



Mount Holly Chit Chat



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October 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 Fall/Winter Hours Start October 9th ~ Sat 8 am–2 pm & Sun 9 am-Noon

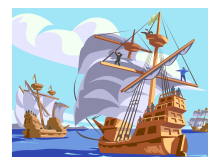
1 st	Mt. Holly Community Association Meeting, Library	7:00 pm
2 nd	<i>California Redwood National Park Est.</i>	
3 rd	Fire Dept. Business Meeting, Belmont Fire Station	7:00 pm
Sat 5 th	Deer Bow & Arrow Hunting Season ~ Fall Turkey Bow & Arrow Hunting Season	
8 th	Community Guild Meeting, IOOF Hall, Belmont <i>Yom Kippur</i>	9:00 am
	Select Board Meeting, Town Office <i>The Great Chicago Fire 1871</i>	6:00 pm
9 th	LMHUUS Meeting, Ludlow Elementary School <i>Leif Erikson Day</i>	6:00 pm
	Fire Dept. Ladies Auxiliary Meeting, Belmont Fire Station	7:00 pm
	ODD Fellows Meeting, IOOF Hall, Belmont	7:00 pm
10 th	Fire Dept. Drill, Fire Station	7:00 pm
	Mason Meeting, Mt. Moriah Lodge, E. Wallingford	8:00 pm
Sat 12 th	Roast Beef Supper , Benefit MH Com. Asso., Odd Fellows Hall	5:00 pm
Sun 13 th		
14 th	Rescue Squad Meeting, Rescue Squad Building <i>US Navy Est. 1775</i>	7:00 pm
	<i>US Air Force Capt. Chuck Yeager shatters the sound barrier in a top secret Bell X-1 Rocket Plane 1947</i>	
	<i>Cuban Missile Crisis Begins 1962</i>	
15 th	Mt. Holly PTSA Meeting, MH School Library	7:00 pm
16 th	Mt. Holly Town Library Meeting, Library, Belmont <i>Oscar Wild 1854 ~ National Bosses Day</i>	6:30 pm
17 th	Fire Dept. work night, Fire Stations	7:00 pm
Sat 19 th		
21 st	Mount Holly Planning Commission, Town Office <i>Revolutionary War Ended 1781</i>	7:00 pm
22 nd	Community Guild Meeting, IOOF Hall, Belmont <i>Dizzy Gillespie 1917</i>	9:00 am
23 rd	ODD Fellows Meeting, IOOF Hall, Belmont	7:00 pm
24 th	Fire Dept. Drill, Fire Station <i>United Nations Day Founded 1945</i>	7:00 pm
	<i>Anna Edison Taylor First Person to Survive going over Niagara Falls in a barrel 1901</i>	
25 th	<i>Pablo Picasso 1881 ~ Operation Urgent Fury US Invades Grenada 1983</i>	
Sat 26 th	Baked Ham Supper , Benefit Gill Home, IOOF, Odd Fellows Hall	5:00 pm
	<i>Gunfight At The OK Corral 1881 ~ The Erie Canal Opens 1825</i>	
28 th	Rescue Squad Meeting, Rescue Squad Building <i>Statue of Liberty Dedicated 1886</i>	7:00 pm
29 th	<i>"Black Tuesday", Starts The Great Depression 1929</i>	
31 st	Fire Dept. work night, Fire Stations <i>Mount Rushmore National Memorial Completed 1941</i>	7:00 pm
	<i>John Keats 1795 ~ National UNICEF Day</i>	

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

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HAPPY HALLOWEEN

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October Birthdays: 1st –Darica Pierce * Maxine Freeman 4th -Matt Lillard 8th -Lindsay Durgin 9th -Brian Buffum * David Hendee 11th –Jodi LaPenna-Seward * Barbara Hazelton 12th -Ryan Smith 13th –Shari Lewis 15th –April Ely 17th -Billy Devereux * Barbara Falco 21st -Heather Pond * Kenneth Taylor 22nd -Danielle Lillard 23rd -Jessica McMahon 24th –Dennis Bussino (1966) * Cecelia Pearson 25th -Andrew Taylor 26th -Nathan Turco 27th -Joe Parker * Jessica Anthony * Connie Niles * Alicia Hendee 28th – Steve Lewis 29th -Susan Marshall Mt. Holly Vol. Fire Dept. Celebrates 73rd Birthday est. October 1946



October Anniversaries: 1st-Jim & Millicent Johnson 42 Yrs (1977) 8th-Fay & Maxine Freeman (2016) 9th -Ron & Karen Blodgett * Ron & Kelly Tarbell 10th –Tom & Kristin Veysey * Gary & Lori Norton 18th -John & Amy Taylor 25th -Roger & Diana Garrow 45 Yrs (1974) 31st –Jodi & John Seward * Brigid & Paul Faenza 27 Yrs (1992)

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.

New Weekend Mass Schedule

Rutland – Wallingford Catholic Community

Saturday	4:00 pm	Immaculate Heart of Mary
	5:30 pm	Christ The King
Sunday	7:30 am	Christ The King
	9:00 am	St. Patrick
	10:30 am	Christ The King
	5:30 pm	Christ The King

Questions Call 802-773-6820



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PHOTOS: Color photos of events are welcome as they look great on the Chit Chat web edition

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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 Third Tuesday 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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Local Post Office Hours

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
Window Hours:	Mon – Fri	8:30 am – 5:00 pm
	Sat	8:30 am – 10:30 am

Join Bone Builders

Monday & Thursday Mornings

9:00 am

At The Odd Fellows Hall

For Weights and more information

Call Judy Nevin 259-2443

October 13, 1792 - The Cornerstone of the White House was laid by George Washington. The building, located at 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, is three stories tall with over 100 rooms and was designed by James Hoban. In November of 1800, President John Adams and his family moved in. The building was first known as the "Presidential Palace," but acquired the name "White House" about 10 years after its completion. It was burned by British troops in 1814, then reconstructed, refurbished and reoccupied in 1817.

PTSA Meeting Change:

Dear parents and teachers at MHES,
After quite a bit of debate and calendar shuffling, we are moving the meeting dates to the 3rd Tuesday of the month. From now on you can count on your monthly meeting to be held on the 3rd Tuesday of every month. Every meeting takes place at 7pm in the library.

We were hoping to find a time to accommodate everyone but it is really hard. We are open to additional committee or mixer meetings to be added throughout so please reach out if you have any ideas. We also have a Cider Days organizing mixer at Du Jour at 6pm on Friday September 20th. Please let us know if you can come! Thank you, Megan Harlow Jenkins, Co-President PTSA



Elizabeth C. "Betty" Helberg

Elizabeth Carol "Betty" Helberg, 86, died Sept. 8, 2019, at The Meadows Assisted Living in Rutland. She was born Aug. 6, 1933, in Rutland, the daughter of Harry A. and Bernice Eliza (Burton) Colburn, of Mount Holly. Her mother died two months after her birth; she was raised by her maternal Aunt Doris A. (Burton) and Ralph T. Vesper, also of Mount Holly. She graduated in 1951 from Black River High School in Ludlow. On

July 15, 1952, she married Warren H. Helberg in Mount Holly. Mrs. Helberg worked at Ludlow Savings Bank, Vermont National Bank, for Springfield United Way and as an income tax preparer in Springfield. She enjoyed tending their apple trees and making apple pies. Survivors include her son, Neil Helberg, of Amherst, New Hampshire; two granddaughters; her sister, Patricia Slade, of South Londonderry; many nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her husband Oct. 18, 2007; two sons John Helberg in 1983 and Brian Helberg in 2008; and eight siblings. The funeral service was held at 1 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 19, at United Church of Ludlow, where a calling hour began at noon in the second floor church parlor. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to United Church of Ludlow, 48 Pleasant St., Ludlow, VT 05149; or a charity of your choice. Arrangements are by Davis Memorial Chapel in Springfield.

John Keats, (born October 31, 1795, London, England—died February 23, 1821, Rome, Papal States



[Italy]), English Romantic lyric poet who devoted his short life to the perfection of a poetry marked by vivid imagery, great sensuous appeal, and an attempt to express a philosophy through classical legend.

