

Mount Holly Chit Chat



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March 2015

Village Baptist Church – Worship 9:30am, Pastor Glenn Davis 259-2440 vbch@weebly.com

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

First Baptist Church, Wallingford – Worship 10 am, Prayer Meeting Wed 7 pm, Pastor Dave Bentley 802-446-2020

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

Sun	1 st	Sno*Drifter Meeting, Belmont Fire Station	<i>Peace Corps Founded 1961</i>	8:30 am
		Fire Dept. Business Meeting, Belmont Fire Station		7:00 pm
	2 nd	Annual Town Meeting: Mount Holly Elementary School Gym		7:00 pm
	3 rd	VOTE!! Mount Holly Town Office	Polls Open 10:00 am –	7:00 pm
		Mason Meeting, Mt. Moriah Lodge, E. Wallingford		8:00 pm
		<i>Alexander Graham Bell 1847 ~ "Star Spangled Banner" Made US National Anthem 1931</i>		
	4 th	Mt. Holly Community Association Meeting, Library		7:00 pm
		Mt. Holly School Board Meeting		7:00 pm
		Union #39 School Board Meeting		7:00 pm
	6 th		<i>Michelangelo di Lodovico Buonarrotri Simoni 1475</i>	
Sat	7 th		<i>43rd Annual Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race Begins Anchorage, Alaska</i>	
Sun	8 th		<i>Hare & Rabbit Hunting Season Ends ~ Daylight Savings Begins/Spring Ahead</i>	
	9 th	Rescue Squad Meeting, Rescue Squad Building		7:00 pm
	10 th	Community Guild Meeting, IOOF Hall, Belmont		9:00 am
		Selectmen's Meeting, Town Office		7:30 pm
		Fire Dept. Drill, Fire Station		7:00 pm
	11 th	Fire Dept. Ladies Auxiliary Meeting, Belmont Fire Station		7:00 pm
		Mt. Holly PTC Meeting, Mt. Holly School Library		3:00 pm
		ODD Fellows Meeting, IOOF Hall, Belmont		7:00 pm
	12 th		<i>Girl Scouts Founded 1912</i>	
Sat	14 th		<i>Albert Einstein 1879</i>	
Sun	15 th		<i>Walleye Fishing Season Ends</i>	
	17 th	Fire Dept. Work Night, Fire Stations	<i>St. Patrick's Day</i>	7:00 pm
	19 th	Mt. Holly Town Library Meeting, Library, Belmont		6:00 pm
	20 th		<i>Muskrat Hunting ~ Spring Begins ~ Vernal Equinox</i>	
Sun	22 nd		<i>Civil Rights March 1965</i>	
	23 rd	Rescue Squad Meeting, Rescue Squad Building	<i>National Diabetes Alert Day</i>	7:00 pm
		Mount Holly Planning Commission, Town Office		7:00 pm
	24 th	Community Guild Meeting, IOOF Hall, Belmont		9:00 am
		Fire Dept. Drill, Fire Station		7:00 pm
	25 th	ODD Fellows Meeting, IOOF Hall, Belmont		7:00 pm
	31 st	Fire Dept. Work Night, Fire Stations	<i>Cesar Estrada Chavez US Labor Organizer 1927</i>	7:00 pm
		Mason Meeting, Mt. Moriah Lodge, E. Wallingford		8:00 pm

Muskrat & Beaver Trapping Season Ends

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Emergency Services


Mount Holly Fire Dept.	259-2700 or	911	Poison Control	(802) 658-3456
Mount Holly Fire Warden – Jim Seward	786-3408	259-2211	American Red Cross	802-773-9159
Mount Holly Rescue Squad	775-3133 or	911	Game Warden – Tim Carey	802-773-9101
Mount Holly Constable Paul Faenza	C 802-353-8347 P 802-786-4404		Health Officer - Tim Bickford	259-3664
Animal Control For Mt. Holly	mhconstable@yahoo.com	P 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 chitchat@vermontel.net Check out Mt. Holly Web Site www.mounthollyvt.org


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March Birthdays: 1st -Jessica Duarte * Kimberly Chadburn. 2nd -Doris Nelson * Donald Reiser * Nicole Reiser. 3rd -Alexander Melville * Violet Colm. 4th -Gary Cole. 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 Parsells * Karen Ham. * Frank Gerdin. 19th -Patrick Melvin * Andrew Garrow * Eureka Johnson. 20th -Bill Jacobs. 21st -Jeremiah Johnson. 22nd -John Taylor * Rachel Manuel 1971. 23rd -Megan Carrara. 25th -Nicole Griffin * Lucy Columb. 28th -Bessie Centini. 29th -Nancy Columb. 30th -April Melvin * Mary Nortunen.



March Anniversaries: 3rd -Jerome & Natalie Brown (53rd) 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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Mount Holly 802-259-2796

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& 2:45 pm – 4:45 pm
Sat 7:30 am – 10:30 am

Belmont 802-259-2790

Mon – Fri 7:30 am – 9:30 am
& 2:45 pm – 4:45 pm
Sat 8:00 am – 10:45 am

East Wallingford 802-259-2829

Mon – Fri 7:00 am – 9:00 am
& 2:45 pm – 4:45 pm
Sat 7:00 am – 10:00 pm

Cuttingsville/Shrewsbury 802-492-3585

Mon – Fri 7:30 am – 10:30 am
& 1:30 pm – 4:30 pm
Sat 8:00 am – 11:00 am

Ludlow 802-228-7436

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Sat 6:30 am – 11:00 am
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Sat 8:30 am – 10:30 am



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ONT TRIBUNE, LUDLOW, VT., THURSDAY, MAY 6



MARILYN MARTIN

Marilyn Martin Is Triple Winner In TV Contest

MT. HOLLY — Miss Marilyn Martin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Martin, was chosen a three time grand winner out of several hundred contestants from Maine, New Hampshire and Vermont, in a television talent show, "Talent Spotlight" which was seen on April 24 on Channel 8 television in Poland Springs, Maine at 6 p.m.

Her winning performance was playing the Accorgan and she won a trophy for being a final contestant and another for being the grand winner of the series of television shows which have been running and eliminating contestants since last October.

Marilyn will receive an all-expense paid trip to New York City and will perform at the World's Fair in the New England Pavilion. She will also receive auditions for the television networks, ABC, NBC and CBS and have interviews with television agents and personnel.

The first audition Miss Martin participated in was in Montpelier where she was one of five acts chosen for one of the first shows which saluted the Vermont State Capitol.

After winning that show she then competed against the 26 weekly winners when she was chosen one of six finalists and of these winners she was the grand winner.

Marilyn Martin-Dunwoody

Marilyn Martin-Dunwoody, born October 7, 1946, died February 7, 2015, of complications from ALS. Marilyn was the daughter of Arnold C. Martin and Lucile (Holden) Martin of Mount Holly. Marilyn was a well-known person throughout Vermont as a singer, performer and an accomplished accordionist and instructor. Many will know her from her years as a ski instructor at Okemo and Killington. Her cheerful personality and infectious smile touched everyone she met. Marilyn was also known for her singing voice at weddings, clubs and conventions.

Marilyn is survived by her husband Phil Dunwoody, her brothers & their wives Jack and Karen Martin, Gary and Amanda Martin and by her grandchildren by marriage, Eli and Aron, their parents Philip & Marlene Dunwoody, Lisa Dunwoody, and her niece and nephew, Michelle Shaw and Michael Martin.

The viewing was held from 5 to 9 p.m. Friday, Feb. 13th at the Church of the Annunciation Fellowship Hall. The Funeral Mass was celebrated at 11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 14th, at the Church of the Annunciation, 7 Depot St., Ludlow, VT. Celebrant was the Rev. Romanus Igweonu.

In lieu of flowers, please send donations to the Church of the Annunciation or the ALS Association (www.als.org).

Editors Note

To the left is a picture and article that appeared in the Vermont Tribune on May 6, 1965 of Marilyn.

