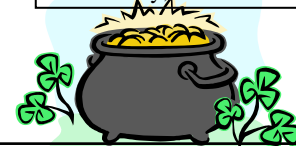


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St. Patrick's Mass, Wallingford Sat 4 pm Sun 10 am Rev Msgr Bernard Bourgeois, Phone 446-2161
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Mt. Holly Community Asso – Contact Penny Coldwell at 259-2760
Okemo Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce – Marji Graf 228-5830
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1 st	Mt. Holly PTSA Meeting	<i>Peace Corps Founded 1961</i>	3:15 pm
	Mt. Holly School Board Meeting		6:00 pm
	Union #39 School Board Meeting		6:00 pm
3 rd	<i>Alexander Graham Bell 1847 ~ "Star Spangled Banner" Made US National Anthem 1931</i>		
5 th	Mt. Holly Snow-Flyers Meeting, Belmont Fire Station		8:00 am
6 th	Annual Mt Holly Town & School District Meeting, Mt. Holly School Gym		7:00 pm
	<i>Michelangelo di Lodovico Buonnerroti Simoni 1475</i>		
7 th	VOTE Town & School Budgets, Mt. Holly Town Office	Polls Open 10:00 am -	7:00 pm
	Fire Dept. Business Meeting, Belmont Fire Station		7:00 pm
	Mt. Holly Community Association Meeting, Library		7:00 pm
	Mason Meeting, Mt. Moriah Lodge, E. Wallingford		8:00 pm
8 th	Fire Dept. Ladies Auxiliary Meeting, Belmont Fire Station		7:00 pm
	ODD Fellows Meeting, IOOF Hall, Belmont		7:00 pm
12 th	<i>Purim the 12& 13 ~ Girl Scouts Founded 1912 ~ Daylight Saving Time Begins</i>		
	<i>Rabbit & Hare WMU's D& E Only Season Opens</i>		
13 th	Rescue Squad Meeting, Rescue Squad Building		7:00 pm
14 th	Community Guild Meeting, IOOF Hall, Belmont	<i>Albert Einstein 1879</i>	9:00 am
	Selectmen's Meeting, Town Office		7:30 pm
	Fire Dept. Drill, Fire Station		7:00 pm
15 th	Mt. Holly Town Library Meeting, Library, Belmont		6:00 pm
17 th		<i>St. Patrick's Day</i>	
20 th	Mount Holly Planning Commission, Town Office	<i>Vernal Equinox ~ Spring Begins</i>	7:00 pm
		<i>Muskrat Hunting Season Opens</i>	
21 st	Fire Dept. work night, Fire Stations		7:00 pm
22 nd	ODD Fellows Meeting, IOOF Hall, Belmont	<i>Civil Rights March 1965</i>	7:00 pm
23 rd	Fire Dept. Drill, Fire Station	<i>National Diabetes Alert Day</i>	7:00 pm
25 th	Pancake Breakfast , Shrewsbury Meeting House, 88 Lottery Rd, Shrewsbury		8:00 am - Noon
27 th	Rescue Squad Meeting, Rescue Squad Building		7:00 pm
28 th	Community Guild Meeting, IOOF Hall, Belmont		9:00 am
	Fire Dept. work night, Fire Stations		7:00 pm
31 st	Rabbit & Hare, Muskrat, Beaver Season Ends ~ Cesar Estrada Chavez US Labor Organizer 1927		



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March Anniversaries: 3rd -Jerome & Natalie Brown 52nd (1963) 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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Richard (Richie) G. LeBlanc



Richard (Richie) G. LeBlanc, age 62, of Orleans, passed away in Westmore Thursday morning, January 26, 2017, as a result of an ice-fishing accident on Willoughby Lake.

Richie was born July 30, 1954, the first of six children born to George and Anne (Raboin) LeBlanc. The family lived in Lowell and Westfield, and Richie graduated from Sacred Heart High School in 1973. Richie spent the first part of his working years helping his father on the family dairy farm. He also spent two separate stints working at Ethan Allen in Orleans and two at Tivoly in Derby Line. Richie retired from Tivoly in August.

Richie took his time finding the right partner to share his life with, and in September 2006, he married Susan (Sue) Dawley LeBlanc, who survives him. Sue brought many gifts to their life together including; a stepdaughter, Tina Bearce and husband Justin of Bradford and a stepson, Keith Richardson and wife Amanda of Concord, NH.