October 1, 1979 - American Control of the Panama Canal was handed over to Panama

October 3, 1863 - President Abraham Lincoln designates the last Thursday in November as Thanksgiving Day

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



Oct 12th

MHCA - Roast Beef

Oct 26th

Gill Home, IOOF – Baked Ham

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Don't panic New Recycle Solution Announced: Have piles of big plastic nursery pots you've been wondering what to do with? Though plastic nursery pots still are not recyclable, you no longer have to stuff those monsters into your trash bags and send them to the landfill after all. The Rutland Chapter of the University of Vermont Extension Master Gardeners

NOW you may drop them off at the Mount Holly Transfer Station

under the clearly marked sign. The Extension Master Gardeners will pick them up, clean them and reuse them for their popular plant sale the first Saturday in June 2020. No waste, no guilt: take them to the Transfer Station for reuse! Emily Clifford www.cliffordcountry.com



the Mount Holly Community Historical Museum's collection would have been taken around 1910-1920. It is looking toward the Belmont Village Green from the road in front of the store. The house on the far right, last owned by Hollis and Anne Priest, and was taken down by Don Tarbell in 1960. It is the location of the church parking lot. The next buildings in the back and right of the church were sections of the barn owned by the Chadburn family that operated the Green Mountain Cottage hotel until 1946. The Baptist Church built in 1884 has not changed. The house to the left of the church was owned by Carrie Parmenter until it burned down in May, 1946. She died in the fire, and soon an effort started to create our own fire department. The garage used by Harriet Parmenter, that is presently part of the fire station, was not built until later. The road was not paved until about 1955, so when water froze it allowed some ice skating. The coat of ice on the green was also used as seen in the photo. Provided by Dennis

The photo on page 8 of the September Chit Chat is of The Baptist Church in Belmont. The building to the right rear is the Perkins House which is now The Mount Holly Historical Museum. The Ice Skaters in the photo are skating on both Healdville Road and the Green. Not sure what year it is??? Provided By Pat LaBella

Presentation on 9/11 at the Odd Fellows Hall in Belmont

On September 12, 2019 Paul Faenza gave a comprehensive first-hand account of the events that happened on 9/11 and the days that followed it. Photos By Joe Hammond





Fletcher Memorial Library Book Discussion

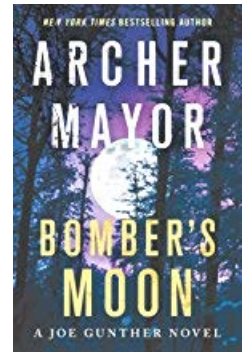
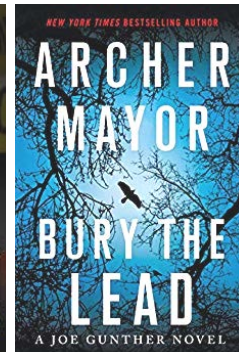
The Fletcher Memorial Library will host a book discussion on Thursday, Sept. 26, 2019 at 7 P.M. "Before We Were Yours" takes you to 1939 Memphis, where twelve-year-old Rill Foss and her four younger siblings live a magical life on their family's shanty boat. But when their father must rush their mother to the hospital, Rill is left in charge – until strangers arrive in force. The Foss children find themselves in an orphanage and though they are assured that they'll soon be returned to their parents – they quickly realize the dark truth.

Copies of the book are available at the library. For more information, call 228-8921 or check out our website at fmlnews.org.

Mount Holly Reading group

The group will meet on Wednesday, October 9th at 6:00 pm at the home of Jane Hill. Please choose any one of Archer Mayor's books for our discussion.

Call Donna at 259-2720 for further information. See you there!



TREE STUMP GRINDING

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- Pamper me basket (candles, lotions, shower gels)
- Food baskets (Italian, Mexican etc...)
- Garden baskets, Scrap book baskets, kids basket, cleaning basket, car ' wash basket, r:Ice 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 wtl be displayed and auctioned off on Cider days in

Belmont. (Similar to a Chinese auction) Saturday, October 86 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM and Sunday, October 9ft noon to 4:00 PM. Drawings for the baskets will be on Sunday, October 96 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 7th. Cash and checks are always welcome.

The Mount Holly Snow Flyers appreciates your support I 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, 802-259-2900 or email Malbertrvt@gmail.com. If your children need community volunteer hours for school, please contact me, the help is very much appreciated. Thanks Everyone!!!!

Trestleboard Mt. Moriah Lodge #96

Next meeting Tuesday 10/10 8PM

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.

Please keep your dues monies coming in and send them to me at 4280 Sugar Hill Rd., East Wallingford 05742. If you feel so inclined above and beyond the norm, we will accept donations for the Scholarship Fund so we can continue giving out two \$500 scholarships. Contact the Secretary at 802-259-9400 or sseward@vermontel.net with any questions. Fraternally, Earl Miller, WM & Buster Seward, Sec'y

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)



Packer Cemetery Annual Meeting

Tuesday October 1st, 2019

Mount Holly Town Office

At 6:00 pm

Submitted by David Johnson, Secretary

802-259-2391

Mount Holly School News

Open House : Please join us in the gym on Wednesday, September 25th at 6:00 p.m. to kick off Open House. We will begin promptly at 6:00 p.m. with a Community All-School meeting. Please be a respectful and attentive audience for the 5th & 6th graders as they host our Open House meeting.

Book Fair : Mount Holly School's Scholastic Book Fair will be held 9/23, 9/25 & 9/27 in the school Library.

Mornings: (8:00-8:20 a.m.) Wednesday 9/25, Friday 9/27

Afternoons: (3:00—3:20 p.m.) Wednesday 9/25

Students will also have a chance to visit the book fair during their weekly scheduled library class



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Mount Holly does have a school-based clinician working to provide therapeutic support for a smaller population of students, a school counselor collaborates with families and staff to provide universal support for all of the children in a school. This interaction and support is provided through several formats: with whole classes, small groups, and individually, as we work together to introduce, practice, and reinforce skills that will serve our children well in the classroom and in life, skills that contribute to their development as a whole person, such as: identification of feelings in yourself and others, stress management/coping skills, building and maintaining healthy friendships, embracing uniqueness and reflecting on how individuality positively contributes to the work of a team, and social



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Notice

Mechanicsville Cemetery Annual Meeting

Place: Odd Fellows Hall, Belmont VT.

Date: October 15th, 2019

Time: 6:30 PM

SCREENED TOP SOIL

\$25.00 Per Yard Plus Delivery

802-342-3507

Our Book Fairs are an opportunity for students to purchase books for their home libraries, while also enabling the school to obtain additional materials for the school library for students to borrow. We thank you for your support.

School Counselor: Hi MHS families! My name is Nicole Lewis, and I want to take this opportunity to introduce myself and my role as you see me at and around the school! The past 12 years I have had the privilege of serving the Chester-Andover Elementary School community as school counselor. With a school counseling position being newly created this year at MHS, I am so excited to be joining the Mount Holly School team! My husband is a graduate of MHS and BRHS, and two of our children are currently students at MHS. While

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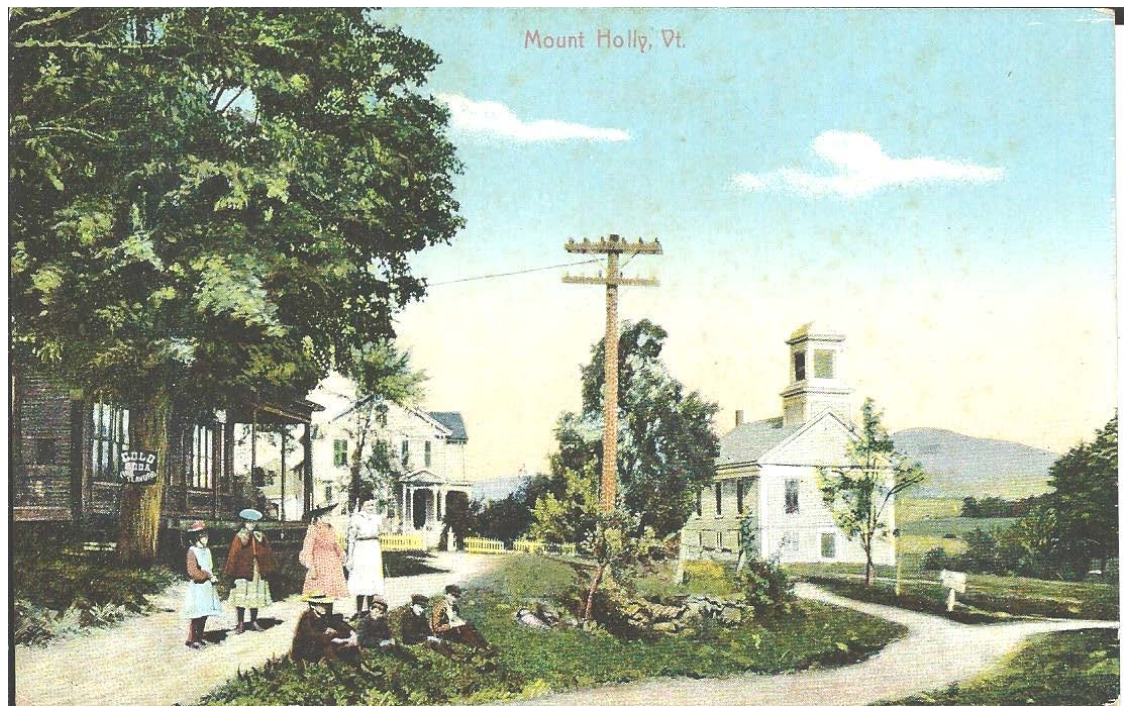
MT. HOLLY, VT

Keith Hawkins
PRESIDENT

problem solving, as well as any other skills that are relevant for our students and could use reinforcement. The school counselor is a resource for all students, families, and staff in a school community, as we work together to help our children grow into happy and healthy contributing members of our larger world. It has been so wonderful to meet and get to know the MHS children and I am very much looking forward to continuing to meet families! See you at school! Nicole Lewis MHS School Counselor

What can you tell us about this picture? Please send email to chitchat@vermontel.net and let us know what you know. Next month we will have another photo to share with you and then share with you what we know about this picture.

