

Mount Holly Chit Chat



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September 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

Aug 31st **Baked Ham Supper**, Benefit Historical Museum, Odd Fellows Hall

Sun 1st **Black Bear Early Season Resident ~ World War II Began 1936**

2nd **V-J Day 1945 Japan Signed Formal Surrender ~ Labor Day**

3rd Mt. Holly Community Association Meeting, Library

5th Fire Dept. Business Meeting, Belmont Fire Station

Sun 8th Rescue Squad Meeting, Rescue Squad Building

10th Mt. Holly PTSA Meeting, MH School

Community Guild Meeting, IOOF Hall, Belmont

Select Board Meeting, Town Office

11th LMHUUS Meeting, Mt. Holly School

Fire Dept. Ladies Auxiliary Meeting, Belmont Fire Station

ODD Fellows Meeting, IOOF Hall, Belmont

12th Fire Dept. Drill, Fire Station

Sat 14th **Full Harvest Moon ~ Star-Spangled Banner Written 1814 by Francis Scott Key**

Sun 15th **Black Bear Season Nonresident**

16th Mount Holly Planning Commission, Town Office

17th Fire Dept. Work Night, Fire Stations **Citizenship Day ~ US Constitution Approved 1787**

Chit Chat Annual Meeting, MH Town Office **Ladies Auxiliary VFW Organized 1914**

18th Mt. Holly Town Library Meeting, Library, Belmont **Operation Uphold Democracy 1994**

US Air Force Est. 1947

19th Fire Dept. Drill, Fire Station

Sat 21st **Baked Ham Supper**, Benefit MH Rescue Squad, Odd Fellows Hall **POW & MIA Day**

International Day of Peace

Autumnal Equinox Fall Begins

23rd Rescue Squad Meeting, Rescue Squad Building

24th Community Guild Meeting, IOOF Hall, Belmont

25th ODD Fellows Meeting, IOOF Hall, Belmont

26th Fire Dept. Work Night, Fire Stations

George Gershwin 1898

Sun 29th **The First Televised Debate Took Place Between Presidential Candidates Richard M. Nixon & John F. Kennedy**

Rosh Hashanah Begins ~ VFW Est. 1899

Gold Star Mother's Day

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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

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September Birthdays: 1st -Adam Frey 2nd -Mark Turco Sr 4th - John Taylor Jr 7th -Caleb Nye 8th -Sarah Hawkins-Delphia 10th - Felicia Turco * Dustin Miller * Ruth Thornton (1925) 12th -Vera Tuomisto * Charles Conroy 13th -Joey Carrara 14th -Todd Bussino Jr (1983) 19th -Julia Hoeh * Heather Deem (1977) 22nd - Laurel Darling 24th -Eleanor Nowosad 26th -Peter Herbst 27th - Clarise Dana 97th (1922) 29th -Ryan Flynn * Kenny Hart (1964) 30th - Eliza Tarbell



September Anniversaries: 3rd -Douglas & Darlene Stocker 6th -Murray & Betty Merlin * Vincent & Barbara Palotta * William & Marjorie Graf 12th -Candace Neary & Annette Lynch 14th -Mike & Melinda Pearson (1996) 15th -Richard & Laurel Darling 21st -Daniel & Linda Fitzgibbon * Jane Harrington & Susan Horsman 26th -Benjamin & Amber Taylor 28th - Frank & Barbara Gerdin

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

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Mount Holly		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
Belmont		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
East Wallingford		802-259-2829
Window	Mon – Fri	7:00 am – 11:00 am
	Sat	7:00 am – 10:00 am
Lobby Hours	Mon – Fri	7:00 am – 4:45 pm
Cuttingsville/Shrewsbury		802-492-3585
Window Hours	Mon – Fri	7:30 am – 10:30 am
	&	11:30 am – 2:30 pm
	Sat	8:00 am – 11:00 am
Lobby Hours	Mon – Fri	7:30 am – 5:00 pm
	Sat	7:30 am – 11:00 am
Ludlow		802-228-7436
Post Master:	Dawn Howlett	
Lobby Hours:	Mon – Fri	6:30 am – 5:30 pm
	Sat	6:30 am – 11:00 am
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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 in September in the Mount Holly Town Office at 6:30 p.m. The meeting includes the annual report and election of the Board of Directors

ORGANIZATION SUPPORT: The Mount Holly Chit Chat has been published each month since 1974 and has been supported solely by donations until 2006 when readership was expanded as a public service to all who reside, vote, or own property in Mount Holly. The Chit Chat is supported by donations, advertisements, and appropriation from the Town.

Doris Roberts

Doris Roberts, 84, of Mount Holly and Jericho, N.Y., died May 29 in Fly Creek, N.Y.

She was a musician, artist and mah jongg player who loved to travel, golf and ski. Exploring Vermont during trips from Long Island, she and her husband, Ralph Roberts, bought property in Mount Holly in the 1970s and built a ski chalet on a mountain. She loved coming to Vermont even after she stopped skiing. She fed the birds on her deck, entertained friends and tended her huge garden.

She was born in Detroit and received her bachelor's in music from the University of Michigan. After marrying and moving to New York, she joined her husband, a percussionist, in Havana just before Castro rose to power, playing violin with the Havana Philharmonic Orchestra. "It was almost a semi-work, semi-vacation mode — with bombings thrown into the mix," she said.

Blessed with perfect pitch, she later accompanied Ralph on the world tour of the hit Broadway musical "West Side Story," which stopped in Berlin on the night before the Berlin Wall started to rise.

On Long Island, she taught music in Mineola elementary schools and played violin in the Long Island Symphony. After retiring in 1993, she took up oil and watercolor painting. She started watercolor lessons with George Lawrence at the Fletcher Farm School in Ludlow, and continued her studies with Steve Lampasona at the Nassau County Museum of Art in Roslyn; Susanna Spann, author of "Painting Crystal and Flowers in Watercolor"; Don Andrews, author of "Interpreting the Figure in Watercolor"; and Thomas Torak, an instructor at the Art Students League in New York.

She eventually won over 40 awards at juried art shows. She was also honored with four solo art shows on Long Island, and was a member of art societies there and the Vermont Watercolor Society, whose shows she exhibited at regularly.

Her husband died in 1981. She is survived by a brother, Karl Bengtsson; three daughters, Karin, Lisa and Tracy Roberts; and one grandson, Nicholas Balbuena.

Donations may be made to the Mount Holly Community Fund.



Donald E. Rogers III

Donald E. "JD" Rogers III, 43, died Aug. 11, 2019, of diabetes, surrounded by loved ones. He was born April 27, 1976, in Rutland. Mr. Rogers enjoyed being outdoors and working with his hands. Survivors include his wife, Tammy (Senecal) Rogers; five children Kade Rogers, Katelynn Colomb, Tyler Gearwar, Cendra and Sierra Howard; seven grandchildren; six sisters and four brothers; and his parents Jean (Lebo) and Donald Rogers Sr. He was predeceased by his sister, Melissa Marcille-Messer. Arrangements are by Clifford Funeral Home.

Never Forget!

September 11, 2001

It has been eighteen years since the events of September 11th, 2001. Two thousand, nine hundred and seventy-seven people died that day in New York City, Washington DC and Shanksville, Pennsylvania. Since then hundreds of first responders, construction workers and countless volunteers are sick or dying from a 9/11 related illness. The numbers are staggering, to date we have lost over 500 first responders, many to brain cancers, respiratory illnesses and blood diseases. On that fateful day I responded to Ground Zero as a member of the New York City Police Department and spent the better part of two weeks on the site. Little did I know we were being exposed to countless toxins in the dust that filled the air for weeks. It is very important to me and my family that people never forget the lives that were lost that day; the lives that continue to be taken and those who continue to struggle with physical and mental pain. Please take a moment to remember them by



participating in a prayer service, performing community service, or just pausing for a moment of silence and reflection. Never Forget! Paul Faenza

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



Aug 31st Historical Museum - Baked Ham
Sept 21st MHV Rescue Squad - Baked Ham
Oct 12th MHCA - Roast Beef
Oct 26th Gill Home, IOOF – Baked Ham



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



Chit Chat Annual Meeting
Tuesday September 17th
6:30 pm
Mt. Holly Town Office

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Fully Insured – Call Steve @ 802-259-2147

Firewood – Cut, Split & Delivered

Mt. Moriah Lodge #96 Trestleboard

Next meeting Tuesday 9/10/19 8PM - District Meeting 9/17/19

Brethren, Our DDGM, Cass Wright is looking to fill chairs for the District 1 and 11 meeting which will be held on Sept 17, 2019. It will be held at King Solomons Temple Lodge in Bellows Falls. The dinner will be at 6 and meeting to commence at 6:45. If you are interested in taking a chair, please let me know so I can let Cass know. Earl

Brothers,

On Tuesday August 13th, Mt Moriah lodge in East Wallingford, had the pleasure of having RW Brother Roland "Woody" Woodard give a presentation on the early history of Freemasonry in Vermont.

The evening began with a ham dinner at 7:00 PM, immediately following at 8:00 PM Brother Woody gave his presentation, this was excused, for those who wanted to stay the lodge was called to labor as to conduct our usual business.