Richie was known to all as a kind and loving guy, and his family meant the world to him. He was an avid fisherman, enjoyed walking in the woods, working in his blueberry and raspberry gardens, and spending time on the Dawley family farm in Mt Holly.

In addition to his wife, Richie is survived by his parents, George and Anne LeBlanc of Orleans, his sister Polly and brother-in-law Paul Duquette of Newport Center, his sister Linda and brother-in-law Cyril LaPlume of Derby, his sister Rita and brother-in-law Guy LaPlume of Milton, his brother Rene and sister-in-law Lori LeBlanc of Irasburg, and his sister Amy and brother-in-law Mike Turner of Bolton. He will be missed by nieces and nephews, cousins, aunts and uncles.

Richie also leaves 5 grandchildren who will miss the Lego building, train set ups, bike rides, watching movies and long walks. Dylan, Sam, and Jack Bearce along with Oscar and Ella Richardson were the joys of his life.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Saturday, February 4th, 2017 at 11:00 am at the St. Theresa's Catholic Church in Orleans with Rev. Timothy Naples officiating. A reception will follow at the Orleans Municipal building, all are welcome.

Arrangements are entrusted to the care of the Curtis-Britch-Converse-Rushford Funeral Home, locally family owned and operated.

David Charles Hoeh

Died February 8 at his home after a yearlong battle with pancreatic cancer. David was born in Boston, Massachusetts on December 1, 1937 to Priscilla (Smith) and Robert Yetter Hoeh and raised in Newton Highlands, Massachusetts and Belmont. He graduated from Newton High School in 1956.

He graduated from University of New Hampshire in 1960, where he was the captain of the rifle team and president of the student government. He also earned a master's degree at Boston University in public administration and a Ph.D. in political science at University of Massachusetts, Amherst.

David's career spanned numerous urban, regional and state planning projects, ranging from housing to transportation to master planning. His early career included roles at the New Hampshire State Planning Project, Dartmouth College Public Affairs Center, University of Wisconsin—Milwaukee and the Park West Redevelopment Task Force in Milwaukee. He co-founded the consulting firm Public Decisions Research. He worked at the Jefferson County (Kentucky) Office of Planning and Budget, and was a visiting professor at the University of Louisville. In the 1980s he consulted with Parsons Brinckerhoff on a light rail tunnel under downtown Seattle, Washington.

David was a lifelong Democrat, involved in numerous political campaigns, beginning with President Kennedy's 1960 campaign and the 1962 campaign of New Hampshire Governor John King. In 1968, he managed Eugene McCarthy's bid for President in the New Hampshire Primary. He then chaired the NH delegation to the Chicago Democratic Convention, where he was arrested and jailed for proving the badge admission system for convention floor access was flawed. He was ultimately released in response to the uproar his arrest caused at the convention. He published a book chronicling his involvement in the 1968 election titled "1968 McCarthy New Hampshire; I Hear America Singing," in 1994. He managed additional campaigns over the years, including successful campaigns for alderman in Milwaukee, WI for his first wife, Sandra Hoeh, who survives him. David was chair of the Mount Holly Democratic committee and delegate to the Rutland County Democratic Committee.

Additional survivors include his wife of 31 years Brigid Sullivan, his brother Roger Hoeh, of Princeton, New Jersey, three sons from his marriage to Sandra Unterman Hoeh; Chris (Laurie Bozzi), of Jamaica Plain, Massachusetts; Jeff (Karen Kringel), of Pelham Manor, New York; Jonathan (Giselle Lederman), of San Rafael, California; his step-son Ryan Flynn (Sara), of Milwaukee, Wisconsin; daughter Julia Hoeh (Sean Casler), of Terre Haute, Indiana; and grandchildren, Isaac, Calvin, Claudia, Lila, Elena, Everett, and Stella; and two nephews.

He was a descendant of Samuel and Sally Cook, one of Mount Holly's original 1700's settling families. He had a lifelong love of Mount Holly, moving here permanently in 2002. He enjoyed hiking, horses, farming, and tennis. He had a special fondness for winter, and was an excellent skier and ice skater, passions he passed to his entire family.

Recent volunteer activity included service on the boards of the Black River Academy and Mount Holly Community Historical Museums, where he managed major capital projects for both museums; the Mount Holly Planning Commission, the Belmont Village street tree replacement project, and the Rutland County Regional Transportation Committee.

A celebration of his life will be held at a later date. Memorial contributions may be made to the Mount Holly Community Historical Museum, Black River Academy Museum, ACLU, or Pan Can. Arrangements are by Aldous Funeral Home.