Thanks to Dennis Devereux and Pat LaBella for sharing what you knew about the last photo.



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CIDER DAYS



Columbus Day Weekend

Saturday, October 12 • 10:00 am - 4:00 pm
Sunday, October 13 • Noon - 4:00 pm

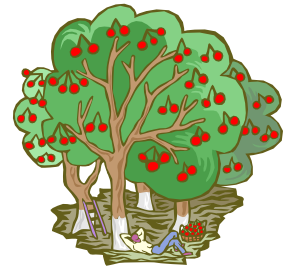
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ROAST BEEF DINNER - SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12
5PM TO 7PM AT THE ODD FELLOWS HALL IN BELMONT

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CRAFTS • LOCAL ARTISTS • MUSICIANS • APPLE PIE & CRISP • BOOK SALE



The Mount Holly Community Association

Is currently soliciting

PIES

For the Homemade Pie Buffet at

The Roast Beef Supper on

Saturday, October 12th

Please contact Beth Latino at

ptandel@vermontel.net

to contribute a pie(s) for the supper.

Thanks so much!!



Barn Sale

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Antiques / Furniture

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October 5 & 6, 9-3 October 12 & 13, 9-3

to get a sneak peek at this year's array of photos taken by the many talented people in Mount Holly. As you all know, in addition to the voting that takes place over Cider Days weekend to select the photos that will appear in the annual calendar, there is also a panel of judges, who independently choose the best photos from those submitted. *Please note that the awards ceremony for this aspect of the contest takes place at the Photo Preview.* Wine and light refreshments will be served. Please join us for this sneak preview, as well as the opportunity to vote for your favorite photos and socialize with friends and neighbors on a lovely fall afternoon.

Cider Days, voted a few years ago as one of the *Top Ten Fall Events* in the state of Vermont, is better than ever in 2019! The biggest event on the Mount Holly Calendar is coming up in just a couple of weeks...Saturday, October 12th and Sunday October 13th. Each year the Community Association celebrates the harvest season with an old fashioned cider pressing on the village green in the village of Belmont. The antique cider press, which utilizes the "rack and cloth" method of pressing cider, is a unique attraction, along with the wonderful craft and food vendors who fill the green with the pleasures of the fall season. This year 36 vendors will be offering their wares, so we hope that you all will join us for this award winning festival...there is no better way to spend a beautiful autumn day than immersing yourself in some truly **old fashioned traditions** at Mount Holly's Cider Days!

(Please note that Maple Hill Rd. will be closed just above the library parking lot, so vehicles will not be able to get into the crossroads via Maple Hill. However, one can come through Maple Hill and park just before the closure. Also, from Rte. 155 one can come up Tarbelville Rd. and from Rte. 103 one can come up Belmont Rd. or Healdville Rd.)

Another favorite activity of Cider Days is **voting** for your favorite photographs for the **2021 Mount Holly Calendar**, which will be taking place both Saturday and Sunday in the Community Room of the Library & Community Center building. The 2020 calendars will also be on sale in the library and on the Green.

On Saturday, October 12th, once you've exhausted yourself shopping, voting, and sampling the cider, and pie with cheese, or ice cream, you'll be ready for someone else to cook your dinner! Go no farther than the Odd Fellows' Hall for a fabulous **Roast Beef Supper** served family style...seatings at 5:00 pm and 6:00 pm. The cost is only \$12 for adults and \$5 for children under 12. Please note that one of the major attractions of the supper is the **homemade pie buffet** that is provided by...all of you!! Beth Latino has recently sent out an email soliciting pies for the supper and she's looking for 35 of them! Please respond to her as soon as you can at ptandel@vermontel.net. We really appreciate it!!

Membership Reminder: for those of you who have not yet taken the opportunity to join the Mount Holly Community Association (MHCA), a reminder will be going out in the mail shortly. Membership is our largest source of revenue and it is essential to continue all of the activities sponsored by the MHCA throughout the year, not to mention supporting the on-going maintenance of our beautiful Library & Community Center building. Please respond promptly when you receive your reminder, or pick up a membership form right now in the Library, or the Belmont store. The Community Association deserves your support...thanks so much!

Senior Luncheons

Have you been wondering if the "Senior Stars" luncheons at Harry's Cafe will begin again? Wonder no more. Deb and Trip will welcome us back again beginning the second Thursday in December. Because space is limited, a reservation is required.

After October 16th, call Carol Ballou at 259-2333 to get your name on the list for that first luncheon on 12/12. The cost of \$5.00 can be paid at the door for December. For those who wish to attend the January luncheon, that payment should also be made at the December luncheon.

Mount Holly Community Association

Once again those who attended this year's **Cabaret** were transported by the rich, mellow sounds of the jazz vocalist, Alexa Fila and Joe Solomon, the bassist. We can never thank Joe and Alexa enough for providing us with this magical evening every Labor Day weekend. How lucky we are to have such wonderful talent right here in Mount Holly! Many thanks also to all those folks who provided the scrumptious desserts, those who helped serve, and those who assisted in the set-up and clean-up of the library. Our special thank you to Madeleine Fay, who once again coordinated the event for the benefit of the MHCA and the entire community!

The **Photo Preview** for the annual Calendar Photo Contest is on Sunday, October 6th at 4:00 pm in the Community Room in the Library & Community Center Building. Please be sure to join us



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It Was a Doozy of a Palooza!

Saturday, August 17th, what a great weather day after all the dire predictions.....that is until just after 6 p.m. Then Mother Nature reminded us not to get complacent and unleashed a whirlwind of a thunderstorm on Belmont that drenched everyone and upended pop-ups and brought down tents. One even landed in the lake. The good news, we finished the BBQ, the kids' games were over and everyone took refuge in the ODD Fellows Hall and finished getting their bids in for the Silent Auction. To top it all off, just about 8 p.m. someone painted a beautiful rainbow over Star Lake. A fitting conclusion to a good day for Rainbow Riding Center's annual Summer Palooza don't you think?

Now we have a lot of thank you's to extend to each and every one and all the for-profit and non-profit companies and organizations that helped us pull this one off once again. First we have to thank the ODD Fellows for again letting us use their wonderful hall. The Mt. Holly Volunteer Fire Dept. for putting up and taking down their tents. They offered shelter when the storm came rolling in, and they were still standing after it passed. Also a big thank you to our major sponsors Rutland Regional Medical Center and GE Aviation. Other sponsors include VELCO, Kelley Real Estate, Rutland Veterinary Clinic and Green Mt. Sugarhouse.

Local vendors, individuals and corporations helped us provide food for the BBQ and Corn Roast: The Hatchery, Evening Song Farm, Wilcox Dairy, Brown's Farm and Bill McGrath, Sysco Food Services and Macauley's Food Service. The desserts were donated by many friends, volunteers and Gloria's Pantry and topped off by Tim Bickford's maple cotton candy--proceeds benefitting Rainbow Riding. Thank you to all for your generosity.

Brandon Jenkins
Owner

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braids for the girls were done by Sarah Wilcox. Jenn Burrows oversaw the tie dye t-shirt tent sponsored by GE Aviation and Sharon Sweet was the emcee of the Plaid Pony Steeplechase with her handmade stick ponies. Mary Jane Osborne and Grace Brigham emceed the fun and games on the lawn. Speaking of Grace, all those lovely signs decorating the tents were her handiwork, and the beautiful flying horse that was raffled off at the end of the day was made by Grace and her niece Iris. What a beauty!

As for the information table, well that was the one that took a bath in the lake. It was manned by Alec and Joan McCallum all day. Many thanks.

Now for the many little engines that made the day a success—our Volunteers. We can't begin to list you all. Some just appeared and pitched in, others were recruited and all gave 100% on Friday setting up and Saturday during the event. A special thanks to our chief grill master Bill McGrath and Kristina for manning the grills all day to keep the food coming. It sure was good!

