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Mount Holly Chit Chat



March 2014

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E. Wallingford Baptist – SS 10:00 am – Worship 11:00 am Evening 6:30 pm Phone 259-2831 www.ewbaptist.com

Lighthouse Independent Baptist Church-SS 11 am & 3 pm until May, 11 am & 6 pm 253 S. Main St. Rutland, 802-779-0300

St. Patrick's Mass, Wallingford Sat 4 pm Sun 9:15 am Rev Justin Baker, Phone 446-2161

Annunciation Mass, Ludlow, Sat 4 pm, Sun 8 am & 11 am **Proctorsville** Sun 9:30 am, Rev. Romanus Igweonu Ph. 228-3451

Okemo Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce – Marji Graf 228-5830

Town Library: Sat 9-1 Sun 2-4 Mon 3-7 Wed 3-7 Mt. Holly Town Library, 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

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

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

Sat 1st **42nd Annual Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race Begins Anchorage, Alaska ~ Peace Corps Founded 1961**

Sun 2nd Sno*Drifters Meeting, Belmont Fire Station 8:00am

Fire Dept. Business Meeting, Belmont Fire Station 7:00 pm

3rd **Town Meeting:** Mt Holly School Board Annual Meeting, MHS Gym 7:00 pm

Alexander Graham Bell 1847 ~ "Star Spangled Banner" Made Us National Anthem 1931

4th **VOTE!!** Mount Holly Town Office Polls Open 10:00 am - 7:00 pm

5th Mt. Holly Community Association Meeting, Library 7:00 pm

Mt. Holly School Board Meeting, BRMHS Library 6:00 pm

Union #39 School Board Meeting, BRMHS Library 7:00 pm

6th *Michelangelo di Lodovico Buonarroti Simoni 1475*

Sun 9th **Hare/Rabbit Season Ends ~ Daylight Savings Begins/ Spring Ahead**

10th Rescue Squad Meeting, Rescue Squad Building 7:00 pm

11th Community Guild Meeting, IOOF Hall, Belmont 9:00 am

Selectmen's meeting, Town Office 7:30 pm

Fire Dept. Drill, Mt. Holly Fire Station 7:00 pm

Mason Meeting, Mt. Moriah Lodge, E. Wallingford 8:00 pm

12th Fire Dept. Ladies Auxiliary Meeting, Belmont Fire Station *Girl Scouts Founded 1912* 7:00 pm

Mt. Holly PTC Meeting, Mt. Holly School Library 3:00 pm

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

Fire Dept. Work Detail, Fire Stations Mt. Holly & Belmont 7:00 pm

Crow Hunting Season ~ Albert Einstein 1879

Sat 15th **Walleye Season ~ Ice Fishing For Trout, Salmon & Bass Ends**

17th Mount Holly Planning Commission, Town Office *St. Patrick's Day* 7:30 pm

18th Mt. Holly Town Library Meeting, Library, Belmont 7:00 pm

Fire Dept. Drill, Fire Stations 7:00 pm

20th **Muskrat Hunting Season ~ Spring Begins ~ Vernal Equinox**

Sat 22nd *Civil Rights March 1965*

Sun 23rd **National Diabetes Alert Day**

24th Rescue Squad Meeting, Rescue Squad Building 7:00 pm

25th Community Guild Meeting, IOOF Hall, Belmont 9:00 am

Fire Dept. Work Detail, Fire Station 7:00 pm

26th ODD Fellows Meeting, IOOF Hall, Belmont 7:00 pm

31st **Beaver & Muskrat Trapping Season Ends ~ Cesar Estrada Chavez US Labor Organizer 1927**

Emergency Services

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Mount Holly Fire Warden – Jim Seward	786-3408		259-2211	American Red Cross	802-773-9159
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Mount Holly Constable Paul Faenza	802-245-4452		802-786-4404	Health Officer - Tim Bickford	259-3664
Animal Control For Mt. Holly mhconstable@yahoo.com			802-786-4404	Vermont State Police	773-9101

Send ARTICLES to: Diana Garrow, 3379 Shunpike Rd., Mt. Holly, VT 05758 Phone 259-2314 or E-Mail to

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March Birthdays: 1st -Jessica Duarte * Kimberly Chadburn. 2nd -Doris Nelson * Donald Reiser * Nicole Reiser. 3rd - Alexander Melville * Violet Colm. 5th -Morgan Coldwell * James Johnson * Alexa McCallum. 6th -Zoe Davis. 7th -Elijah Teter. 8th -Mike Dawley Sr. * Harold Chadburn. 9th -Hanna Colm. 12th -Julie Parsells. 13th -Debbie Woods * Elizabeth Manuel 1995. 14th -Shawn Wortman. 15th -Cassandra Parsels * Karen Ham. * Frank Gerdin. 19th -Patric Melvin * Andrew Garrow * Eureka Johnson-Biczko. 20th -Bill Jacobs. 21st -Jeremiah Johnson. 22nd -John Taylor * Rachel Manuel 1971. 23rd -Megan Carrara. 25th -Nicole Griffin * Lucy Columb. 28th -Matt Nowosad * Bessie Centini. * Nick Gwiazda. 29th -Nancy Columb. 30th -April Melvin * Mary Nortunen.



March Anniversaries: 3rd -Jerome & Natalie Brown (52nd) 5th -Matt & Eleanor Nowosad. 26th -Raymond & Linda Tarbell.

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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3379 Shunpike Rd., Mount Holly, VT 05758 Phone 802-259-2314. E-

mail or mail articles on Town news, events, and issues; op-eds and

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the annual report and election of the Board of Directors

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the Town

VOTE

Town Meeting March 3rd, 7 pm

MH School Gym

Voting Australian Ballot March 4th

MH Town Office 10 am – 7 pm



Anna M. "Annell" Dubeau

Anna M. "Annell" Dubeau, 90, died January 25, 2014, at Mountain View Center in Rutland. She was born May 18, 1923, in East Wallingford, daughter of John and Ada (Graves) McCann. She graduated from Wallingford High School and Castleton State College.

For many years, Mrs. Dubeau taught school in Hortonville, Tarbellville, Mount Holly and East Wallingford. She married James F. Dubeau on August 4, 1947.

She and her husband were active members of St. Mary's Church (Our Mother Of Mercy) in Mount Holly, VT.

Survivors include two daughters, Jean Knutson and husband, Dan, of Milton, and Debra Davis and husband, Ted, of Middlebury; a son, Gary Dubeau and wife, Martha, of West Rutland; five grandchildren, six great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews and cousins. She was predeceased by her husband, James F. Dubeau on April 6, 2005, and a sister, Rosemary McCann in 2010.

There were no calling hours only the funeral service held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, February 12, 2014, at St. Patrick's Church in Wallingford. A reception followed in the parish center.

Burial will be held at a later date in Maple Grove Cemetery in East Wallingford.

Memorial contributions may be made to Mount Holly Rescue Squad, Mount Holly, VT 05758. Arrangements are under the direction of Clifford Funeral Home in Rutland.

Lois E. (Witham) Wortman

Lois E. (Witham) Wortman, 87, died Sunday, Jan. 26, 2014, at Mountain View Genesis in Rutland after a long illness. She was born Dec. 5, 1926, in West Rutland and attended West Rutland schools.

She was married to Clayton J. Wortman on Sept. 28, 1946 and they raised their family in Mount Holly. He predeceased her on Dec. 11, 2004, after 58 years of marriage.

She was employed at GE for many years. She enjoyed playing bingo and family gatherings.

She was a member of United Church of West Rutland where she sang in the choir.

Survivors include three children, C. James Wortman, Linda Hickory, both of West Rutland, and Carroll Wortman of Arizona City, Ariz.; several grandchildren and great-grandchildren; two sisters, Alta Johnson of Ira and Josephine Clifford of West Yarmouth, Mass; many nieces and nephews.

Besides her parents, she was predeceased by three brothers, Adelbert, Edwin, and Arthur Witham; and four sisters, Edith Priest, Althea Tiraboschi, Lee Romeo, and Murtha Brown.

Visiting hours were held at Clifford Funeral Home from 4 to 6 p.m. Monday, Feb. 3 with a funeral service held at the funeral home on Tuesday, Feb. 4, at 11 a.m.

Burial will take place in Maple Grove Cemetery in East Wallingford in the spring. Donations in her memory may be made to a charity of one's choice.

~~at the Clifford Funeral Home, 90 Mt. Vernon Street, Rutland, VT 05701.~~

Frederick Wheeler Jordan

Frederick Wheeler Jordan, 90 of West Chester, PA died on February 5 in Hallstead, PA at the home of his daughter following a lengthy illness.

Mr. Jordan was married to his wife, Charlotte Thomas (Wright) Jordan, for 65 years and, they also maintained a summer home in Belmont, Vt. , where they enjoyed antiquing, yard sales, church dinners and sitting on their back porch.

Born in Long Branch, N.J., on July 17, 1923, Mr. Jordan was the son of the late Frederick and Marguerite Jordan of West Chester. He graduated from Springfield High School, Delaware County, and earned a degree in civil engineering from Drexel University where he played football.

A veteran of the Army Air Corps, he was employed by the Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority and was the general manager of SEPTA's Red Arrow division when he retired. A pilot, Mr. Jordan had a lifelong love of transportation - airplanes, railroads, trolleys and cars. He also was a cat lover. He also was a member and past master of the Goshen Grange.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by four daughters, Sharman, wife of Robert H. Ludwick, of Exton, Pa.; Dale, wife of Tom McMinn, of Salt Lake City, Utah, and Clearwater, Fla. .; Peg, wife of Dan Glezen, of Hallstead, Pa.; and Kathy, wife of Tom Lange, of Cary, N.C.; 11 grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren (with three more on the way).

He will be greatly missed by his family and friends. The family would like to extend its sincere thanks to the team of loving caregivers. A private memorial celebration will be held at the convenience of the family.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Mr. Jordan's memory can be made to the Hospice of the Sacred Heart; please e-mail wecare@hospicesacredheart.org or call (570) 706-2400.

Many Thanks

It was a delightful surprise to have the Impi Cole family stop by my house and sing Christmas carols. I want to thank them for this wonderful gift of music. Mary Nortunen

Thanks

"A heartfelt thanks to one and all for your prayers, thoughts, cards, and gifts of kindness relating to my so far successful back surgery. We have a special town filled with special people and Dave and I thank you from the bottom of our hearts. Sincerely, Carol and Dave Venter"



Mount Holly Chit Chat

The Chit Chat, published monthly, has been Mount Holly's source of home town news and information since March 1974. Building on a tradition established by Lucile Priest, Betty Merlin and Miles Richards, the paper has greatly increased its coverage and its reach over these past 40 years.

In FY 2007, with the help of grant funds available to the Planning Commission, the distribution list of the paper was doubled to include all households in town. For FY 2008, with those grant funds no longer available, the Select Board budgeted modest funds to cover increased costs of printing and the valuable information it disseminates about such matters as deliberations and hearing on the town plan, solid waste and transfer station news, vacancies in town offices, and more.

In 2007, the Chit Chat incorporated and was granted IRS tax-exempt status. An organizational meeting was held where membership was conferred upon any individual making an annual donation to the Chit Chat in any amount. Policies were developed relating to advertising rates, submissions, and opinion pieces.



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In addition, the Chit Chat Board voted to seek an annual appropriation from Town Meeting in support of publication, including printing and mailing costs and a small stipend for the editor who spends an average of 40 hours each month assembling and mailing the paper. The appropriation request on the Town Meeting ballot is **\$2,500** so as to help defray the rising cost of postage, printing and any other cost associated with the production of the Chit Chat each month. The FY 2014 town budget does not include any other funds for the Chit Chat.

September 2013 Officers and Directors were elected, as follows: Diana Garrow, Editor and Treasurer; Dennis Devereux, President; Susan Crawford, Vice President; Barbara Ludwig, Secretary; Directors: Heather Garrow, Christine Pratt and David Venter.

Our community is defined by the committed involvement of countless residents. Month after month, the Chit Chat shines a light on that citizen participation and illuminates the elements of our daily lives so that we can be informed and up-to-date on all things local. Our thanks to Diana Garrow, editor, for her dedication.

If anyone is not receiving the Chit Chat and would like to, please call Diana Garrow at 802-259-2314 or email chitchat@vermontel.net. To become a Member, send a tax deductible donation payable to: Mount Holly Chit Chat, 3379 Shunpike Rd., Mount Holly, VT 05758. Check out the Chit Chat on the Town Web Site at: www.mounthollyvt.org The Mount Holly Chit Chat Board

Mount Holly Community Art Group Show

The Mount Holly Community Art group will have an opening reception on Friday February 28 at 7 PM at the Mount Holly Community room. We wish to show the works that we

have produced over the last two years. We welcome all those interested to join our group free of charge every Saturday morning 10:30 AM also at the Community Center (under the library). Madeleine Fay (coordinator)

Divergent Book Discussion

The Fletcher Memorial Library partners with The Book Nook to present a book discussion of Veronica Roth's bestselling young adult novel *Divergent*. Teens and adults are invited to the library on Saturday, March 15th from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. for a lively discussion with trivia, food, and a raffle for tickets to the *Divergent* movie, coming to theaters March 21st!

