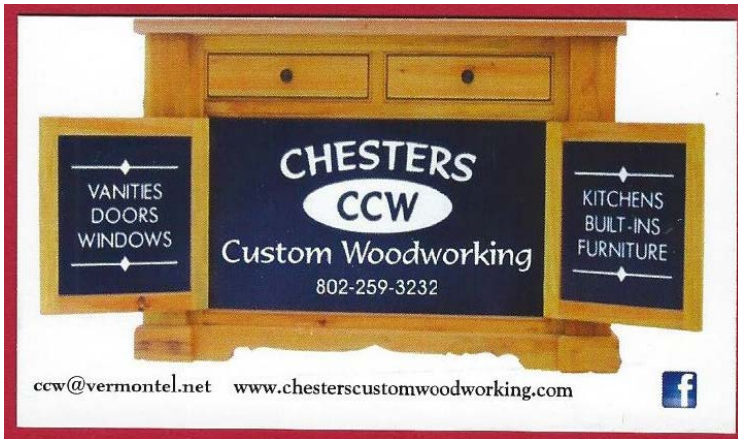
## OPENING DAY AT THE BLACK RIVER ACADEMY MUSEUM

Interested in finding out about the history of Ludlow and the Black River Academy; join us for our opening day on Saturday, June 1. There are three floors of displays highlighting the events of Ludlow and the Academy's history. It's not just about Calvin Coolidge but many diverse people who graduated from this institution over the years. An introductory video can be viewed upon entering the museum giving an overview of what is included in the museum and where to find various displays.

Visit our display about our local historian, editor of the Vermont Gazette, Abby Hemenway. It's amazing that a woman in the mid-1880's had the concept of trying to collect and organize data about each town and county in the state of Vermont. What an undertaking! Even in this day and age of computers and data storage, it would be an overwhelming task, just imagine doing all of this by pen and paper.

Interested in early bridal memorabilia and wedding dresses? There will also be a display of these items also.

There is so much to see at this lovely historic building. We are looking forward to seeing you opening day from noon-4pm. General admission is \$2; seniors and students \$1. If you are not able to attend the grand opening, the museum will be open during the summer Tuesdays through Saturdays, noon to 4pm. Refreshments will be served. See what Ludlow is all about! Joan M. Willett; EMAIL: [willett@comcast.net](mailto:willett@comcast.net); Tel. # 802-228-8690, 14 HIGH STREET, LUDLOW, VT 05149



## WESTON PLAYHOUSE THEATRE COMPANY PRESENTS THE PHANTOM TOLLBOOTH

Weston Playhouse Theatre's Young Company presents a family-friendly adventurous tale based on the beloved children's book, **THE PHANTOM TOLLBOOTH** (June 13 - June 30 | Walker Farm), Tues – Sun 4:00pm; June 14/15 & June 22/23 at 1:00pm.

Says Weston Artistic Associate and Young Company Advisor, Rachel Liff: "We are so excited to welcome families to this production of **THE PHANTOM TOLLBOOTH**. The story allows all of us to discover the joy in learning and encourages children to let their imagination run wild as the 2019 Young Company brings these characters to life."

Emerging artists from professional actor training programs around the country come together to form **Weston Playhouse Theatre's Young Company**. Actors in this selective program will raise the curtain on the 83<sup>rd</sup> Season with their performance of **THE PHANTOM TOLLBOOTH**. Protagonist Milo is completely, terribly, and persistently bored. Not even his favorite toys can capture his attention for more than a moment. All hope seems lost until a mysterious tollbooth appears in his bedroom. Suddenly, he is transported to the Land of Wisdom, where life is anything but boring.

**THE PHANTOM TOLLBOOTH** features: **Dominic Dorset** (BFA - University of Michigan), **Jazley Genovese** (BFA - Pace University), **Daelynn Jorif** (BFA - University of Michigan), **Grace Martini** (BFA), **Sammi Messina** (BFA - CAP21 Conservatory), **Bella Muller** (BFA), **Ben Senneff** (BFA - Baldwin Wallace University), **Alexander Tan** (BFA - Boston Conservatory at Berklee).