RRC is currently finishing out the fall schedule with school groups from four area schools and that is keeping us busy most afternoons of the week but we're already signing up riders for spring. It may seem like a long winter away, but it's a good idea to get all the paperwork out of the way early so the minute the weather is good we can get you in the saddle. For information call 802-236-2483 or email: programs@rainbowridingcenter.org; and visit our website at rainbowridingcenter.org. We're also on FaceBook.

Left: Sharon Sweet with an armful of the Plaid Ponies she made for the Plaid Pony Steeplechase. On the right two friendly attendees with matching Face Paint patterns



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Library News

Coming in October to MHTL!

New DVDs



New Books on CD!

Adult Fiction: "The Woman in the Window" by A.J.

Finn, "A Gentleman in Moscow" by Amor Towles

Children's Fiction: "The Magic Tree House

Collection: Books 1-8" by Mary Pope Osborne

New Adult Fiction: "Bloody Genius" by John Sanford, "Bomber's Moon" by Archer Mayor, "Christmas in Vermont" by Anita Hughes, "The Dutch House" by Ann Patchett, "The Giver of Stars" by Jojo Moyes, "The Last House Guest" by Megan Miranda, "Lethal Agent" by Vince Flynn, "Marley" by Jon Clinch, "Olive, Again" by Elizabeth Strout, "The River" by Peter Heller, "A Single Thread" by Tracy Chevalier, "Stealth" by Stuart Woods, "What Happens in Paradise" by Elin Hilderbrand, "The World that we Knew" by Alice Hoffman

New Adult Non Fiction: "Bitten: The Secret History of Lyme Disease and Biological Weapons" by Kris Newby, "Living a Political Life: One of America's First Woman Governors Tells Her Story" by Madeleine Kunin

New Picture Books: "Fly!" by Mark Teague, "Explorers" by Matthew Cordell, "The House that Santa (Almost) Missed" by Paul Laud, "The Hundred Year Barn" by Patricia MacLachlan, "Mr. Nogginbody Gets a Hammer" by David Shannon, "The Tale of the Tiger Slippers" by Jan Brett

New Children's Fiction: "Allies" by Alan Gratz, "Angel (Puppy Place)" by Ellen Miles, "Bonita (Puppy Place)" by Ellen Miles, "Nick and Tesla's High-Voltage Danger Lab: A

Mount Holly Town Library Cider Days Book Sale & Silent Auction!

Saturday October 12th

10am - 4pm

Sunday October 13th

12pm - 4pm



The silent auction will be offering items and services from local folks such as:

- Original Art & Photography from local artists
- Local Maple Syrup, Honey & Cheese
- Weston Playhouse Tickets
- Gift Certificates to local businesses and So Much More!

All proceeds go towards Library collections and programming

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.)

Mystery with Electromagnets, Burglar Alarms, and Other Gadgets You Can Build Yourself" by Bob Pflugfelder, "The Powwow Thief" by Joseph Bruchac, "Tristan Strong Punches a Hole in the Sky" by Kwame Mbalia, "The Tyrant's Tomb" by Rick Riordan, "Jack Blasts Off" by Mac Barnett, "Who is the Mystery Reader?" by Mo Willems

New Children's Non Fiction: "It Started with a Big Bang: The Origin of Earth, You and Everything Else" by Bal Floor, "Little Frida: A Story of Frida Kahlo" by Anthony Browne, "Wildheart: The Daring Adventures of John Muir" by Julie Bertagna

New YA Fiction: "The Night Circus" by Erin Morgenstern

LAST CALL for Book Donations!: We are taking donations in preparation for our big Cider Days Book Sale! Please drop off your donations in the library during open hours. Please do not put donations in the Book Drop or in the Community Room. 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.



Upcoming Events:

Harvest Fair – Oct 5th from 10 am – 4 pm on the BRHS Lawn

Cider Days – Oct 12th from 10 am – 4 pm Oct 13th from 12 pm – 4 pm on the Belmont Green

Thursdays from 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm in the BRHS Library – come join the discussion

What is 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 by 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. First the Black River Academy followed by 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.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q. What will it cost local taxpayers, what is the tuition rate?

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 state of Vermont designates approximately \$16,000 in tuition per pupil, and would redistribute each Ludlow and Mt. Holly student's education tax funds to the school of their choice. To cover additional start-up expenses, including educator and administrator hiring and salaries, curriculum development, and the establishment of a reserve fund, the Black River Independent School Committee plans to raise additional funds for the 2020 and 2021 school years.

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

A. Commit to sending your student. We will gladly accept your student at any time before or after our doors open for the 2020/2021 school year. It will be beneficial to your child to sign up earlier. This is non-binding and would allow Black River Independent School to start working with you and your student to build a plan, which could include internship opportunities, special education and athletic offerings. As a resident of Mount Holly or Ludlow, school choice allows you to choose at any time a high school in VT that is approved by the State Agency of Education. You would not be required to pay additional tuition costs to come to the Independent School.

As stated in The Vermont Statutes (16 V.S.A. § 822a) A student transferring to a different high school under this section shall pay no tuition, fee, or other cost that is not also paid by students residing in the receiving district.

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

A. 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. Enroll online at <https://blackriveris.org/enrollment>

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 extracurricular activity, students will have the option of participating in a program with a neighboring school.

For more answers to FAQ's visit our website, we are updating it frequently.

Our MISSION: We will cultivate the personal qualities of each student to become a wholehearted human being with integrity, open communication, strong moral character, physical well-being, and appreciation of creativity.

We embrace the principles of democratic governance, stewardship of the environment, intellectual, artistic, and physical challenge.

We will offer a thought-provoking and meaningful academic program that balances active exploration, adventure, and athletics while generating joyful engagement in all students.

Black River Independent School graduates will have the confidence, resourcefulness, and skills to pursue a life of purpose, personal fulfillment, and ongoing learning.

VISION: The student experience at Black River Independent School 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.

Our 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 Perspective

Democratic Participation and Justice

Environmental Stewardship

Outdoor Adventure

Personal Action

Engagement in Community

Please consider helping us with our start-up costs by making a donation.

Donations are tax deductible and may be made by mailing a check to Black River Independent School at the address below:

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responsible for record keeping, Mr. Bryant was told it was not the Town Clerk but the Clerk for the Select Board, work currently being completed by Ms. Matthews. Mr. Bryant's final judgement was "Our Town is screwed up – nobody knows nothing. The roads are taken care of . . ." Ms. Matthews stated she disagreed with that assessment, but that Mr. Bryant was entitled to his opinion.

[Note: Later in the meeting, Mr. Bryant and the owner of the Shunpike Road property got into a heated argument over junk, junk cars, and dumping. Constable Paul Faenza stepped in.]

5. Reports

a. Highways

i) Update – Clinton Woolley

A resident of Gates Road South requested permission to upgrade the Class 4 road to Class 3. He would take care of all ditching and the like. This would also provide a turnaround for the Road Crew. Mark Turco stated the road would have to meet all Town standards, and Ron Tarbell said the work would have to be inspected once completed. The Select Board had "no problem" with the request with the understanding that a final review of the work would be required.

ii) **Hose Machine Purchase** - Mr. Woolley said that Kimball Midwest had offered a deal of \$4,200 for the machine as a new customer, rather than the usual annual cost of \$10,000; this included hoses of two sizes, couplings, crimpers, etc. Such a machine would eliminate regular trips to Rutland for supplies. The Crew went through two hoses in the past week-and-a-half week. Ron Tarbell and Mark Turco said the Select Board would "mull it over." Mr. Tarbell said the Road Crew could use Ludlow's machine and invoice Mount Holly.

Mr. Woolley also reported that the excavator was in town doing ditch work, segmented roadwork was in progress, and that grading would be done by winter.

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

NOTICE MOUNT HOLLY TAXPAYERS

2018 Real Estate Property Taxes are due
Thursday November 4, 2019

After November 4, 2019 an 8% Penalty and
1% per month Interest will be added.

Partial Payments are allowed.

Payments must be received at the Town Office or
be postmarked Nov. 4, 2019 (or earlier) to be
considered timely paid.

b. Treasurer – David Johnson

i) **Monthly Income & Expense Report** - Mr. Johnson reported that the new checking account with Community Bank was operational and that various funds were being transferred, including the new HRA account. He also noted that the Town had collected taxes worth \$2.9 million in August for a total so far this year of \$3.8 million collected.