She taught many to play the accordion here in Mount Holly along with my brother Joe Turco and myself. I will not forget all those lessons; especially with all the notations she marked on my music sheets along with the most important, COUNT! I cherish them even more. Diana Garrow

In Memory of Marilyn (Martin) Dunwoody

You were always greeted with a beautiful smile with open arms. A friend to everyone she knew. Maria & Steven Howard, Mary Nortunen of Mt. Holly, Doroty, Sandy and Heidi Dunnigan of Raytown, MO



THE LIBRARY'S REQUEST FOR FUNDS

A Message From the Librarian

I became librarian 9 ½ years ago so that the Mount Holly Community would have a library that would continue to serve and benefit our residents. With the guidance of the Vermont Department of Libraries, volunteers and I gained the tools to improve the library. The help and support of a diverse cross-section of residents made it possible for our little library to grow and prosper. The collection has grown to 9,500 volumes with newly published books being added to the collection monthly. We have audio books on CD and movies on DVD. You can download eBooks and audio books and you can take courses through

Universal Class. Since 2006 we have had over 70 speakers on a wide variety of subjects, at least 25 musical events, a summer reading program every year, recurring programs of yoga instruction, Children's Play Group, acupuncture, the Middle East and Folk Club. We partner with the Mount Holly School by coordinating projects and bringing classes for visits. We have twice participated in the Vermont Reads Project, each year we host Green Up Day, we write various grants and fundraise with books sales and other projects and a year ago we became fully automated. The \$8,000 raised in taxes puts us as one of the lowest funded of the 183 libraries in the State of Vermont. All the things that we offer to the community prove that the library is a vital part of Mount Holly. We ask that you please once again approve our request for funds and utilize this valuable asset.

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MOUNT HOLLY TOWN LIBRARY

The Last Part of the CLIF Grant

We are making plans for the Children's Literacy Foundation's spring presentation. In April a children's author will come to the library to present a program and give each Mount Holly Elementary School child a book. The Foundation gave us the opportunity to choose from a long list of authors. We selected 4 possible authors and the Foundation will try to coordinate the program with one of them. It will be exciting to see which famous author will come to Mount Holly.

Adopt An Author

You may choose to "adopt" a favorite author or authors for the library. The price you pay for the book is the cost to the library and is significantly lower than retail. Each "adopter" gets to be the first to check the book out of the library when they pay for the book. You can let us know ahead of time what authors you are willing to support and the books can be ordered well before the release date insuring that the book comes to the library the minute the publication is released.

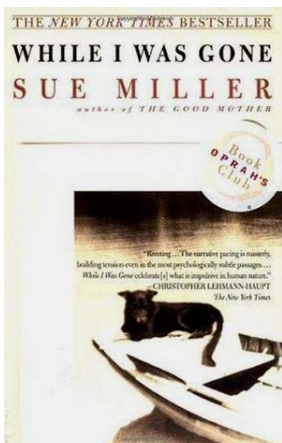
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Plans Under Way for the Summer Reading Program

Each year the library holds a Summer Reading Program for Elementary School age children. This year the theme is "Heroes". "Every Hero Has a Story" is a theme that lends itself to many possibilities. Heroes are in all fields of endeavor. They can be scientists, mathematicians, artists, politicians or simply a person who is willing to face their own fears, continues even in an extreme situation, or puts others before themselves. Do you have a story to tell about someone you know or an experience you've had? We would like to hear from you and somehow include it in our program. How great for our kids to hear stories from their own community and from or about people they know!!

"How we use the knowledge we gain determines our progress on earth, in space or on the moon. Your library is a storehouse for mind and spirit. Use it well." Neil Armstrong



Mount Holly Library Reading Discussion Group

Keep cabin fever at bay! The Mount Holly Library Reading Discussion Group will meet at 7:00 p.m. on March 11, 2015 at Sue Hamilton's on the Healdville Road, Belmont. We will be discussing the novel "While I was Gone", by Sue Miller. Please call Minga at 259-2471 to obtain a copy of the book or with any other questions. Minga Rae



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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, 2015 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 unneutered	=	\$14.00

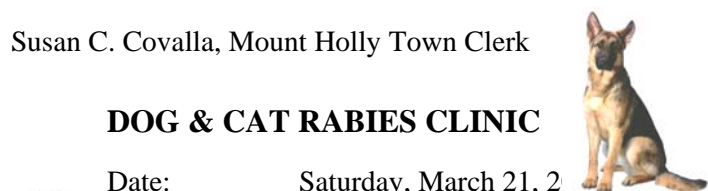
The Mount Holly Town Office is open 8:30 am - 4:00 pm Monday - Thursday. The phone number is 259-2391 if you have any questions.

Susan C. Covalla, Mount Holly Town Clerk

DOG & CAT RABIES CLINIC

Date:	Saturday, March 21, 2
Time:	10:00 a.m. — 12:00 p.m.
Place:	Mount Holly Town Office
Cost:	\$12.00 per rabies shot
Vet :	Dr. Lisa Hickman

Please have your dog on a leash, and cat in a crate. Town Clerk will be present to register your dog.



Mt. Holly School Board Meeting

The Mt. Holly school board met on Wednesday, February 4 at the Ludlow Elementary School. The board heard from Colin McKaig regarding the Rowland Foundation. They also discussed the best practices initiative and the transportation committee. Mr. Hutt Vater reported that the school has 4 new students. He also reported that the staff is working on preparing themselves and their students for the SBAC assessments that will begin soon. Mr. Hutt Vater also reported on the Alert Solutions problems that have been happening throughout the entire TRSU. He and Ms. Baker are working on a solution. The board approved the minutes of the previous meeting.

The next meeting will be on March 4 at Mt. Holly Elementary School.

BRACC UPDATE

From all of us at BRACC we thank you for your past support of \$3,000. This past year marked our 10th year of working help you raise healthy, productive children and to keep them off drugs and alcohol. We teach D.A.R.E. to all 6th graders and a refresher course to all middle school youth. We work with youth throughout the year including the summer programs. We do Sticker Shock and recognize retailers who don't sell to minors. We provide community education programs and work to change community norms to reduce youth substance abuse.



Don't miss the parent program on March 12 featuring John Halligan telling Ryan's story entitled, "Bullying, Technology and Youth Depression". See the flyer elsewhere in the Chit Chat for details. Middle and high school students will hear him on March 13.

We ask for your generous support again this year on the Australian ballot to continue these important programs. Thank you in advance.

Get involved and join us at our meetings. Call 228-7878 for information.

SUPPORT our COMMUNITY!!!

Become an active and positive supporter of the place many of us live in and many of us have invested in through real estate ownership while not living here full time!!!

Become an M. H. A!!!

A Mount Holly Ambassador!!!

Join the Mount Holly Ambassador Program!!!

The Mount Holly Ambassador Program is being organized to serve the interests of all members of our community regardless of whether you live here full or part time!

Okemo Mountain Resort organized an Ambassador Program early in its history and has had significant success with it. The program focuses on the visitor experience including, but not limited to Skiing. By including skiers in their hospitality efforts the resort has made the overall social experience a very positive one, improving the likelihood that the visitor would return and thereby achieve their primary marketing objective.

In the same way we can make our community not only a more welcoming one, which it is, but also an enjoyable year round destination, and reaping the potential economic rewards. Mount Holly is indeed a beautiful place to spend time and live. With two lakes, 60 miles of groomed snowmobile trails, hiking trails, community dinners, Summer Concerts on the Belmont Green, a top notch Elementary School and staff, historical delights and caring people we have much to be grateful for and share

Join our MOUNT HOLLY AMBASSADOR Program!!! Become part of making Mount Holly even better to live in and visit and invest in!!!

To learn more about some specific activities you might give some time to, contact Don Richardson at 802 259-3662, message him at 802 228-7086, or e-mail him at rivers@vermontel.net.

Let's give Mount Holly the support it needs!!!

PEOPLE HELPING PEOPLE“. What better way to serve our community!!! Do it today and Thanks!!!



Mascot for a day or two.