Earl Miller earljmiller45@yahoo.com or 802-775-6852 or Stanley Seward sseward@vermontel.net or 802-259-9400

MtHollyNewsFlash@gmail.com

Dear All NewsFlash Recipients',

Randy Bixby can no longer do the NewsFlash as his health will no longer let him perform that duty.

Randy started and maintained the NewsFlash of which the earliest I received it was August of 2006. We of Mount Holly and beyond have relied on the NewsFlash for many items of information to the better of our town. Most importantly the Neighborhood watch items along with the many lost or found pets plus many announcements of things happening in town. It has become a very valuable tool for all of us. Many thanks goes out to Randy for providing this valuable information hub free to all of us.

If you would like to send cards of well wishes to Randy & Phyllis Bixby who just celebrated their Wedding Anniversary the end of July, you may do so at the following address: Randy & Phyllis Bixby, 723 Summit Road, Mount Holly, VT 05758

Many thanks to Kevin Plew to volunteer to get the NewsFlash up and functional again as well for taking it on. Kevin finished setting up Mail Chimp which Randy started to set up to better serve us all.

We do have a problem as we don't have all the email addresses Randy had so we ask if you are not receiving the NewsFlash please email the new address mthollynewsflash@gmail.com and request to be added to the list.

As you may have noticed there are two newsflash emails a day- one morning and one evening. The morning and evening emails will each have notifications from the previous 12 hours. The deadline for the morning edition is 6:00AM and the evening edition is 6:00PM. Anything not received by those times will simply go in the next newsflash.

Please add mthollynewsflash@gmail.com to your address book so that the messages don't go to SPAM. Also, please allow images to be displayed from the address. Some email clients block the display of images by default and many of our announcements are image files. Also if you have some suggestions on the format please let Kevin know. So far I think it looks great especially the weather forecast and helpful quotes.

Please be patient while we work on the continuation of the NewsFlash as there may be some hiccups along the way.

Sincerely, Diana Garrow & Mount Holly Chit Chat Board

TREE STUMP GRINDING

Beardmore Excavating Inc.

802-342-3507

BRISC Receives \$20,000 Donation Toward Capital Campaign

The Black River Independent School Committee (BRISC) has received its first large donation in the form of appreciated stock. The investment, made by an anonymous donor, is another significant step toward the group's larger fundraising goal. BRISC aims to raise \$800,000 by August 2020 and will continue meeting with prospective donors over the summer and into the fall. Members of the committee have been sharing the mission and vision for Black River Academy through a variety of community events.

The group continues to seek 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 current focus is to generate fundraising dollars for start-up and reserve funds to establish 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. Please visit our website www.blackriveracademy.org. Donations can be made on the website or by mailing a check to P.O. Box 485 Ludlow, VT.

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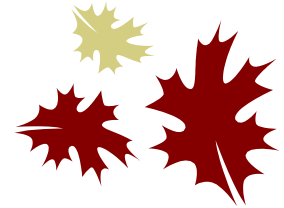
Mount Holly Library Reading Group

The group will meet on Wednesday, September 11th at 6:00 pm at the home of Mary Anderle in North Clarendon. We will be discussing books that each of us recently read.

Please call Donna at 259-2730 for further information. Hope to see you there.

Wilson Family Reunion

We are so thankful for this town's wonderful hospitality, and even more thankful that Mom and Dad bought this house 50 years ago! Sorry for all the noise we generated, but it was pure happiness. Another generation of Wilsons loving this slice of heaven.....



Volunteers Needed for

"Cider Days"

Saturday, October 12th 10:00 am ~ 4:00 pm

Sunday, October 13th noon~ 4:00 pm

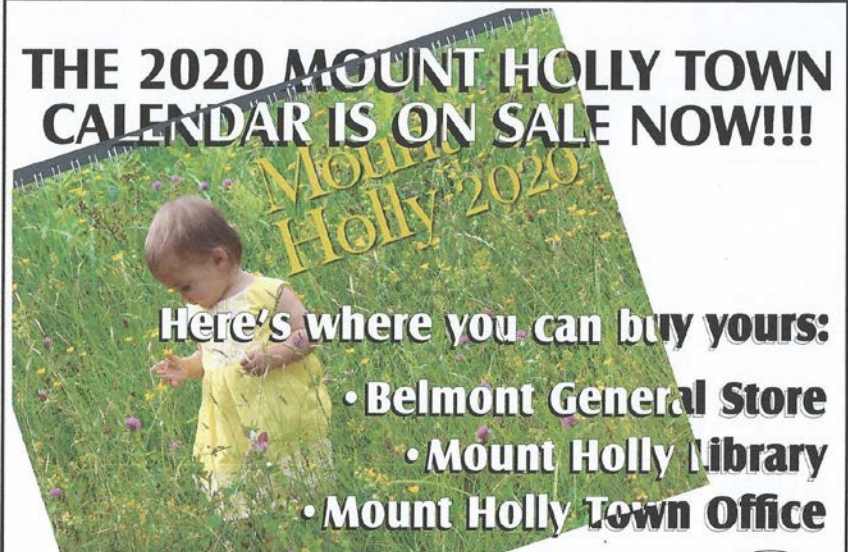
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Carol DeVine cgosedevine@yahoo.com

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- Mount Holly Town Office

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



CALL FOR VENDORS

Mount Holly Community Association

Cider Days October 12 & 13, 2019 Saturday 10am - 4pm & Sunday 12pm - 4pm

Call for Craft and Specialty Product Vendors ~ Spaces are \$50.00 for one day & \$75.00 for both days. (We regret that one space may not be shared by two vendors.) Pre-designated spots (10' x 10') are assigned on a first come, first served basis. Deadline for applications is August 31st.

Payments will not be returned for cancellation.

Contact Morgan Skiathitis at morganskiathitis@gmail.com or 802-259-2755 for an application and further information. Completed applications can be sent to Morgan at PO Box 105, Belmont VT 05730

Cabaret!!

Sunday, September 1st at 8:00 pm

In the Library

with

Jazz vocalist Alexa Fila

&

Jazz Bassist Joe Solomon

(Decadent desserts & libations available for a small fee)



Black River Independent School

How to connect with us: Black River Independent School Committee meets every Thursday from 6:30pm – 8pm in the BRHS Library – come join the discussion

Please eat pizza on us Thursday September 12th from 5pm – 7pm, Mangiamo Ristorante, Ludlow, VT

Ask more questions at School Choice Parent Night Monday September 16th from 6pm – 8pm in Presidential Hall, Ludlow, VT

Why Choose Black River INDEPENDENT SCHOOL? The Black River Independent School Committee was formed with the intent of preserving and advancing local education in Southern Vermont, and specifically the greater Okemo Valley area. The purpose is to open Black River Independent School for grades 7-12 in September 2020.

The current Black River High School will close at the end of the school year in 2020. This will have a huge impact on future generations of students and the surrounding community. Black River Academy and Black River High School have been serving the educational needs of the area since the mid-1800's. Black River Independent School is the next chapter.

Our Mission: Our mission is to offer a challenging, meaningful middle and high school education that balances active exploration, adventure, integrated curriculum, and authentic and joyous engagement.

Vision and Educational Pillars: The student experience at Black River will include traditional academic programs for grades 7-12 with hands-on, experiential, vocational training in the community, local technical schools, and immersive exploration through outdoor education.

The following educational pillars will serve as the basis for all of our curricular offerings and direct our decision-making regarding programming, organizational structure and student experiences.

Global Breadth of Perspectives

Democratic Participation and Justice

Environmental Stewardship

Outdoor Adventure

Personal Action

Engagement in Community

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q. Where will Black River Independent School be located?

A. We are currently negotiating with the Town of Ludlow and the L.M.H.U.S.D. to use the available space vacated in the existing Black River H.S. Building.

Q. What will it cost local taxpayers?

A. Local tax rates have no direct connection to the Black River Independent School budget. With school choice, education taxes are redistributed by the state to whichever school a student chooses. When students elect to come to the Black River Independent School their portion of the tax money stays in Ludlow rather than going to other towns.

Q. How will the independent school be funded?

A. The school's yearly operating costs will be supported by education tax funds redistributed by the state in the amount of the statewide average tuition rate. We are seeking to raise \$800,000 in start-up costs to cover expenses associated with founding the school and establishing a reserve fund for the first two years.

Q. What are the advantages of sending students to Black River Independent School?

A. There are many advantages to attending the school. New curriculum will be built from the ground up, intentionally designed to motivate and engage. All students will benefit from an education, connected to and influenced by the local community, with a rigorous academic and experiential curriculum featuring small class sizes, personalized instruction all based on our Mission and Pillars.

Q. What is the anticipated enrollment?

A. Initial target enrollment is 75 students in grades 7-12. We expect numbers to grow as we prove our ability to offer an exceptional education and attract students from both nearby school choice towns and full tuition paying students from other areas.

Q. What co-curricular activities will be offered?

A. Our curriculum will offer students a wide range of activities. Athletics, arts, outdoor adventure and democratic leadership opportunities are integral to the planned curriculum. Some activities will be based on student interests and others will be based on curriculum needs and the creativity of teachers and students. In the event that the school does not offer a specific co-curricular or extra-curricular activity, students will have the option of participating in a program with a neighboring school.