As to Income & Expenses, Mr. Johnson noted that there was not much activity to report on as it was early in the new fiscal year. Solid waste label sales are up to \$6,642, well above the budgeted amount of \$2,000 per month, running closer to \$3,000 per month. The new furnace for the garage was \$6,700. Winter Sand is all in at cost of \$26,000 with \$11,000 in hauling expenses.

ii) **Second School Advance** of \$200,000 will be made to tide the school over until the State payments are made.

iii) **Delinquent Tax Sales Update** - The only tax sale scheduled this year has been cancelled as the taxes have now been paid in full, so all 2017 taxes have been paid. The only remaining tax delinquency is \$3,000 from 2018 with the owner having paid off half of what is due.

c. Rutland Regional Planning Commission Regional Committee –

Jon McCann

Jon McCann, Mount Holly's Representative to the RRPC, reported that a number of regional projects, seven solar projects and the proposed cell tower in Mount Holly, were discussed. The RRPC had received the same information that was sent to the abutters of the cell tower project. Mr. McCann stated he emphasized that the Mount Holly Select Board strongly supported cell service in town. He told the committee that some concerns had been raised re: the need for camouflage and the lack of coverage maps plus some abutters asked to view the balloon test thought the methodology was sloppy. Ms. Matthews then read from the RRPC Regional Committee minutes: "Staff will draft letter with comments on the balloon test, public notification, tower aesthetics, other potential sites, coverage and forest blocks." She questioned how those issues were raised, as the Public Hearing on the cell tower had been canceled and the Town of Mount Holly had not yet spoken on the issue. Mr. McCann replied he was voicing his opinion and those of some in town with whom he had spoken. Ms. Matthews emphasized that he was the Representative for the Town of Mount Holly, and as Ron Tarbell stated, the Town as a whole, not just a handful of residents.

6. Old Business

a. Public Utilities Commission Update re: Back-Up Phone Battery Power (Case # 19-0705-PET)

i) **VTel Insert** – Ms. Matthews reported that the towns of Shrewsbury, Mount Holly, Andover, Tinmouth, and now Wallingford continue to press the PUC on the problems that exist with the phone backup batteries which die during prolonged power outages. The telecom providers state they are in compliance with FCC regulations. The towns are pushing for best practices in regards to education, technical assistance, battery life, and financial help. The next PUC workshop is scheduled for September 19th in Montpelier. Ms. Matthews held up an insert VTel had recently included with bills that directed customers to their website for additional backup battery information as well as a video on their use. Andy Tanger noted the video was very informative.

ii) **VTel Presentation Proposal** – VTel is also willing to come to the Town to do a workshop or information session on the backup battery system. If enough interest is expressed, the Town will pursue this option.

b. **Town Office Roof Bids** - Two bids were received. They were opened. Both were for the same work. One bid was for \$7,515 from Buddy System Roofing; the other was for \$5,180 from Dancers with Roofs LLC. Although the Select Board would prefer to use a local business, given the over \$2,300 difference in bids, Ron Tarbell made a motion to accept the bid from Dances with Roofs, seconded by Jennifer Matthews, passed unanimously.

c. **Swap Shed** – Ms. Matthews reported that the swap shed had been ordered and should arrive within days. She regards it as part of the Town's recycling effort, keeping reusable goods out of the landfill. The pad for the shed has been prepared by the Road Crew. Preliminary rules will be:

- good to excellent quality reusable goods only
- keep it neat

Otherwise, the shed will go away, per Mr. Turco.

7. **New Business**

a. **Support Letter – VT Department of Forests, Parks & Recreation 345-Acre Acquisition** - Jon McCann spoke on behalf of the Mount Holly Conservation Trust to request a letter of support from the Select Board for a land conservation project in Mount Holly that is joint venture between the Mount Holly Conservation Trust (MHCT), the Vermont Land Trust (VLT), and the Okemo State Forest (Department of Forests, Parks & Recreation, Agency of Natural Resources). Joan Weir of VLT, Tim Morton and Gannon Osborn of the Department of Forests, Parks & Recreation, and various members of the MHCT were present. The Vermont Land Trust purchased two parcels of land off of Government Road and Route 155; the two parcels of about 345 acres will be merged to become part of the Okemo State Forest. The land would move from private ownership to land open to the public for recreation. The VAST snowmobile trail and the Catamount cross-country ski trail both run through the property. Hunting, fishing, hiking, and other forestry activities would be available. The land is the headwaters for the West River and sources for the Mill River (Otter Creek) and Black River (Branch Brook). It completes a 100-mile travel corridor for wildlife from the Massachusetts border to Warren, VT. It will connect the southern Green Mountain National Forest, Okemo State Forest, Coolidge State Forest, and the northern Green Mountain National Forest. The land is currently in the hands of the Vermont Land Trust. The Mount Holly Conservation Trust is raising funds to pay the Land Trust for the property that will then be transferred to the Okemo State Forest with a conservation easement that prohibits any private development.

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.

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There was considerable discussion. Ms. Matthews asked for further details around the conservation easement. Gannon Osborn stated that funding from the VT Housing & Conservation Board, which this purchase has, requires a conservation easement. There would be no residential or commercial structures, no commercial use. Mr. Turco asked about sub-leasing. Mr. Osborn replied that there could be special use permits, but no commercial use and no large swaths cut. He stated that the conservation easement would remain in perpetuity. Joan Weir noted that the two properties purchased would be merged into one with no subdivision permitted. Dennis Devereux expressed concerns about conserving more land when working Vermonters already have difficulty affording a home due to high land and housing costs and high property taxes. He thought a balance was needed between affordable housing and conservation, and he

would like to see more housing opportunities. Mr. Devereux also expressed concerns about the impact on the Grand List and property taxes. Mr. Osborn stated that State of Vermont does not pay taxes, but would make payments in lieu of taxes (PILOT) based on the assessed value of the property. No local agreement payments would be made. Ron Unterman spoke about the chokepoint that exists for the VAST trail on this property as all trails from the south-east corner of the State connect through there. The only crossings are over Star Lake, a water crossing, or on this land. What would happen if this property was in private hands and closed to snowmobiling? Ms. Matthews asked if the property had now been purchased and by whom. Joan Weir replied that the VLT owned the property, and it was purchased for \$642,000 with additional funds being raised for project costs and conservation costs for a total of \$813,000.

Jon McCann referred back to Mr. Devereux's remarks about the need for more housing for young families in town. Annette Lynch spoke of the Affordable Housing Task Force that the Select Board formed about ten years ago to investigate the lack of affordable housing in Mount Holly. She thought the work of the task force was worth looking at again, so that Mount Holly does not become a land of only large homes owned by the wealthy rather than a community for the children raised here and their families. Ms. Matthews noted that the Town Plan calls for a diversity of population ("To encourage, support, and maintain a community of residents and property owners with age, social, and economic diversity"). She stated a desire to support the great elementary school in town and young families. She also noted that the Town already has 13,000 acres in land use and conservation; what are the consequences of this conservation on the Grand List and on the Tax Rate? Ron Tarbell asked about tabling the issue.

Ms. Matthews made a motion to table the request for a support letter while the Board of Listers and the Town Treasurer explore answers to the aforementioned questions. Mr. Tarbell seconded the motion, which then passed unanimously. Tim Morton of the Department of Forests, Parks & Recreation spoke of the year-round access and recreational benefits that will be available to Town residents, especially snowmobilers, with the property as part of Okemo State Forest.

b. Mount Holly Community Association Cider Days Road Closure – Ms. Matthews read a note from Morgan Skiathitis asking that the end of Maple Hill Road be closed down on Saturday, October 12th from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm and on Sunday, October 13th from 11:00 am to 5:00 pm for Cider Days. He also asked that there be no parking on the eastbound side of Church Street. Ron Tarbell made a motion to approve the request, seconded by Ms. Matthews, passed



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picking up the operation of the NewsFlash and transitioning it over to Kevin Plew, who is streamlining the operation. The Select Board passed their thanks on to Mr. Plew as well for the continuation of this valuable community resource.

9. Review & Sign Orders – Reviewed and signed.

CALENDAR VOTING IS COMING UP!
and that means you get to vote
on which photos belong in the
2021 Mount Holly Calendar!

Remember these dates because
they're fast approaching:

- Oct. 5th Photo Awards Presentation
- Oct. 5th - 13th Balloting for 2021 Calendar Photos

Both events take place in the Mount Holly Community Center.

Remember it's your duty as an American citizen
(or the citizen of any country for that matter) to
vote for your favorite calendar photos!



Mount Holly SWAP SHED Now OPEN

Good to Excellent Quality Reusable Goods Only
No Clothing
No Electronics
Keep it Neat!

If unsure about an item for the Swap Shed, ask Kevin or Pete.

No Junk! NO Junk! NO Junk!