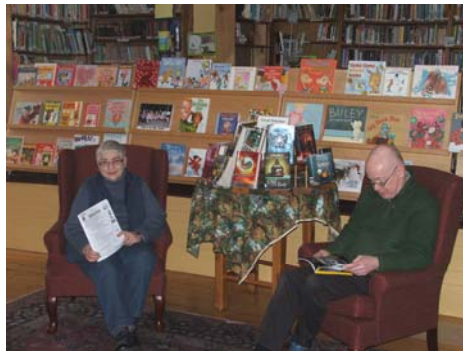
Review of *Divergent* from goodreads.com: In Beatrice Prior's dystopian Chicago world, society is divided into five factions, each dedicated to the cultivation of a particular virtue--Candor (the honest), Abnegation (the selfless), Dauntless (the brave), Amity (the peaceful), and Erudite (the intelligent). On an appointed day of every year, all sixteen-year-olds must select the faction to which they will devote the rest of their lives. For Beatrice, the decision is between staying with her family and being who she really is--she can't have both. So she makes a choice that surprises everyone, including herself.

During the highly competitive initiation that follows, Beatrice renames herself Tris and struggles alongside her fellow initiates to live out the choice they have made. Together they must undergo extreme physical tests of endurance and intense psychological simulations, some with devastating consequences. As initiation transforms them all, Tris must determine who her friends really are--and where, exactly, a romance with a sometimes fascinating, sometimes exasperating boy fits into the life she's chosen. But Tris also has a secret, one she's kept hidden from everyone because she's been warned it can mean death. And as she discovers unrest and growing conflict that threaten to unravel her seemingly perfect society, Tris also learns that her secret might help her save the ones she loves . . . or it might destroy her.

Copies of the book are available at the library and The Book Nook. The event will be held at the library, located at 88 Main Street in Ludlow, VT. Please use the rear entrance.



C.W. Parmenter
Library Founder



Congratulations Chit Chat!
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Mount Holly Library Reading Discussion Group

Come join the Mount Holly Library Reading Discussion Group on March 12th at Fern Melvin's on the Tiffany Road. Meeting time is 7:00 p.m. We are reading *A Girl Named Zippy*, *Growing Up Small in Mooreland, Indiana* by Haven Kimmel. Copies of the books are available from Jane at the post office. Call Minga at 259-2471 with any questions.



Mount Holly Community Association

The wonderful **art classes** that have been on-going for the past two years have borne fruit and their chief mentor and guide, Madeleine Fay, would like you to join the artists at a **reception and show** of their work on Friday, February 28th at 7:00 pm. It is remarkable what these women have accomplished! (Yes, they are currently all women, but they would love to have some men join them.) Their pieces have been hung in the Community Room in the Library & Community Center building. Please join us there for some light refreshments and to congratulate this group of budding and accomplished artists!

Save the Date! The Community Association's welcome to spring is the annual **Spring Mud Fling** to be held this year on Saturday, April 5th. The doors open at 8:00 pm and **Fry Daddy** will once again take the

stage at the Odd Fellows Hall at 9:00 pm. This has become the absolute "don't miss" dance event of the year, as Fry Daddy keeps us rollicking until late into the evening. Last year there was a packed house with both older and younger folks crowding the dance floor the entire night. There's no better way to shake off the mud season blues than a few turns around the floor with Fry Daddy. See you all on April 5th at the Odd Fellows!

The **Community Room** continues to be a favorite venue for small parties and was rented quite a bit this winter. If you are looking for a lovely room in which to have a party for up to 50 people, please contact Carol DeVine (259-2562 or cgosedevine@yahoo.com), or Lynne Herbst, our librarian (259-3703). If you are a non-profit organization, the room is free. Otherwise, there is a minimal charge ...\$15/hour for MHCA members and \$25/hour for non-members.



SUPPORT THE MOUNT HOLLY TOWN LIBRARY

Where is the one place all people in Mount Holly can come for inspiration, information, entertainment, and where they can easily explore new hobbies, careers, and share ideas? The answer is YOUR LIBRARY. The library is THE place that provides free books, DVDs, CDs, magazines, WI-FI, internet access, classes, and entertainment. We are a gathering place where families connect and friendships are made.



Your library board of trustees asks that you support our request for funds by voting YES on article #7. Thank you.
Board of Directors: President Susan Presson, Vice President Joan Bradley, Secretary Minga Dana, Treasurer Paul Tesik,
Members at large: Nancy Connor, Joan McCallum, Candace Neary, Stephanie Smith and Emma Vastola

MOUNT HOLLY TOWN LIBRARY

Jane Beck, Vermont's Distinguished Folklorist – Presents Program - Jane Beck, founder of the Vermont Folklife Center has had a career of amazing accomplishments in the field of Vermont history by documenting it, preserving it and presenting it back to its people. On **Sunday, April 6th at 4 pm** Dr. Beck will present a slide presentation and lecture looking at the artistry of Vermonters, their stories and their connection to Vermont and its culture. Ms. Beck has dedicated her life to capturing examples of traditional Vermont art and educating people to appreciate it in terms of a real culture. She has put together more than 30 folk art exhibits which have included a wide range of materials, from textiles to carvings, and from whirligigs to miniatures—all exquisitely crafted within informal traditions and practices passed down the generations. She was instrumental in archiving 4,000 interviews and 20,000 photographs of Vermonters at the Folklife Center in Middlebury, Vermont. Don't miss the opportunity to hear this foremost authority on Vermont and its people.

Computer Intern Karen Steever - Don't miss the opportunity to spend some time with our computer intern. She has been holding sessions with individual folks every Sunday from 1 to 4 pm. You can sign up for a specific time or just drop in and tell us how we can help. Karen will only be with us until June; now is the time to take advantage of her expertise. Folks that have already come by have been helped with their computer/internet questions. No question is too basic or too complicated. Need help filling out online applications? Want to Skype with your friends? Or just understand the different facets of your equipment? This is the place to come!!

- **Playgroup – Every Tuesday 10 am - Birth to 5 year olds**
- **Folk Club – Every Monday – 7 pm**
- **Middle East Study Group – Second Thursday of the Month – 6 pm**
- **Library Board Meeting – Third Wednesday of the month – 7 pm**

Mount Holly Town Library



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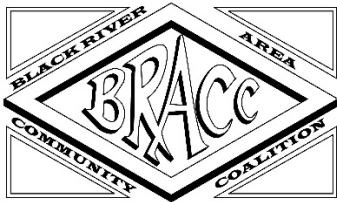
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The Black River Area Community Coalition (BRACC) and the Rutland Area Prevention Coalition (RAP) are working together to provide the Mount Holly, East Wallingford and Shrewsbury communities with information regarding Prescription Drug Abuse Prevention.

According to the 2011 Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's National Survey on Drug Use and Health (NSDUH), more than six million Americans abuse prescription drugs. Among youth who are 12 to 17 years old, 7.4 percent report past year non-medical use of prescription drugs. In the 2013 Monitoring the Future survey, 50 percent of 12th grade students reported receiving prescription drugs from a friend, while 18 percent took them from a relative without permission. Many students believe prescription drugs are safer than illicit ones, since they are prescribed by a doctor

Properly disposing of excess drugs is everyone's responsibility

TOWN OF MOUNT HOLLY DOG LICENSE REMINDER

This is just a reminder to any dog owners that you will need to register your dog(s) by April 1, 2014 at the Mount Holly Town Office. Your rabies certificate must be current. The fees for licensing are as follows:

Dog or Wolf hybrid neutered (male and female)	=	\$10.00
Dog or Wolf hybrid un-neutered	=	\$14.00

The Mount Holly Town Office is open 8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Monday – Thursday. The phone number is 259-2391 if you have any questions. Susan C. Covalla, Mount Holly Town Clerk

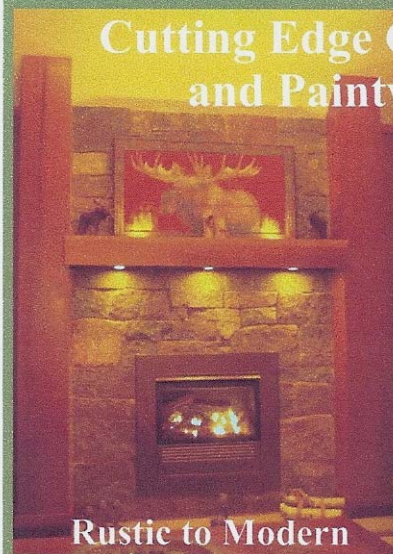
DOG & CAT RABIES CLINIC

Date: Saturday, March 22, 2014
Time: 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Place: Mount Holly Town Office
Cost: \$12.00 per rabies shot
Vet: Dr. Lisa Hickman

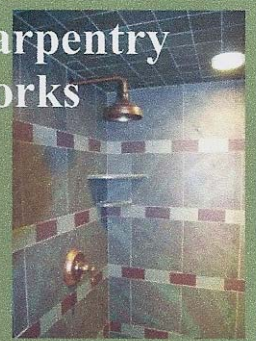


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as a matter of public safety. Many police departments have or are now in the process of installing permanent drug take back boxes, so citizens won't have to wait for a specific take-back day to clean out their medicine cabinets. Pet medications are accepted as well. Locally, the Ludlow Police Department maintains a take back box in their lobby. Prescription drugs are accepted seven days a week from 8am to 4pm, no questions asked. Unfortunately they cannot accept liquids, hypodermic needles, inhalers or aerosols at this time. For disposal of those items please visit www.fda.gov.

In October, 2013 3,429lbs of prescription medications were collected in Vermont during National Take Back Day, which is held twice a year. April 26th is the next scheduled date.

We would also like to remind adults that purchasing alcohol for minors or allowing them to consume alcohol is a crime, punishable by jail or fines up to \$10,000.

For more information please contact the coalition office at (802) 228-7878.

Visit our Facebook page for information on current trends and events.

Daylight Savings Begins
Sunday March 9th
Spring Ahead 1 Hour



The Laughter You're After

Jesus was a happy man. He was comfortable enough in His skin to joke and laugh and enjoy weddings and parties. This stands in stark contrast to most of the paintings we see of Him. How often is He seen laughing? I think when He told of a man with a large plank hanging out of his eye trying futilely to retrieve a speck from the eye of another man, the crowd was roaring. Or when He told of a rich man getting into heaven being as difficult as a camel squeezing through the eye of a needle, His followers pictured a tailor trying to thread the camel's tail through a needle's eye. They thought that was hilarious. Jesus was the kind of contagiously joyful man who drew children to His knee and made them feel loved and included. He took His Father seriously, but He did not take Himself too seriously. That is why He could look for the humor and fun even in the adverse circumstances of life. His message was that every 60 seconds we spend angry, upset, or

mad, is a full minute of happiness forfeited that we will never get back.

Everybody wants to be happy. But many look in all the wrong places. Proverbs says, "Whoever trusts in the Lord, happy is he." The Scottish preacher, Andrew Murray said, "Joy is God in your blood." Joy and happiness have only one source, God himself. Life may not be the party we hoped for, but while we're here we should DANCE.

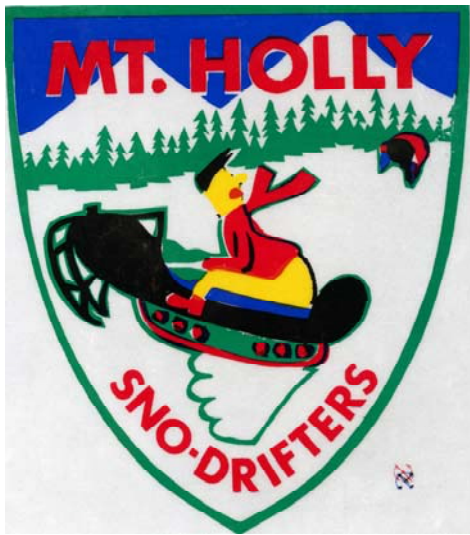
The foundation, the dance floor on which to celebrate life, is a proper relationship with Christ. But to fully experience that happiness we've got to build on that foundation in practical ways. So here are TEN RULES FOR HAPPIER LIVING

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| 1. Give something away | 6. Look intently into a newborn's face & marvel |
| 2. Do a kindness | 7. Laugh often---it's one of life's chief lubricants |
| 3. Give thanks always. (Jesus did.) | 8. Pray to know <i>God's</i> way (not <i>yours</i> or else) |
| 4. Work with two companions: Vim and Vigor | 9. Plan as though you will live forever---you will |
| 5. Visit the elderly and learn from their wisdom | 10. Live as tho' today is your last day on earth |
- (Martin Luther said, "If I knew today was my last day I would still plant my apple tree.")