Q. How can I help support Black River Independent School?

A. To open the doors by September 2020 we need to raise \$800,000 in start-up costs. This will help prove our financial viability to the State of Vermont. After this initial campaign goal is met, we will embark on the long-term capital and endowment campaign to sustain the school's operations for future generations. Any contribution big or small will help with educational resources, community outreach, and hiring of exceptional faculty and staff.

PLEASE CONSIDER HELPING

WITH A DONATION: Donations are tax deductible and may be made by mailing a check to Black River Independent School Committee, P.O. Box 485, Ludlow, VT 05149. Donate online: www.BlackRiverIS.org/donate Email

THE GIVING PLEDGE LEVELS

Founders
Gifts of \$100,001 & Above

Appalachian
Gifts of \$25,001 - \$100,000

Ludlow Mountain
Gifts of \$10,001 - \$25,000

Maple Tree Level
Gifts of \$5,001 - \$10,000

Coolidge Level
Gifts of \$1,001 - \$5,000

President Level
Gifts of \$501 - \$1,000

Maroon & White Level
Gifts of up to \$500

BLACK RIVER INDEPENDENT SCHOOL START-UP CAMPAIGN 2019

Yes!

I want to support Black River Independent School with a gift of:

☐ \$250 ☐ \$1,000 ☐ \$5,000 ☐ \$10,000 ☐ \$ _____

Method of Payment

☐ Enclosed is a check made payable to Black River Independent School

Please charge my gift to:

☐ American Express ☐ Mastercard ☐ Visa

Card # _____

Security Code _____ Exp. ____/____/____

Name: _____ Signature: _____

Street Address: _____ Make my gift anonymous: _____

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

questions to: BlackRiverIndependentSchool@gmail.com

June 2019 Mount Holly Chit Chat Inc

Mount Holly Community Association

The harbinger of fall is already upon us, as we all spy some colorful leaves here and there in our gardens and on our roads. It is hard to believe that summer is drawing to a close but what a beautiful summer it was, although we could have used more rain!! It was not just the weather that brought us so much pleasure, but the many wonderful events sponsored by the MHCA, which again saw record numbers of people turn out to enjoy the activities and one another.

Music on the Green continues to hold on to its reputation as one of the best summer music series in the area. At this writing there are two concerts to go on Thursday, August 22nd with *Casey Solomon* and Thursday, August 29th with our very own *Mount Holly Folk Club*. Be sure not to miss them! Again, the MHCA wishes to express its gratitude to Mary Alberty, who has organized this fabulous series for the past four years...thank you so much!

The **MHCA Annual Meeting** held on Tuesday, August 6th, reviewed the remarkable success of all of the events sponsored by the MHCA this year. The Board of Directors would like to extend their thanks to *all* of the volunteers who made this possible. We were *more than pleased* to announce that the well project was scheduled to begin the week of August 12th. Depending on numerous conditions,

the project should be completed by the end of the first week in September...hurrah!!! Elections were also held and two new members were elected to the MHCA Board, Lorian Daley and Kathy Stone...welcome! There are also two new Co-Presidents, Jennifer Burrows and Linda Miller, who thanked both Penny Coldwell and Carol DeVine, who have been serving in this capacity for the past 7 years. Penny is going to remain on the Board, but Carol DeVine will be stepping down. Penny along with Jennifer Burrows, Linda Miller and Kathy Leber paid tribute to the many contributions that Carol has made to the MHCA over the years and in acknowledging their thanks, Carol said what a privilege it had been for her to work on the MHCA Board and serve the community in the company of so many wonderful people. The Board also thanked Pam McLaughlin, who stepped down from the Board this year, for her commitment and service to the MHCA, especially her willingness to step into any job asked of her.

Upcoming: The event to close off our summer season is fast approaching...the incomparable **Cabaret!** Mark

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!!

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

your calendars now for Sunday, September 1st, Labor Day Weekend. The smooth jazz sound of Alexa Fila and Joe Solomon will begin at 8:00 pm in the Library turned Cabaret. This is a not to be missed event and a wonderful way to say goodbye to summer. There is no cover charge, but this is a fund raiser for the MHCA...sinful desserts and libations can be had for a minimal price and we encourage donations! Please join us!!

Autumn Preview: the first event in the fall calendar is the **Photo Preview** for the annual photo calendar contest. It will take place on Sunday, October 6th in the Community Room in the Library & Community Center Building. The preview will begin at 4:00 pm and light refreshments will be served. Please take the opportunity to get a sneak peek at this year's entries for the 2021 Photo Calendar. The awards for the best photos will also be presented at the preview, so if you submit a photo this year, be sure to attend. Both the preview and the photo contest have become traditions in Mount Holly and shouldn't be missed!

October means two things in the Mount Holly community...beautiful foliage and **Cider Days!** This year Cider Days will be held on Saturday, October 12th and Sunday, October 13th. It is the major event of the year for the MHCA, as well as the entire community. Fresh pressed cider from our antique press, food and crafts from local artisans, not to mention the immediate satisfaction of fresh apple pie with Crowley's cheese, or homemade apple crisp with ice cream, all await you on Columbus Day weekend. Planning for this event is well under way, so be sure to mark your calendars now and look for updates on the Newsflash and in the next Chit Chat. REMINDER: the deadline for vendors to reserve a spot at Cider Days is August 31st. Please contact Morgan Skiathitis as soon as possible: morganskiathitis@gmail.com or 802-259-2755 for an application and further information.

NON-PROFIT VENDOR SPOTS: as you know, the **non-profits in Mount Holly** are given their spots on the Green free of charge. However, Morgan asked us to remind you that you *must* fill out an application to reserve that spot by the August 31st deadline! If you have not done so, please do it ASAP. Thanks!

Reminder: on Cider Days weekend Maple Hill Road will be closed at the end of the library parking lot from 9 am – 5 pm on Saturday & 11 am – 5 pm on Sunday.

Membership in the MHCA is our largest source of revenue, so we ask that each of you renew or join today, if you have not already done so! All of the events we sponsor throughout the year, as well as the maintenance of the beautiful historic church building that houses the library and community room, depend primarily on the generosity of our members. Membership forms can be found in the post offices, the General Store, and the library...please get one and fill it out today! Thanks so much for your support!

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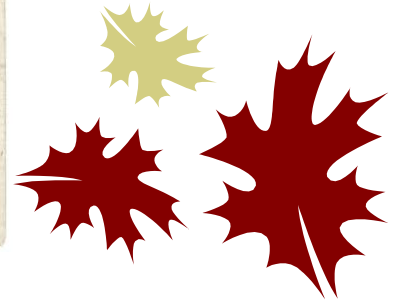
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That Time of Year Again!!!!

The MT Holly Snow Flyers will continue the New Year's Eve tradition by providing fireworks for the community celebration.

We are looking for donations:

What's needed: Baskets filled with theme items such as:

- Dog basket (dog bones, dog toys, treats, leash etc.)
- Vermont basket (maple syrup, pancake mix, maple candy, jelly etc)
- Sports theme (Red Sox, Bruins or Patriot things)
- Pamper me basket (candles, lotions, shower gels)
- Food baskets (Italian, Mexican etc...)
- Garden baskets, Scrap book baskets, kids' basket, cleaning basket, car wash basket, race car theme (you get the idea)

You don't necessarily need to use a basket. You could use a bucket, a cat litter box, anything you can put items in.

These Baskets's will be displayed and auctioned off on Cider days in Belmont. (Similar to a Chinese auction) **Saturday, October 12th 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM and Sunday, October 13th noon to 4:00 PM.** Drawings for the baskets will be on **Sunday, October 7th at 4:00 PM**

All proceeds will be donated to New Year's Eve fireworks display.

Please call me if you can help, I would be glad to pick up your basket. You can also donate items or gift certificates and I will make the basket or use the item for door prizes. Ideally baskets should be dropped off at my house by October 8th. Cash and checks are always welcome.

The Mount Holly Snow Flyers appreciates your support. We feel confident that our community will pull together to support this fine event. A special thanks to all those that donated last year! Visit our website at MountHollySnowFlyers.org

Mary Alberty, (home)802-259-2900, (cell)802-557-1498 or email Malbertyvt@gmail.com. If your children need community volunteer hours for school, please contact me, the help is very much appreciated for this event. Thanks Everyone!!!!



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Was Woodstock Worship?

Fifty years ago, under threatening skies, the Woodstock Musical Festival kicked off. Three days of “peace, love and music” on Max Yasgur’s farm in Bethel, NY. The event’s name was a tribute to Bob Dylan who was living in Woodstock at the time. Many see it as the “high water mark” of the 60’s counterculture (Altamont being the “low water mark”). Woodstock is one of those generation defining moments that can never be replicated again (tho’ not for lack of trying). As I recently revisited the album and Youtube clips (unheard over these 50 years) it dawned on me that Woodstock was, at its core, a religious event: a worship service for a secular age: a sort of “liturgy of liberation” in which the object of devotion was not God, but “Freedom” performed by Richie Havens riffing on the spiritual, “Motherless Child.” It was Woodstock’s call to worship...declaring independence from all authorities and stifling traditions. It celebrated the primary religious value of the post-Christian era: freedom to *be* whomever: to *sleep with* whomever; to “if it feels good, *do it*.” Later that night the worship continued with Woody Guthrie’s son, Arlo, singing “Mary Don’t You Weep,” “The Story of Moses”, and “Amazing Grace.” Then, spotlighted in blue, came pregnant mother Joan Baez doing, “Oh, Happy Day” and “Swing Low, Sweet Chariot.” The various acts that followed moved 450,000 “seekers” in various ways (“Oh my God...It was like meeting your brothers and sisters...that think like me.”)