Happy Swapping!

unanimously.

c. Designate VT League of Cities & Towns Annual Business Meeting Delegate - The meeting is on October 2nd & 3rd. Jennifer Matthews was selected as the delegate, and Ron Tarbell will be attending some of the workshops.

d. Fall/Winter Transfer Station Hours - The last Wednesday will be October 9th. Winter hours will start the following weekend with the first open Sunday on October 13th.

8. Announcements/Other Business

a. Household Hazardous Waste Collection – will be on Saturday, September 14th, from 8:00 am to Noon.

b. Mount Holly NewsFlash – Ms. Matthews and the Select Board as a whole thanked Diana Garrow for

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10. Executive Session: Title 1 V.S.A. S 313(a)(3) – personnel – Ron Tarbell made a motion to enter Executive Session to review personnel matters at 7:30 pm, seconded by Jennifer Matthews, passed unanimously. Motion to exit Executive Session at 8:12 pm was made by Ron Tarbell, seconded by Mark Turco, passed unanimously. No actions taken from Executive Session. Respectfully submitted: Jennifer Matthews



Chamber To Award Business Leader of the Year and Community Leader of the Year At 2019 Annual Meeting

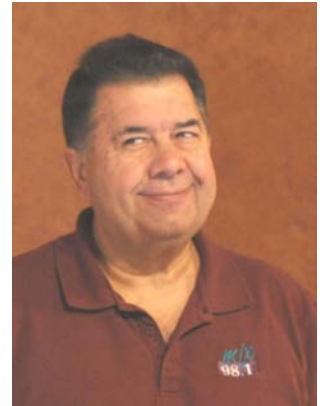
The Rutland Region Chamber of Commerce is excited to announce that Donald Billings has been named "Business Leader of the Year". The Chamber is also excited to present their new award "Community Leader of the Year" to Terry "Jaye" Jarrosak. The awards will be presented at the Chamber's Annual Meeting, sponsored by Cape Air, on Thursday, October 24th (5pm) at The Paramount Theatre in Rutland.



Donald Billings, owner of Roots The Restaurant, The Bakery and The Annex in Rutland, Crux Restaurant and Mountain Merchant in Killington is being honored as Business Leader of the Year, for his investments in the community, his employees and support of area nonprofits including Wonderfeet Kids Museum, Paramount Theatre and many more. The consistent message in his nominations for this award were that he demands a lot of himself and his businesses, he is a cheerleader for the community; he will find ways to make things happen, he embodies the entrepreneurial spirit and he must never sleep. Paul Gallo of Magic Brush Painting stated "he is a good human being, who always cares about others and their challenges in life...and never forgets his own road to success and the folks who supported him along the way." Mark

Foley Jr says "I wish there were 5 more Donald Billings in Rutland."

Terry "Jaye" Jarrosak, Operations Manager at Catamount Radio is being honored as Community Leader of the Year for his tireless commitment to the community. Terry has gone to great lengths to support local nonprofits, image-building of the community, public safety and economic prosperity. Terry's impact on the community goes far beyond his presence behind the microphone. Terry has been instrumental in the Gift of Life Marathon, including the 2013 marathon which broke the national one day record with 2,350 pint of blood donated. Terry has had an impact on many community organizations including: United Way, Paramount Theatre, VNA & Hospice of the Southwest Region, Rutland County Parent Child Center, local colleges and schools to name a few. Traci Moore, Director of Rutland Health Foundation says "Terry makes working hard fun, and when Terry is involved, I don't think anyone realizes how hard they are working", she continues "There has never been a task or a challenge too big for Terry to tackle, or help others achieve. Terry leads by example with his tireless efforts to promote Rutland, our needs, challenges and our successes. His good humor, honesty and integrity are his trademarks."



The theme of the 2019 Chamber Annual Meeting is "Strength & Resilience" and will feature keynote speaker Stefanie Schaffer. Stephanie will speak about the many facets of her journey of healing. Stefanie suffered critical injuries including broken bones, internal bleeding and the loss of both legs in a boat explosion in the Bahamas on a family vacation. Stefanie has gone through several surgeries, months of rehab, is learning to walk again and even driving a car. Hear about her tremendous strides, her positivity and the community support that surrounds her. Stefanie is also an official Ambassador for Gift of Life Marathon to spread the word about why it's important to give blood.

There will also be a brief presentation of the Chamber's accomplishments over the

past year, plans for the upcoming year and an update on the Real Rutland Regional Marketing Initiative.

The cost of the Annual Meeting is \$25 per person and is open to the public. Please pre-register by going to RutlandVermont.com/2019AnnualMeeting or calling 802-773-2747.



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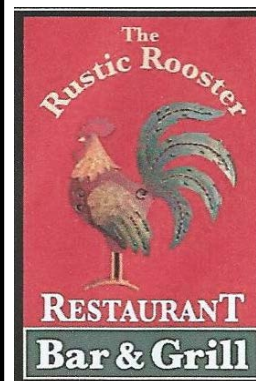
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Food for Thought feeds you the information you need to stay "on top of your game" while you age. This session will focus on tips for brain health and how to modify your current food patterns to maximize potential benefits for your brain. Participants will leave with the knowledge of lifestyle patterns that will promote brain health as they age.

University of Vermont faculty members Amy Nickerson, Registered Dietician Nutritionist, and Mary Val Palumbo, gerontological nurse practitioner at The University of Vermont Medical Center Memory Program, will lead the discussion. A light lunch will be served.

Weston Playhouse Theatre's Encore Society is a group of supporters whose vision and commitment include planned gifts that will ensure vibrant theatre for generations to come.

For more information and reservations visit: westonplayhouse.org or call 802-824-5288



Honor Our Past

Thursday, October 10th at the Mount St. Joseph Academy Gymnasium 6:00pm Cash Bar, 7:00pm Dinner Catered by Southside Steakhouse \$75 per ticket (advance purchase only)

Mount St. Joseph Academy and Christ the King School will hold their eleventh annual Honor our Past event at the Mount St. Joseph Academy Gymnasium, Thursday, October 10th. This is the Rutland Catholic Schools' flagship fundraiser which in the past has raised tens of thousands of dollars in scholarship donations and allows the CKS and MSJ Community to come together to show appreciation for alumni and faculty who go above and beyond for members of their communities. Honorees chosen for this award make the lives of others better because of the contributions of their time and, talent and the treasure of their knowledge. This year there are three deserving honorees.

The Distinguished Faculty Award honoree is former Christ the King Principal RoseMaria Doran. Mrs. Doran served the community of CKS as principal from 2000-2009 and championed raising scholarships to make Catholic education affordable for local families. She also spearheaded many humanitarian service projects such as when the CKS students collected and sent 11 boxes of school supplies to a girl's school in war-ravaged Habbaniyah, Iraq.

J. Brian Hart, CKS '95, MSJ '99 will be receiving our Unsung Hero Award for his role as CEO of KEYS for the Homeless Foundation Inc., which provides goods to those living in homeless shelters in the DC area. Brian also serves on the Board of Directors for the DC Alliance of Youth, which advocates for youth in the DC Metro area.

Robert P. McClallen, CKS '65, MSJ '69 will be honored with the Spirit of MSJ Award. Though a busy attorney at McClallen & Associates, P.C. in Rutland, which he runs with his sons, Rob receives the Spirit of MSJ Award for his many years at both schools where he's served as Board member. Rob is also recognized at MSJ as Chair of the Golf committee, running both the John Valente and the Michael Baker tournaments and as a tireless member of the Development Committee.

All are welcome to take part in the Honor Our Past raffle, which has fantastic prizes that have been donated by alumni and friends of the Mount! Some of the raffle prizes include: 2 Boston College basketball tickets; 2 Notre Dame football game tickets; \$100 Gift Certificate for Phebes Restaurant in New York City; 50 gallons of heating oil from Rutland Fuel; 4 Paramount tickets to one event (not all events available); Colonie Country Club Golf greens fees for three to play with BJ Costello. Tickets are 1 for \$20.00 or 6 for \$100.00 and can be purchased through contacting MSJ.



Wallingford Town Hall Concert Series Presents

DaddyLongLegs Wednesday, Oct. 2nd

A bluegrass trio, *DaddyLongLegs*, will be performing at Wallingford Town Hall on Wednesday, October 2 at 7:00 p.m. The band features three of Vermont's finest acoustic players. Violinist [David Gusakov](#) was a member of Burlington's progressive bluegrass pioneers Pine Island in the late 1970s and now performs with gypsy-jazz outfit Swing Noire. Banjo specialist [Rick Ceballos](#) and multi-instrumentalist [Matt Witten](#) are well known in Vermont traditional, old-time and bluegrass circles. The group performed at the Tinmouth Old Firehouse Concert series and more recently at the Brandon concert series. *DaddyLongLegs* will be the first in a series of Town Hall concerts. Suggested donations of \$10 to \$15 at the door. A non-profit group will host a bake sale.