Undergird the above with praise and your happiness will be complete. There is no circumstance that can keep you from God's joy. You can actually be an *agent* of joy and draw people to Jesus Christ who is the source of joy. He said, "*I have told you these things so that you can have the same joy I have and so that your joy will be the fullest possible joy.*"
Pastor Glenn Davis Village Baptist vbch@weebly.com

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Mt. Holly Sno*Drifters

Hello Snowmobilers,

The MT Holly Sno*Drifters would like to thank all our landowners for their kindness in letting us utilize and maintain our trails, on their property. Our snowmobile trails would not exist without your generosity. Our club appreciates you every day, as we ride in this beautiful town and state.

I also want to share this sticker that was made in the late 70's. Apparently the MT Holly Sno*Drifters was looking for a new logo back then and asked the students at the MT Holly School to come up with ideas, they made it into a competition. MT Holly resident Dirk Beardsmore took that chance and drew the snowmobiler on the sticker. We also have a few patches left too. Dirk stated to me that he still has the certificate he won and remembers the competition clearly.

Our club is looking into purchasing a side by side utility type vehicle (UTV). The purpose of this machine similar to an ATV is to utilize it all year round. The UTV will have tracks similar to a snowmobile for the winter and wheels for off season. We would be able to use this machine not only for grooming, but for trail work as well. We will be able to carry equipment such as chain and pole saws on the vehicle making it

easier to clear the trails after a storm, if we decide to go this route. The plan would be to sell our two Skandik grooming machines and frenchie drags in order to purchase this machine, along with a new drag. President, Steve Forest and Trail Master, Steve Howlett have been researching and test driving a variety of UTV's. Other clubs and private landowners across the state are using these machines and rave about their versatility. As a club we need to vote on whether or not to go this route. We encourage everyone to attend our next meeting on March 2nd at 8:00 AM at the Belmont Fire Station to hear the discussions and vote on whether or not to purchase a UTV.

On March 8th we are planning a fun day at Star Lake at Odd Fellows Hall in Belmont. This event will take place between 11:00 and 3:00 with a BBQ and other festivities. Meet the officers and our dependable volunteers, pass the word around, and bring your friends.

Join us on facebook.com and look up - MT Holly Sno*Drifters - Check out the groomers breaking the salt ash trail and pictures of snowmobilers getting stuck. Who had the best dig out photo from the great 30 inch snow storm (one of those is me). Check out our new website (still under construction, but we are getting there) at mthollysnodrifters.org. Hope you all riding and having FUN! Please show your support and remember we are always in need of volunteers. RIDE SAFE and RESPONSIBLE!!! Mary Alberty, Secretary



If you haven't joined the more than 50 families in Mount Holly who have weatherized their homes, now is your chance!

Fifty six Mount Holly homes have been weatherized in less than 3 years; your neighbors are saving money on fuel this cold winter and have warmer houses. The cost of home energy audits is still only \$100 and the incentives for weatherizing your home make 2014 a good year to weatherize.

One free energy audit will be awarded in March-so sign up. Enter your name in the contest for a free energy audit. Call Marcy at 259-2344 for more information or sign up at town meeting.

NeighborWorks H.E.A.T. Squad can help you make the home energy efficiency improvements that will qualify you for the Efficiency Vermont Incentives. It all starts with a \$100 energy audit which analyzes the efficiency of your home and makes prioritized improvement recommendations. Call the NeighborWorks Heat Squad to schedule an energy audit as the first step to a more comfortable, energy efficient home. Call Lorrie at (802) 438-2303 x 227.

If you have any questions about this program or would like a brochure or more information, please feel free to contact NeighborWorks at (802) 438-2303 x 227.

Join your Mt. Holly neighbors who are living in a more comfortable home and saving significant money on their fuel bills!





Going to the Sochi Olympics

Our whirlwind trip from Belmont to Sochi Russia started after Pat went to Mammoth, CA for the last qualifiers for the U.S Olympic Halfpipe Team. While she was there, Hannah had three 3rd place finishes which put her on the Olympic team, just a few short weeks before the Olympics. We quickly started figuring out plane, lodging and Visa requirements for Russia. We were going to meet up with our son Abe who was coaching a Australian and Elijah who was coaching Hannah and Kaitlin Farrington and Ayumu Hirano from Japan whom won the silver metal for mens pipe.

After we booked our flights, we noticed there was more media terrorist threat stories in our news and (Jeff) I'll admit I was a little spooked at first but then realized it was just media fear hype to give the Russian Olympics a black eye. (Maybe their still mad about Russia giving

Snowden asylum).

Well, somehow we pulled it all together and got our Visa's in time and we were off to Russia. We stayed in a small hotel by the black sea about a mile from the Olympic Coastal cluster in Adler, which is apart of Sochi we were told. Our son Elijah stayed with us at our hotel and had arrived there 3 days before us. Thankfully he had the mission of getting us up to the mountain cluster figured out; taxi to train 15 minutes, train to the mountain area of Rosa Khutor 45 minutes, walk 20 min to bus, bus to gondola 10 min, gondola 10 min and then a 20 min walk with about a thousand steps to the half pipe. Around 2 and a half hours total and then the same back down. We heard his first trip up there was way longer. We found we had to give up our regular nights sleep to pull this everyday with the events ending around 10:30 pm. It was so worth being in the area we did stay though, amongst the local Russian people whom were wonderful, caring, always looking out for us. It was also worth every bit of effort to be present to see both Hannah and Elijah do such an amazing job!!! It was an honor to be there to support them.

Some fun facts:

- * Hannah was given 4th in half pipe. The scores were some of the closest we've seen in a women's halfpipe event. She rode so well!

- * Elijah received the best coach award from Gold medalist Kaitlin Farrinton, which was well deserved!
- * We would sometimes get off the bus 10 blocks away and walk to the hotel on back streets at 3AM and never felt unsafe.
- * Perfect weather in Adler with mid 60s and sunny, and up in the mountains 30 degrees and calm wind.

All the Russian people we met were very friendly and tried to be helpful in any way they could. An example would be when we were walking about the neighborhood we stayed in, and got stuck in a dead end, we turn around and there was a local elderly Russian women whom we had passed earlier that had come to find us and show us the right way to walk to get to the coast. (no English spoken)

We printed google maps to show the taxi drivers where we needed to go, which worked well thankfully since it was so hard for us to attempt Russian language and make any sense to them.

The mountains where the events were held were stunningly beautiful and looked like the back country of Alaska except way at the top of those pointy peaks you could see a lift tower, all to the joy of the snowboarders and skiers. They said it was some of the best they had ever ridden. We found that the Russians did an overall great job putting on these Olympic Games and we felt very safe. Defiantly a once in a life time experience. Pat, Jeff and Josh Teter



The Mount Holly Chit Chat Celebrates 40th Anniversary With This Issue

The Chit Chat has been a valuable resource for the last forty years. The dream of Lucile Priest was to have a monthly issue available that would inform everyone on the doings in our community. She would be pleased to know that many people have helped to keep the Chit Chat alive. From the beginning it provided a calendar of events for organizations. This included monthly meeting dates, local business advertising, and information on special events.

Congratulations on 40 Years!

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The entire board would like to thank everyone for their support in keeping our wonderful little monthly paper a vibrant part of our community happening. Officers: Dennis Devereux, Susan Crawford, Barbara Ludwig, Diana Garrow
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Early on Lucile had offers to help out with typing, printing, and the delivery of the four-page long paper. Some others from the early startup included Betty Wheelock Merlin and Gladys Hudak. See "Special Thanks" from the first edition that refers to people that provided information. Some excerpts from the first issue also mention several reasons why it was created. It has become a source for information on museum programs, library hours, the Community Guild, the monthly dinners, and a local business directory. And later other organizations like the Garden Club and Community Association were added. For many years the minutes have been posted from the select board and planning commission meetings. The monthly issues are also made available to some surrounding communities, and mailed to many of our out-of-state visitors.

This list recognizes some of the many individuals that have helped keep the newsletter going over the years. Miles and Mamie Richards, Gerald George, Garfield Potter, Pat Morton, Stella Beauchain, John Notte, Eugene and Lillian Thibodeaus, Ferris Harris, Krey Kellington, Hazel Devereux, Don and Carroll Tarbell, Angie Bussino, Linda Deyette, Wendy Turco, Diana and Roger Garrow, Heather Garrow and Jeff Keller.

By 2007, the Chit Chat had grown to nearly 1000 copies per month, and donations and ad fees could no longer cover the costs. It was decided to incorporate as a non-profit organization with a board. This was accomplished through the efforts of Phil and Linda Nexon, and business manager, Annette Lynch. This new board was first guided by Steve Howard and Woody Montgomery. The membership decided to appeal to the voters for an annual appropriation.

The board would like to acknowledge the efforts of Don and

Roast Pork Supper



April 26, 2014

5:00 p.m. Till Gone



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School Ballot ARTICLE 5

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Paid For by Annette Lynch

NITKA'S NOTES FROM THE STATE HOUSE

By Senator Alice Nitka, Windsor County

Animal issues certainly evoke strong feeling in Vermont and one surely sees that played out in the State House. This year in the Senate, there are multiple bills, either “sitting on the wall” where they will never see action or are being studied by committees for possible passage. This is also true in the House and two of their bills introduced by retired veterinarian, Representative John Bartholomew of Hartland have already passed and moved to the Senate. H-50 speaks to the welfare of animals and the sale of dogs (including wolf hybrids) and cats. Added to existing state law is a new definition of persons known as “pet dealers” and many provisions that will apply to them if this bill also succeeds in the Senate. There are also revisions and clarifications to current state law in it. H-347 amends requirements for the practice of veterinary dentistry.

Two current Senate bills that were controversial in past years when introduced, S-8 and S-109 propose to prohibit tail docking on a horse or a bovine except when performed by a vet to relieve pain or save the life of the animal. Otherwise, tail docking would not be allowed. The farm community previously was split on this bill. A somewhat similar bill, S-126 would prohibit debarking, tail docking, ear cropping, and surgical birth procedures on dogs unless performed by a licensed veterinarian with appropriate anesthesia.

One doesn't hear much about red deer in VT but S-228 would exempt these deer, when owned as domestic animals or livestock from the Agriculture Agency, Food and Markets” requirements for testing for chronic wasting disease. The concern here is the health of state's white tailed deer herd and not endangering the herd in any way. I don't know what the testimony will be in regard to this issue. Stay tuned. All of the aforementioned bills are in the Senate Agriculture Committee.

The length of a tether that a dog is tied to outdoors, the size of the dog's shelter and other proposed requirements re watering and care are addressed in S-145 which is in the Senate Judiciary Committee for some reason. No testimony has been taken on the bill but it could wind up being combined with any of the animal bills. S-237, is appropriate for Judiciary since it would revise civil forfeiture proceedings concerning animals seized due to abuse or neglect. Keith Flynn, the head of the state police testified for the need to shorten the timelines for the courts to address these cases. The animals frequently need medical care and the volunteer organizations, the Humane Society or citizen volunteers for them don't have the authority to consent to this without the owner's approval. Their day to day care can also be very costly if a case should involve multiple animals or horses over lengthy periods of time. Deb Loring of Spring Hill Horse Rescue in Clarendon testified that her organization's efforts also go toward prevention. She mentioned helping owners gain compliance with the law by providing free blankets, medications, low farrier costs and the hay bank where owners can get three months' worth of coupons for hay. Dr. Peggy Larson, a vet who grew up in Northern Minnesota and practices in VT testified about investigations, horses that like to be outside in the winter and there

being nothing wrong with it provided their needs are met and many other points of interest. Follow some of these bills at www.leg.state.vt.us They are quite interesting.

Contact me at home at 228-8432, the State House at 1-800-322-5616 or anitka@leg.state.vt.us or PO Box 136, Ludlow, VT 05149.



MESSAGE FROM MONTPELIER

Legislative Report from Rep. Dennis Devereux

For Ludlow, Mount Holly, and Shrewsbury

For the most part, floor action to move bills has been slow. The few moved have dealt with the use of cell phones, the right of a woman to deny access to a father when he child is the result of rape, and a

commerce bill. This will be the fourth time in my eight years that I have voted to not allow any hand-held device to be used while driving. It will be interesting to see if the Senate makes any changes again. We will see much more action in the next several weeks as we need to act on the capital budget adjustment and transportation bills. These are major bills that must be approved before the end of the second week of March.