The coup de gras was Jimi Hendrix playing the national anthem as it had never been played before, on Monday morning, to the 30,000 who remained on the trashed alfalfa field. He offered an iconic “benediction” to the communal experiment. The entire event was sort of “With a Little Help From My Friends” togetherness without the vertical worship... almost like “where everybody knows your name” barroom comradery that replaces Sunday fellowship. (Cheers!) It’s a utopian dream, albeit ever so fleeting. It’s what drives modern “seekers” to stadiums, concert venues and festivals to go to “worship”. Pilgrims in search of revival, purpose, transcendence and hope.



Another cultural seismic shift was paralleling the “hippie craze”. It was what could be called the Fourth Great Awakening in America: The Jesus Movement. Whereas only a few upperclassmen returned to my high school after attending Woodstock raving about the music, the Jesus Revolution was something I was part of and saw lasting results from. Out of the broken Woodstock legacy of “drugs, sex and rock n’ roll” I saw the lives of my friends emerge redeemed from all that. They became expectant, Bible-studying, Christ-following “worshippers” who brought real substantive change to their world. In fact, many are still involved in Christian service in their small churches or on the mission field. The kids of the Jesus Movement are grandparents now trying to help another generation to find authentic “peace and love” in a similarly turbulent culture. The local church is where many are finding spiritual help and hope. Despite the secularization of Western culture the desire for worship has only deepened. The Australian “Hill Song Phenomenon” is a current reminder that the human need to

worship never truly fades as Woodstock’s “worship service” so clearly reveals.

With our nation’s racial unrest, sexual promiscuity and drug addiction on the rise, there is a vast broadside of storm clouds drifting overhead. Not the puffy thunderheads of daytime, but a great bank of gunmetal gray looming in hopeless array. Another Woodstock will never be. What we need is another spiritual awakening. Worship satisfies only when its object is eternally worthy. As the prophet Habakkuk stated, *“I have heard all about you, Lord. I am filled with awe by your amazing works. In this time of our deep need, help us again as you did in the years gone by. And in your anger, remember your mercy.”* **PG**

Job Posting: Mount Holly Town Library Director

The Mount Holly Town Library Board of Trustees seeks a well-organized, creative self-starter for the position of Library Director. The director will oversee all aspects of library functions including, but not limited to, supervision of volunteers, interaction with Vermont Department of Libraries, programming, purchasing, cataloging, and completion of necessary reports. Position requires organization, strong computer skills, including website management, communication and people skills. This position requires a candidate who is able to engage the public in a positive manner, multi-task, and think creatively. Of course, the candidate must love books and reading! The successful candidate would be encouraged to work toward the Vermont Public Library certification.

This is a year-round, part-time position of approximately 12-15 hours per week beginning immediately.

Please submit a resume and three references to: mthollylibrary@gmail.com or mail to: Mount Holly Town Library, PO Box 92, Belmont, VT 05730.

Review of applications will begin immediately and continue until the position is filled

2019 MOUNT HOLLY COMMUNITY HISTORICAL MUSEUM SUMMER SCHEDULE

Museum Open Each Weekend with Additional Special Programs during July and August

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	Sunday 25 th	Open for browsing 2-4pm
	Saturday 31 st	BAKED HAM Fundraising Dinner at the Odd Fellow Halls starting at 5pm
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The price is up because of the 4th of July holiday so be watching when the price drops and then lock in. Remember to give our **group code number 6216** to be enrolled under our group. There is no cutoff date to lock in. **Call Irving Energy at 1-888-310-1924** to get signed up. Please have your Irving account number handy when you do and if you do not have an Irving account call the above phone number to get an account and then join the group. New customers to the group please contact me first so I can get you on the list at 802-259-2314. Diana Garrow, Manager, Mt. Holly Oil & Gas Group



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Lake Ninevah Dam Repairs

Background: The concrete control joint sealant has become degraded from the elements over time. If not repaired, the concrete will be damaged from natural freeze thaw cycles.

Because the degraded sealant is mostly below the water line, we considered various options for performing the repairs, including the use of sealants that could be applied under water and the construction of a temporary cofferdam. However, those options were determined to be less effective or prohibitively expensive. (A cofferdam would cost in the neighborhood of \$50,000). The only practical and effective solution for performing these essential repairs requires a brief lowering of the lake level. We worked closely with several agencies within the Vermont Agency of Natural Resources to develop a plan to perform these repairs while minimizing the potential ecological/environmental impact on the lake and Patch Brook, and minimizing the impact on recreational use of the Lake. As a result, the State granted us permission draw the lake down by approximately two feet in the second half of September, subject to certain conditions.

Timeline: Assuming an average summer without excessive rainfall, water flows should be at a level to manage a safe drawdown for construction and then a safe re-charge of Lake Ninevah water levels.

We expect the drawdown to begin in mid-September, assuming that rainfall and water flows will permit it. Once the water level has been lowered, it will require 5 days to remove and replace the old sealant before the water level will be allowed to rise again.

Work and reporting: The Contractor will Likely be Wright Construction of Ludlow and engineering oversight will likely be performed by Ed Floyd P.E. of Plymouth Vermont.

Reporting will be submitted to the Agency of Natural Resources including; Fish & Wildlife, Dam Safety, and Lakes and Ponds.

Funding: The Ninevah Foundation will pay for the work, which is expected to cost between \$10,000-15,000.

Media: Notice will posted in the Mount Holly Chit-chat, State of Vermont boat launch, the Mount Holly Town Office.

Other considerations: This might be an opportunity for lakeshore owners to perform dock or lake shore repairs. A reminder that new work performed on the lake may require a shore land encroachment permit. Vermont State Permit Specialists can be reached at 802-282-6488.

Other questions can be directed to Jay Kullman, Director of Sustainable Resources, The Ninevah Foundation.

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MH Conservation Trust Meeting At Odd Fellows

I attended the presentation by Dr. Alan Betts, a graduate of Cambridge University who is a climate scientist. 97% of peer-reviewed climate scientists inform us that the planet is warming due to human activities, primarily the rapid burning of the fossil fuels. We only have about a decade to check the destruction ahead, because the Earth's oceans store heat for many decades. I have lived in Vermont forty years, but having had malaria as a child in Africa, I never expected to get Lyme disease and be exposed to other mosquito borne illnesses this far north. Now, I grow plants that would not survive here before, and I see the increase in rain.

According to NOAA, 2014-2018 are the warmest years ever recorded and a chart shows most weather-related fatalities come from extreme heat now. These warming temperatures make storms longer and stronger, because the ocean holds 93% of the heat, and the evaporation of water vapor triples the warming. According to the Vermont Department of Health, the precipitation has increased almost 7 inches since 1970, spring is two weeks earlier, winter is later and Lake Champlain freezes less often, while our temperature has increased four degrees in winter and two in summer.

In California 2017 and 2018 had the deadliest and most destructive fires and six of the ten largest fires occurred this decade. This spring, the flood on the Mississippi was the longest on record. Alaska's summer is off the charts with the hottest summer breaking many records, and temperatures have been above average every day this year since April 25 with more than two million acres burned. The warm seas affect the native birds and fish: it was 84 degrees near the Arctic Ocean this year. In Greenland the ice sheet melt began a month earlier, and across the Arctic the extent of sea ice had a record low for many weeks, while the carbon dioxide in the atmosphere, the heat trapping gas, has spiked since 1950.

Meanwhile Australia had to add a new color to temperature maps due to soaring heat over 120 degrees. Statistics like the heatwaves that caused over 30,000 deaths in Europe in 2003 and up to 50,000 in Russia in 2010 will become five to ten times more likely over the next forty years. In addition, we have wiped out 60% of animal populations since 1979 and a million species are at risk of extinction, while the ocean has 400 dead zones.

I urge each and every person to please investigate this on your own using reliable sources. Everyday there is new information about the destruction of our planet. How will our children survive if we do not act now? Our children deserve so much better from us. Thanks, Marcy Tanger

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Mount Holly Town News

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

Jennifer Matthews

Special Select Board Meeting July 24, 2019 Minutes

Present: Select Board: Mark Turco (chair), Ron Tarbell,

Town Officials: Diana Garrow, David Johnson, Mary Surething, Clinton Woolley

Public: None in Attendance

Call to Order by Chair Mark Turco at 4:00 p.m.

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.

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

2. Consideration of any changes and/or additions to the **Agenda** – Jennifer Matthews asked that an email request for a fireworks show at Star Lake beach and several road items be added to the agenda.