Anyone going to the town office Tuesday, the 17th or Wednesday, the 18th, noticed a lonely Canada goose that had moved onto the porch. Many people reported a single goose with a duck on Star Lake until it froze and this may be the one that turned up at the town office. The goose was hungry and thirsty. After checking with VT Institute of Natural Science, the goose was provided with water, food and hay from



different members of the community. VINS also mentioned someone who cared for injured geese and Thursday morning Peter Smith picked up the goose and transported it to its new home. The goose can be seen above in the crate ready for the new adventure. The farm where the goose will live is a wonderful place with five other injured geese; when the wild geese fly overhead, they land there and any geese that have healed can take off with the flock. Glad for the happy ending and thanks to all who helped!

The Mt. Holly School After School Program thanks the Mt. Holly community for their support.



During our most recent session, After School Program students had the chance to visit with members of the Mount Holly Volunteer Rescue Squad and Mount Holly Volunteer Fire Department to learn more about what these organizations do and how the volunteer members serve our town. Students especially loved having the chance to check out the fire trucks



and ambulance. Our Make a Difference Club members baked cookies for each organization to show their appreciation. Special thanks to Kristen Veysey of the Rescue Squad and Brian Buffum of the Fire Dept. for arranging these visits. Students have also had a chance to work with members of the Community Guild of



Mount Holly to learn sewing skills (and reinforce the design and math knowledge that make up this skill). Special thanks to Lynn Anderson for sharing her time and knowledge.

We especially wish to thank the citizens of the Town of Mt. Holly for their financial contribution to the Homework Club and Morning Math academic programs provided by the After School Program. The After School Program is funded by a combination of parent fees, 21st Century Grant, and Town of Mt. Holly funding. The town contribution is used exclusively to help fund the academic portion of the program. Over 50% of Mt. Holly School students take advantage of these programs to reinforce and enrich their learning. We ask that you please vote yes on Article 11 to help us continue to offer these services to students. - Julie Goraj

Mount Holly Community Association

The **Mount Holly Artists' Group** continues to meet every Saturday from 10:30 – 12:00 noon in the Community Room. Many thanks to Madeleine Fay for organizing this very successful activity on behalf of the MHCA. Oh, have we mentioned recently...the classes are free!! All are welcome, no matter your level of skill...beginner, or expert. Hope to see you there!

Save-the-Date!!! On Saturday, April 4th, the MHCA will be holding the annual **Spring Mud Fling** in the Odd Fellows Hall. This year will be a *special Mud Fling*, as the MHCA is sponsoring it to benefit the Friends of Star Lake in support of the dam restoration. Don't miss this ritual welcome to spring in Mount Holly and the chance to come out for the Friends of Star Lake! All proceeds will go to the dam restoration. Tickets are \$10 in advance (at the Belmont General Store or the Mount Holly Library), or \$12 at the door. It's BYOB...see you there!

Up-coming: we know that it's hard to imagine that spring and summer are on the way, but they are indeed coming...we promise! The MHCA's thoughts are already on one of our favorite summer events...the 9th annual **Garden Tour** to be held on July 25th. Linda Miller (259-3060) the tour coordinator is putting out an appeal for people to offer their gardens this year. (*See the box announcement for details.*) Please consider being on the tour. It's great fun meeting all of the people who come to visit and its great motivation to get your garden looking just the way you want it!

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 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.

Thank you! Thank you!!

Mount Holly Volunteer Fire.... Mount Holly Snow Drifters And Ludlow Ambulance Service for a difficult rescue and job WELL DONE!!!!

On Sunday, February 1, 2015 around noon all of the above organizations responded to what is believed to be the first Snowmobile accident of the year on the Mount Holly side of Okemo Mountain.

Training and good coordination of resources including an Albany Med Flight resulted in the quick rescue and transport of a seriously injured snowmobiler off an icy trail to a waiting helicopter

While the full outcome may not be known for a while there is no doubt that these professional volunteers made a very positive impact on that outcome. WELL DONE from the community that you serve so well!!! Mount Holly, Vermont. "PEOPLE HELPING PEOPLE" What better way to serve our community.

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Calling all Gardeners!!

*Would you like to open your garden for
the Mount Holly Community Association Garden Tour
on Saturday, July 25, 2015?*

*Show off your garden to friends and neighbors and visitors from afar.
All gardens are welcome..
Humble or grand, groomed or rambling.*

*Proceeds benefit the on-going restoration & maintenance of
The Mount Holly Library & Community Center Building*

*If you are interested, please contact
Linda Miller
LindaDMiller@aol.com
259-3060*

HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY

Water For South Sudan

This fall I read the book 'A Long Walk to Water' by Linda Sue Park. It follows the lives of two children, both in Sudan. Nya is 11 years old and her days were filled with carrying water for her family, leaving no time for education. The other child is Salva, a "lost boy" who spent years walking from South Sudan to refugee camps in Ethiopia and then to Kenya searching for safety and family. In 1996 at the age of 22 he was chosen to come to the United States.

After reading this book I was struck by the need in South Sudan and decided to do something to help. The organization Water for South Sudan based out of Rochester, New York was founded and is led by Salva Dut, the lost boy the book is written about. WFSS has drilled over 200 wells since it was founded in 2003. To drill one well costs \$15,000 - the benefit is huge, sometimes one well can serve several thousand people. The time saved allows women to grow more food and start small businesses, and gives children time for school. It is estimated that 50-60% of the population do not have access to clean water. South Sudan is the world's newest country, but also one of the poorest. It is estimated that 50-60% of the population do not have access to clean water. As of February 2014 230,000 refugees were displaced in South Sudan, coming from Ethiopia, Democratic Republic of the Congo, and Uganda. And an estimated 740,000 native Sudanese people are also homeless.

My small way of helping is organizing a fundraiser, ordering seeds in bulk from Fedco Seeds and re-packaging for sale. Seed order forms and more info are available on our website: Seedsworthsowing.webs.com. Forms are also available at locations around town. Order your seeds from: **SEEDS WORTH SOWING** - All profits go to: **WATER FOR SOUTH SUDAN**. Seed orders may be sent to seedsworthsowing@gmail.com. Or order form may be mailed to: *Seeds Worth Sowing c/o Cedelle Sirjane - 191 Button Hill Rd. Cuttingsville VT, 05738*. You may also call me at 492-3377. A planting guide and variety description are available on our website. All seeds are not knowingly GMO - some are even Organic! Check out Water for South Sudan's website for more information about them: www.waterforsouthsudan.org



Mount Holly is a wonderful community.....

Let's keep it that way!

Please VOTE for TED CRAWFORD
On March 3rd for Select Board

Let's Leave Well Enough Alone!

On Tuesday, March 3, Mount Holly voters will be asked if they want to open town roads to use by All Terrain Vehicles (ATVs).

Here is why you should **vote 'NO' to enacting an ATV law in Mount Holly:**

- ATVs are not safe for on-road use. All ATV manufacturers place a sticker on every vehicle sold warning against on-road use, (see sample below).
- Eighty eight percent (88%) of Vermont towns do not permit ATVs on their roads. ATVs are not allowed to travel on any state roads.
- The town doesn't need another burdensome and costly ordinance to try to enforce.
 - Opening Mount Holly roads to ATVs could threaten our VAST trail system.
- The Mount Holly town attorney has warned that Mount Holly could face costly lawsuits as a result of accidents on roads it has opened for ATV use.
- The town attorney has also advised that road openings for ATVs would have to be notified in the *Rutland Herald*. The result would be additional cost to our town and the risk of turning Mount Holly into a magnet for ATVs.

A warning appears on all ATVs sold.



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"Bullying, Technology and Youth Depression"

Presentation by Mr. John Halligan



John Halligan's son, Ryan, died by suicide on October 7, 2003 after being bullied by classmates at school and online. He was only 13 years old.



Halligan's presentation will cover the lessons learned too late for his family regarding how to deal with bullying, cyberbullying, and teen depression.

This **Free** Event is Sponsored By

Black River Area Community Coalition and

Black River High School/Middle School

Thursday, March 12
6:30 - 8:00 pm
Ludlow Auditorium
Town Hall
Auditorium, 37
Depot St.

Dinner and Child Care at 6:00 p.m.

Parents will be empowered with strategies to take preventive actions with their own children.