My Committee on Government Operations has been busy working on bills that run the full gamut of issues that are assigned to us. We are finalizing an elections bill that came over from the Senate last spring, and are considering some changes. The biggest would move the primary date from the end of August to the first Tuesday. The push for this has come from the Department of Justice to allow for more time between the primary and general election to send and receive overseas ballots. This, after just having moved it a couple of years ago.

Our committee has taken introductory testimony on many bills assigned to us, but we will likely not take action on some of them. We did vote bills out of committee that give more protection to whistleblowers concerning misconduct or government fraud and waste. Our state will also start licensing property inspectors through the Office of Professional Regulation. This will guarantee the level of expertise required to protect house purchasers, and was supported by a report that it is needed. We are also ready to vote on changes to our open meeting laws that better define what an open meeting is, and what may be discussed in an executive session. If a violation is alleged, it gives a board an opportunity to respond or even cure it by ratifying or correcting the violation. Some of our other discussion has been around regional policing issues. It seems likely we will request a study that looks into state police contracts with towns, area dispatching cost savings opportunities, improvement of service to small communities, and the retention of our law enforcement officers.

I hope to hear from you about the issues we are considering, and I will be around during our town meeting break the first week of March. As always you can reach me at home at 802-259-2460, or with a message at ddevereux@leg.state.vt.us.



Mount Holly Town News

Minutes are "DRAFT" until approved at the next Select Board meeting on March 11, 2014. NOTE: Most Select Board meetings are covered by LPC-TV. The videos can be viewed at their website, www.lpctv.org. Computers with internet access are available at the Town Library.

The Select Board Minutes are not available this month do to an injury of the Board Secretary but will be posted next month.

Planning Commission - Public Hearing Minutes February 17, 2014

Public Hearing Theresa and John Cole Subdivision

Members present: Clinton Woolley, Tim Martin, Michael Valente, Jim Seward, Bill McGrath, Nicole Griffin

Public Present: Florence Carroll, Phillip Carroll, Kathy Stone, Geoffrey Stone and Theresa Cole.

Meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by Tim Martin. Interested parties Florence Carroll, Phillip Carroll, Kathy Stone, Geoffrey Stone. Theresa Cole presented subdivision for 4 parcels lot located on Roger hill Road. At 7:12 pm; Bill McGrath motioned to accept the state approved subdivision for the property located on Roger Hill Road. Seconded by Jim Seward. 7:15pm Bill McGrath motioned to adjourn meeting. Jim Seward seconded the motion. Tim Martin-Chair adjourned the meeting.

Minutes from Planning Commission Regular Meeting 2-17-14

Members Present: Jim Seward, Michael Valente, Tim Martin, Clinton Woolley, Bill McGrath. Nicole Griffin

Public Present: None - Meeting called to order by Tim martin at 7:30pm

OLD BUSINESS:-Clinton Woolley motioned to accept meeting minutes from 1-20-2014. All seconded Aye.

NEW BUSINESS:

- * Received draft letter from Matthew Birmingham ESQ for David Tilly's boundary line adjustment to be signed from Planning Commission. Tim Martin-chair requested the planning commission review the letter for content; the planning commission agreed to the general content of the letter.
- * 7:40 Bill McGrath motioned to adjourn Planning Commission meeting, Michael Valente seconded Aye. Meeting adjourned 7:40pm.
- * Working Group started at 7:40, The Planning Commission members continued to work on revising the New Town Plan.

WARNING

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

MARCH 3, 2014 AND MARCH 4, 2014

The legal voters of the Town of Mount Holly, Vermont, are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Mount Holly Elementary School at 7:30 p.m. in the evening, Monday, March 3, 2014 to act on the following articles, viz: 2, 13, 14 and 15.

On Tuesday, March 4, 2014 to vote by Australian ballot at the Mount Holly Town Office, polls will be open from 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. to vote on the following articles, viz.: 1,3,4,5,6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 & 12.

Articles may be discussed Monday evening.

Article 1: To elect all Town Officers as the law directs. (Australian ballot)

Article 2: To act on the Auditors' Report.

Article 3: Does the Town vote the following budget for fiscal year 2014-2015, to be raised by tax?

A.General Fund & Solid Waste Fund	\$ 391,660.
B.Highway Fund (net)	<u>315,100.</u>
Total A & B (Australian ballot)	\$706,760.

Article 4: Does the Town vote \$74,000. to be raised by tax for the fiscal year 2014-2015, for future capital expenditures?
(Australian ballot)

Article 5: Does the Town vote to the Mount Holly Volunteer Fire Department, Inc. an operating budget of \$46,000. for the 2014-2015 fiscal year and lease purchase payment of \$36,900. for a total of \$82,900.to be raised by tax? (Australian ballot)

Article 6: Does the Town vote to the Mount Holly Volunteer Rescue Squad, Inc. for the 2014-2015 fiscal year budget, to be raised by tax?
(Australian ballot)

A. General Budget Fund	\$15,000.
B. Vehicle and Equipment Replacement Fund	<u>\$15,000.</u>
Total A&-B (Australian ballot)	\$30,000.

Article 7: Does the Town vote \$8,000. for the Mount Holly Town Library, to be raised by tax? (Australian ballot)

Article 8: Does the Town vote \$2,500. for the Mount Holly Chit Chat, to be raised by tax? (Australian ballot)

Article 9: Does the Town vote the following for Community and Social Services totaling \$8,535., to be raised by tax?
(Australian ballot)

A. American Red Cross	\$500
B. Mount Holly Barn Preservation Assoc.	100
C. BROCC Community Action in Southwestern Vermont	550
D. Rutland Mental Health Services	1,302
E. Rutland Area Visiting Nurse Assoc. & Hospice	1,313
F. RSVP & The Volunteer Center	100
G. Southwestern Vermont Council on Aging	400
H. Regional Ambulance Service, Inc.	620
I. Vermont Adult Learning	500
J. Black River Good Neighbor Services, Inc.	1,000
K. Vermont Assoc. for the Blind & Visually Impaired	150

L. Rutland Natural Resources Conservation District	250
M. Housing Trust of Rutland County	500
N. Neighbor Works of Western Vermont	300
O. VACD (Vermont Dry Hydrant Program)	100
P. Rutland County Parent Child Center, Inc.	500
Q. Vermont Center for Independent Living	100
R. Green Up Vermont	150
S. Rutland City Women's Network	100

Article 10: Does the Town vote \$600. for Ludlow Public Cable Television (LPCTV) to be raised by tax? (Australian ballot)

Article 11: Does the Town vote \$3,000. for Black River Area Community Coalition (BRACC) to be raised by tax?
(Australian ballot)

Article 12: Does the Town of Mount Holly vote to fund the after school program at the Mount Holly School in the amount of \$6,500. in FY2015, to be raise by tax? (Australian ballot)

Article 13: Shall the Town elect two additional Selectboard members for terms of one year each?

Article 14: Shall the Town of Mount Holly accept as a gift the 5 acre parcel of land offered by Carol Ballou solely for the purpose of building the Town Garage?

Article 15: To transact all other necessary and proper business.

Dated at Mount Holly, Vermont this 23rd day of Janauar AD, 2014. Town of Mount Holly Select Board ~ James Heald, Raymond Tarbell, Tim Martin

WARNING **TOWN OF MOUNT HOLLY** **SPECIAL MEETING** **MARCH 4, 2014**

The legal voters of the Town of Mount Holly, Vermont are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Town Office Building in the Town of Mount Holly on Tuesday, March 4, 2014 between the hours often o'clock (10:00) in the forenoon (a.m.), at which time the polls will open, and seven o'clock (7:00) in the afternoon (p.m.), at which time the polls will close, to vote by Australian ballot upon the following Article of business:

ARTICLE 1: Shall general obligation bonds of the Town of Mount Holly in an amount not to exceed Six Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$600,000), subject to reduction from the receipt of available state and federal grants-in-aid, and other financial assistance, be issued for the purpose of financing the construction of a town garage, at an estimated cost of Six Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$600,000)?

The legal voters and residents of the Town of Mount Holly are further warned and notified that an informational hearing will be held at the Mount Holly School in the Town of Mount Holly on Monday, March 3, 2014 at seven thirty o'clock (7:30 p.m.) for the purpose of explaining the subject proposed improvements and the financing thereof.

The legal voters of the Town of Mount Holly are further notified that voter qualification, registration and absentee voting relative to said special meeting shall be as provided in Chapters 43, 51 and 55 of Title 17, Vermont Statutes Annotated.

Adopted and approved at a regular meeting of the Selectboard of the Town of Mount Holly held on January 14, 2014. Received for record and recorded in the records of the Town of Mount Holly on January 15, 2014.

ATTEST: Susan C. Covalla, Town Clerk TOWN OF MOUNT HOLLY: By Its Selectboard: Tim Martin, James R. Heald, Raymond Tarbell

WARNING **MOUNT HOLLY TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT** **ANNUAL MEETING and VOTING BY BALLOT**

The legal voters of the Town School District of Mount Holly, Vermont, are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Mount Holly School in said Mount Holly at 7:00 PM on Monday, March 3, 2014. to transact at that time business not Involving voting by Australian Ballot or voting required by law to be by ballot.

The polls will open on Tuesday, March 4, 2014, at the Town Office Building in said Mount Holly from 10:00 AM to 7:00 PM for the purpose of voting by Australian Ballot. The business to be transacted to include:

ANNUAL SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING AND INFORMATION HEARING **Monday, March 3, 2014 at 1:00 PM Mount Holly School**

- Article I: To act on the reports of the Town School District Officers for the year ending June 30, 2013.
Article II: To allow the Board of School Directors to borrow money as necessary in anticipation of taxes.
Article III: Shall the voters of the Mt. Holly School District approve setting its annual honorarium for each of its School Directors at \$500.
Article IV: Shall the voters authorize the Board of School Directors to make available the school district's facilities and equipment to such Individuals or organizations for such use at such time as the Board deems in the best interest of the district?
Article V: To transact any other necessary and appropriate business.

VOTING BY BALLOT

Tuesday, March 4, 2014 from 10:00 AM to 7:00 PM Mount Holly Town Office

- Article I: To elect a Town School District Moderator. *Vermont Statutes Annotated, Title 16 § 562, Powers of Electorate (2)*
Article II: To elect a Town School District Clerk. *Vermont Statutes Annotated, Title 15 § 562, Powers of Electorate (3)*
Article III: Shall the voters of the Mount Holly School District appropriate \$1,723,069.00 necessary for the support of its school for the year beginning July 1, 2014?
Article IV: Shall the voters of the Mount Holly School District authorize its Town School District Officers to place all unencumbered funds into a Reserve Fund for the purpose of defraying operational expenses?

Article V: Shall the voters, pursuant to the provisions of Title 16 V.S.A. para 562 (7), authorize the Board of School Directors to sell 5.6acres+/- of Mount Holly School District property as depicted in a Planning Commission approved survey dated September 9, 2012 and recorded in Map Book 3 Pages 63/64 on April 15, 2013 on file in the Mount Holly Town Office, such sale to the Town of Mount Holly pursuant to the terms of a Purchase and Sales Agreement on file and available to the public in the Mount Holly Town Office?

Article VI: To elect officers for the ensuing year.

Mount Holly School Board of Directors: David Venter, Board Chair, Tina Cohen, Board Clerk, Will Nye, Board Member, Robert Herbst, Board Member, Donna Lopiccolo, Board Member

VOTING BY BALLOT

Ludlow Town Hall & Mount Holly Town Office

Tuesday, March 4, 2014 - 10:00 AM to 7:00 PM

The legal voters of Union School District #39, consisting of Ludlow Town School District and Mount Holly Town School District, are hereby warned to meet at the Town Office in Mount Holly and the Town Hall in Ludlow from 10:00 AM to 7:00 PM on Tuesday, March 4, 2014, for the purpose of voting by Australian Ballot. The business to be transacted to include:

Article I: Shall the Union School District #39 approve \$ 3,994,337.00 necessary for the support of its school for the year beginning July 1, 2014?

ANNUAL SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING

Black River Middle High School Library

Tuesday, March 4, 2014 - 7:30 PM

The legal voters of the Union School District #39, consisting of Ludlow Town School District and Mount Holly Town School District, are hereby warned to meet in the Black River High School Library in the Town of Ludlow, Vermont, on Tuesday, March 4, 2014, at 7:30 PM to transact at that time business not involving voting by Australian Ballot or voting required by law to be by ballot. The polls will open on Tuesday, March 4, 2014, at the Town Office in Mount Holly and the Town Hall in Ludlow from 10:00 AM to 7:00 PM for the purpose of voting by Australian Ballot. The business to be transacted at this meeting includes the following:

Article I: To elect a moderator.