Direction is by **Piper Goodeve** (former Director of Education/Artistic Associate at Weston, member of inaugural Young Company, MFA - Brown University/Trinity Rep).

**THE PHANTOM TOLLBOOTH** plays at **Walker Farm** (705 Main Street, Weston, VT), \$20 for Adults & \$10 for Children. \$30 Adult "Premium" tickets available, as well. Prices do not include taxes or fees.

Following **THE PHANTOM TOLLBOOTH**, the curtain officially raises on the 2019 season with the world's longest running musical, **THE FANTASTICKS**; an ode to youth, life, love, and the strange beauty of human connectedness, **I AND YOU**; a fresh take on the inimitable masterpiece, **Rodgers and Hammerstein's OKLAHOMA!**; an evening with one of country music's most

celebrated stars, **ALWAYS...PATSY CLINE**; the famed, thought-provoking drama, **Edward Albee's WHO'S AFRAID OF VIRGINIA WOOLF?**; and Paula Vogel's Tony-award-winning play about a group of actors who risked everything for theater, **INDECENT**.

Subscriptions and single tickets are available online and by calling the Weston Box Office at 802-824-5288 beginning May 1st. Gift certificates can be purchased online at [westonplayhouse.org](http://westonplayhouse.org).

The Weston Playhouse Theatre Company is a non-profit organization supported in part by funds from the National Endowment for the Arts and an ever-growing family of individuals and organizations who believe in the impact that the performing arts makes on its community.





## Malcolm Ewen, Founding Director Of Weston Playhouse Theatre Company

We are deeply saddened to announce that Malcolm Ewen, Weston Playhouse Theatre Company Founding Director, beloved colleague, and friend, has passed after a long battle with cancer.

Malcolm was the heart of the Weston Playhouse Theatre Company, making every artist and theatre-maker feel at home and a part of the Weston family. Malcolm will be remembered as a creative leader and inspiring mentor. His joyful spirit is forever woven into the fabric of the company.

Weston will be dedicating this, its 83<sup>rd</sup> Season, to Malcolm and honoring him with a memorial in Weston later this summer. Arrangements are being made and will be announced shortly.

Says Executive Artistic Director, Susanna Gellert: "Malcolm's love for this theater, its artistry, and its community, are the cornerstone of Weston's work today. His joy and abounding love for the family he created in Weston were infectious. We are profoundly fortunate to have known, loved, and learned from him."

Says Chair, Board of Directors, Oliver Olsen: "No words can fully express our sadness at Malcolm's death or our gratitude for the opportunity to know him. Over the years, he shaped and developed a company culture that continues to define Weston as an extraordinary and special place for artists to do their best work."

In 1988, Malcolm, alongside Tim Fort and Steve Stettler, took the reins of Weston Playhouse, rededicating the theatre to its community, reorganizing it as a not-for-profit company, and entering into an agreement with Actors' Equity, the professional union of actors and stage managers. Malcolm personally guided the expansion of the company's accessibility, now a leader in the state. Weston has grown to become an award-winning regional theatre nationally known for its multi-stage summer festival and its year-round Education and New Works programs. Malcolm's impact on Weston will be felt far into the future as he was instrumental in opening a new second stage in 2017, Weston Playhouse at Walker Farm, an incubator for the arts and a hub for community engagement.

Over the course of his tenure, Malcolm directed many memorable productions and audience favorites including: *The Music Man*, *Guys and Dolls*, *To Kill A Mockingbird*, *Chicago*, *The Oath of Doubt*, *Urinetown*, *The drawer Boy*, *The Full Monty*, *Ragtime*, *Stone in his Pockets*, and *of Mice and Men*. Last year, his production of *Fun Home* opened the inaugural summer season at Weston Playhouse at Walker Farm.

Actors fondly remember his iconic "red tech hat" which came to symbolize his approach to the arduous 12-hour technical rehearsals. "Remember," he would say, "It's called a *play* for a reason. Have *fun* and tell the story.