Any questions...call BRACC at 802 228-7878

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RyanPatrickHalligan.org

MESSAGE FROM MONTPELIER

Legislative Report from Rep. Dennis Devereux For Ludlow, Mount Holly, and Shrewsbury

The first several weeks were filled with meeting new members, and submitting ideas for proposed bills. Many groups have visited the Statehouse to promote their cause and meet with likeminded lawmakers.

As you can imagine there are many education bills circulating. The idea is to get some proposals out early that gain support within the Education Committee. One that I have supported in the past moves more school funding to the income tax. And a draft bill from the Education Committee has been put out to start the conversation about small school grants and associated penalties that could hurt our area. I am not sure if we will see any major changes this spring, but also think any changes would be implemented over time.

A hot topic every session includes where cuts are to be made, and the use of Results

Based Accountability to evaluate how wisely our money is being spent. Our Committee on Government Operations received a presentation about how Financial Management tracks the effectiveness of our spending. The plan is to use RBA to aid in our decision making. My committee has taken testimony on IT spending for every agency in state government to look at what each pays to the Department of Information and Innovation. Dii, as it is called, provides service and support to most departments.

I attended public hearings on the price of gasoline and a proposed gun control bill. Both areas where the public wants to provide input. Recently there was a very impressive presentation on the condition of our state's waters. There is strong support to fund more cleanup efforts before the EPA forces us. The funding to maintain the ongoing improvements will be difficult to find, but I am sure we intend to make every effort to address the problem. We are convinced our state's economy and the quality of the water are connected. Every speaker spoke of the value of clean water, and agreed we must improve it for our children's future. There is a water quality bill now circulating but it lacks the necessary funding.

You can contact me at ddevereux@leg.state.vt.us or at home at 802-259-2460.

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Saturday ~ March 28, 2015

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New Life In The Dead Of Winter

The recent howling winds brought to mind a similar winter that held a fascinating surprise! It was back when our David, at the age of six, found a plump, florescent green caterpillar on a walk at Grandma and Grandpa's. There was much excitement about bringing this treasure home in a jar. The excitement was transformed into fascination when the following morning the worm appeared to be gone and in its place was a dry, oblong shell. We explained that the wriggling caterpillar had spun this cocoon in preparation for the next stage of its life cycle. We talked a bit about the similarity to the Christian belief in the resurrection.

I must confess that there were times thenceforth at our house when the "belief" was seriously strained and almost suspended. My wife, on one occasion, was peering into the jar after moistening the cocoon a bit. "Well, David, I don't kn-o-o-w," she said.

"I'm beginning to wonder if Mr. Caterpillar is gonna make it." No sooner had she spoken the words than David said excitedly, "Look, Mom! He just moved!" And sure enough, there were some wild spasms that shook even the grass in the jar. So David raced off to show the rest of the family, "He's alive!"

As the days hastened, we ate our meals by the open jar on the kitchen shelf, witnessing all the busyness of a family kitchen: the sharing around the table, the carolers who jammed in for hot chocolate and the conversations with folks who stopped in to visit. The holidays came and went and the cocoon was out of sight, but never quite out of mind.

Then one morning, in the middle of January, as we all sat down to breakfast, mother began to point and gesticulates toward the window. There on the casing, with wings together, sat the biggest moth I think I have ever seen. Like the women on that first Easter, we all ran to the "Cocoon tomb" and found it had an opening the size of a pencil and we knew it was empty. The mysterious "death" period was over and David was thrilled to "show and tell" at school the glorious winged creature that had emerged. We learned from our encyclopedia that this was a Polyphemus moth. And finally, in the Kindergarten classroom it soared in a dimension undreamed of when it crawled on earth.

The Scripture says, "Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, nor has it entered into the heart of man the things which God has prepared for those who love Him." (1 Cor.2:9) The reality of heaven is going to be as far above our imagination as the soaring butterfly is to the crawling caterpillar. What a great opportunity to teach our children to trust in the promises of Jesus.

He is the only one who has ever been able to say, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me will live, even though he dies; and



whoever lives and believes in Me will never die." (John 11:25) Remember this: every time you attend a funeral or memorial service, you're merely viewing the physical remains -only the outer shell- of the deceased. Regardless of how we refer to the remains - slumbering, at rest, at peace - or how "natural" he or she may look , we are looking at that which is going to be changed and glorified, renewed so that the body can endure eternity. II Cor. 5:8 puts it this way: "*To be absent from the body is to be at home with the Lord.*" Verses like that provide believers with great peace that buoys us up when the chilling winds of death blow near us. It's foolish to remember only the cocoon and concentrate our attention on the remains, while forgetting the bright butterfly that finds new life in the dead of winter. **Pastor Glenn Davis**



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ATV Ordinance Vote

On Town Meeting Day, Tuesday March 3rd, there will be a vote in reference to the Mount Holly ATV ordinance. The Select Board is attempting to determine the amount of support there is in town for an ordinance to allow ATV travel on some of the town roads. If the vote indicates there is enough support, the ATV Committee will continue to work on drafting an ordinance in the best interest of all residents. Please take a few minutes to stop by the Town Office on March 3rd between 10:00am and 7:00pm to cast your vote. Don Patch

By Senator Alice Nitka, Windsor County

Consider visiting your State House and listening in on testimony that is being taken every day on a variety of bills. Lunch is available in the cafeteria. Feel free to give me a call at the State House at 1-800-322-5616 or on weekends at 802-228-8432, anitka@leg.state.vt.us

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Mount Holly Town News

Minutes are "DRAFT" until approved at the next Select Board meeting March 10, 2015. NOTE: Most Select Board meetings are covered by LPC-TV. The videos can be viewed at their website, www.lpcvtv.org. Computers with internet access are available at the Town Library.

SELECT BOARD ~ FEBRUARY 10, 2015 - The meeting was called to order at 7:31pm by Jim Heald. Raymond Tarbell and Tim Martin were present. All stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance. Jim welcomed everyone and requested that speakers raise their hand to be recognized, state their name and keep remarks civil and short.

1. Additions/Deletions to the Agenda: There were several additions to the agenda, one under Highways and two under Other.
2. Minutes:

- * The minutes of the regular meeting of January 13 and the special meeting of January 23 were sent out before the meeting for review. There were no corrections or additions. Upon motions made and seconded it was

VOTED: To approve the January 13 minutes. (3-0)

VOTED: To approve the January 23 minutes. (3-0)

Regular Select Board meetings are held on the second Tuesday of the month at 7:30pm in the Town Office. Items to be included on the Agenda are due by Noon the Thursday before the meeting.

Mount Holly Animal Control Officer

The Mount Holly Animal Control Officer is Constable Paul Faenza. He can be contacted 24hours/day at pager **786-4404**, or leave a message on his cell at **802-353-8347**.

The ACO handles calls concerning domesticated animals, and farm animals, to include animals running at large, animal cruelty, aggressive dogs, dog bites, etc. For more information or any questions concerning the Mount Holly Dog Ordinance, please contact Constable Faenza at mhconstable@yahoo.com.

- * The Board received a letter from Brigid Sullivan requesting changes to the January 05 meeting, which were approved last month. She stated that she was here as a citizen, not representing FOSL, and asked that the minutes be changed to reflect that. The Board agreed and the minutes will be amended.

3. Highways

- * 2005 Truck. Jeff Teter asked the Board for guidance on when to replace the 2005 truck. On a ten-year cycle, the truck would be due for replacement. A trade-in estimate

is about \$25,000. Jeff noted that the town received \$11,000 trade-in for the 15-year old truck, and the new 2015 truck cost \$157,000. The Board said that they were not in any hurry to replace the 2005, and Jeff agreed.

- * FEMA has declared a disaster area for the December storm. Jeff will attend the mandatory meeting on Thursday so the Town could be eligible for recovery funds. FEMA's initial assessment for the town was \$100,000.
- * The Board received an invoice from Daniels Survey for work done in 2008 – 2013, totaling \$4,485. Jim said she indicated in a phone call that the town could spread out the payment if desired. The Board authorized payment of the invoice.