Mt. Moriah Mason February 2017, Trestleboard

Next Meeting: Tuesday 03/07th, 8:00PM

Just a quick reminder that dues are due NOW! The secretary mistakenly told everyone in last month's Trestleboard that you had until the end of March to pay.

That should have said until the end of the month. Many thanks to those who have sent in their dues recently. If you have questions or want to speak to the Secretary, he can be reached at: 802-259-9400 or by email at: sseward@vermontel.net

The Green Mountain Conservation Camps are looking for young kids to attend this summer programs and you will have to apply on-line. If any of the Brothers have, or know of any kids between the ages of 12-14 years old who would be interested in these activities, they can pull up the application on the Vermont Fish and Wildlife Department web site, at: www.vtfishandwildlife.com. Parents of sponsored children are going to have to provide a copy of the note/email our organization gave them proving that we have agreed to pay for their child. Parents and guardians should keep the original note/email for their records until at least November.

We still need to fill some officer chairs for this upcoming year, the biggest one being Master. Any volunteers for one year? Master Bob Blaisdell is coming to the end of his one-year tenure. Please think about it Brothers. Fraternally, Bob Blaisdell, WM & Buster Seward Sec'y

Mount Holly Snow-Flyers

As I am writing this, we are excepting even more warm temperatures. Although we got off to a slow start, most of us have had great taste of winter, and had some good time to enjoy the trails! Our groomers have been very hard at work! We have had a nice amount of snow to work with. The trails were looking awesome! There have been many happy riders!

With the forecast for warm weather through the weekend - trails maybe rough in spots, water bars may become exposed & have water flowing through them, snow cover may be thin in spots & the Star Lake crossing is CLOSED due to warm weather. It is also possible that the trails may close completely, so please respect the landowners and don't ride when there is not enough snow!

As big reminder, especially with thin conditions, please ride at a safe speed, stay in control, and don't ride beyond your capabilities.

Our next meeting will be Sunday March 5th, at 8:00 am at the Belmont Fire Station.

Hopefully our season is not over, and with any luck, we will see you on the trails!

Pictures: The Mount Holly Snow-Flyers Grooming Fleet in action.



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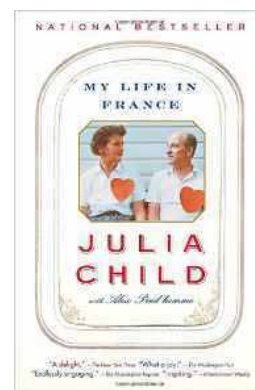
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Mount Holly Library

Reading Discussion Group

The Mount Holly Library Reading Discussion Group will meet at 6:00 on March 8, 2017 at Mary Anderle's in North Clarendon. We will be discussing My Life in France by Julia Child. If you need further info or would like a copy please call Minga at 259-2471. We can also arrange to carpool out to Mary's. Have a Happy Saint Patrick's Day.



Mount Holly Art Group

The Mount Holly Art Group, which meets every Saturday morning in the community room (free of charge) is having its annual art show with a reception on Friday March 24th, from 6 to 8 pm in the community room, below the library. Refreshments will be served.



Join Bone Builders

Monday, Wednesday & Friday Mornings
9:00 am

At Mt. Holly Community Center
For Weights and more information
Call Cathy Chadburn 259-3665

Those of you who have weights and are unable to attend Bone Builders any more for what ever reason, please be sure to return the weights so others may use them. Call Cathy at 259-3665 to make arrangements.

Note: If Mt. Holly School is cancelled or delayed because of weather conditions, Bone Builders will be cancelled for that day.

The Mount Holly Town Library Is Sponsoring Vermont Humanities Council Program

Saturday, March 11 at 2 p.m.

This even will be held at the Mount Holly Town Library at 26 Maple Hill Road, Belmont

Our program.....

One Regiment's Story in the Civil War: The Ninth Vermont, 1862-1865

From guarding Confederate prisoners incarcerated at Camp Douglas, Illinois, to the woods of coastal North Carolina and finally to the gates of Richmond, the Ninth Vermont Regiment earned a reputation of being well-disciplined and steadfast under fire. Although lacking the renown of other Vermont units, it represented the state well throughout its history.

Civil War historian Donald Wickman offers listener's tales of the ninth Vermont, highlighted by the stories of some of the 1,878 Vermonters who comprised it, as it became one of the most traveled regiments in the Federal army.