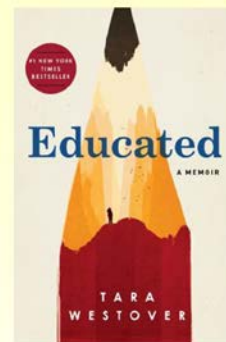
Malcolm has also been a member of the Steppenwolf Theatre family since 1987, receiving an invitation into Steppenwolf Ensemble in March 2019, the first Stage Manager to be asked to join the company. During his 32 years there, he stage managed more than 40 shows and took four productions to Broadway, including the recent Tony Award winning production of Edward Albee's "*Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?*"

He was a 2014 recipient of the Robert Christen Award for Technical Collaboration presented by the Michael Merritt Awards and in 2018, he received the Del Hughes Award for lifetime achievement in stage management given by the Stage Manager's Association of the United States.

A lifetime advocate for actors and stage managers' equitable treatment in the workplace, Malcolm was proud to serve on the Council of Actors' Equity Association, diligently fighting for the rights of his fellow union members. Malcolm was also a proud, long-serving board member for Season of Concern, and helped many theatres raise money over the course of his career. He previously served on the board of The Actors Fund.

In addition to his theater family, Malcolm is survived by his brother William Ewen, sister Camilla Durbin and five nephews and nieces. His wonderful spirit will be missed by so many.

## "Friends of the Library" Present



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**Thurs., June 27th @ 7PM**

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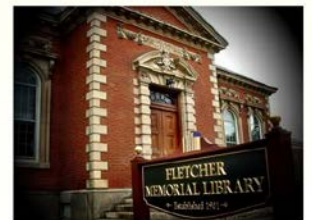
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## Summer School Vacation Backpack Program



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Cavendish, Proctorsville & Plymouth. Registration is required by  
June 10. To register please call, come to the food shelf or stop  
by your school office.

**Black River Good Neighbor Services  
Food Program**

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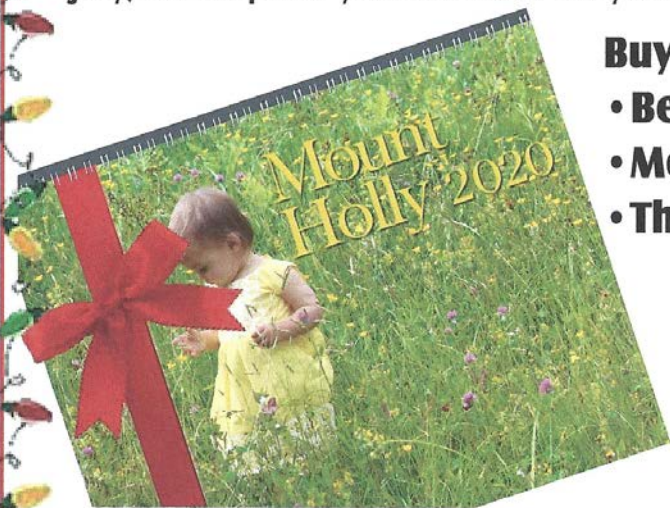


## NITKA'S NOTES FROM THE STATE HOUSE

By: Senator Alice Nitka

The first year of the Legislative Session is coming to a close. While it was thought it might end this week on Saturday or Sunday we found out today that it will have to go into a few days next week. The Budget Conference Committee, consisting of three Representatives from the House and three Senators are working to resolve differences in the Appropriations bill, H-542 from their respective bodies. This is the one must pass bill before we can adjourn. The differences in multiple other bills are being resolved daily, voted on again as changed, and if they receive a positive vote are sent to the Governor for his review, signature or veto. The major pieces of legislation are not a surprise to the Governor as his staff, agency department heads and commissioners have been following these bills as well as testifying to committees about them. The Capital Construction bill, H-543 which deals with state buildings, construction, bonding and corrections spends \$123 million. It has just been resolved while the Transportation bill is still in play. Other bills being followed closely are H-513 relating to broadband deployment throughout VT. It is an expansive bill covering grants, bonds, attachments to utility poles, telecommunications, connectivity, power outages, 911 and more. Read it in the

Senate Calendar of 5/16/19. The Senate version of weatherization and energy proposals are now in S-93, the bottle redemption bill, concerning the unclaimed container deposits. S-96 concerning water quality is still in the works and will see more action any day now. It is a very big-ticket item also, \$50 to \$60 million; at least not all at once. A unique bill that appeared, H-292 deals with banners erected over a highway right of way, then progresses to signs which would be fitting but then moves to the moose hunting season and the moose management rules. This is an important issue due to the declining moose population but a surprise to find it in this bill. It is a challenge at this time of year to find




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the issues one is trying to follow.