4. Star Lake Dam Reconstruction Project. (moved up from Other). Ron Unterman provided an update that the State had only one question in the preliminary process, and the new design has now been sent in for the formal permit application. On the fundraising side, \$30,000 has been raised since mid-December, with donations ranging from \$25 to \$5000. He noted one gift in particular from the Manleys in memory of Don and Gerry Tarbell which was for \$10,000.

5. Report of Treasurer

- * David Johnson presented an income and expense statement dated January 31, 2015 showing cash balances of \$2,576,063. The net cost after trade-in for the new truck came to \$146,000, which will be taken from the two asset equipment reserve accounts. There was no update on the outstanding property taxes. Solid Waste revenue (label sales) is slightly under budget. Solid Waste expense does not include the January Casella bill (not received yet). The Audit expense is about \$2500 under budget. Under highway expenses, David noted that repairs are under budget. Winter road materials are under budget and expected to remain so, even if we get more salt in February or March. The expense of the new fuel pump will be reduced by contributions from other users (fire, rescue, school). The new truck is expected to be delivered tomorrow.

External Audit: The audit was completed and the town received a clean opinion. The audit will be in the Town Report.

6. Transfer Station – nothing to report this month.

7. Planning Commission – nothing to report this month

8. Other Business

- * New England Clean Power Link Project: The Town received notice that SWCRPC (regional planning commission for South Windsor County) has filed a Motion to intervene on the project. The Town also received notice of a Public Hearing on the project on February 24, 2015 in Fair Haven at 7:00 pm. This notice also included a calendar of the deadline dates for various parts of the project process.
- * The Board received notice that the State will not be publishing the Annual Report of the 2014 Grand List data (statewide report), but make it available only online.
- * The Board received a letter from the Rutland Town Selectboard, urging all municipalities to join them in a resolution to the Legislature to provide for more input by towns in solar system sitings. Jim also received a letter from Renewable Energy Vermont urging the Board to not join with Rutland Town. The Board felt that more information is needed and tabled any action to another meeting.

- * Rhonda noted that VLCT is holding the Spring Selectboard Institute on March 21, and urged the three selectboard candidates (who were all present) to put the date on their calendars, so the winner could plan to attend.

9. The Board reviewed and signed the January orders for payment.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by motion made, seconded and approved, at 8:07 pm. Respectfully submitted, Rhonda Rivers

Mount Holly Planning Commission ~ Regular Meeting February 16, 2015

Members present: Michael Valente, Bill McGrath, Jim Seward and Nicole Griffin

Public Present: Luke Chrisinger (LCPTV), Ted Crawford, David Hoeh, Don Richardson

Meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by Bill McGrath

OLD BUSINESS: Michael Valente made a motion to accept the minutes as read; Jim Seward seconded the motion; the motion was carried by all.

NEW BUSINESS: Transportation Committee informed the Planning Commission of Route 140 and 155 now have been put on priority 2 and 3 to take care of some maintenance on the roads. Also informed the Planning Commission of a discussion going for charging stations for electric vehicles, for vehicles to be able to charge in spots designated for these vehicles. These would be quick charge stations with 250 amp both ac/dc outlets.

Correspondence: State of Vermont Public Service board is holding a hearing on TCI New England power line. This power line is set to go all the way down the state. Route 103 is the area in which this line will be placed through Mount Holly.

Vermont Conservation Commission, the planning commission will not be joining the group this year. The group mainly is for Northern counties in Vermont.

Working Group: Due to two members absence The Planning Commission decided to postpone revising the Town Plan until our next meeting in March.

Jim Seward motioned to adjourn meeting, seconded by Michael Valente. All carried Aye.

ADJOURNMENT 7:30pm

Note: The Planning Commission meeting date change is Monday March 23rd for our monthly meeting.

WARNING

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

MARCH 2, 2015 AND MARCH 3, 2015

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 2, 2015 to act on the following articles, viz: 2, 12, &13.

On Tuesday, March 3, 2015 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.

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 2015-2016, to be raised by tax?
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| A. General Fund & Solid Waste Fund | \$ 445,020. |
| B. Highway Fund (net) | <u>310,300.</u> |
| Total A & B (Australian ballot) | \$ 755,320. |
- Article 4: Does the Town vote \$ 74,000. to be raised by tax for the fiscal year 2015-2016, for future capital expenditures? (Australian ballot)
- Article 5: Does the Town vote to the Mount Holly Volunteer Fire Department, Inc. an operating budget of \$49,000. for the 2015-2016 fiscal year, and lease purchase payment of \$36,900. for a total of \$85,900.to be raised by tax? (Australian ballot)
- Article 6: Does the Town vote to the Mount Holly Volunteer Rescue Squad, Inc. for the 2015-2016 fiscal year budget, to be raised by tax?
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|---|------------------|
| 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 \$9,135., to be raised by tax'? (Australian ballot)



The Mount Holly Town Library is a vital community resource, offering a place of education, exploration, research and wonderful literary adventures to all our residents. Our book sales and other fundraising efforts have become part of community life. But all the money we need to thrive cannot be raised by us alone. We hope that you will continue to visit the library, participate in its activities and take advantage of its resources. And we also hope that you will **cast your ballot in favor of the town support that will help keep this vital resource alive and well.**

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.
F. 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. NeighborWorks 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.
T. Ludlow Public Cable Television (LPCTV)	600.



- Article 10: Does the Town vote \$3,000. for Black River Area Community Coalition (BRACC) to be raised by tax? (Australian ballot)
- Article 11: 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 FY2016, to be raised by tax? (Australian ballot)
- Article 12: Does the Town vote to exempt Colfax Lodge #21 Independent Order of Odd Fellows front Town tax and be responsible for the School portion of taxes to be paid to the State of Vermont for a period of 5 yrs.?
- Article 13: To transact all other necessary and proper business.
- Dated at Mount Holly, Vermont this 22nd day of January AD, 2015.
- Town of Mount Holly Select Board, James Heald, Raymond Tarbell, Timothy Martin

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 2, 2015, 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 3, 2015, 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 2, 2015 at 7:00 PM
Mount Holly School

- Article I: To act on the reports of the Town School District Directors for the year ending June 30, 2014.
- 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 3, 2015 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 16 § 562, Powers of Electorate (3)
- Article III: Shall the voters of the Mount Holly School District appropriate \$1,712,136.00 necessary for the support of its school for the year beginning July 1, 2015?
- Article IV: Shall the voters of the Mount Holly School District authorize its Town School District Directors to place all unencumbered funds into a Reserve Fund for the purpose of defraying operational expenses?
- Article V: To elect officers for the ensuing year

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

WARNING
RIVER VALLEY TECHNICAL CENTER SCHOOL DISTRICT
ANNUAL MEETING AND INFORMATIONAL MEETING
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2015

(Member districts: Bellows Falls Union High School District #27, Black River Union High School District #39, Green Mountain Union High School District #35, and Springfield School District)

ANNUAL MEETING AND INFORMATIONAL MEETING

The legal voters of the River Valley Technical Center School District are hereby warned to meet in room B 118 at the Howard Dean Education Center, Springfield, Vermont, on Thursday, February 26, 2015, at 7:00 PM, to transact at that time business not involving voting by Australian Ballot or voting required by law to be by ballot. The business to be transacted to include:

- ARTICLE 1: To see what compensation the School District will pay to the officers of the River Valley Technical Center School District.
- ARTICLE 2: To hear and act on the reports of the School District officers.
- ARTICLE 3: 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 4: To authorize the Board of Directors to borrow funds through a bridge loan to cover expenses while waiting for state funding to arrive.
- ARTICLE 5: 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 3, 2015 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 3, 2015

- ARTICLE 1: Shall the voters of the River Valley Technical Center School District approve the sum of two million, seven hundred thirty-seven thousand, seven hundred ninety-three dollars (\$2,737,793) to defray current expenses for the ensuing fiscal year and to pay outstanding orders and obligations?

The legal voters of the River Valley Technical Center School District are further warned that a Public Informational Meeting will be held concerning the aforementioned Australian ballot article on Thursday, February 26, 2015, in room B! 18 at the Howard Dean Education Center, immediately following the business portion of the School District's Annual Meeting.