Article II: To elect a clerk.

Article III: To elect a treasurer.

Article IV: To hear and act on the reports of the Union #39 School District officers for the year ending June 30, 2013.

Article V: Shall the voters of the Union #39 School District approve setting is annual honorarium for each of its School Directors at \$1,500.00?

Article VI: Shall the voters of the Union #39 School District approve setting the annual honorarium for its School District Clerk at \$100.00?

Article VII: Shall the voters of the Union #39 School District authorize its Board of School Directors to place 50% of all unencumbered funds into a **Reserve Fund** for the purpose of defraying unanticipated operational expenses?

Article VIII: Shall the voters of the Union #39 School District authorize its Board of School Directors to borrow money, pending receipt of payments from member districts as provided in Title 16, Chapter 11, s 711, by issuance of notes of money orders, payable not later than one year from date, for the purpose of paying its expenses?

Article IX: To act on any other business proper to come before said meeting.

Union #39 School Board of Directors: Bruce Schmidt, Board Chair, Linda Guerrero, Board Clerk, Randy Bixby, Board Member, Angela Benson-Ciufo, Board Member, Susan Barton, Board Member, Liz Crowley, Board Member



WARNING

RIVER VALLEY TECHNICAL CENTER SCHOOL DISTRICT ANNUAL MEETING AND INFORMATIONAL MEETING THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2014 Howard Dean Education Center, Springfield, VT in Room B214



The business to be transacted to include:

ARTICLE 1: To elect a Clerk for a term of two years

ARTICLE 2: To elect a Treasurer for a term of two years

ARTICLE 3: To see what compensation the School District will pay to the officers of the River Valley Technical Center School District.

ARTICLE 4: To hear and act on the reports of the School District Officers.

ARTICLE 5: To see if the School District will authorize the Board of Directors to receive and expend funds received through grants, donations, or other outside sources during the ensuing year, so long as such funds do not change the technical-education tuition assessment derived from the operating budget approved by the School District voters.

ARTICLE 6: To authorize the Board of Directors to borrow funds through a bridge loan to cover expenses while waiting for state funding to arrive.

ARTICLE 7: To transact any other business that may legally be brought before this School District Annual Meeting.

The meeting will then be recessed to Tuesday, March 4, 2014, on which date the voters of each member district are further warned to vote on the following article by Australian ballot at their respective polling places:

VOTING BY AUSTRALIAN BALLOT MARCH 4, 2014

ARTICLE 1: Shall the voters of the River Valley Technical Center School District approve the sum of two million, eight hundred one thousand, eight hundred seventy six dollars (\$2,801,876) to defray current expenses for the ensuing fiscal year and to pay outstanding orders and obligations?

For more information about the proposed 2014-2015 budget, please contact the office of the RVTC director at (802) 885-8301. Copies of the RVTC Annual Report are available at Town Clerk Offices and High Schools of the member districts or upon request by contacting the RVTC office. Robert Flint, Chair, David Clark, Vice Chair, Andrew Pennell, Secretary/Clerk, Alison Deslauriers, Randy Bixby, James Rumrill, Jeanice Garfield, Susan Tomberg, Gabriel St. Pierre, Jeff Mobus, Clerk, River Valley Technical Center School District

HOW MUCH WILL INTEREST ADD TO COST OF THE GARAGE BOND?

In order for taxpayers to understand how much their tax bills will increase for the new Town Garage, they should have some idea of the total amount to be repaid. This will include the amount of the bond (\$600,000) and the interest charges.

Using the Municipal Bond Calculator on the website of the National League of Cities, a 20-year bond for \$600,000 at 4% yields an interest amount that could be as low as \$273,000 or as high as \$432,000.

These interest amounts could bring the total bond to be repaid by Mount Holly tax payers to an amount ranging from \$873,000 to \$1,032,000.

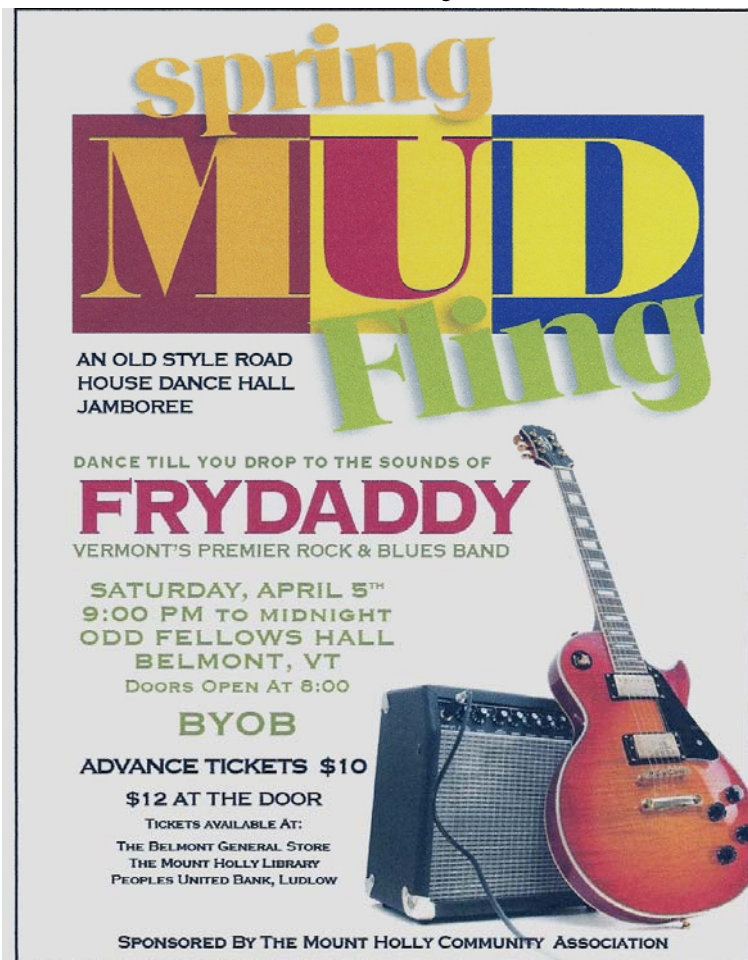
One of the factors affecting interest charges is the tax rate paid by the bondholder on their bond earnings. The Select Board and its bond lawyer have access to a broader range of information and should be able to obtain a good deal for the Town and be able to specify the total interest charges. Candace Neary

Dear Mount Holly Residents,

I feel it is necessary to comment on the proposed building site for a new town garage. The Select Board has been looking for a new site for a new town garage for over 20 years. Numerous sites were considered and for various reasons didn't work; for example, not everyone is anxious to have the town garage near their property. When the Select Board approached the School Board about six years ago, the School Board was willing to consider the idea of building the garage on property the town had been using for over thirty years.

The existing town garage has been inadequate for a number of years. Size, building safety and sanitary issues needed to be addressed. The existing site doesn't have room for expansion or an area for a septic system. Now is the time to go ahead with the planned site for a number of reasons. The town has been using the proposed site for over thirty years for storage of equipment and materials. This property is conveniently located near the town office which is ideal for the town road crew as they often need access to this building. Being centrally located the town trucks can respond quickly to any area of town. The fuel tank is located in this area. All the preliminary work has been done for this site and selecting another site would incur more expense. Any other site, whether free or not, will cost more because none of the preliminary work is done for a different site. All the necessary permits, surveys, and paperwork for the school property site are in order. This area, where the Select Board has proposed the garage, has never been a problem for the safety of the school children. Nevertheless, the Select Board has planned additional safety precautions. With the approval of the voters, the new garage can be built this year.

It is sad that this issue has become contentious. That was certainly not the intent of the Select Board. I hope when building a new town garage comes to a vote, you will show your support and provide a building which will facilitate the continued excellent maintenance of our roads. Taking everything into consideration, **THE SITE PROPOSED BY THE SELECT BOARD REALLY IS THE BEST POSSIBLE SITE FOR THE NEW GARAGE.** Best regards, Paul Nevin



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HOUSE DANCE HALL
JAMBOREE

DANCE TILL YOU DROP TO THE SOUNDS OF
FRYDADDY
VERMONT'S PREMIER ROCK & BLUES BAND

SATURDAY, APRIL 5TH
9:00 PM TO MIDNIGHT
ODD FELLOWS HALL
BELMONT, VT
DOORS OPEN AT 8:00

BYOB

ADVANCE TICKETS \$10
\$12 AT THE DOOR
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THE BELMONT GENERAL STORE
THE MOUNT HOLLY LIBRARY
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A Better Choice

Don't vote for my land. There is a far better choice! The Dunwoody field on Route 103, 4 plus acres already level and cleared, is available for less than the cost of the school property.

- * It's centrally located, just around the corner from the current town garage.
- * It's already surveyed.
- * It separates trucks from kids.
- * It preserves school property.
- * It costs less than the school property.
- * We won't have to send extra money to Montpelier based on the school receiving our town money.
- * It's even big enough for future fire department and rescue squad buildings.

All we need to do is vote No on Article V of the Mount Holly school ballot and we can have the Dunwoody land for the new town garage. Carol Ballou

To the Editor

CHOOSING THE BEST SITE FOR THE GARAGE

Three sites that have been proposed or offered to the Town for the purpose of building a garage:

- 1) 4.1 acres on Route 103 S near the flashing light, owned by Marilyn Martin and Phil Dunwoody, is a flat, hayfield with no trees. Available for \$35,000, it has 1000 feet of direct clear access to Rte. 103, is about 800 yards from the Town Office, and could accommodate the future addition of Fire and Rescue departments. It is a safe site for the sand pile, adds to the Town's land, and is served by utilities.
- 2) 5.6 acres split off from the School's 13 acre parcel is covered with tall pine trees and is generally sloping with sharp drops to the stream and railroad. Available for \$50,000, on a Class 2 road close to the Town Office, it joins Rte. 103 at a hazardous intersection. Losses include the School's nature trail, open air classroom, and expansion

room for the School and Town's only athletic fields.

3) 5.0 acres on Hedgehog Hill Road North offered as a free gift to the Town by Carol Ballou. It is a hilly site with access to a class 3 road about 3 miles from the Town Office. It reaches Rte. 103 at Healdville Road. It does not allow for any future expansion, but is in a residential area with a fine view of Okemo Mountain, and might be used as an exchange for a parcel of land better suited for a garage.

Further detailed, careful comparison of these three sites (and perhaps offers from other residents) could create confidence that the Town's future is well served and costs kept to a minimum. Annette Lynch

March 2014 Mount Holly Chit Chat Inc.

Weston Playhouse Presents Classes For Students and Adults in Ludlow



The Western Playhouse will offer acting and cabaret classes for area students and adults at the Ludlow Town Hall Auditorium beginning on Monday, March 17. The programs, sponsored by FOLA (Friends of Ludlow Auditorium), will run for seven Mondays and be instructed by Susan Haefner, Broadway and Weston performer and teacher.

Students and adults who live in Ludlow will be eligible for full scholarships for the courses thanks to a grant from the Okemo Challenge Grant committee. Additional grants will be made available to students and adults from other area town due to grants funded by Ben & Jerry and FOLA. "We want to make sure everyone who is interested in this great opportunity will have the chance to participate", noted Ralph Pace, FOLA chair.

The classes for students will cover grades 5 through 12 and be divided into two student groups: grades 5-8 will have classes from 3:15 to 4:30 and grades 9 - 12 will have classes from 4:45 - 6 pm. The adult cabaret classes will run from 7 to 8:30 pm.

Susan Haefner has been a Weston Playhouse company member for over 20 years (42nd Street, To Kill a Mockingbird, Bad Dates). She is a Broadway actress (Billy Elliot, Thoroughly Modern Millie, 42nd Street, State Fair.) As a teacher, Susan has taught at numerous Performing Arts Schools such as Geva Theatre Summer Academy, Studio New Canaan, and Shuffles Tap School. Susan holds a BFA degree in Musical Theatre (SUNY Fredonia) and an MFA in Acting (FSU). She is a member of Actors' Equity Association.

Registration is requested by February 24. A registration form can be downloaded at the Weston website at www.westonplayhouse.org/classes. For more information, contact Education Director Jacki Brown: 802-297-7364 or jbrown@westonplayhouse.org. Note: Photo of Susan Haefner attached

Broadway Talent in Free Weston Playhouse Concert Saturday, March 1

Once again the Weston Playhouse Theatre will light up a winter night with a free concert of songs from an exciting new musical performed by top Broadway talent. On Saturday, March 1 at 8pm, Heidi Blickenstaff of Broadway's *The Addams Family*, *The Little Mermaid* and *The Full Monty* will sing the lead in the new musical, *String*, supported by a stellar cast of Broadway actor/singers.