The Governor signed several bills this week: H-275 re the Farm to Plate Investment Program; H-523 re miscellaneous changes to the State's retirement system; H-26 restricting retail and Internet sales of electronic cigarettes, liquid nicotine and tobacco paraphernalia in Vermont; H-278 relating to acknowledgement or denial of parentage; H-528 re the Rural Health Services Task Force; S-86 re increasing the legal age for buying and using cigarettes, electronic cigarettes and other tobacco products from age 18 to 21 years of age and S-49 re the regulation of polyfluoroalkyl substances in drinking and surface waters. (It had passed the House with only one no vote, so it certainly was well received.)

This will likely be my last "Notes" for this first half of the session and thank you for reading them. Do visit the State House over the Summer and Fall even though the Legislature won't be present. Contact me at home at 802-228-8432 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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## Senator Alison Clarkson's Legislative Update

With any hope, this will be the last week of Vermont's 2019 Legislative Session. This is the 'end game' as some like to refer to it – and the stakes are high. Many of our most important bills are still in play – still being negotiated. The appropriations and revenue bills (and the priorities they represent), increasing the minimum wage, paid family and medical leave insurance, clean water funding, and a few health care issues – all are still either in a Committee of Conference or being negotiated in successive amendments. There seems to be an awful lot to get through the hose before we are able to adjourn. We do know that the House has decided to sit on the Senate's tax and regulate marijuana bill until next Session - one less major issue to settle before we depart from the Statehouse.

At this time of year, the Statehouse is full of people who represent a wide variety of issues, who are following every nuanced change to bills as they work their way through Conference Committees. Sometimes they are paid and sometimes not – but you come to recognize their passion. All the lobbyists and citizen advocates in the Statehouse are there because someone cares about how people, businesses, or the environment, are affected by the choices the legislature makes. We had a group of them protest in the House last week – shouting their frustration, throwing confetti onto the lawmakers from the balcony. Passions are high in the final days as people see what's going to make it and what is not.

The Legislature has spent the last four months working in committees to address the pressing needs and concerns of Vermonters. Each bill we take up explores some aspect of a need – all of them addressed with the hope that our action in the bill will improve life for Vermonters in some capacity. Sometimes the issue requires money (staff, resources, incentives, or other resources to accomplish) and sometimes not. Each Committee is able to weigh in on the budgetary process with whatever their priorities are for that year. Every appropriated line in the budget and revenue bills tells a story about some aspect of Vermont and impacts us in different and important ways. How we raise and spend our taxpayer money articulates what the Legislature values and has prioritized for the people of Vermont.

All is not waiting for the last week. We've finished our work on many bills – from Indigenous People's Day to Reproductive Freedom. Just this last week the Governor signed a number of bills into law: S.86 which increases the legal age for buying and using cigarettes, electronic cigarettes and other tobacco products from 18-21 years of age; S.94 which regulates polyfluoroalkyl substances in drinking and surface waters; H.275 investing further in our successful Farm to Place Program; H.523 which makes miscellaneous changes to the State's retirement systems; H. 26 which restricts the retail and internet sales of electronic cigarettes, liquid nicotine, and tobacco paraphernalia in Vermont; H. 278 a bill which addresses acknowledgement or denial of parentage; and H. 528 which involves setting up a Rural Health Services Task Force.