For more information about the proposed 2015-2016 budget, please contact the office of the R JTC 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 R VTC office.

Robert Flint, Chair David Clark, Vice Chair, Alison DesLauriers
Andrew Pennell, Secretary/Board Clerk

Randy Bixby James Rumrill, Jeanice Garfield Susan Tomberg,
Gabriel St. Pierre Jeff Mobus, Clerk, River Valley Technical
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For more information contact:

Kevin Neubert, kevin@BelmontGeneralStore.com, 259-2292

Ron Unterman, MHCT/FOSL, ron@unterman.com, 259-2491

Reinbow Riding Center

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2014 was a great year with over a hundred lessons given. We were also granted 501 (c) (3) nonprofit status by the IRS which allows all donations to the Reinbow Riding Center to be fully tax deductible. We look forward to 2015 with hopes of expanding our program and serving many more residents of Mt. Holly, Shrewsbury and the surrounding towns. For more information please call 259-2282 / 492-2226 and leave a message or visit our website at www.reinbowridingcenter.org.

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This project is being managed as a collaboration between the Mount Holly Select Board and the Mount Holly Conservation Trust (MHCT)/Friends of Star Lake (FOSL).

VSAC College Pathways

15 Free College Planning Workshops

This year, VSAC is celebrating 50 years of helping Vermonters continue their education and training after high school. One of our most successful efforts has been the College Pathways conference.

This year's 14th annual College Pathways is a *free* conference that guides students and parents through the college planning process – with workshops on:

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- * Writing an essay that stands out
- * Strategies for the SAT & ACT tests
- * Your college search: factors to consider and tools to use
- * College costs & financial aid
- * And much more!

College Pathways will be held in three locations:

- Saturday, **March 21**, at Saint Michael's College in Colchester
- Monday evening, **March 30**, at Lyndon State College (with the Northeast Kingdom College Fair)
- Saturday, **April 11**, at Castleton State College

I have attached a PDF of our poster describing the event. Would you be willing to print it out share with Town Meeting attendees and voters? If this is not possible, but you would like to have copies available, I can print off copies and mail them to you. Just let me know how many you would like.

This is a wonderful opportunity for students and their families to get a jump on the college planning process. If you would like more information or have questions, please contact me by calling [802-542-2240](tel:802-542-2240) or email me, Haskell@vsac.org.

Many thanks, in advance, for your consideration during this very busy time. I appreciate it. **Sabina Haskell**, Director of Public Affairs [802-542-2240](tel:802-542-2240) haskell@vsac.org

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Read With Oreo

Thursday March 12, 2015 School age students are invited to come to the library and read with Oreo the therapy dog. Oreo will be here from 3:00-4:00 the second Thursday of every month.

Monthly Books & Cooks Cooking Club

Mini-Pizzas - Grades 2-6 - Space is limited to 8 participants: Thursday March 26th 3:00-4:00pm

Crafty Tuesdays Grades K-6 3:00-4:00pm

March 3rd - **Funky Bookmarks** - Join in as we create some colorful and unique bookmarks using patterned paper, duct tape and other supplies.

March 10th - **Funny Flip Ball Paddle Game**- Is all this winter weather getting you down? Come to the library and make a fun game that will help beat the boredom until spring!

March 17th - **Rainbow Pots of Gold**- Celebrate St. Patrick's Day at the library as we make festive Pots of Gold and share the Luck of the Irish!

March 24th - **Jamaican Friendship Bracelets**- Jamaica is a tropical island known for its vibrant colors and laid back lifestyle. We will forget about snowy Vermont for a while as we create colorful bracelets.

March 31st - **Watercolor Window Art**- Using liquid watercolor paints we will use specially designed paper to create beautiful pieces of art.

Wacky Dance Party

Wednesday March 11th 3:00-4:30 - Show off your moves as we boogie to some fun kid friendly dance videos shown on the big screen in our community room. All ages welcome and refreshments will be provided.

YA Movie Night Monday March 16th

Grades 7&UP 5:00-7:00pm - "The Maze Runner" (PG13) All teens are invited to watch this action packed dystopian adventure based on James Dashner's bestselling novel. Refreshments will be provided.



VERMONT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
Presents "Paris in the Spring" At The Paramount Theatre in
Rutland on March 15, 3:00 pm.

Jaime Laredo, conducting
William Short, bassoon

Event page: <http://www.vso.org/eventview.php?id=153>

Press page: <http://www.vso.org/press-room.php>

The Vermont Symphony Orchestra continues its 80th Anniversary season with a Masterworks program titled, "Paris in the Spring," at the Paramount Theatre in Rutland on Sunday, March 15 at 3:00 pm. This is the second performance in a three venue tour that begins at the Flynn Center for the Performing Arts in Burlington on Saturday March 14 at 8:00 pm and continues at the Latchis Theatre in Brattleboro on Monday March 16 at 7:00 pm. Jim Lowe of the Rutland Herald will be giving a pre-concert talk with the artists one hour prior to the concert to enrich your concert going experience.

To celebrate 80 years of beautiful music in beautiful venues throughout Vermont, we have commissioned seven Vermont composers to write 80 second fanfares which will open each of our full orchestra concerts. Erik Nielsen of Brookfield will be the featured composer with his piece Fanfare in B flat.

Mozart's elegant "Paris" Symphony and Schumann's expressive "Spring" Symphony naturally suggest our concert theme "Paris in the Spring." The soloist for VSO's New Music Advisor David Ludwig's new bassoon concerto-- intriguingly titled "Pictures from the Floating World"--is one of the principal bassoonists of the Metropolitan Opera Orchestra (having won the position two years ago fresh out of music school). There is a French connection here as well: Ludwig's piece invokes the Japanese art prints that fascinated Debussy.

Again this year, the VSO will collect food items at its concerts in Burlington, Rutland and Brattleboro as part of the national "Orchestras Feeding America" project. Audience members and the public may bring a non-perishable food item 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 the 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 and beyond. Vermont Public Radio is the co-sponsor for the 2014/2015 season. Trapp Lager is the official lager of the VSO. The Rutland Herald is concert sponsor. VSO Bravo Society Member Betsy June Bennett is also sponsoring this concert in loving memory of Robert Bennett.

TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE AT: Paramount Theatre Box Office, paramountlive.org, or (802) 775-0903.

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 interview with musicians please contact Amy Caldwell at (802) 864-5741 ext. 16 or amy@vso.org.

Home & Business Cost Saving Energy Forum on Feb. 26

Keep warm and save money through conservation and smart solar heating options at this free event. Find out what your neighbors have been up to, including news of Ludlow Electric Grid's first Community Solar Project!

The Home & Business Energy Cost Savings Forum will be featured on Thursday, Feb. 26 at 7 PM at the Ludlow Town Hall Auditorium. It is open to every one.

Tesha Buss, local business owner and chair of the Okemo Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce's Clean Energy Committee, will present on solutions for homeowners and businesses – including community solar, roof-top, and other options – and how to decide which is best for you. With the help of Dave Bonta from the USA Solar Store, your questions will be answered regarding financing, tax credits, products, warranties, time frames, how your bills are credited, solar heating and hot water options and more! Bruce Whitney from NeighborWorks H.E.A.T. Squad will explain how to obtain an energy audit, available products such as air sealing, spray foam and retrofit insulation methods, the incentive process, and loan programs for homes and businesses. Going green has never been easier, nor do you need to have equity in your home or business to make some of the critical repairs or solar upgrades to save you money.

All are invited to the Ludlow Town Hall for an evening on money and energy saving tactics for home and business owners looking to get more out of their energy budgets and keep more heat in their homes!

Presenters include: Tesha Buss of Good Commons, The Good Farm Community Solar and Chair of OVRCC's Clean Energy Committee, Dave Bonta, founder of USA Solar Store and Sundeavor, and Bruce Whitney, outreach coordinator for NeighborWorks H.E.A.T. Squad. Made possible through sponsorship from Friends of Ludlow Auditorium.

Bring your questions! We encourage an informal Q & A after the presentation. For questions in advance, call or email Tesha at 802-245-4746 or tesha@goodcommons.com.