3. **Town Garage Boiler** – Clinton Woolley presented the Select Board with an email outlining the options to replace the furnace at the garage which has developed a crack. The current one is steel and just over four years old; it was installed when the new garage was built. Discussion ensued whether to repair the current furnace at a cost of \$2,370.00 or replace the furnace with a new stainless steel one for \$6,100.00. Mary Surething stated that her brother has a Central Boiler and that it needed to be scraped every day to prevent creosote build-up. She also noted that no oak or pine should be burnt in it and that only dry wood should be used. Ron Tarbell made a motion to purchase the new stainless steel furnace for \$6,100.00 plus shipping with a new warranty. Jennifer Matthews seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

4. Other Business –

a. **VTrans Letter** – The Select Board reviewed the letter from Robert Young, which stated that the final plans had been completed for the replacement of Bridge 7 on Route 155 during the spring and summer of 2020. The project will necessitate a 28-day closure of Route 155 at some point between June 22nd and August 21st.

b. **GMP Letter** – The Select Board reviewed and approved a request from Green Mountain Power to install a pole and 500' of primary URD alongside Summit Road Extension at the McKee property.

c. **Fireworks Show @ Star Lake Beach** – The Select Board reviewed the email request received from Elijah Edwards. He would like to do a 30-minute fireworks show on Thursday, August 8th, following the Music on the Green. Jennifer Matthews read from a VT League of Cities and Towns' article on the role of municipalities in regulating fireworks. The Select Board approved the request with the following conditions: 1) Mr. Edwards is to contact and coordinate with Fire Warden Jim Seward;

2) he is to be sure all trash and debris are cleaned up on the 9th; and 3) he is to notify the public via posted notices at the Belmont Store & Post Office, the Mount Holly Post Office, and at the Mount Holly Town Office of the date and expected time of the show.

d. **AT&T Cell Tower Public Info Session/Hearing** – After a brief discussion, it was decided to hold the hearing at the Town Office with notices only posted and in the *Chit Chat*.

5. **Adjourn** – Ron Tarbell made a motion to adjourn at 4:24 pm, seconded by Jennifer Matthews, passed unanimously.

CLOSED

**Mount Holly Town Office
Monday September 2nd In Observance
Of Labor Day**

Mount Holly Select Board Meeting August 13, 2019 Minutes

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

Town Officials: Carol Garrow-Woolley, David Johnson, Jon McCann, Jim Seward, Clinton Woolley

Members of Public: Robert Bryant, Robert Combe, Megan Harlow, Judy Hyjek, Annette Lynch, Don Richardson, Donna Seward, Ray Tarbell, Dick Tilton, Mike Valente

1. **Call to Order** by Chair Mark Turco at 6:00 pm.

2. All stood for the **Pledge of Allegiance**.

3. Consideration of any changes and/or additions to the **Agenda** - Three items were added to the agenda under New Business.

4. **Approval** of the July 9, 2019 Minutes and July 24th Special SB Meeting Minutes - Ron Tarbell made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Mark Turco, passed unanimously.

5. Reports

a. **Highways** – Clinton Woolley

i) **Update** – Mr. Woolley reported: almost all the winter sand is now in with about 3500 tons delivered; the Freeman Brook project is complete with the reimbursement to come; roadside mowing is almost finished. The Beaver Meadow Project was given go-ahead by FEMA. Only

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two bids were received, as M&M is too busy at present to take on an additional project. Of the bids, the lower is from Markowski @ \$29,362; they can start within the week. Ron Tabell made the motion to accept the Markowski bid, seconded by Jennifer Matthews, passed unanimously.

b. **Treasurer** – David Johnson

i) **Monthly Income & Expense Report** - Mr. Johnson reported the town is only one month into the new fiscal year with not much to report: first quarterly payment for State Aid for Roads has been received; no unique expenses so far; mower and truck were paid for which explains the high Purchased Equipment number; winter road materials' figures are up due to winter sand purchases; tax bills were mailed on July 26th with discount available until August 29th. Two property appraisals were appealed to the State after review by the Board of Civil Authority. The State lowered the appraisal in one case – that adjustment has been made to the lister records and the second year tax refund is on the current orders. A decision on the second case has not yet been received. The Errors and Omissions Certificate on property appraisals was presented to the Select Board for signature, necessitated by a purchase of property abutting the purchaser's with the purchased property added to original piece but still listed in the Grand List separately.

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

2019 Mount Holly Property Tax Bills
Need to be paid by Thursday August 29th to
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ii) **Advance Payment to School District** – Mr. Johnson noted that the Town, once tax payments start coming in, usually advances \$250,000 to the School to cover expenses until the State funds arrive. The Select Board agreed with this course of action.

6. Old Business

a. **Town Office Roof** – Jennifer Matthews reported that in spite of a number of contacts made, only one bid had been submitted. The Select Board decided to keep the bid process open until the next Select Board meeting on September 10th.

b. **Propane & Oil Pricing** – Ms. Matthews reported that five companies were contacted. The Board received four bids for heating oil and diesel, only one for propane. For heating oil, the two lowest bids were from Champlain Valley Fuels at \$2.20/gal capped and Marcell Oil at \$2.30/gal presently. For diesel, the bid ranges were within 15 cents of each other; Champlain Valley Fuels had the lowest bid, Cota & Cota the highest. Mark Turco spoke of the cost savings that might be realized with Champlain Valley Fuels lowest bid. Clinton Woolley questioned how often they would make deliveries to Mount Holly. Mr. Turco stated they would need to be contacted but was sure they would make regular deliveries. Ms. Matthews expressed concern about Champlain Valley Fuels being so much further afield with their locations in Middlebury and Fair Haven, and she did not want to see the road crew run out of diesel in the midst of a snowstorm as had happened with a previous fuel provider. Ms. Matthews also pointed out Marcell Oil's excellent service to the Town over the last several years. As such, Ms. Matthews made a motion to continue to use Marcell Oil based on the company's great service and reliable delivery record in past winters. Ron Tarbell seconded, and the Select Board unanimously awarded contracts for heating oil and diesel to Marcell Oil and to Cota & Cota for propane.

c. **Swap Shed** - Jennifer Matthews reported that 60+ people had signed the Swap Shed petition at the Transfer Station. She also read an email submitted by Jeff Teter, former Road Foreman, that he requested be read at the Select Board meeting:

"I'm writing to you in support of the swap shed. As you know, I was the dump coordinator for around 30 years and I know what go's thru there which includes many useful things. When Paul Nevin got a grant with the swap shed in mind, it ended up being no cost to the town. Later, there was a period of time we had an employee that was a pack rat and held on to way too much stuff. . . . Now with Kevin and Pete there, they could control what is saved and what's not saved. You don't need to make any kind of list. They have been around long enough to know what people might need. The bottle deposit might be moved over by the food scraps and the swap shed put there where the attendants could monitor and clean as needed. Also, with the one way two way plows it could be easily maintained in winter. The new office old swap shed is of minimal size so please don't make it smaller and a barn type double door works well. It was my idea to make the swap shed into an office for the attendants because at the time it was a cheap answer to a problem. The cost to the town even if it's 5k is a minor investment to benefit the people of the Town of Mount Holly. Thanks, Jeff Teter"

Ron Tarbell said that the town should try a Swap Shed a second time. Mark Turco said he just did not want the town to inherit the cost of disposing of items that ended up being junk. Ms. Matthews said that could be put in the rules for use. Clinton Woolley said that Kevin and Pete at the Transfer Station can and will do a good job. Don Richardson noted that the Ludlow Swap Shed was well-run and a great resource to residents. Ms. Matthews made a motion to spend \$2,500 for a Swap Shed for reusable goods. Ron Tarbell seconded. The vote was two in favor, Mr. Turco against. The motion passed.

d. **Other** - Jennifer Matthews was pleased to report that the Vermont Public Utilities Commission has continued its workshop to further investigate the problem of phone backup batteries which die during extended power outages after 8 or so hours. This leaves town residents without any access to emergency services, as was the case last November. She had written a letter from the Select Board asking that the PUC determine and implement best practices for telecom providers in regards to backup batteries and access to emergency services. Select Board members signed the letter.

7. **New Business** – Three items were added:

Robert Bryant read his letter with a number of questions (*SB responses following*) regarding:

- Permit for electrical & other work at the school? - *school business*
- Policies & Procedures for Town Constable? – *SB will consult state law & VLCT*
- State troopers reluctant to come to Mount Holly, especially at night when

unlicensed vehicles are on the roads – *check with Constable*

▪ Neighborhood Watch update – *waiting to hear from Mr. Fitzgerald*

▪ 4153 VT Route 103 has expanding campground – *SB to investigate*

▪ Junk continues to accumulate at 137 Shunpike Road – *SB to send letter with Junk Ordinance*

▪ Thanks to Clinton Woolley for making Shunpike Road safer – *all present agreed.*

Mike Valente had a question about public funds available for a special needs student being schooled at Mount St Joseph's. Mr. Valente was directed to School Board members Bridget Faenza or Kelly Tarbell for answers to his questions.

Don Richardson drew attention to information about the Emerald Ash Borer from the Ludlow Tree Warden, Ralph Pace. This information can be found in the August *Chit Chat*.

8. **Announcements/Other Business** - Jennifer Matthews expressed the Select Board's appreciation to Randy Bixby for the Mount Holly NewsFlash. She noted that the Select Board and all members of the Mount Holly Community are deeply grateful to Randy and his family for the valuable community resource that Randy initiated, developed and operated for many years. Where would Mount Holly be without the NewsFlash? All present expressed gratitude and offered best wishes.

Ms. Matthews also reminded everyone of the great summer events happening in Mount Holly this month.

9. **Review & Sign Orders** – The Select Board reviewed and signed.

10. **Adjourn** – Ron Tarbell made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Jennifer Matthews, with meeting adjourned at 6:45 pm.