I appreciate hearing from you. I can be reached by email: [aclarkson@leg.state.vt.us](mailto:aclarkson@leg.state.vt.us) or by phone at the Statehouse (Tues-Fri) 828-2228 or at home (Sat-Mon) 457-4627. To get more information on the Vermont Legislature, and the bills which have been proposed and passed, visit the legislative website: [legislature.vermont.gov](http://legislature.vermont.gov)

### Interested in EMS?



**There may be an EMR (Emergency Medical Responder) class being offered if there are enough people interested! EMRs are the entry level into EMS and provide important care to pre-hospital patients. Here are the details:**

**Instructor: Sue Poirier**

**Location: Plymouth Town Office**

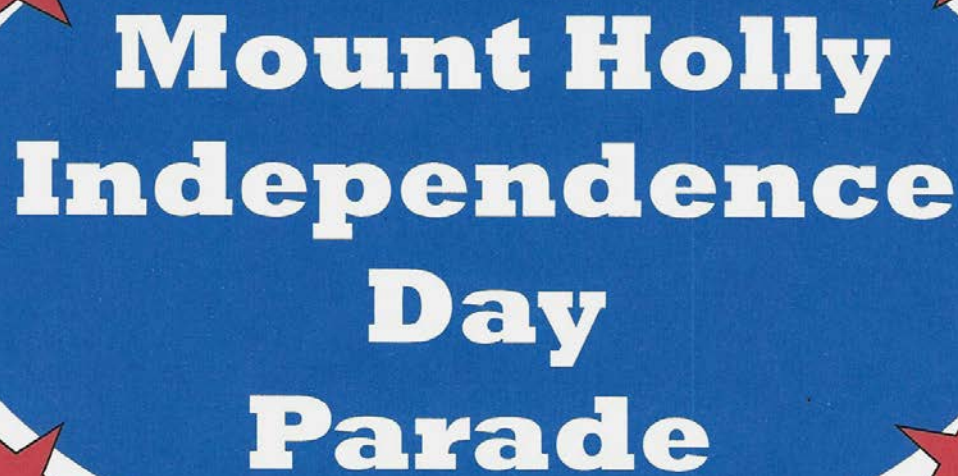
**Cost: ~ \$350**

**Course Dates: December – March**

**If you're interested, email Sue at [spcolby@gmail.com](mailto:spcolby@gmail.com).**

**Mount Holly Volunteer Rescue Squad is always looking for volunteers so if you're interested, please stop by our building on School Street at a business meeting – the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of every month at 7:00pm.**

**Hope to see you soon!**



# Mount Holly Independence Day Parade

**Thursday, July 4th**

**Belmont, VT**

**PARADE 11 a.m.**

**Participants gather at corner of  
Dodge Rd. and Healdville Rd.**

**10:30 am**

**Parade starts at 11 am**

## Dear Editor,

Brace yourselves, folks, the “Leftist Liberals” in the Vermont Legislature are at it again! Their new target is Christopher Columbus and their aim is to not only erase from history his accomplishments, but to destroy his character as well! Their P.C. Agenda is to portray the world’s greatest explorer and discoverer of America as a “White Supremacist” and a “Racist”!

I was extremely amused, but not at all surprised, by Senator Alison Clarkson’s Columbus bashing letter which was published in last month’s Chit Chat. She and her “leftist” comrade, Mr. Rich Holschuh, a Vermont Commissioner on Indian Affairs, are now pushing the new narrative that Columbus was the biggest “villain” ever to have lived, (other than Trump), and that his legacy must be destroyed!

According to them, Columbus is not the “honorable” and “inspirational” figure that we were taught

years ago. In fact, they want us to believe that his great accomplishments are fictional! Really? I wonder how many “peace pipes” they’ve been smoking lately. Even Governor Scott has proclaimed that “Columbus Day” be changed to “Indigenous People’s Day”. There must have been numerous “Pow-Wows” between Governor Scott and the Abenaki Indians before reaching this decision! As we’ve seen before, Governor Scott would probably sell his soul to the devil for liberal votes! It must be very difficult for Senator Clarkson, Gov. Scott and Mr. Holschuh to face the reality that history will never remember them for their accomplishments, simply because they have none. Columbus, on the other hand, will always be remembered for what he accomplished, through sheer determination, over 500 years ago! I’d like to put Senator Clarkson, Governor Scott and Mr. Holschuh on the small wooden boat in the middle of the Atlantic Ocean for 2 months with limited sanitary amenities, little fresh food and water, no maps and not electric power to contemplate Columbus’ outstanding achievements! I for one will continue to celebrate the greatness of Christopher Columbus every October 12. “Let’s KEEP AMERICA GREAT”, Virginia Ward