Babysitter's Training Course
10:00am - 4:00pm Friday March 27, 2015

Fletcher Memorial Library, 88 Main Street, Ludlow, Vermont 05149

Calling all students ages 11-15! Are you interested in earning a little extra cash this summer? Do you have an interest in children and want to learn how to baby-sit from the experts? Well, the Fletcher Memorial Library has just what you are looking for! The FML is teaming with the American Red Cross to offer a one day Babysitter's Training course. During this class participants will learn how to –

- Supervise children and infants
- Perform basic child care skills such as diapering and feeding.
- Chose safe age-appropriate games and toys.
- Handle bedtime and discipline issues
- Identify safety hazards and prevent injuries
- Care for common injuries and emergencies such as choking, burns, cuts and bee stings
- Communicate Effectively with parents
- Find and interview for babysitting jobs.



In addition to learning these much needed skills participants will earn an American Red Cross Babysitter's Training Certificate and will leave with several training manuals and their own first aid kit. 12 participants are needed for this course to be held, so grab a friend and sign up today! *Participants will need to provide their own lunch. Please contact Youth Services Librarian Sacha Krawczyk at 228-3517 to register.

**USDA Rural Development Invested More Than \$125 Million
In Vermont Communities, Businesses and Homes in 2014**

The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) announced Wednesday that Vermont communities, families and businesses benefited from \$125 million in USDA Rural Development (RD) grants, loans and loan guarantees in Federal Fiscal Year 2014.

"These funds helped thousands of Vermonters find affordable homes, find good paying jobs, and access vital community services," said USDA Rural Development State Director Ted Brady. "As the federal government's only agency devoted to assisting rural communities, USDA Rural Development is a one stop shop for the people, businesses and communities of rural Vermont. The hardworking men and women of the agency have a singular focus, helping our rural communities thrive."

Brady noted that funding was used to bolster Vermont's food systems economy, to build water and wastewater systems, to help businesses create jobs and produce renewable energy, and to build or purchase essential community facilities such as libraries, fire trucks, schools and arts venues.

The Newport-based non-profit Green Mountain Farm Direct used a small portion of that \$125 million, a \$102,000 Rural Business Enterprise Grant, to connect farmers with schools and other large institutional buyers. The new owner of The Inn at Round Barn in Waitsfield used a \$1.4 million loan guarantee to purchase the inn retaining 39 jobs. The Town of Hancock used a \$50,000 Community Facilities Grant to convert their historic school house into town offices and a library. And more than 2,000 families benefited from Rural Development loans, grants and rental assistance to help them buy, repair or rent their homes. For more information about the communities, businesses and people Rural Development served in 2014 visit <http://www.rd.usda.gov/vt>.

President Obama's plan for rural America has brought about historic investment and resulted in stronger rural communities. Under the President's leadership, these investments in housing, community facilities, businesses and infrastructure have empowered rural America to continue leading the way – strengthening America's economy, small towns and rural communities. USDA's investments in rural communities support the rural way of life that stands as the backbone of our American values.

USDA, through its Rural Development mission area, administers and manages housing, business and community infrastructure programs through a national network of state and local offices. Rural Development has an active portfolio of more than \$208 billion in loans and loan guarantees. These programs are designed to improve the economic stability of rural communities, businesses, residents, farmers and ranchers and improve the quality of life in rural areas. For more information on Rural Development, visit www.rd.usda.gov/vt

~ A Nice Quote, On point ~

Look again at that dot. That's here, that's home, that's us.

On it everyone you love, everyone you know, everyone you ever heard of,
every human being who ever was, lived out their lives. The aggregate of our joy and suffering, thousands of
confident religions, ideologies and economic doctrines, every hunter and forager, every hero and coward, every
creator and destroyer of civilization, every king and peasant, every young couple in love, every mother and father,
hopeful child, inventor and explorer, every teacher of morals, every corrupt politician, every "superstar,"
every "supreme leader," every saint and sinner in the history of our species lived there
—on a mote of dust suspended in a sunbeam.

— **Carl Sagan**, [*Pale Blue Dot: A Vision of the Human Future in Space*](#), 1994.

For **BRIGID SULLIVAN** **SELECT BOARD**

I will work hard as a member of the Select Board to strengthen our community and the lives of all our residents by controlling taxes and giving you a voice. I have proven success in:

- Controlling budgets and expenditures
- Grant writing and fundraising
- Managing multiple programs, facilities and capital projects

I have written successful grants for the Mount Holly Fire Department, Elementary School, Museum, Star Lake, and Conservation Trust **raising more than \$800,000 for this community.**

I would work with citizens to study the best ways to approach many issues facing the town including ways to decrease property taxes while maintaining services and controlling future increases; developing a long range capital program outlining a budget for future needs; and increasing opportunities for economic development and jobs, to name a few.

My commitment is to protect Mount Holly's character and beauty for my grandchildren's grandchildren. Their ancestors were original settlers here and every generation in the family since has maintained close ties to Mount Holly. Because of those deep family roots, I have volunteered for numerous Mount Holly organizations and projects.

I helped conserve more than 900 acres of the Town's lands to support farming, logging, hunting, cross country skiing, and snowmobiling, as a board member and president of Mount Holly Conservation Trust. I helped Mount Holly landowners understand the benefits of the State's Current Use Program as a way for land owners to save significant taxes while protecting open land. Land, hard work, and personal freedom are in my blood, having grown up farming in Michigan on land that my ancestors settled in 1835. I spent forty years in management, 14 as head of local parks and recreation departments in Kentucky and Wisconsin. I worked with federal and state agencies such as FEMA and had oversight responsibility for snow plowing, equipment replacement, park roads and building maintenance.

In my capacity as Justice of the Peace for the past 8 years I heard your tax appeals as part of the Board of Civil Authority and performed marriages and notary public duties. **As the coordinator of the Black River Area Community Coalition (BRACC)** I encourage parents and the community to help reduce youth drug and alcohol use. **As a member of the Ludlow Rotary Club, I help raise funds** for scholarships, books and literacy programs for Mount Holly's children as well as other projects in the Town.

As a candidate to fill the open position on the Mount Holly Select Board,

I understand the need to respect all voices in town even when we don't agree. I am also acutely aware of the need to control taxes through careful budgeting. Mount Holly needs the common sense, good judgment, and cost conscious approach that I bring to the table.



I ask for your vote on March 3rd

I can be reached at 259-2274 or brigid526@gmail.com

Vote **Brigid**
Sullivan
MOUNT HOLLY SELECT BOARD



Even with the cold, windy weather we welcomed our guests over President's Week. Again, Julie Pollard and her team put on another successful Chester Winter Carnival!

The February Chamber mixer at Good Commons was educational and informative. Thanks to Tesha Buss, Chair of our Energy Committee for bringing together our regions top resources: Anika James from SunCommon; Bruce Whitney from Neighborworks H.E.A.T. Squad; Dave Bonta of USA Solar Store; and Jeff Graham of Graham & Graham talking about Energy Tax Credits. Many

questions were answered and business connections were made ie. Serv Pro is helping people with mold and moisture issues and they get calls about ice dams. An energy audit and weatherization can identify and address the underlying building structural issues causing both problems, so the HEAT Squad can help provide a long-term solution, while Serv Pro can help with the short-term repair and clean up. An example of a good business to business connection!!!



We presented Terry Bane from Imerys Talc Inc. with the February Member of the Month.

"Imerys Talc Inc. is honored to receive the Chamber Member of the Month recognition. The Imerys Talc Operation has a long history here in Ludlow and we remain committed to being a valuable partner within the Okemo Valley Community. We look forward to many more years of continued support to our fellow businesses as well to the Ludlow community."

Upcoming programs:

- March 3 8-9am at Newsbank Conference Center. Ross Gibson from The Richard Group will be speaking about **Employee Engagement.**
- March 11 Mixer is at the Golden Stage Inn in Proctorsville from 5:30-7:30pm.
- March 18 **Protecting your Financial Identity** with Carrie Allen of Heritage Family Credit Union

The Chamber is working on our May 2015-May 2016 Regional Guidebook. We welcome the businesses in the Towns of Londonderry and Grafton to our region.