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Saturday, September 14, 2019

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WESTON PLAYHOUSE THEATRE COMPANY ANNOUNCES CAST FOR EDWARD ALBEE'S "WHO'S AFRAID OF VIRGINIA WOOLF?"

Weston Playhouse Theatre Company announces the cast for the famed, thought-provoking drama, **Edward Albee's WHO'S AFRAID OF VIRGINIA WOOLF?** (August 15 – September 1 | Weston Playhouse), **Tues – Sat 7:30pm; Wed & Sat 2:00pm; Sun 3:00pm.**

It's two o'clock in the morning when George and Martha return home from a college faculty party, but the night has only just begun. An evening of fun and games takes a dark turn as the line between reality and illusion blurs. As stirring and provocative today as it was when it premiered, this classic asks what we are willing to do to, and for, the people we love.

Says director **Mike Donahue**: "*Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?* illuminates the degree to which deep love and decades long partnership sometimes requires an honesty that can be ugly, painful, even destructive – but an honesty with oneself and one's partner that is critical for growth and healing, and worth it for love."

The cast features **Kathleen McElfresh** as **Martha**, **Andrew Garman** as **George**, **Jeffrey Omura** as **Nick**, and **Kristin Villanueva** as **Honey**.

McElfresh has been seen on the Weston stage in **UNCLE VANYA** and **THE 39 STEPS**. She also appeared on Broadway in **PRESENT LAUGHTER**; Off-Broadway in **TAKING CARE OF BABY**, **GREEK HOLIDAY**, **THE FRUGAL REPAST**, and **JESTER'S DEAD**; and has extensive regional credits. She appeared on TV in **LAW AND ORDER CI** and **SVU**, and in the film **A LOTUS 'TIL RECKONING**.

Garman appeared in **SALOMÉ** on Broadway, **ADMISSIONS** at Lincoln Center, and **THE CHRISTIANS** at Playwrights Horizons, for which he received Lucille Lortel and Drama Desk nominations. His film credits include **JULIE & JULIA** and **SIMPLE REVENGE**; TV credits include **SEARCH PARTY**, **MADAME SECRETARY**, **LAW & ORDER**, **MERCY**, and **CONVICTIONS**.

Omura has recently appeared in **FRUITING BODIES**, **HELLO FROM THE CHILDREN OF PLANET EARTH**, and **HAMLET**. Film credits include **SEX & THE CITY 2** and **HAIR BRAINED**; TV credits include **GOSSIP GIRL**, **WHITE COLLAR**, **GEORGETOWN**, **DAMAGES**, **BLUE BLOODS**, **LIMITLESS**, **THE BLACKLIST**, **ELEMENTARY**, **SUCCESSION**, and **HAWAII FIVE-O**; as well as voice over work for dozens of films and TV shows.

Villanueva has recently appeared as **Julia** in **TWO GENTLEMEN OF VERONA** at The Old Globe, in Mary Zimmerman's **THE WHITE SNAKE**, and as **Mariane** in **TARTUFFE**. She collaborates frequently with **Donahue**, most recently in the world premieres of **ZOEY'S PERFECT WEDDING** and **SWIMMERS**. Film credits include **VIPER CLUB**; TV credits include **ELEMENTARY**, **INSTINCT**, **FOREVER**, and **GOSSIP GIRL**.

Edward Albee's WHO'S AFRAID OF VIRGINIA WOOLF? plays at **Weston Playhouse** (12 Park Street, Weston, VT). **Adult tickets range from \$45-69.** Discounts available for students. Prices do not include taxes or fees.

Following **WHO'S AFRAID OF VIRGINIA WOOLF?**, experience Paula Vogel's Tony-award-winning play about a group of actors who risked everything for theatre, **INDECENT**.

Tickets are available online and by calling the Weston Box Office at **802-824-5288**. Gift certificates can be purchased online at 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.

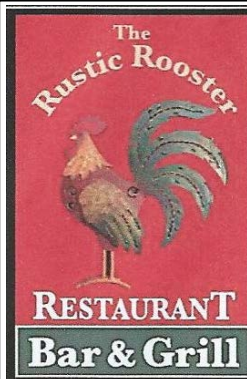
September 16th is The Deadline For the Mount Holly Photo Judging & Calendar Competition

**Entries due by Monday, Sept. 16th at
the Mount Holly Town Offices.
Forms are available at the Town Offices,
the Belmont Store and at the
Mount Holly Library.
See entry forms for all details.**



**The Mount Holly
Photo & Calendar
Contest for 2019**

For more information:
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Regional EAB Preparedness Group Meets September 9

Following a preliminary meeting of representatives from Mt Holly, Ludlow, Cavendish, and Weathersfield on August 5 in Ludlow, efforts are now a foot to consider creation of a regional group to help area towns deal with the onset the emerald ash borer (EAB) crisis.

At the initial Ludlow meeting, it was agreed that most towns will face the same problems dealing with the EAB threat to native ash trees. Consequently, the attendees decided that efforts should be made to form a coalition of southern Windsor County towns and Mt Holly to help all the towns combat the problems associated with the EAB infestation.

Ralph Pace, the tree warden for Ludlow, hosted the initial meeting. He noted that "since EAB doesn't recognize town or state borders, all of the involved towns will be faced with the same problems and needs".

Input from Weathersfield representatives helped define the manner in which ash tree inventory may be taken of trees on local public properties as well as helping private land owners assessing the EAB impact.

The group decided that invitations should be sent to the 12 communities in southern Windsor County as well as Mt Holly to participate in a meeting on Monday, September 9 at 10 AM in Ludlow Town Hall. Ludlow has agreed to participate in such a regional group. The primary purpose of the meeting will be to determine if a regionalized approach to the problem makes sense.

The EAB infestations have already been detected in the northern counties of Vermont as well as Bennington County to the south. Towns invited to participate in the September 9 EAB meeting included: Plymouth, Baltimore, Reading, Weston, West Windsor, Andover, Windsor, Chester, Cavendish, Springfield, Mt Holly, Weathersfield, and Ludlow.

While the EAB beetle normally doesn't travel great distances, the dispersion of ash fire wood containing the larvae of the beetle has resulted in the faster spread of the infestation throughout the state. It is the larvae from the beetle's egg that damages the ash tree.

More information on the EAB problem may be found at ludloweab.com. Contact: ralphpace@gmail.com

Note: Photo of Emerald Ash Borer and EAB detection points in VT attached



Back To School At Black River Good Neighbor

It's August, and for students and their families that means school is right around the corner. Every year there is a need for new clothes and shoes, backpacks, paper, pens, pencils and more. That can be an economic hardship for many people with already stretched budgets, and Black River Good Neighbor Services in Ludlow would like to help.

Through its "Back to School" program, BRGNS will again provide school supplies to those children in grades K-12 who live in Ludlow, Mt. Holly, Cavendish, and Plymouth, whose families might not otherwise be able to afford them. This program has been run by the organization for several years.

If you have or know of a child who is returning to school who needs such supplies, and whose family may find such purchases

difficult or impossible, please call Audrey or Krey at 802-228-3663, or stop by the thrift store at 37B Main St. in Ludlow to let them know.

Also, for those of you who are in a position to donate school supplies, including new backpacks, or money to buy them, now is the time to act. Please bring your donations to the thrift store. Store hours are Monday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. BRGNS is a 501(c)(3) charity; donations are tax deductible. For more information, please call 802-228-3663.

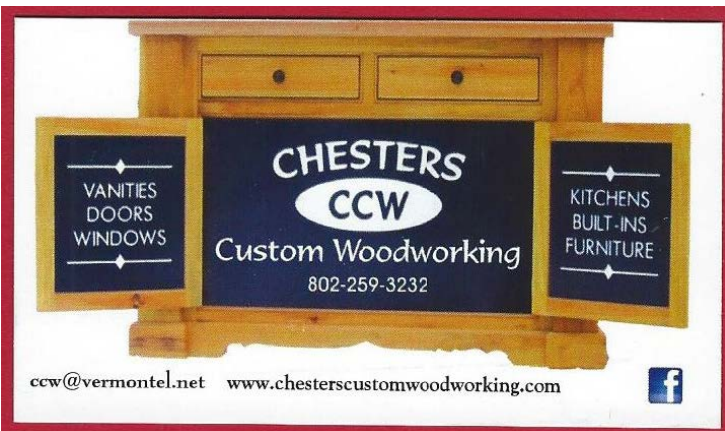
Kleeman Concert Rescheduled in Proctorsville

The Cavendish Summer Concert series had some interference this summer from Mother Nature. Half of the shows were rained out. But the good news is that musicians are understanding and willing to accommodate by rescheduling, including local favorite Chris Kleeman.

Chris will now play at the Svec Memorial Green in Proctorsville on Wednesday, August 28th, weather permitting of course. Since sunset comes much earlier as August progresses, the show will begin earlier too, now scheduled for 5:00 pm. The show will be sponsored by Good Earth Landscaping.

The summer concert series is a long-established fixture on the green and residents make an evening of it with picnics and socializing. So, come join them; bring a chair or a blanket or just sit on the grass. Enjoy the music on a late summer evening.