## UVM ROTC Program Wins McArthur Award Under Stewardship of LTC Jeremy Pitaniello ('92)

Photo: Professor of Military Science and Battalion Commander LTC Jeremy Pitaniello (MSJ '92) and senior cadet leaders receiving the McArthur Award from UCM President Thomas Sullivan as well as Brigade Commander (COL Matthew Rauscher)

The Cadets and Cadre of the UVM ROTC Program, for the second time in less than five years, were awarded the General Douglas MacArthur Award for Leadership! Selection for the General Douglas MacArthur Award is based on several factors, and the award is presented annually to the finest ROTC program in each regional Brigade. The competition within the Northeast Region is extremely

fierce, consisting of 42 host universities, which includes all of the nation's Ivy League schools. LTC Jeremy Pitaniello (MSJ '92) is a Professor of Military Science and Battalion Commander of the Green Mountain Battalion, which includes the ROTC programs at Castleton University, Saint Michael's College, Champlain College, Middlebury College, SUNY Plattsburgh and UVM. Congratulations to LTC Pitaniello and to the UVM unit under his leadership!

## An MSJ Life: From Senior Class President to Most Senior Alumni

Philippa Merchand, class of 1936, didn't need to stray far from Convent Avenue to build a life and raise a family. At age 100, she lives in her Meadow Street home, just a stone's throw from Mount St. Joseph Academy.

Mrs. Merchand holds the distinction of being MSJ's oldest living alumni. She attended school at MSJ from elementary through high school and made her mark on the school as both the senior class president and captain of the basketball team..

After graduating from MSJ as valedictorian, Mrs. Merchand worked for a short time in retail at Woolworth's in Rutland. She then got a job working as a telephone operator for the Bell Corporation in the telephone office in the Service Building. During World

War II, she went to Massachusetts to work as a telephone operator at Camp Myles Standish. After the war she returned to Rutland to work at the telephone office.



## Tab String Event!!!

On Monday June 3rd 2019 at the Castleton Village School (behind library on Main Street) @ 2:00 pm we will be holding a tab string parade!! We have not done this in quite some time so this is super exciting!! I would love to invite all of you come be a part of the celebration. Our Mini Chopper Unit (Jeff Eaton) will be attending. This is a great way to come meet the students and support our ongoing Collecting, Connecting, Accepting Tab Project. Crossing our fingers for an outside event, if raining we will hold it in the gym. Please feel free to email me with questions. These events are always fun and exciting for our Middle School Students ☺ Tammy Arruda the Tab Lady♥





## Hello Mount Holly

It's hard to know the ultimate fate of a lot of the work I am most proud of this session, but I intend to write a one-page summary of the session from my perspective when we are finished for the year. It will be similar to the Town Meeting Reports I made for town meeting week, which was closer to the midway point of the session. I will leave copies of that at the Belmont General Store, the Town Office and my other coffee hour locations, probably around mid-June.

So far the governor has signed into law 30 of the 57 bills that have passed the House and the Senate this session. He has not vetoed any as I write this, but most of those bills received broad support in both bodies and were often written in negotiations with his administration. That is not to say they are inconsequential though, bills that have already been enacted this session include changes to our healthcare system that will lower costs and improve health insurance coverage, improving access to treatment for substance use disorder, renaming 'Columbus Day' to honor 'Indigenous Peoples', protections for our drinking water sources from PFOAs, increasing the age to purchase tobacco products to 21 and multiple bills that give much-needed support for our farms and improve the availability of their healthy and local food for our schools and for Vermonters more broadly.

I regret that I did not address the gun bill here last month, it seemed like it would not come to floor and I thought it was done for the year when I wrote my last article. But ultimately it did come out of committee and I supported it on the floor. I struggled with that decision more than any other so far this session, but I think it makes sense and is good compromise legislation. The bill has a few sections that undo parts of the regulations passed last session that would have otherwise likely ended shooting competitions in the state, as well as expanding the definition of a family for the purposes of passing down a "large-capacity magazine". That said I know some people are probably upset with me over this bill and I urge you to reach out or come to a coffee hour if you would like to talk about it.