No Vermonters In Heaven

I dreamed I went to the city of Gold.
To Heaven, resplendent and fair.
And after I entered that beautiful fold,
By one in authority then I was told
That not a Vermonter was there.

Impossible sir, for from my own town,
Many sought this delectable place.
And each must be there with a harp or a crown,
And a conqueror's palm and a clean linen gown,
Received thru a merited grace.

The Angel replied: "All Vermonters come here
When first they depart from the earth,
But after a day, or a month, or a year,
They restless and lonesome and homesick appear
And sigh for the land of their birth."

"They tell of the many and beautiful hills,
Their forests majestic appear,
They tell of its rivers, its lakes, streams and rills,
Where nature, the purest of water distills,
And they soon get dissatisfied here."

"We give them the best the Kingdom provides;
They have everything here that they want,
But not a Vermonter in heaven abides;
Avery brief period he resides,
Then hikes his way back to Vermont."
By Ernest Fenwick Johnstone 1867-1938

This event is free, open to the public, and accessible to those with disabilities. Contact Joan McCallum at (802) 259-2318 or the Library at (802) 259-3707 Snacks and refreshments will be provided.

Mount Holly Community Association

The **Mount Holly Artists' Group** will be hosting its 4th *Annual Art Show* on Friday, March 24th, from 6:00 pm -8:00 pm. Refreshments will be served and all are welcome to enjoy the talents and hard work of our friends and neighbors here in Mount Holly. Originally organized and led by Madeleine Fay, the Artists' Group has a faithful following of beginners and more advanced artists, who have worked together for the past four years. They are always looking for others to join them, so whether you are well along your artistic path, or have never picked up a brush or pencil, you are most welcome. They meet every Saturday morning from 10:00 am – 12:00 noon in the Community Room in the Library & Community Center Building. Please save the date for the *Annual Art Show*, March 24th...we look forward to seeing you in the Community Room at 6:00 pm!

Save-the-Date!!! On Saturday, April 1st, the MHCA will be holding the annual **Spring Mud Fling** in the Odd Fellows Hall. The door opens at 8:00 pm and we will once again enjoy the *Mount Holly Folk Club* which will be there to warm up the crowd. *The Tony Lee Thomas Band* will take the stage from 9:00 pm – 12:00 to rock the night away! Tickets are \$10 in advance (at the Belmont General Store or the Mount Holly Library), or \$12 at the door. Its 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 11th annual **Garden Tour** to be held on Saturday, July 22nd. 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 it is 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, whether they be birthdays, anniversaries, showers, whatever. It was definitely the go-to place for birthday parties for the younger set (pre-K, K, and early elementary). 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 Amanda Merk, 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.

Announcing the Photos for the 2018 Calendar

The theme of the 2016 photo contest was wildlife of Mount Holly and our photographers were certainly motivated by the theme. In this issue of the chitchat, you can see some of the wildlife inspired photos chosen for the 2018 calendar. The photo with the most votes was American Bird and it will be in the calendar for April. It was taken by Sara Swartz, a student photographer. This calendar is also unique because we have three fathers whose children are also in the calendar: Bill Graf and his son, Ryan; Ben Jenkins and his daughter, Jahnava; and Craig Tomkinson and his daughter Beth Chase. Clearly talent runs in the family!

The calendar will go on sale in July. As always, the sales of the calendar support the activities of the Mount Holly Community Association.

This has been a fabulous year for snow so if you haven't already, be sure to capture the beautiful snow scenes outside your front door or down the road. We always need more winter photos in the calendar and your photo could be chosen next year.

Many thanks again to everyone in the community for their participation in the photo contest. It is always a joy to see which photos will make it into the next calendar.

And, of course, congratulations to the photographers chosen for the 2018 calendar.

2018 Calendar Photos

Cover - Autumn Dusting
By Mary Leonard



January - Snow Blanket
By Janet Warren



April - American Bird
By Sara Swartz (Student Winner)



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Page 1 - Pretty in Pink
By Ryan Graf (Student Winner)



February - State Forest
By Matthias Weiter



May - Pottery Home
By Gabriele Malkow



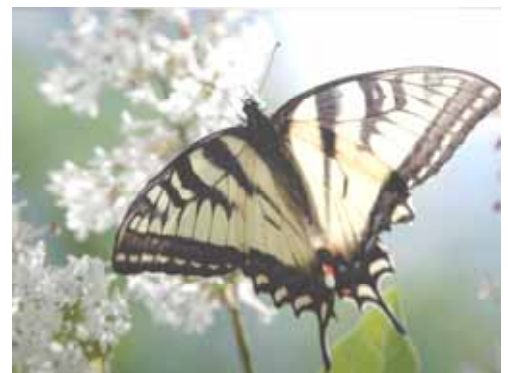
Page 2 - Path Opening
By Jahnava Jenkins