The music series is presented by the Town of Cavendish and administered by the Cavendish Community and Conservation Association. In case of rain, please check the Cavendish Facebook page for cancellation or alternative arrangement information. For more information about the music series or about CCCA, please call Robin at 802-226-7736.





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BRGNS TO HOLD FALL RUMMAGE SALE

Black River Good Neighbor Services will hold its annual Fall Rummage Sale at Fletcher Farm, 611 Route 103 South in Ludlow on Friday and Saturday,

September 20th and 21st, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday September 22nd, from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m.

The sale includes clothing of all sorts, shoes, sporting goods, housewares, linens, furniture, books, a Christmas shop, a boutique, a bake sale, and more.

Proceeds from this sale benefit BRGNS' food and financial assistance programs. "We put our earnings right back into the community," said Audrey Bridge, Executive Director of BRGNS.

According to the Vermont Foodbank, there are no end of reasons why our neighbors might lack money for food. So often we play by the rules our whole lives, meeting expectations and trying hard and then suddenly injury, illness, job loss, divorce, or some other event knocks our feet out from under us. Other times we grow up in turmoil and trauma, forced into survival mode as we try our hardest to see a future beyond tomorrow. Whatever the circumstance, when help is there it can make a world of difference. "The greater Ludlow area demonstrates these realities particularly well," said Bridge, "BRGNS provides that support in an uncertain world."

The monies raised will help cover the cost of utilities, heating fuel, food and rent for qualified individuals and families in Ludlow, Mt. Holly, Belmont, Cavendish, Proctorsville, and Plymouth.

Please mark your calendar and come explore the many unique bargains. Since it is the fall, they can use donations of any excess produce from your garden, and of course donations of any baked goods that you would care to share at the bake sale table.

For further details please contact Audrey at the Black River Good Neighbor Services Thrift Store, 37B Main Street, 802-228-3663, or BRGNS@gmail.com



PEGTV Is Hiring

Marketing & Communications Coordinator: PEGTV is seeking a full-time Marketing & Communications Coordinator. This position requires a high level of enthusiasm for video production and community networking. The successful candidate will work directly with other staff to support community engagement activities, social media outreach and cable channel promotion. In addition, will work with PEGTV volunteers to maintain effective station operations and build the PEGTV audience. Responsibilities also include website administration and production of short video clips for use in multi-channel promotion. Participation at local community functions, mixers and public speaking engagements is expected.

KNOWLEDGE, EDUCATION & SKILLS REQUIRED: Working knowledge of social media platforms including: Facebook, Hootsuite, Constant Contact, Instagram, Twitter, YouTube. Other software experience preferred is: Photoshop, InDesign, Illustrator, AfterEffects, Motion, Final Cut Pro, Microsoft Office - Excel, PowerPoint, Word, DVD Studio Pro, Acrobat and MacX Video Converter Pro.

Associate's Degree in Marketing or Communications required; Bachelor's Degree preferred.

The position requires a high level of professionalism, excellent communication skills, expertise in social media marketing, and video production skills, planning skills, problem solving skills, attention to detail and the ability to collaborate with others in dynamic situations.

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2019 Dancing with the Rutland Stars Cast Update

Stars from Rutland County team up with dance professionals to raise critical funds for pediatric programs at the VNA & Hospice of the Southwest Region

Mike Audette, teacher at MSJ and varsity track and field coach at RHS, will be competing with **Katrina Werbinski**, instructor at Miss Lorraine's School of Dance in season nine of Dancing with the Rutland Stars. Audette replaces Phil Hall who is unable to continue dancing this season.

Tickets for the event will go on sale on September 5 at 11am at the Paramount Theatre box office or at paramountvt.org. For more information about the event, please contact Patricia McDonald at 802.362.6511; email patricia.mcdonald@vnaahsr.org.

Wallingford Town Hall Concert Series

Wednesday, September 4th, 2019

Wednesday, September 4 – Two Score will be performing great rock'n'roll and country hits from the 50s, 60s, 70s and 80s from Boy Dylan to The Eagles as well as some originals. Members of this four piece group include Kathleen "Billy" Jones on keyboards, Greg Coolidge on drums, Nathan Reid on bass guitar, and Bruce Duchesne on lead and rhythm guitar, with everyone contributing vocals.

Concert goers have enjoyed a wide range of musical acts as part of the Wallingford Town Hall Concert Series...and Two Score is sure to have everyone tapping their toes and singing along to their favorite songs. **NOTE – this concert is on the first Wednesday of the month.** Suggested donations of \$10 to \$15 per person at the door. Non-profit bake sale will be at the event. For more information, call the Town Administrator at (802)446-2872.



United Church Brings Bocce Back to Ludlow

Thanks to members of the United Church of Ludlow, the grand old lawn bowling game of bocce has returned to Ludlow. Organized by David Almond, the game made its return at the Veterans Memorial Park last Tuesday. According to Almond, "the group participating in the game thoroughly enjoyed themselves". He added that bocce will continue to be offered to all interested persons on Tuesday evenings in the Veterans Memorial Park starting at 6 PM "until the players can't see the other end of the bocce court". Pictured above is Ludlow resident Bob Kottkamp as he tosses the bocce ball at the 'pallina', the small white ball that is the object of the game. In keeping with the need to keep all bocce players hydrated, free lemonade and other refreshments are provided to participants. If you'd like more information on the game and location of the weekly bocce games in Ludlow, call David at 802-228-2414. Ralph Pace

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Thanks!



The Stand Up Shakespeare Company presents one FREE performance at the Calvin Coolidge State Historic Site in Plymouth, Vermont on Saturday, August 31st, 2019, 12 Noon

Announcing: The 2019 annual “**Shakespeare Alive! A Bard-Based Variety Show**” returns for an all-new, never-before-seen collection of scenes, skits, soliloquies and songs!

Stand Up Shakespeare is a collective of New York City-based actors who have become a veritable Vermont institution over a nearly 20-year period. The beloved troupe travels to Killington and Plymouth each Labor Day weekend to present a new one-hour show made up of romance, tragedy, history and comedy, all based in the works of William Shakespeare. And, lo, verily, the show is always FREE!

Where: Union Christian Church, 43 Messer Hill Road, located on the **Calvin Coolidge State Historic Site**, 3780 Route 100 A, Plymouth Notch, VT 05056.

Stay for the 15th Annual **Plymouth Folk and Blues Festival**, which begins at 2:00pm and runs until 5:00pm on Saturday, also Sunday during the same times. This event is also free with donations appreciated.

For more information on the show and the **Stand Up Shakespeare Company**, contact Kate Konigisor at 917-406-1456 or kkonig@aol.com. Media inquiries contact Joan Pelzer at 917-670-7071 or joan@joanpelzersocial.com

The **Calvin Coolidge Presidential Foundation** is the official foundation dedicated to preserving and promoting the legacy of America’s 30th president. The Foundation was formed in 1960 by a group of Coolidge enthusiasts, including John Coolidge, the president’s son. It maintains its offices at the president’s birthplace in Plymouth Notch, Vermont. The Foundation seeks to greatly increase Americans’ understanding of President Coolidge and the values he promoted.

For more information on the Coolidge Foundation: coolidgefoundation.org

President: Matthew Denhart; Phone: 802-672-3389; Email: mdenhart@coolidgefoundation.org

Office Administrator: John Ferrell; Phone 802-672-3389; Email: officeadmin@calvin-coolidge.org

About The Union Christian Church:

Since 1970, the Union Christian Church has been owned and preserved by The Calvin Coolidge Presidential Foundation. The church’s handmade *Carpenter Gothic* interior and perfect acoustics make it ideal for Shakespeare performances. The Union Christian Church was erected in 1840 as a town meeting house and was formally dedicated as the “Congregational Church Society” in 1842. President Calvin Coolidge, born in 1872, first knew the church in its original state, and until 1890 sat in the pew owned by his grandfather. After the 1890 renovation, the president and his family worshiped in the pew that is now marked by the American Flag and a brass plate on the right arm.

**Mt. Holly Republican Committee
Will Hold A Caucus**

Thursday, September 19, 2019
7:00 pm

Mt. Holly Town Office

Business to be conducted

Election of Officers & Delegates

And any other business

**Come and join us and bring a friend along
For More information call 259-2386**

Hello Everyone,

Sorry I missed the Chit Chat last month, but I do want to make sure you all know I am continuing my coffee hours every Monday in Shrewsbury, Belmont or Ludlow. Obviously there is not as much going on legislatively right now but I do still meet occasionally with groups of colleagues to work on specific issues we hope to make progress on this coming January when we go back to Montpelier so please continue to reach out with your comments and concerns so I can include them in those conversations. With this being the last half of the biennium there is a little more urgency to deal with the issues that inspired each of us to run for our respective offices. And I can already tell this next session will be that much more hectic. Because of the time constraints of the session and the time it takes for any given bill to go through committee and be properly considered we also have a new rule this year that new bills can only be drafted until December this year, so I am also working now to get drafts started on some of the issues that have come up in conversations at my coffee hours or are otherwise important to me personally with my first-half-of-the-biennium experiences.