I have been struggling to catch up on emails lately and for that I am sorry, but know that I do read all of them, I just don't always have time to give you all the thoughtful answers you deserve in a timely manner. I intend to keep doing my coffee hours throughout the summer and do hope to see you there, where you can always get a faster response if I have not responded to an email. Thanks, Logan

Upcoming coffee hours:

June 3 – Big Eyes Bakery in Ludlow – 8-10 am  
June 10 – Pierce's Store – 7:30-10 am

June 17 – Belmont General Store -7-10 am  
June 24 – Café at deLight in Ludlow -6-9 am

July 1 – Pierce's Store -7:30-10 am

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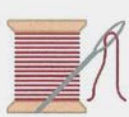
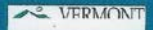
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## 8 Things to Know about Lyme Disease in Vermont

by Rebecca Zelis at VTlyme.org

Many Vermonters are not aware that **Vermont is #2 in the US for incidence of Lyme disease**. According to the Vermont Department of Health, cases of other tick-borne diseases such as Babesiosis and Anaplasmosis are also steadily increasing in Vermont.

VTlyme.org is a new, non-profit organization focused on providing equitable information and support to Vermonters affected by Lyme and tick-borne diseases. VTlyme.org is working to provide prevention education in Vermont schools, and to increase understanding about the symptoms and effects of tick-borne diseases on Vermonters. You can find more information at their website, [www.VTlyme.org](http://www.VTlyme.org).

1. **Not everyone gets a rash:** According to the National Institutes of Health, “The most distinct symptom of Lyme disease—the circular red rash known as erythema migrans (EM)—does not appear in at least one quarter of people who are actually infected with Lyme bacteria.” In Vermont, recent data shows the incidence of EM rashes has been *decreasing* in Vermonters with confirmed Lyme disease.

2. **It's not just Lyme disease:** According to the VT Department of Health, Anaplasmosis, Babesiosis, Ehrlichiosis, Borrelia miyamotoi and Powassan Virus are all present in Vermont. Some of these tick-borne diseases may require a different test or treatment than Lyme disease.

3. **Lyme disease can be diagnosed 12 months of the year:** VT Department of Health data shows confirmed cases of Lyme disease are diagnosed *all 12 months in Vermont*. The majority of cases are diagnosed May – September.

4. **Blood tests might not work:** Because it may take weeks for antibodies to develop The CDC notes, “testing an infected person too early can produce a negative result”. According to The Vermont Department of Health, “Even the best available Lyme testing is imperfect and should be interpreted in the context of the patient’s clinical presentation.”

5. **A person may have symptoms weeks, months, or years after being bitten:** Treatment failure does occur, even with early diagnosis, so follow up visits for patients diagnosed with Lyme disease are essential. Vermonters with disseminated Lyme disease may need a different treatment than those in an early stage of the disease.

Other tick-borne infections, such as Babesia, may require a different approach than Lyme disease, or have different symptoms. It is possible for a person to be infected with a tick-borne disease and not experience any symptoms for months to years after a tick-bite.

6. **Not all ticks carry Lyme disease:** Only four of thirteen tick species in Vermont are known to carry pathogens. One of these four is responsible for 99% of all tick-borne diseases reported in Vermont – the blacklegged tick.

The VT Department of Agriculture 2018 tick report showed over 60% of the ticks tested positive for at least one disease. 56.7% were positive for Borrelia burgdorferi, which causes Lyme disease. 8.25% were positive for Anaplasma phagocytophilum (Anaplasmosis), 1.03% for Babesia microti (Babesiosis), 1.03% for Borrelia miyamotoi, and 1% for Powassan Virus. Approximately 5% of the ticks tested positive for two or more pathogens.

Remember, just because you have been bitten doesn't mean you have contracted a tick-borne disease, and correctly identifying the type of tick that bit you will help you understand your risk for infection.

7. **Vermont has a lot of Lyme disease:** Vermont regularly tops US states for incidence of Lyme disease. The most recent CDC surveillance numbers show Vermont's incidence per 1000,000 people is 103.6. For comparison, the incidence rate in Connecticut was 38.5, New York's was 17.6, and Massachusetts rate was 4.7.