Written by Sarah Hammond and Adam Gwon, *String* is the winner of the Weston Playhouse Theatre Company's 8th annual New Musical Award. The only award of its kind in the country, the Weston New Musical Award supports new work by writers of notable promise, chosen from a group of national nominations. The writers, along with a music director and a cast of five, will be in Weston to rehearse and perform selections from the piece prior to a concert and recording session in New York City.

Book writer Hammond and composer/lyricist Gwon describe *String* as "an original musical about the Greek Fates in the modern city." Blickenstaff, seen last summer in Weston's *Next To Normal*, will play a Greek goddess banished to a modern-day high rise

who finds herself breaking her own rules to offer immortality to an ordinary man. Weston Producing Artistic Director Steve Stettler comments, "We were immediately taken by *String*: its fresh and adventurous score, its gripping and romantic story, and its quirky and compelling cast of characters. We can't wait to hear it in the voices of this exciting cast."

Composer/lyricist Adam Gwon, recipient of the Kleban and Fred Ebb Awards, is best known for his musical, *Ordinary Days*, seen at the Roundabout in New York and on London's West End. Playwright Sarah Hammond's credits include the Public Theatre Summer Play Festival and residencies at the McDowell Colony and London's Royal National Theatre.

The concert will be led by music director Matt Castle (Broadway revival of *Company*, Weston's world premiere of *Saint-Ex*). The supporting cast includes Carey Anderson (Broadway's *Mamma Mia*), Katie Thompson (the Public Theater's *Giant*), Geoff Packard (Broadway's *Rock of Ages*) and Zachary Prince (Broadway's *On A Clear Day...*).

Weston's New Works Programs are supported by the Anton Family Foundation, Dramatists Play Service, Frederick Loewe Foundation, Stacey Mindich Productions, Music Theatre International, National Alliance for Musical Theatre, National Endowment for the Arts, Rodgers and Hammerstein Foundation, Sh-K-Boom Records, Tams-Witmark Music Library Inc., and generous individual donors.

The free concert will be held at the Weston Playhouse, 12 Park Street, just off Route 100 S in Weston, Vermont. There is ample parking around the Village Green and in the adjacent Weston Mill Yard. The hour-long concert begins at 8pm and will be followed by a brief reception with the writers and performers. No reservations are necessary. For more information, call 802-824-8167 x104. Photo: Heidi Blickenstaff (along with Aaron Ramey) played a lead role in Weston's 2013 production of *Next to Normal*. Photo credit: Tim Fort



SPECIAL CONCERT

AMANDA ROGERS

TO CELEBRATE THE
PRE-RELEASE OF HER NEW ALBUM
WILL BE PERFORMING AT
"HER FAVORITE PLACE ON EARTH"
BELMONT, VERMONT

AT THE
MOUNT HOLLY COMMUNITY CENTER
SATURDAY, MARCH 29TH
AT 7:00 PM




LPCTV to Hold Third Derby Day Gala May 3 at Pot Belly Pub in Ludlow

Proceeds will benefit the community television station and media education center that serves the Black River Valley

LPCTV will hold its third "Kentucky Derby Gala – A Night at the Races" fundraising event on May 3 at the Pot Belly Pub in Ludlow from 5:00pm to 8pm. The event will feature great food and live entertainment which will all be included in the per person ticket price of \$25. Entertainment will include several locally sponsored "horse races", culminating in a viewing of the Kentucky Derby live on television, followed by live music. One of the winners for each race will receive a prize donated by local merchants. There will also be a grand prize drawing with other valuable prizes. Local merchants interested in sponsoring races or making prize donations should contact Michelle Stinson at LPCTV at [802-228-8808](tel:802-228-8808). Everyone should mark the event on their calendars for May 3rd and plan to attend this exciting event.

About LPCTV: LPCTV is a community television station and media education center serving the Black River Valley & Okemo region of Vermont. Operating out of new facilities in the Ludlow Community Center complex, LPCTV keeps people informed, preserves local heritage, and builds community. It serves the Black River Valley and Okemo region by providing 24x7 community television programming both on TV and online, free or low-cost media production & skills training, recording & broadcasting community events, news, & information, including great sporting events and "gavel-to-gavel" coverage of local government meetings, and assisting local organizations with outreach & communications strategies. More information is available at <http://lpctv.org>.

8th. Annual DKG Soup Bowls for Hunger 2014 Event ~ Slated for March 27th., @ RHS

The eighth annual Soup Bowls for Hunger will be held on Thursday, March 27th in the Rutland High School Cafeteria. Tickets are \$15 which includes soup, roll, dessert, beverage, a hand crafted soup bowl and entertainment. There will be three sittings at 5:00, 6:00, and 7:00. Tickets must be purchased in advance at Rutland High School. All proceeds will be donated to the Community Cupboard and other local food shelves.

Soup Bowls for Hunger is being coordinated for the fourth year by members of the Gamma Chapter of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society, an international society for women educators whose mission is to promote professional and personal growth of women educators and excellence in education.

"The event is truly an inter-generational community effort," said chairperson, Lynn Del Bianco Hier with over 200 bowls made by RHS Creative Structures teacher Kylie Wolgamott, and students from Rutland, Proctor, Mill River, Otter Valley Union High Schools and Green Mountain College. The rest of the bowls are donated by professional potters from Rutland County, western New York and Connecticut. Stafford Technical students will provide their services as wait staff and bakers of rolls and desserts.

Entertainment will be provided by RHS choral director, Dan Graves. Soups have been donated by Costantino's, East Creek Catering, Holiday Inn, Killington Avenue Market and Deli, The Palms, Roots, Rutland Regional Medical Center, Sodexo, Panera, and Table 24.

Other donors to the event to date include: A Signature Day Spa, Allen Pond Dental, Back on Track, Cabot Cheese, Clay's, Complete Ticket Solutions, Credit Union of Vermont, Cutting Edge Salon, E. and G. Graphics, Gill's Delicatessen, Grand Union, Hannaford, Hawley's Florist, Headquarter's Hair Salon, Heritage Family Credit Union, Mountain Traveler's Inc., Panera, Perfect Touch Hairstyling, Dr. & Mrs. Theodore Polgar, Price Chopper, Sandwich Shoppe, Something Sweet, Thrive Center of the Green Mountains, Thomas Dairy, Tossing Funeral Home, Westminster Crackers, the Yellow Deli....And others forthcoming.

Last year's event raised \$6750 for local food shelves. This year's event is hoping to net even more with a raffle at the event with large bowls donated by Nic Kekic, Jody MacBeth Brewer and Bob Johnson and many other small prizes.

For questions about the event or to purchase tickets, visit the *Soup Bowls for Hunger* event page on Facebook or call Lynn Del Bianco Hier at 770-1113. Tickets will go on sale on March 1st.

Vermont Symphony Orchestra in Concert

The Vermont Symphony Orchestra will present a Masterworks program titled, "Grand Tour," Paramount Theatre in Rutland on Sunday March 9 at 3:00 pm.

There is no need to leave the comfort of your theater seat to take the "Grand Tour" this spring! The VSO's musical journey includes stops in Italy for an overture from one of Rossini's comic operas, and in Norway for a delightful miniature by Grieg. Vaughan Williams' native England is next--for a virtuoso performance of the most popular tuba concerto in the literature. The VSO's principle tuba, Takatsugu Hagiwara, will be the soloist. We hop back across the channel to Germany to enjoy a wonderful full-orchestra version of "Death and the Maiden." Schubert's beloved string quartet has been brilliantly arranged by Andy Stein of Prairie Home Companion fame.

Again this year, the VSO will collect food items at its concerts in Burlington, Rutland and Bellows Falls as part of the national "Orchestras Feeding America" project. Audience members and the public may bring a non-perishable food items to the concert. The project is also accepting cash donations. All food and cash contributions collected will be donated directly to the local branch of the Vermont Foodbank and donors will receive "Classical Cash," good for a discount on a future VSO ticket purchase.

Concerts by the VSO are made possible in part by the State of Vermont and individuals, businesses and foundations throughout Vermont. Vermont Public Radio is the co-sponsor for the 2013/2014 season. Trapp Lager is the official lager of the VSO.

TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE AT: March 9, Paramount Theatre, Rutland: 802-775-0903 or paramountlive.org
Tickets are general admission within seating sections, and priced at \$35, \$25, and \$15, with a \$9 student ticket.

The Vermont Symphony Orchestra is the only professional statewide orchestra that provides live musical experiences for listeners in Vermont. It is a state-supported non-profit institution founded in 1935 and exists for the purpose of fostering and encouraging the appreciation of music in all its various forms, with emphasis on orchestral, choral and chamber music.

If you would like more information or would like to schedule an interviews with musicians please contact Amy Caldwell at (802) 864-5741 ext. 16 or amy@vso.org.



HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY



Okemo Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce

By Marji Graf, CEO



Chester had a great winter carnival this year. Thanks to Julie Pollard and her team.

Sad news....Georgette Thomas from the Hugging Bear Inn and Shoppe in Chester had passed away on February 13th. She will be greatly missed. There will be a memorial celebration of her life in the Spring.

Marketing:

The Chamber is hard at work producing our 2nd Annual Okemo Valley Regional Guidebook. Deadline for advertising is March 7th for May 2014-May 2015 inclusion.

The Okemo Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce has been busy advertising in February. We had 55 Olympic television commercials running in the Hartford, CT market as well as online with xfinity.com and Comcast.com.

We had special deals on Cheapflights.com directing people to our special package page on our website. This, along with our weather, helped to fill up our area lodging properties.

We added menus to our dining section of the website.

We're beginning to shoot economic development videos for our website focusing on our economy, our real estate business opportunities, and Okemo Valley being a great place to work, live and play.

We had over 531+ leads from the Boston Globe Travel Show we attended in early February with the Vermont Country Store and Stowe Area Association. 20 of those were interested in relocating. And 3 people won vacations from the participating Okemo Valley lodging partners; The Castle Hill Resort & Spa Vermont; Inn Victoria and The Governor's Inn. We'll be attending the NY York Times travel show from 2/27-3/2 and will be sharing our booth with Mt. Snow Chamber and Bennington Chamber. We're pretty excited to be giving away our regions' Vermont Vacation Packages from the Stage each day!!

Membership:

On Thursday, March 6 at 8:30am we will be having a new member orientation and refresher course regarding chamber benefits and opportunities for Chamber members.

Have you checked out our online learning classes that are open to everyone? Go to:

<https://yourplaceinvermont.globalclassroom.us>. If you're not learning, you're not growing.

Check out our lpcvtv.org show this month. We interview Brent Karner of ClearLake Furniture.

We sponsored a President's Week Scavenger Hunt throughout our Region-10 businesses participated.

2nd Annual Home & Garden Show

We're currently accepting applications for our 2nd Annual Southern Vermont Home & Garden Show on April 5 from 10am-4pm and Sunday April 6 from 10am-3pm. We are looking for vendors as well as workshop speakers. The Show will be held in the Ludlow Community Center. (armory building in Ludlow).

Travel with the Chamber:

DID YOU KNOW....you can travel at discounted rates through our Travel with the Chamber program?! We're offering a trip to Tuscany this year, departing on October 20, 2014 for 9 days and staying in one hotel. If you book by April 1st, you save \$100! Payment due by July 2. Call the Chamber for details. We will also be offering another popular trip to China on April 9th-17, 2015. Payment must be made in December, 2014. More information can be found on our website; www.yourplaceinvermont.com under ABOUT US, Travel with the Chamber tab. This is our 4th trip to China with raving reviews.

Save the dates:

Our next mixer is **March 12** in Ludlow at the Center for Research and Public Policy from 5:30-7:30pm.

May 7th is our Annual Meeting at Harry's Restaurant at 12n in Ludlow. We will be having a panel discussion regarding business resources that are available.

Our Golf Tournament is Tuesday, **September 23** at Okemo Valley Golf Club. Thank you to our golf committee: Julie Bowyer, Mark Verespy and Brian Halligan

Local Thespians Rehearse For FOLA Follies of 2014



Pictured are some of the members of the FOLA (Friends of Ludlow Auditorium) Follies of 2014 as they rehearse in the Ludlow Town Hall Auditorium under the guidance of Follies Director, Tesha Buss. The Follies will be featured at the auditorium on Saturday, March 29 at 7 PM. The theme of this year's musical revue will be based on music primarily from Hollywood musicals. This will represent FOLA's second Follies event. Shown above, going through some of the dance preparations for a Follies' number, are, from left to right, Bob Kottkamp, George Thomson, Sherri Geimer, Tesha Buss, Linda Thomson, and Lisha Klaiber. Other cast members, not pictured, include: Joey Blane, Andy Ohotnick, and Anne Gardner.