That said, most of my “Representative” time lately has been related to helping people more directly in our district, our collective friends and neighbors, whether it is getting answers from state agencies or otherwise navigating the bureaucracy that is our state government. This part of the “job” has been an experience like no other and I feel like I continue to learn something new every day about our state and the systems we have in place. Most of these questions and concerns fall into a few categories, with environmental/property concerns, access to healthcare and transportation issues being the big three that definitely encompass the vast majority of people’s concerns. So if you have issues in these areas or in any other please do come to a coffee hour or send me an email, I am building a fairly large network of contacts in state government and I like to think I’m getting better at helping in these areas especially. Until next time, Logan Nicoll, 802-345-8430, lnicoll@leg.state.vt.us

Next coffee hours will be: September 2, 730-10am at Pierce’s September 9, 7-10am at Belmont General Store
September 16, 6-9am at Café at deLight in Ludlow September 23, 730-10am at Pierce’s
September 30, 7-10am at Belmont General Store

MOUNT HOLLY TOWN DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEE

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AS WELL AS DELEGATES TO THE COUNTY COMMITTEE

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WHEN: TUE., SEPT. 24TH, 6 PM

For info contact Andy Tanger 259-2344

Ludlow Rotary Celebrates Multiple Highlights at Recent Meeting

The recent meeting of the Ludlow Rotary Club (LRC) was a triple-header for the group as it honored Sandi Lampert for service, Bara LeMire on her retirement from Peoples United Bank, and learned about avoiding fraud from Richard Cahill of Peoples United Bank.

It all began with the appearance of Sandi Lampert who for over 35 years served the Ludlow Rotarians at their weekly luncheon meeting which included meetings originally held at Fox Run, followed by Diamond Jims, and ultimately DJs Restaurant. Mark expressed the organizations thanks to Sandi for these years of service. At the recent LRC picnic in Plymouth, Sandi, an avid gardener, was awarded certificates to the Reading Greenhouse as well as a specially-prepared garden stone to mark her garden.

During the course of the luncheon meeting, Mark Huntley noted that long-time Rotarian, Barbara LeMire, had retired from her management position at Peoples United Bank after 40 years of service. Barbara recalled her many experiences as a Rotarian and indicated that she intended to continue with LRC. She commented that "my future plans are to travel, spend time with my family, and keep all doors open to learn, volunteer, and enjoy all that life has to offer". It was noted that Barbara enjoyed the unique distinction of being the first woman to join the LRC.

The featured speaker for the luncheon was Rich Cahill from Peoples United Bank who spoke about the problem of fraudulent



bank activities and how best to prevent them from happening. His principle goal was to ensure that customers remain in contact with their bankers to learn what strategies the bank has to protect against fraudulent activities and, in worse case scenarios, what to do when such acts occur. He stressed the need to verify information provided in financial transactions to ensure that "everything is on the up and up". He noted some simple steps that may indicate possible problem areas. One such action was "hovering" over email address links to see that they point to the correct address.

Several guest Rotarians present for the luncheon included Jack Dortch, now of Pennsylvania, Randy Hodgeof Cota & Cota, and Cindy Girouard.

As later summarized by Mark Huntley, "that was quite a few things to accomplish in an hour and fifteen minutes".

Mark-Sandi-8-20-19

Recognizing 35 years of service to the Ludlow Rotary Club that goes back to meetings at Fox Run, Diamond Jims, and finally DJs Restaurant, Mark Huntley, LRC President is shown honoring Sandi Lampert. Sandi, who loves to garden, was presented with a gift card to the Reading Greenhouse and a garden stone to mark her own private flower garden.

Cahill-Art-8-20-19

Pictured on the left, Richard Cahill, presented a detailed discussion on how to avoid computerized hacking and fraudulent banking activities to the Rotary members. Pictured with him is Art Randolph of the LRC. Both are associated with Peoples



United Bank.

Lemire-Crowley-8-20-19

After 40 years of service to Peoples United Bank, Barbara LeMire, on the left, retired from the bank as Vice President/Market Manager for the Woodstock Market. Pictured with Barbara is Mary Crowley, an LRC Rotarian. A resident of Chester, Barbara has been a member of the LRC for 35 years, being the first woman to join that group.



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New Adult Fiction

“Akin” by Emma Donoghue, “A Better Man” by Louise Penny, “Caribbean Rim” by Randy Wayne White, “The Last Widow” by Karin Slaughter, “The Long Call” by Ann Cleeves, “Nothing Ventured” by Jeffery Archer, “Rival’s Break” by Carla Neggers, “The Testaments” by Margaret Atwood, “Tidelands” by Philippa Gregory, “Vendetta in Death” by J.D. Robb, “What Rose Forgot” by Nevada Barr, “Lady in the Lake” by Laura Lippman, “Recursion” by Blake Crouch

New Adult Non Fiction

“Day Hiker’s Guide to Vermont: Exploring the Green Mountain State” by the Green Mountain Club and “On Thin Ice: An Epic Final Quest into the Melting Arctic” by Eric Larsen

New Picture Books

“Hungry Jim” by Laurel Snyder,

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“Attack of the 50-foot Fly Guy!” by Tedd Arnold, “Champ (Puppy Place)” by Ellen Miles, “Dead Voices” by Katherine Arden, “The Fire Keeper” by J.C. Cervantes, “Guest: A Changeling Tale” by Mary Downing Hahn, “Hi, Jack!” by Mac Barnett, “The Return of Zita the Spacegirl” by Ben Hatke, “Supernova” by Kazu Kibuishi, “The Devil’s Storybooks: Twenty Delightfully Wicked Stories” by Natalie Babbitt, “Nick and Tesla’s Special Effects Spectacular” by Bob Pflugfelder

New Children’s Non Fiction

“Life: The First Four Billion Years: The Story of Life from the Big Bang to the Evolution of Humans” by Martin Jenkins, “Where is the Kremlin?” by Deborah Hopkinson, “Owling: Enter the World of the Mysterious Birds of the Night” by Mark Wilson

New YA Fiction

“A Map of Days” by Ransom Riggs

Book Donations ON HOLD

Hold on to those books for us! Due to the construction of the new well we’ve had to empty our book shed, again. Once the construction is done we will resume taking donations in preparation for our big Cider Days Book Sale! Thank you for your support!

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.

2019 Dancing with the Rutland Stars Cast Update

Brian Farnum, owner of B. Farnum Photography, will be competing with **Katrina Werbinski**, Instructor at Miss Lorraine’s School of Dance in season nine of Dancing with the Rutland Stars.

This year’s cast includes star **Jenna Baird**, of Baird Family Farm and professional **William Kelley**, Practitioner at Pyramid Holistic Wellness Center; star **Chandler Burgess**, (“The King of Spring”) marketing manager at Killington/Pico Mountain dancing with **Sheila McCutcheon**, Co-Owner/Instructor at Born to Dance; star **Gene Jennings**, Image Consultant at A Signature Day Spa dancing with **Sam Ho**, Instructor at Cobra Gymnastics & Dance Center; star **Kate King**, Showroom Manager at Frank Webb Home dancing with **Adam King**, Fitness Instructor at Studio Fitness; star **Kevin Markowski**, of McCormack, Guyette & Associates, PC dancing with **Kylee Lawrence**, professional dance instructor; star **Tyler White**, ATC, iSPORT Training Coordinator a department of Vermont Orthopaedic Clinic and Rutland Regional Medical Center dancing with **Tracy Tedesco**, Owner/Instructor at Fitness Made Fun; and star **Brian Farnum**, owner of B. Farnum Photography with **Katrina Werbinski**, Instructor at Miss Lorraine’s School of Dance.

Tickets for the event will go on sale on September 5 at 11am at the Paramount Theatre box office or at paramountvt.org. For more information about the event, please contact Patricia McDonald at 802.362.6511; email patricia.mcdonald@vnahts.org.





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Community Health Clinics – September 2019

September Blood Pressure/Foot Care Clinics

Tuesday, 09/03/2019,	Forest Dale, Brandon Senior Center,	9:30am
Tuesday, 09/03/2019,	Bennington, Bennington Senior Center,	1:30pm
Wednesday, 09/04/2019,	Wallingford, Wallingford House,	10:30am
Thursday, 09/05/2019,	Rutland, Parker House,	10am
Friday, 09/06/2019,	Poultney, Young at Heart Senior Center,	9:30am
Wednesday, 09/11/2019,	Rutland, Templewood Court,	10am
Wednesday, 09/11/2019,	Manchester, Manchester office of VNAHSR,	1:30pm
Thursday, 09/12/2019,	Benson, Benson Heights,	10am
Thursday, 09/12/2019,	Castleton, Castleton Meadows,	12:30pm
Tuesday, 09/17/2019,	Brandon, Conant Square,	11am
Wednesday, 09/18/2019,	Dorset, Dorset office of VNAHSR,	9am
Wednesday, 09/18/2019,	Rutland, Sheldon Towers,	9am
Wednesday, 09/18/2019,	Rutland, Linden Terrace,	11am
Thursday, 09/19/2019,	Rutland, Maple Village,	10am
Wednesday, 09/25/2019,	Rutland, Godnick Adult Center,	12:30am
Thursday, 09/26/2019,	North Clarendon, North Clarendon Com. Center,	12:30pm

The cost of the foot clinic is \$10. Please contact 802.770.0568 to find a clinic near you. No appointment necessary.

Cholesterol Screening: Wednesday, 09/04/2019, Rutland, Rutland office of VNAHSR, 8:30am

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11 am WS, 6:30 pm Evening PS, Wed 6:30 pm PM & BS
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