The CDC designates a state a “High Incidence State” when there is an average incidence of at least 10 confirmed cases per 100,000 persons for previous three reporting years. **Vermont's 3 year incidence rate is 86.7 per 100,000 persons.** The CDC

8. **Lyme can affect mood, cognitive performance, and mental health:** According to the Global Mental Health Program at Columbia University “significant cognitive and psychological symptoms are being recognized as part of the symptom pattern associated with untreated and/or chronic Lyme Disease”.

Depression can be a component of Lyme disease. Case studies show symptoms of Lyme disease can be similar to symptoms of schizophrenia or bi-polar disorder. Research has also shown a possible connection between Lyme disease and suicidality.

In children, Lyme disease may appear as a learning disability, difficulty with memory or processing, self-harming behavior, vision changes, or ADHD. Learn more about Lyme and mental health at [VTlyme.org](http://VTlyme.org).

May is Lyme Disease Awareness Month. VTlyme.org, an all-volunteer non profit organization, is currently raising funds to offer free presentations, information and resources to Vermonters about Lyme and tick-borne diseases. Your contribution is sincerely appreciated at [www.VTlyme.org](http://www.VTlyme.org) or at <https://www.gofundme.com/vermont-lyme-nonprofit-may-2019-vtlymeorg>.

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Thursday, 06/06/2019,	Rutland, Parker House,	10am
Thursday, 06/06/2019,	Rutland, Bardwell House,	12:30pm
Wednesday, 06/26/2019,	Rutland, Godnick Adult Center,	12:30pm

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, 06/05/2018, Rutland, Rutland office of VNAHSR, 8:30am

The cost is \$30. Call 802.770.1536 for more information.

**Bereavement Support Meetings:** Rutland – 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 support meetings are free and open to the public.

### Third Annual Golf Open to Benefit

#### Home Health & Hospice Care in Bennington County

Golfers are invited to tee up for the third annual Golf Open on Wednesday, July 24, 2019, at the Mount Anthony Country Club on 180 Country Club Drive in Bennington, Vermont. Proceeds will benefit community-based home health and hospice services provided by the Visiting Nurse Association & Hospice of the Southwest Region.

The tournament is a four-person scramble with a registration beginning at 11:30am and 1pm shotgun start. Team sponsorships start at \$500 and include entry package for four golfers, a cart and awards dinner. Additional sponsorship opportunities are available. For additional information regarding sponsorship opportunities or to register a team, contact Linda Hurley at 802.362.1276 or at [linda.hurley@vnahsr.org](mailto:linda.hurley@vnahsr.org)

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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,  
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Green Mtn. Sugar House 228-7151  
Plew Farm 1966 Healdville Rd, Mt. Holly [www.plewfarm.com](http://www.plewfarm.com) 259-2250

Smith Maple Crest Farm [www.Smithmaplecrestfarm.com](http://www.Smithmaplecrestfarm.com) 492-2151

## Marketing & Promotional Services

Express Copy Inc., Don Reiser H 259-2722 362-0501  
[print@expresscopyinc.com](mailto:print@expresscopyinc.com)

## Metal Fabrication

Wayne Jones Metal [www.waynejonesmetal.com](http://www.waynejonesmetal.com) 259-2521

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Randy Bixby – [mhnewsflash1@gmail.com](mailto:mhnewsflash1@gmail.com) [mhnewsflash@gmail.com](mailto: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

## Plumbing & Heating

Master Plumbing & Heating Inc. 802-975-0369  
[masterplumbingheating@gmail.com](mailto:masterplumbingheating@gmail.com)  
Tailored Plumbing [tailoredplumbingheating@gmail.com](mailto:tailoredplumbingheating@gmail.com) 802-417-1647

## Real Estate Sales

Coldwell Banker Watson Realty, frank\_ellison@cbwatson.net 228-5678  
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Fax 802-228-5343 [www.KelleyRealEstate.com](http://www.KelleyRealEstate.com) [www.OkemoValley.com](http://www.OkemoValley.com)

## 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](http://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

## 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](mailto:ccw@vermontel.net) 259-3232  
[www.chesterscustomwoodworking.com](http://www.chesterscustomwoodworking.com)  
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