Okemo Wildlife Corridor Conservation Project

The Mount Holly Conservation Trust, the Vermont Land Trust, and the State of Vermont are protecting forever a 346-acre property on Route 155 that connects the southern part of the Green Mountain National Forest with Okemo State Forest. This will guarantee that animals, increasingly on the move due to climate change, will have the uninterrupted habitat they need – a safe "corridor" exceeding 100 miles– for traveling to find food, mates, and territory.

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A critical link in a 100-mile wildlife corridor that connects the southern Green Mountain National Forest, Okemo State Forest, Coolidge State Forest, and the northern Green Mountain National Forest. Pristine land that is the source of the West River, Branch Brook, and Mill River.

Healthy high-elevation forest, streams, and wetlands that support an abundance of wildlife. Land the public can enjoy for dispersed recreation; existing VAST snowmobile and Catamount ski trails will remain. Thanks to everyone who has contributed so generously already!!

Of an \$813,000 project, we still need to raise \$75,000. We need your help to meet this goal. Please make your donation today.

Donate online: Visit vlt.org/donate and select 'Okemo Wildlife Corridor' from the drop-down menu.

Donate by mail: Send check, made payable to the Vermont Land Trust with "Okemo Wildlife Corridor" in the memo line, to: Vermont Land Trust, 8 Bailey Avenue Montpelier, VT 05602

See our booth at Cider Days for more information or contact Brigid Sullivan 259-2274, Jon McCann 802-829-9060 or any MHCT Board Member. mounthollyconservationtrust.org

Letter To Editor

Greta Thunberg made her way from Sweden on a sailboat to the US to encourage us to act on climate change. During an interview she was asked if there is a difference in the conversation between her country and the US and she stated in her country people see climate change as a fact whereas, in the US it is being discussed whether it is something you believe in or not. She is correct-even though 97% of peer reviewed scientists agree that burning fossil fuels among other human activities are the primary driver of the greenhouse gases, many in America still do not believe these facts. In this same interview Greta also stated "that up to 200 species go extinct every single day."

In order to support the young people who will be participating in the Global Climate Strike on September 20th, we are sharing a letter written by a sixth grader at Mount Holly School, discussing the use of single use plastic. This is just one aspect of the destruction we are leaving behind for our children. Our children deserve action now. Marcy Tanger, Penny Coldwell

Stop Producing Single-Use Plastic

Have you ever heard the phrase "Oh, what a perfect world"? Well, it's not. Believe me. One big problem that ruins this scenario is plastic. People need to stop producing so much plastic, in particular, single use plastic. Single use plastic is plastic that is used only once; for example, a candy wrapper. Plastic production first started being produced in the 1950s. Since then the plastic industry has boomed, with no thought to how it is impacting the environment. "We are now producing nearly **300 million** tons of plastic every year, half of which is for single use! More than 8 million tons of plastic is dumped into our oceans every year," says the website "Plastic Oceans". [I think it is time to ban single-use plastic globally.](#) First off, plastic production is dangerous for ocean life, secondly it is destroying plant and animal habitats and the human environment, and lastly, it is contributing to global warming and climate change.

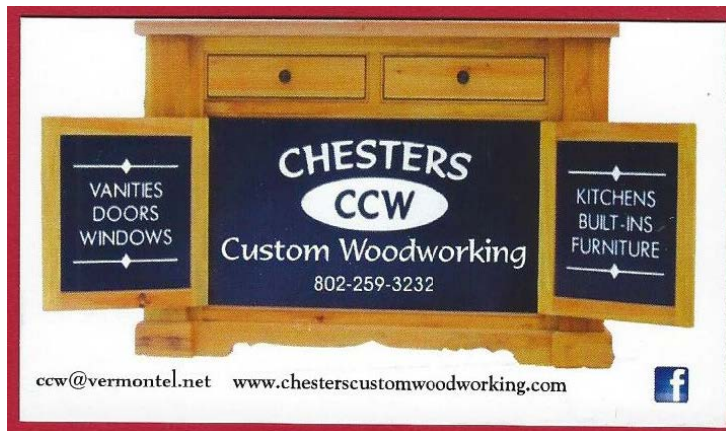
First of all, if we banned single-use plastic production it would ease the stress on ocean life. Many species often mistake plastic items as shade, shelter and even food! Several places in the world including the city of Portland, Oregon, the country of Bangladesh, and the state of New Mexico have already passed laws banning plastic bags because of the harm it does to the environment, and particularly the oceans. In fact, a whale was recently found with 88 pounds of plastic in its stomach. An article in Komonews states, "The whale was [found on a beach](#) in the Philippines. A necropsy uncovered sixteen rice bags, four banana bags and several shopping bags inside the whale's stomach"! Plastic products are also killing other ocean species such as seabirds, turtles, seals, and other life. Many oceans and seas have floating acres of plastic. The Great Pacific Garbage Patch (a collection of floating plastic trash halfway between Hawaii and California), is known for holding more than 600,000 square miles of garbage, yuck! That's twice the size of Texas! "Oceanologists and ecologists have recently discovered that about 70% of marine debris actually sinks to the bottom of the ocean", says National Geographic's website. This just proves that the production of single-use plastic must stop.

Secondly, plastic is destroying plant and animal habitats, as well, as the environment that we humans live in. Throughout the years plastic production has caused many natural habitats to become polluted. Most plastic ends up in landfills and takes thousands of years to breakdown. Over those years the toxic fumes and particles slowly creep into the soil polluting it, and plants try grow in those soils. That is like eating and living in plastic! Animals are either carnivores or herbivores, which means that animals either eat each other or they eat plants. Which means they eat animals that eat plastic-filled plants or they straight up eat the plant! Many garments are made of recycled plastic, including FLEECE! Yes, fleece is made of plastic. When fleece is washed little particles of plastic go down the drain and slowly make their way into the soil and ground. "Researchers in Germany [are warning](#) that the impact of microplastics in soils, sediments and freshwater could have a long-term negative effect on such ecosystems. They say terrestrial microplastic pollution is much higher than marine microplastic pollution – estimated at four to 23 times higher, depending on the environment" says UN Environment (the United Nations Environmental program). Remember we only have one earth and if plastic production keeps up, our world may simply die from plastic suffocation.

Most important of all, plastic production is affecting the world problem of global warming. As if we need any more convincing that plastic production is dangerous. "A study conducted by the University of Hawaii has demonstrated that when plastic is exposed to direct sunlight, it can react to produce the harmful greenhouse gases (GHG) methane and ethylene." Says the website Environmental

Technology. Only by limiting our amount of plastic production and recycling can we prevent the harmful health problems that come from plastics.

In conclusion, I think single-use plastic needs to stop being produced. It was a poor economic decision in the first place. If we don't stop using it, the entire earth will be a plastic patch just like the Great Pacific Garbage Patch. If every one of us does our part, no matter how small we think it is, it can change the world. Now it's your turn to help our world become a better and safer place for all living things. So I strongly say that plastic production must stop. Better health for all living things, a cleaner environment and habitats, and helping to reverse global warming and climate change will be the result. Then we can save our world and have a glorious planet!!!!!! Olive Skiathitis





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WESTON PLAYHOUSE THEATRE COMPANY PRESENTS PAULA VOGEL'S "INDECENT"

Weston Playhouse Theatre Company presents Paula Vogel's Tony-award-winning play about a group of actors who risked everything for theatre, **INDECENT (September 26 – October 20 | Walker Farm), Fri & Sat 7:30pm; Sat 2:00pm; Sun 3:00pm; Thurs Sept. 26 & Thurs Oct. 10 at 7:30pm.**

This deeply moving work charts the true story of a group of artists who risked their lives to put on a Broadway production and were arrested on opening night. **INDECENT** follows the writer, his play, and the people who fought to perform it against all odds. Written by the author of *HOW I LEARNED TO DRIVE* and *THE LONG CHRISTMAS RIDE HOME*, **INDECENT** is Weston's fifth American Masters production.

Says director **Jordan Fein**: "This play is so immediate. It's about making art and making theatre in a time when awful atrocities are occurring. It asks the questions 'why do we do it?' and 'how do we do it?'. It is overwhelming to think about how relevant it is. This play is about immigration, homosexuality, religion, assimilation, war...but ultimately, it's about how we continue to make art and live our lives in challenging times."

Fein is a Brooklyn-based director of theatre and opera. Recent select work includes *RAGS PARKLAND SINGS THE SONGS OF THE FUTURE* (Ars Nova - NY Times Best of 2018, Lucille Lortel Award), *DIE TOTE STADT* (Bard College), *SINGLET* (The Bushwick Starr), and *A RIDE ON THE IRISH CREAM* (American Realness Festival). Jordan is the Associate Director on the current Broadway revival of *OKLAHOMA!*.