Mt. Holly



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CALENDAR

Sundays	Mt. Holly Baptist Church Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
	Service	10:30 a.m.
	Belmont Community Church Sunday School	10:00 a.m.
	Service	11:00 a.m.
	St. Mary's (Mission Church - Wallingford) Mass	9:30 a.m.
Mondays	Boy Scouts - Mt. Holly Baptist Church, Elmer Wheelock Scoutmaster	7:00 p.m.
Tuesdays	Boys' Club (Alternating Groups) - Pete Laggett's	6:30 p.m.
Thursdays	Girls' 5th & 6th grade Club - Mt. Holly Elementary School, Laura Lienhard (recess until spring)	after school
Saturdays	Belmont Library, Louis Harap - Librarian	2 - 4 p.m.
March 17	St. Patrick's Day Belmont Church Choir rehearsal - Easter Cantata - Mrs. B. Lambert, Director (augmented by singers from Mt. Holly and Ludlow - all singers welcome...come and join!)	5:30 p.m.
March 19	Grange & Jr. Grange - Grange Hall, Mt. Holly	8:00 p.m.
March 21	Rebekahs - Orrin Priest's home - Clockroom	8:00 p.m.
March 24	Belmont Church Choir rehearsal - Easter Cantata	5:30 p.m.
March 25	Theta Rho Girls - Odd Fellows Hall, Belmont	7:00 p.m.
March 26	Belmont Community Church Build - home of Mrs. Earl Bladen	1:00 p.m.
March 27	Odd Fellows - Meeting Hall, Belmont	8:00 p.m.
March 28	Friendship Club - Mt. Holly Baptist Church	7:00 p.m.
April 2	Grange & Jr. Grange - Grange Hall, Mt. Holly Masons - East Wallingford	8:00 p.m.
April 4	Rebekahs - Odd Fellows Hall, Belmont	8:00 p.m.
April 6	Special Town Meeting - Town Hall, Belmont	10:00 a.m.
April 7	Palm Sunday Belmont Church Choir Rehearsal - Easter Cantata Volunteer Fire Department meeting - Fire Hall Women's Auxiliary of the VFD - Town Office	5:30 p.m. 8:00 p.m. 8:00 p.m.
April 8	Theta Rho Girls - Odd Fellows Hall	7:00 p.m.
April 9	Belmont Community Church Build	1:00 p.m.
April 10	Odd Fellows - O.F. Hall, Belmont	8:00 p.m.
April 13	Selectmen's Meeting	10:00 a.m.
April 14	E A S T E R Easter Cantata - "No Greater Love" by John W. Peterson sung by the augmented Belmont Community Church Choir, Mrs. J. Lambert, Director	7:00 p.m.

IT IS FINALLY HERE! The first copy of our own town newspaper: MT. HOLLY CHIT-CHAT!

This is the result of many residents' suggestions and helpful hints. Our community has never had a direct media for communication of significant news other than the telephone and the chance meeting of our neighbors. Chit-Chat is designed to give all citizens a chance to be heard. This media will also help to serve the town officials and appointed authorities, school personnel, various organizations and businesses, besides the residents at large. It is hoped to receive reports each month from all these people, either in their official or unofficial capacity.

The final incentive for Chit-Chat came through the need for a Civil Preparedness (Defense) Unit, in its infancy, which will serve to broaden volunteer help for our local elected and appointed officials. One of the aspects of the CP Unit is the Public Information Office and it is this group/became involved in the publication of the first newsletter. We could use many other volunteers! Chit-Chat will be published once a month and...remember...this is your newsletter; we need your continuing suggestions, contributions and donations! All news items must be submitted by the 10th of each month for publication on the 15th.

In future issues we would like to interview some of your neighbors through bio-

graphical sketches of personages, organizations, businesses etc. Also we hope to have a column on Vital Statistics.

For further details...and volunteering...contact Lucile Priest: 9-2271 or Gladys Hudak: 9-2410.

TOWN OF MOUNT HOLLY NEWS

Electoral Results: New Officers:

Moderator, Alfred S. Crowley; Clerk: Mrs. Patricia Morton; Treasurer: Mrs. Patricia Morton; Auditor (3 years): Mrs. Gladys Hudak; Selectman (3 years): William Clark; Lister (3 years): George Wessol; First Constable (1 year): John Remes; Second Constable (1 year): Jalo Rivers; Grand Juror (1 year): Warren Lackey; Tax Collector: Jalo Rivers; Trustee of Public Funds: Mrs. Patricia Morton; Town Agent: Roy Priest; Road Commissioner: Donald Tarbell; Town School Director: Gladys Gage.

Regular Selectmen's meeting: March 9, 1974. William Clark chosen as Chairman. Fence viewers: Allen Burton, Alson Chadburn, Warren Cole

Inspector of Wood & Coal: Roy Priest
Weigher of Coal: Roy Priest
Tree Warden: Donald Tarbell

Special Town Meeting: Saturday, April 6, to vote on rescission of Permanent zoning. This was sent to the Board of Selectmen by petition of 5% of the legal voters of Mt. Holly.

Town Listers have started work on preliminary things that have to be done prior to the listing date of April 1. On April 1 each person who resides in Mt. Holly must make out a Poll Tax card and return it to the Town Clerk's Office. Also, all property that has changed hands since last April 1, has to be listed on cards and appraised as of April 1.

Town Officers have an Educational Conference coming up. There are different dates and locations throughout the state for the convening of different town officers. The nearest ones for Mt. Holly are Middlebury Inn, Middlebury on Thursday, March 21, and at the Elementary School in Manchester on March 21. The Manchester meeting is the first meeting to be held at night.

All Officers of the Town are invited to attend. This includes: Listers, Auditors, Selectmen, Road Commissioners, Treasurers, Town Clerks, Planning Commissions and School Directors.

Anyone wanting more information can get in touch with the Town Clerk's Office. Also, anyone who wants transportation or who wants to help with transportation can call the Town Office.

Dog Licenses are due by April 1, 1974. Cost is \$2.00 for each male and spayed female and \$6.00 for an unspayed female. From that date until May 15 the cost is 5% more. Immunization against rabies is compulsory.

Small Animal Clinic at the Fire Station each Friday afternoon from 2:30 until 4:30 p.m. Dr. James Kinsey, veterinarian.

VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT - James Garfield Potter, Fire Chief

The Mt. Holly Volunteer Fire Department was organized in 1946. The very first piece of equipment was a secondhand Larabee truck, bought in Long Island, with donations from several residents. 2 years later a portable pump was added and throughout the years other additions were made; one of the most important was a tank truck, as it soon became evident that lack of water to fight the fires with was a big problem. Most of our equipment has been secondhand with the men working many hours to make them efficient.

In 1960 it was decided to build a much needed fire house for all the equipment; in 1966 a 1954 GMC pumper was bought and in 1968 the old tank truck was replaced with a 1954 GMC oil truck; again many hours were spent in rebuilding this piece of equipment for our use. Next year this truck will have to be replaced with something larger and more capable of handling the needs of our growing community.

Besides working on the equipment the volunteers have attended schools on firefighting, and in the past 25 years several 45-hour courses were taken, as well as intensive training in the local department.

ment during the past 3 years. It is hoped that in the near future we can have a 45-hour State course at the department with all members attending.

This winter we have 8 members attending an Advanced First Aid and Emergency Procedure Course in Rutland; better care and assistance will be given during fire calls as well as in various rescue and Civil Preparedness situations.

Raffles are being held monthly to raise money to purchase a vehicle to transport our resource material as well as to update the equipment itself.

Anyone interested in the Fire Department of Ladies' Auxiliary are cordially invited to attend monthly meetings, held on the 1st Sunday of each month at 8 p.m. Please check the calendar of this newsletter for further details.

Women's Auxiliary - VFD

At the last monthly meeting new officers were elected as follows:

Phyllis Hendee, President
Glenda Baker, Vice President
Janoula Fish, Secretary
Gladys Hudak, Treasurer

The Fire Department needs new emergency equipment in addition to what they have and the ladies discussed various ways to raise money to help buy this equipment. First, an Easter Dinner Basket was decided. The drawing will be April 7th:

1st prize: Complete Easter Dinner Basket
2nd prize: 3 lb. Cheese
3rd prize: 2 lb. Box Chocolates

In ensuing months the Auxiliary plans to have a rummage sale (...save items for this one please!...); date to be decided later. Other plans include a supper, and old-fashioned square dance; dates of these will be in later issues of Chit-Chat.

CIVIL PREPAREDNESS

Civil Preparedness "means that a community is prepared to react promptly to save life and protect property if it is threatened or hit by a disaster or major emergency of any type. This requires that planning and preparatory actions be taken before there is an emergency."

For the town of Mt. Holly it means that a Unit be organized with knowledge of supplies, equipment and trained people to meet any emergency we may have. Besides the organization, at present underway, 8 people are enrolled in the Red Cross Advanced First Aid and Emergency Procedure course in Rutland. This course requires 56 hours to complete and demands recertifications every three years. Another course may be given in the near future.

Besides our volunteer firemen, Civil Preparedness will give us intersection guards to assist in the safe passage of fire or emergency vehicles to the site. These guards will also act as guides for emergency vehicles drivers from other communities unacquainted with the area.

Communications with these guards, the firemen and first aiders will require a broader means than the present two fire phones. Volunteers will be needed, who are home, and can receive and pass on phone messages to those who will assist in the emergency.

A survey is being undertaken of volunteers and equipment available in the community; a quick look in this area indicates that there are 90 self employed residents. Some of these would have services and equipment to share with the Civil Preparedness Unit when necessary.

Through a well-organized and functioning CP Unit the town of Mt. Holly can take pride in its ability to meet any emergency and we have the resources and the talent to make this Unit a very successful one!

*) From the Defense Civil Preparedness Agency Manual "Disaster Operations" - a Handbook for Local Governments.

CP Seminar

On March 8, 9 and 10 the Federal and State Civil Defense authorities held a Seminar at the Holiday Inn in Rutland. Gerald George and Garfield Potter were able to attend this timely Seminar.

Many topics were discussed under the rather new On Site Assistance Program, such as Organization of Civil Preparedness Units, Hazard

potential, Emergency Planning, Resources, Operational Facilities, Equipment, Rescue Service, Warning Systems, Communication & Transportation.

MT. HOLLY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWS

The 3rd Marking period ends for Mt. Holly elementary students April 5th and report cards will be given to parents at conferences to be held at the school. These conferences will be scheduled on the afternoons of April 9, 10, 11 from 12:30 to 3:00 p.m. This is a follow-up of conferences held in November.

A total of 74 students representing kindergarten through grade 6, have entered posters in a contest sponsored by the Vermont Association Snow Travelers. The posters depict the various aspects of snowmobile safety and these students are eligible for 75 prizes totaling \$1000. Local snowmobile club member William Garrow Sr. is in charge of posters for Mt. Holly students and each participant will receive a decal and a certificate from the state organization.

Spring vacation will begin with Good Friday, April 12, and continue through the week of April 14. Students will report back to school on April 22.

Mt. Holly Parent's Club

Money raised by the Parents' Club will be used for school playground equipment to be installed this spring or early fall.

At present, there is a soup program underway sponsored by the Club. A small group of volunteers serve the children hot soup. Cost to the children is minimal, as only the cost of food is covered. The project takes only 45 minutes out of the day and volunteers are much needed. Please call Mrs. Georgiana Eddy if you are interested. May Pratt has been a tremendous help every week and she enjoys doing for the children. The volunteers and children alike appreciate her efforts. We can use several more willing hands.

Black River High School

Congratulations to the following Mt. Holly students attending B.R. High School, who are on the Honor Roll at the end of the last marking period:

Silva Crowley	Stephen Hudak
Joann Evans	Gene Syria
Kathy Hill	Sharon Turco

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Other: Over \$180 was realized from the Town Meeting Dinner served on March 5 by the Belmont Community Church Guild. Mrs. Allen Devereux, chairman, was assisted by members of the Guild; Mrs. Karl Wright had charge of the dining room, and Mrs. Donald Tarbell sold tickets.

SPECIAL THANKS to the following who helped us get Chit-Chat off the ground:

Miles Richards, Gerald George, Garfield Potter, Pat Morton, Mr. Notto, Hazel Devereux, Stella Beauchain, for their news information;

Betty Wheelock and Lucile Priest for culling endless lists for the Roster;

the VFD and W.A., Richard Kidson and the Mt. Holly Country Store for their monetary donations;

and all the people who gave information for the calendar.

WE'RE OFF...AND WITH YOUR SUPPORT...LET'S KEEP GROWING!!