Don't forget we have two great events coming up:

- May 23 **Home, Garden & Recreation Show** at the Ludlow Community Center
- August 29 & **Okemo Valley Antique, Classic Car & Motorcycle Show**

August 30 Fletcher Farm School field. Only \$5 car to enter!!!

New Field Producer hired for ACCESS News Magazine

PEGTV, Rutland County's public access television station, is pleased to announce the addition of Amber Dumas as Field Producer for ACCESS on channel 15. Amber will be producing segments for the news magazine along with

taping school board and select board meetings.

"We are excited to have Amber working with us. With her familiarity and ties to the community and her skills as a producer she is an excellent fit to work on ACCESS," boasts PEGTV Executive Director, Michael Valentine.

Amber will receive her BA in Communications from Castleton College this spring. Amber's interest in communications began in high school where she was part of the Stafford video production program for two years and was also the recipient of PEGTV's Courcelle Scholarship her senior year. During her years of study at Castleton she helped direct and produce several documentaries including one on bullying that was shown in schools across the county. She was a participant in the Castleton Video Magazine, a show the students produce about news in and around the college, and she also interned at PEGTV.

"There are a lot of great people in the community that have some really cool stories to tell and I am looking forward to bringing them to ACCESS, especially those who are not always recognized for the good things they do," says Amber.

ACCESS focuses on positive news and events that are happening in Rutland county and airs weekly on PEGTV channel 15 on Thursdays at 7:30 & 9:00 p.m., Fridays at 10:00 a.m. & 9:00 p.m., Saturdays at 3:30 & 9:00 p.m. and Sundays at 2:00 & 5:30 p.m.

Caption: Amber Dumas is the new Field Producer for ACCESS News Magazine that airs on PEGTV Channel 15.



Linking Employee Health to Better Business: Worksite Wellness Conference March 25, 2015

Employers throughout Vermont are invited to attend the Vermont Worksite Wellness Conference, March 25, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Sheraton Hotel & Conference Center in South Burlington.

Vermont business leaders, human resources professionals, and wellness specialists will share ideas for inspiring employees to make healthy choices on and off the job.

Gov. Peter Shumlin, Health Commissioner Harry Chen, MD, and the Vermont Governor's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports will present awards to 92 employers for their efforts to create a culture of wellness at their worksites.

The deadline to register is March 17.

"In Vermont, employers now understand that employees who make healthy lifestyle choices are more productive and invested in their careers. Business leaders see the benefits of promoting wellness on and off the job, because it affects their bottom line," said Janet Franz, chair of the Governor's Council. "The proof is in the number of Vermont companies with topnotch wellness programs. The awards and conference highlight the best practices and give employers an opportunity to share their experiences and learn from each other."

Keynote speaker Graham Lowe, PhD, author of the book *Creating Healthy Organizations*, and president of a workplace consulting and research firm, will discuss what makes a healthy organization,

WINTER PHOTOS!! Mount Holly Photo Contest

The daylight is getting longer and the temperatures are beginning to rise but there are still lots of great snow photos to be taken! Don't waste a minute – get out there and enjoy the last days of winter and capture it with a photo that might make it into the 2017 Mount Holly calendar.

Please note: Due to a delay, photos for the 2016 Calendar will now be announced in the April Chit Chat!

For more information, please call Janet Warren at 802-259-2007.

the culture of such organizations, and how to get people engaged in wellness.

Afternoon workshops will dive deeper into a variety of subjects such as group goals, nutrition and physical activity in the workplace, wellness leadership, and workplace gardens.

The \$104 registration fee includes a healthy lunch and physical activity breaks.

For more information about the conference or to register visit:

<http://healthvermont.gov/family/fit/worksitewellness.aspx#conference>

The council's co-sponsors include the Vermont Department of Health, BlueCross and BlueShield of Vermont, The University of Vermont Medical Center, Northwestern Medical Center and INVEST EAP.

Mt. Holly Sno*Drifters

Hello Snowmobilers!!!

What a winter season, I hope you're all riding your hearts out, the trails are EPIC!!!

Thanks to all who attended our Valentine's Day BBQ, we truly appreciate your support it was a fun day had by all. Thanks to Joe Thibodeau for use of the grill and the MT Holly Town Crew for letting us borrow the orange cones for our obstacle course. As always, thanks to the Odd Fellows for the use of the hall, keeping us all warm as we indulged in good food and hot beverages.



Congratulations to Frank Boccuzzi who won the 50/50 raffle. Frank donated the winnings back to the club for the grooming fund. Thank You Frank!! Also congrats to Dave West, he won the door prize. Thank you to our local landowners for allowing us the privilege to enjoy the trails in this beautiful mountainside town. We are still working on the merge with the goal of becoming the MT Holly Snow Flyers this summer. Ride Safe and enjoy the rest of the season!! Mary Alberty, Secretary, 802-259-2900

Daylight Savings Begins
Sunday March 8th
Spring Ahead 1 Hour

Mount Holly Community Association Membership Drive 2014 – 2015

**Please join to support...Music on the Green-Mount
Holly Day-
Garden Tour-Square Dance-Cabaret-Photo Contest-
Cider Days-
Roast Beef Supper-Halloween Party-Christmas in
Mount Holly-
New Year's Eve at Star Lake-Spring Mud Fling
And the maintenance of our historic Community
Center Building
Please join today!!**

**(Brochures available in the library, the General
Store, the post offices and the Town Office.)**



Shriner Hospital For Children

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



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



Rutland Area Visiting Nurse Association & Hospice Community Health Clinics – March, 2015

March Blood Pressure/Foot Care Clinics

The cost of the foot clinic is \$10. For more information please call 775-0568.

Wednesday, 3/04/2015,	Wallingford, Wallingford House,	10:30 am
Thursday, 3/05/2015,	Rutland, Parker House,	10:00 am
Wednesday, 3/11/2015,	Rutland, Templewood Court,	10:00 am
Wednesday, 3/18/2015,	Rutland, Sheldon Towers,	9:00 am
Wednesday, 3/18/2015,	Rutland, Linden Terrace,	11:00 am
Thursday, 3/19/2015,	Rutland, Maple Village,	10:00 am
Wednesday, 3/25/2015,	Rutland, Godnick Center,	12:30 pm
Thursday, 3/26/2015,	North Clarendon, Community Center,	12:30 pm



**** PLEASE NOTE: The foot clinics will follow the school snow day schedule – if school is cancelled in a town due to snow, the clinic in that town will also be cancelled. Please call 802.770.1536 if you have any questions.**

RAVNAH also offers Cholesterol Screenings for \$30 every month:

Clinics held at the Rutland Office are the 1st Wednesday - call 802.775.0568 for an appointment.

Clinics held at the Dorset Office are the 3rd Wednesday - call 802.362.1200 for an appointment.

Didn't get your Flu Shot? It's not too late!

To schedule an appointment to receive your flu vaccine from one of RAVNAH's registered nurses, please call Cathleen Paulin at 802.770.1536. For more information on the different types of flu vaccines available, you can call RAVNAH's Flu Hotline at 802.770.1574.

Warning From Chit Chat Editor

I am going through and purging the Chit Chat mailing list. I shall be taking those who have not made a donation in the last 2 years from the mailing list. Effective next month by Sunday March 22nd you will be purged if a donation has not been received. If you are a resident of Mount Holly you do not need to worry as you will continue to receive your Chit Chat in the mail. This warning is for those who live outside of Mount Holly. To contact me you may call 802-259-2314 or email me at chitchat@vermontel.net for information on your status. Thanking you in advance for your help with this matter. Enjoy The Lovely Snow, Diana Garrow, Editor

Mount Holly Chit Chat Inc., 3379 Shunpike Rd., Mount Holly, VT 05758

The Mount Holly Chit Chat, a membership organization, has been incorporated as a non-profit organization in the State of Vermont, dedicated to providing all members of the Mount Holly community with information on Town events and issues. Membership is open to anyone who lives in, works in, or owns property in Mount Holly and who has made an annual membership donation. Membership donations help bring the Chit Chat to you every month.

Check here if you DO NOT wish to receive the Chit Chat _____

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