The **INDECENT** creative team includes: **Scenic Designer Kimie Nishikawa**, (*AIN'T NO MO* and *Mobile Unit: A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM* at The Public Theater; *THE LIGHT* at MCC; *HELLO, FROM THE CHILDREN OF PLANET EARTH* at The Playwrights Realm; *TIN CAT SHOES* at Clubbed Thumb; *HENRY VI* at NAATCO); **Costume Designer Ásta Bennie Hostetter**, whose work was seen at Weston earlier this summer in *I AND YOU* (NYC: MRS. MURRAYS MENAGERIE at Mad Ones; *USUAL GIRLS*, *BOBBIE CLEARLY* at Roundabout Underground; *DANCE NATION*, *MILES FOR MARY*, *MEN ON BOATS* at Playwrights Horizon; *THE WOLVES* at Lincoln Center); **Lighting Designer Oona Curley** (Recent credits at NYTW, BAM, Vineyard, Longwharf, Guthrie, Public/UTR, ArsNova, Atlantic, Curtis Opera, La MaMa, Cherry Lane; Nominee for a Princess Grace Award; Recipient of Lotos Foundation Prize, J.S. Seidman Award for Design Excellence, Weston Award for Design; Zonta Award for Theatre Arts); **Sound Designer Jeff Aaron Bryant** (*GOOD AND NOBLE BEINGS* at NACL, Soho Rep Lab; *SINGLET* at Bushwick Starr, *SKIN OF OUR TEETH* at Bard College, *BONER KILLER* at Joe's Pub); **Choreographer Katie Rose McLaughlin** (*ORLANDO* at Williamstown Theatre Festival; *BEAR SLAYER* at Ars Nova; *THE BLACK CROOK* at Abrons Arts Center; *PARADE* at Yale Dramat; *SEAGULLMACHINE* at LaMaMa; Broadway: Associate Choreographer, *HADESTOWN*; Co-founder/artistic director of Designated Movement Co.); and **Music Director Ira Khonen Temple** (Off-Broadway: accordionist in *FIDDLER ON THE ROOF* in Yiddish; Music director: Great Small Works' *MUNTERGANG AND OTHER CHEERFUL DOWNFALLS*, the Aftselakhis Spectacle Committee Purimshpil, and Zoe Beloff's *DAYS OF THE COMMUNE*; co-founder of radical-traditional Yiddish music group Tsibele).

Paula Vogel's INDECENT plays at **Weston Playhouse at Walker Farm** (705 Main Street, Weston, VT). **Adult tickets range from \$45-69.** Discounts available for students. Prices do not include taxes or fees.

Single 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.

Okemo Valley TV Addresses Funding Cuts National threat to community TV spur action locally



Community access TV stations across the country are facing a serious threat to their primary funding source, cable TV “franchise fees”, following a federal rule change. Last month, the FCC (Federal Communications Commission) voted to approve a rule change in the way the fees are calculated. The “franchise fees” are charged to cable companies in exchange for their use of public lands and rights-of-way. In Vermont, they are earmarked specifically for community access TV, formally known as “Public, Educational, & Government (PEG) Access” (as defined by the 1984 Cable Act, and still the law of the land). The new rule change is expected to result in a significant loss in franchise fee revenue for the community stations not just in Vermont, but nationwide.

Locally, Okemo Valley TV cut its operating budget by 10% this year (starting July 1), in anticipation of the rule change, which was long-expected to pass. This comes on top of an unexpected 7% loss of franchise fee revenue the station began to experience last year, as a result of a change in the way that the areas (and nation’s) largest cable provider, Comcast, accounts for the franchise fees.

To address the losses in revenue, the station is scaling back on its open hours by 7 hours per week. Beginning September 16th, the station’s new hours of operations will be 10-5 on Mondays, Wednesdays, & Fridays, and 10-7 on Tuesdays & Thursdays. Okemo Valley TV’s Patrick Cody says they “have known for some time that we need to diversify our funding in a sustainable, meaningful way, and we’ve been working towards that. We also have to accept the impact of these latest hits and address them head-on”. He estimates that this reduction will account for most of this year’s budget cut.

The FCC rule change, on top of the other threats to franchise fee funding, is forcing organizations such as Okemo Valley TV to take action on its own and seek out solutions moving forward. The extent to which the FCC rule change will affect the bottom line of each organization is still a little hazy, but Kevin Christopher, President of Vermont Access Network (the statewide membership & advocacy organization), offers, “we’re preparing for dramatic shifts in funding and operations.” The Vermont Access Network has helped to create

the PEG Access Study Committee to help bring attention to the funding issues and to help find solutions. In an acknowledgement of the valuable role community access TV plays in Vermont, the committee was formed by the legislature during the past session and charged with the task of identifying viable new funding sources to help the long-term viability of community / PEG access TV.

“Now, more than ever, we need support from volunteers so that we can continue to put out the amazing diversity of community programming”, said Okemo Valley TV Board President Francis DeVine. The station welcomes community members to create programming of their own, providing equipment and offering training to those interested. Its two cable channels are found on Comcast 8 & 10, in Ludlow, Plymouth, & Cavendish, and Comcast 20 & 21 in Mount Holly. On VTel, Okemo Valley TV is on channels 166 and 167 system-wide. Program schedules and local programming can also be found online at okemovalley.tv. For more information or to get involved, call 228-8808 or visit the station’s website.

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Outer Limits Brewery GM Speaks to Ludlow Rotary

At its weekly luncheon meeting at DJ’s Restaurant, members of the Ludlow Rotary Club (LRC) heard the General Manager of Outer Limits Brewery, Steve Shaw, explain how this new business came into existence in Proctorsville.

Shaw highlighted the difficulties the company faced in satisfying the various demands of Act 250 to create a state-of-the-art brewery facility in a historic structure in Proctorsville. He also explained how the brewery will employ new techniques and equipment to produce quality beers. Among the many innovations implemented in this process was the use of an open air fermentation process which produced a subtle enhancement to the end product.

Shaw also explained some of the new features that Outer Limits will introduce in its menu, included brick oven baked pizza along with salads.

Pictured above are, from left to right, Mark Huntley, President of LRC, Steve Shaw, and LRC Rotarian Kevin Barnes.


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. By Ralph Pace



Onset of EAB Crisis Discussed on Okemo Valley TV



Bennington County to the South. She noted that the spread of EAB took from two and five years to be detected. She suggested that more information on EAB was available at vtinvasives.org. A local web site has been created that also deals with this crisis, ludloweab.com. Pictured above are Ralph Pace and Barbara Schultz as they discuss the EAB problem on Okemo Valley TV. More information on viewing the "Spotlight" program may be found at okemovalley.tv.



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Dear Editor,

The Black River Independent School Committee (BRISC) would like to thank the students and families that came to the Pizza Party to learn more about our efforts to open Black River Independent School. We loved fielding your questions and sharing our vision for the future. The turnout and energy was inspiring!

A special thanks to Mangiamo's Restaurant for hosting the event and for providing us with the perfect space to mingle and present our progress and pillars for the school. We hope to host more events like this in the future.

Anyone who was unable to attend the Pizza Party can learn more at www.blackriveris.org or by emailing blackriverindependentschool@gmail.com. A heartfelt thanks for all of your support! Sincerely, Kristen Garvey & BRISC





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Thursday, 10/03/2019,	Rutland, Parker House,	10am
Thursday, 10/03/2019,	Rutland, Bardwell House,	12:30pm
Wednesday, 10/30/2019,	Rutland, Godnick Adult Center,	12:30am

The cost of the foot clinic is \$10. Please contact 802.775.0568 to find a clinic near you. No appointment necessary.

Cholesterol Screening: Wednesday, 10/02/2019, Rutland, Rutland office of VNAHSR, 8:30am

The cost is \$30. Call 802.775.0568 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.

Flu Clinics

Rutland – Every Friday in October, Rutland Office of VNAHSR, park down in the lower parking lot, 9am – noon. Visit our website for a listing for other flu clinics near you. For more information call 802.77.0568.

Ostomy Support Meeting

The Vermont Ostomy support meeting will be held Saturday, October 12th from 10:30am - noon at the VNA & Hospice of the Southwest Region, 7 Albert Cree Drive, Rutland, and park down in the lower parking lot. For more information contact Kate Lawrence, MSN, RN, CWOCN, ET/WOC NURSE at 802.770.1682 or email kate.lawrence@vnahsr.org.



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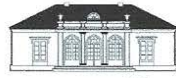
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