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Thursday 3/06/14	Parker House, 129 Church St., Rutland	10:00 am
Wednesday 3/12/14	Templewood Court, 5 Tremont St., Rutland	10:00 am
Wednesday 3/19/14	Sheldon Towers, Sheldon Place, Rutland	9:00 am
Wednesday 3/19/14	Linden Terrace, 191 Grove St., Rutland	11:00 am
Thursday 3/20/14	Maple Village, 72 Pine St., Rutland	10:00 am
Wednesday 3/26/14	Godnick Adult Center, 1 Deer St., Rutland	12:30 pm
Thursday 3/27/14	N. Clarendon Com. Ctr, Moulton Ave, N. Clarendon	12:30 pm

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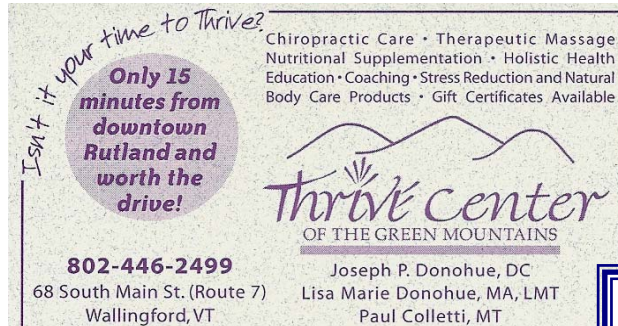


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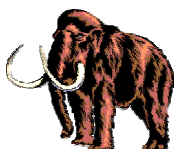
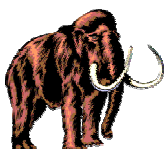
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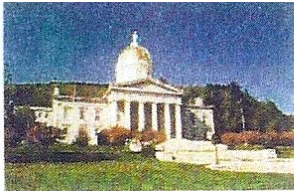
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Town Garage On The School Land

Hi, I'm Jeff Teter and I have been working for the Town of Mount Holly on our roads for the last 28yrs. I'd like to give you some information concerning the discussion of the proposed new town garage.

We had an informational meeting that started at the Town garage back in November. What was apparent when you walked in was how the heck do we pack all that equipment in there. The walk to the back of the garage where the office and wood stove are located involves turning sideways and ducking between equipment. One of our main winter tools, the loader, is kept outside because there is no room for it. So bottom line, we need a new garage because we out grew this one years ago plus its flat roof has allowed leakage and mold growth to a serious and unhealthy degree.

We started looking for land around 20 years ago back when Warren Cole was a selectman. We have looked at several places on 103 and 155 but the best was always the school property. Not only because of it's central location for school, town office, fire and rescue winter maintenance, which is key for an efficient cost effective operation, but we can build it completely out of site. Do you really want to drive into Mt Holly and see a big sand pile, maintenance building and stock piles of gravel right on the highway instead of farm land. When we looked at the newer state and municipal garages for ideas, most were off the road and out of site.

Why would the school want to sell the town the land in the first place? The answer to that is our relationship between the school and town in the form of ongoing help on projects that the school could not have afforded on its own, examples being the athletic fields, basketball court, moving around the wood chips for the playground each year and many more things that helps the school keep its budget lower but still gets extra fun things done. Beyond these areas, we are always close by to be there to take care any of their needs.

The school is willing to sell the town the land, which we have already been using for the last 35yrs and have developed for our needs. For the cost of 15 thousand, which is the lowest appraised value, and a 35 thousand solar electric system that the town will own and install by the town office for use in the summer. The school will use this system in the winter for electricity and data for a teaching aid for the children to see real time value of renewable energy. This is a very progressive and forward thinking deal.

I should also comment on some of the information, and at times miss information I may add, that has been posted in the chit chat and spread around town.

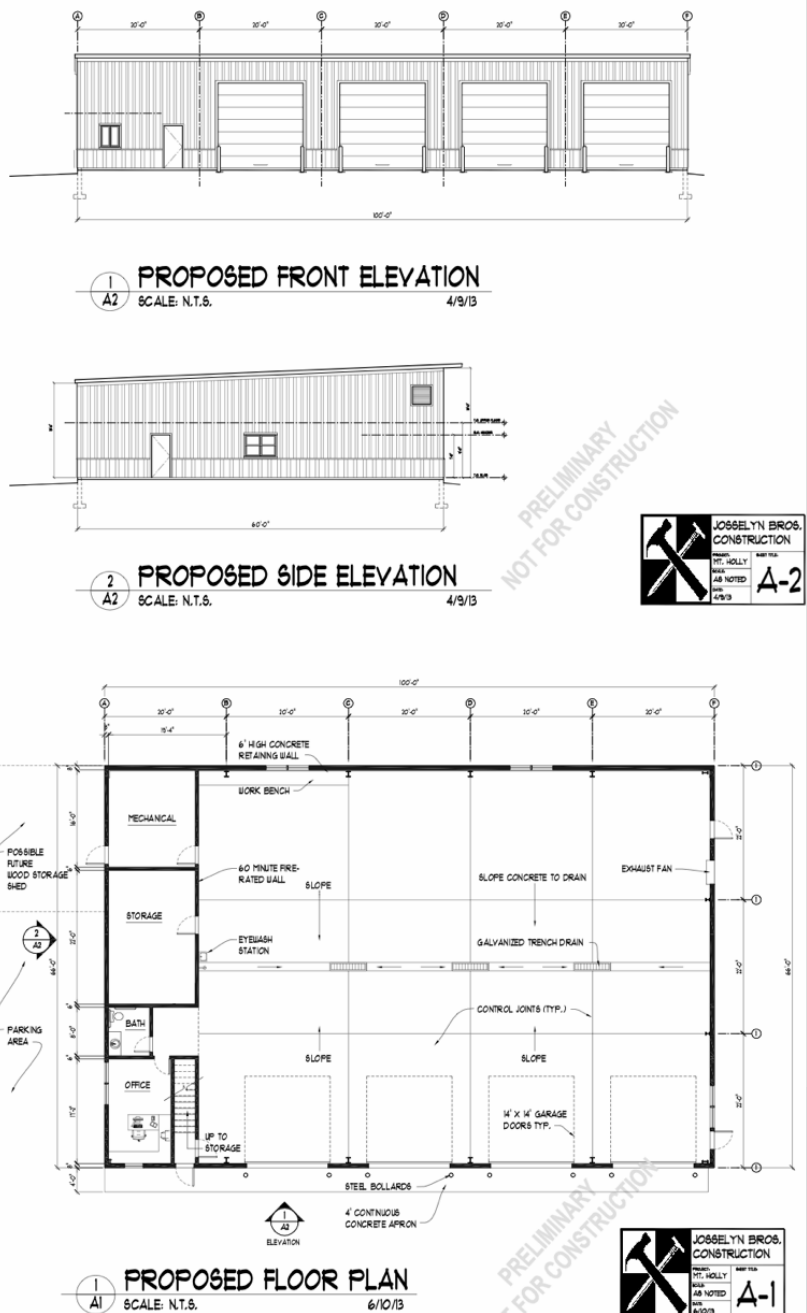
The concern about sand pile deaths. The situations cited in the chit chat had nothing to do with municipal sand piles. One example given was actually a death where a path gave way near a river in a state park. Trying to add fear tactics to this discussion sure seems questionable and a waste of everyone's time. Also, there will be a fence around the proposed site to make sure it is safe. This has **always** been a part of the proposal.

The land offered by Carol Ballou is not usable for our needs. It consists of wetlands and hillside. It is difficult to understand why this proposal was put out there.

We have looked at the Dunwoody property but ruled it out for these reasons; the need of an expensive septic system, the amount of gravel needed to raise the operational land out of the wet nature of the site, and being right on 103 with the need to screen it from view and the dangers of access right onto 103. Part of this land is located in VTRANS high accident rate segment map of 103. Also, the right turn from 103 onto Hortonville Road is difficult and dangerous with a plow on.

So, as tax payers of Mt Holly consider this proposal of buying the school land and building the town garage there, if you want the logical, least expensive and most efficient site, that even the neighbors are happy with, then it is clear that buying the school land for the town garage and keeping most of the money in town (true, some of the 15k will go to act 60 but all of the 35k will benefit the town for many years to come), makes the most sense. Please, let us all use common sense in our decision making.

March 2014 Mount Holly Chit Chat Inc.





Real Estate

Forty Years Ago

By Gail Graves, Realtor®, Engel & Völkers, Woodstock & Ludlow

March 1974 to March 2014

Happy Anniversary Chit Chat! Thank you for Forty Years of Community Service! 1974 was the year I graduated from High School ☺ and never had a thought about living in Mt. Holly, Vermont or selling real estate. Well here I am, living in Mt. Holly, Vermont (23 years now!), and to commemorate the 40th year of the Chit Chat, I thought I would do a little research about how things were 40 years ago in Real Estate. With some help from Dave Johnson and Sue Covalla in the Town Office and Google, I was able to pull up some interesting facts.

As we might guess, some things have changed A LOT and some things haven't changed as much as you might think.

1974

Grand List Value	\$4,200,000
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Fire Department	\$.108	\$.3401
Bridges	\$.048	no bridges budget
School	\$4.011	\$1.4793

In 1974 every resident paid \$1.50 for the privilege of voting.

Mortgage Interest Rates in 1974 went as low as 9.5% and as high as 12.5%.

There were 95 Transfers of property in 1974. About 75% of them were between family members. Today Sue tells me that we still have between 85 and 100 Transfers in a year.

Out of the 95 Transfers of property in 1974, here are a few examples of what was selling:

A house on 1 acres	\$20,500
4 acres of open land	\$ 1,800
18 acres of land	\$32,000
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Robin Nelson LMT www.thebelmontbodyandsoulshop.com 259-2131

Dr. Joseph P. Donohue – Chiropractic Care, Thrive Center 446-2499

Massage Therapy/Bodywork, Thrive Center of Green Mtns 446-2499

Lisa Donohue MA, LMT/Paul Colletti MT/Linda O'Brien MT 446-2499

Home Management Services

Belmont Gardens Property Management 259-2364

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

Yankee Home Management, Keith Hawkins 259-3064

Home Ownership Services

Neighbor Works of Western VT, Jacki White 802-438-2303 Ext 215

Lawyers

Attorney Steven J. Howard 802-779-4447

Locksmith & Security

Countryside Lock & Alarms (Mike Blais) 259-2213

Lumber

Bob & Sharon Cole / Paulson Wood Products 518- 658-3271

info@paulsonwoodproducts.com

Manufacturing & UPS Outlet

DECO Manufacture Machine Job Shop 259-2477

Maple Syrup

Green Mtn. Sugar House 228-7151

Smith Maple Crest Farm www.smithmaplecrestfarm.com 492-2151

Marketing & Promotional Services

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

Merchandise Sales & Service

Black Satin Silversmiths, Daryle Thomas 259-2841

Dan Turco & Sons YAMAHA-Snowmobile, Motorcycle, ATV 773-8650

www.turcosyamaha.com sales@turcosyamaha.com

Environmentally Safe Products For Body & Home - Pat LaBella 259-6078

Fuller Brush & Rawleigh Products – Diana Garrow 259-2314

Hearth & Cricket Stove Shop – Daryle Thomas 259-2841

Mary K – Natalie Brown 259-2067

Sew Easy Interiors Home Décor & Window Treatments 259-2048

bethjosselyn@gmail.com Fax 259-3905

Painters

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

Personal Services

Angelo's Family Tailoring 259-3564

Ang's Cleaning Service 259-3598

Jencot Cleaning Co. 259-2146

Paneless Window Cleaning- Insured, Free Estimates 259-2786

Perfect cLEEn House Cleaning Service – Donna Lee 259-3936

Pet Sitter – Barbara Pallotta 259-2856

Plumbing & Heating

Master Plumbing & Heating Inc. masterph@vermontel.net 492-3657

Real Estate Sales

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Jane.Harrington@cbwatson.net F 802-228-4100 Cell 978-337-3950

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Carol Pike 259-2313

Engel & Voelkers, Woodstock & Ludlow Gail Graves 259-3005

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

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Ty Murray H 259-3014 - Cell 777-8047

Carl Mitchell H 259-2107 - Cell 384-3202

Lisa Kelley H 259-3112 - Cell 345-6581

Refrigeration

J.C. McDonald Inc. ~ Commercial Refrigeration

Air Conditioning Sales & Service joemc@vermontel.net 259-3152

Septic System Design

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

Tree Services

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

Volunteer Services

Belmont/Mt. Holly Food Co-op, Tanger H 259-2344 W 259-2899

Black River Good Neighbor Service 228-3663

Neighborworks Of Western Vermont 438-2303

Woodworking, Cabinets & Furniture

Chesters Custom Woodworking, ccw@vermontel.net 259-3232