March - Waiting for Spring
By Bill Graf (Adult Winner)



June - Stained Glass
By Karen Berger (Adult Winner)



July - Star Lake Reflections
By Craig Tomkinson



August - Lake Baby Ripples
By Beth Chase



September - Fall Harvest
By Linda Guerrero



October - They've Fallen and Can't Get Up
By Dottie Stanley



November - Talking Turkey
By Ben Jenkins (Adult Winner)



December - After Hours
By Jacob Mailhot



Back Cover - Two-Wheeled Wild Life
By Stuart Berry



Family Pancake Breakfast with REAL VT Maple Syrup



**Saturday - March 25, 2017
8:00 am - Noon**

**Shrewsbury Meeting House
88 Lottery Rd - Shrewsbury VT**

Adults \$8 ~ Children \$5

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What's New at Mount Holly Town Library?

Beavers Brought the Community Together!

Our January Library program: **"The Beaver: Nature's Superb Engineer"** was a huge hit with youngsters and adults! 25 folks of all ages and all walks of life came to the library on a cold January night to learn all about beavers. A local trapper even brought two pelts to show off along with the other items the presenter displayed. Did you know beaver teeth grow 3-4 feet per year? They have to constantly file them down by chewing. The library is pleased to provide programs like this through the generosity of your donations and a gift from the Mount Holly Conservation Trustees.

Library patrons enjoying the beaver program.

A very special thank you to **Joan McCallum**, our devoted library trustee, and volunteer extraordinaire, who organizes Vermont Humanities Council cultural events for the town of Mount Holly. Thanks to Joan's hard work we are able to bring you two VCH programs every year. Topics include history, art, literature and much more!

MHTL Presents a Vermont Humanities Council Program: Donald Wickman: One Regiment's Story in the Civil War 1862-1865 Saturday, March 11 2PM

The Ninth Vermont Regiment earned a reputation for being well-disciplined and steadfast under fire. Civil War historian, Donald Wickman, offers tales of the Ninth Vermont as it became one of the most traveled regiments in the Federal Army. This event is free and open to the public! Call Joan McCallum for more information: 802-259-2318

Do You Have Young Children? Get Them Involved In Reading and Learning at the Mount Holly Library Tuesday Morning Play Group 10:00am - 11:30am

New Program at the Mount Holly Town Library "Ask the Local Computer Expert"

Computer Expert, Matt Sydorowich of Ludlow, Vermont will teach computer skills and answer individual questions for PC Windows users. How to avoid spam and scams, how to handle Windows 10, why is my battery dying so quickly? Bring your laptops and tablets or just come in to learn!

Saturday, April 8 10:30 am - 12:00 noon

Sydorowich is an accomplished computer expert and a thoughtful, caring instructor. He has decades of experience fixing computers and teaching others how to get the most from technology. He has worked at Hewlett Packard and Borders. Sydorowich owns the local computer service and repair company, **Sydscompufix** www.sydscompufix.com This program is free and open to all. It's a great way to get computer questions answered!

If you are interested in attending please send an email to mthollylibrary@gmail.com for more details.

The **Library Open House for Volunteers** had to be rescheduled due to stormy winter weather. Stay tuned for the new date and time. Refreshments will be served!

New Books at the Library: We've added many new books to the collection this month including ...

Books for Young Readers:

1. *Dork Diaries #11 Tales From a Not-so-friendly Frenemy*, by Rachel Renee Russell
2. *The Girl Who Drank the Moon*, by Kelly Barnhill
3. *Inkdeath*, by Cornelia Funk (*we now have the complete series!)
4. *Girl in Pieces*, by Kathleen Glasgow
5. *Klickitat*, by Peter Rock
6. *The Samurai's Daughter*, by Robert D. San Souci
7. *Lucy*, by Randy Cecil
8. *Star Wars Jedi Academy, "A New Class,"* by Jarret Krosoczka
9. *Dig Too Deep*, by Amy Allgeyer
10. *Gary's Garden*, by Gary Northfield

Books for Adults:

1. *It Takes a School: The Extraordinary Story of an American School in the World's #1 Failed State*, by Jonathan Starr
2. *Lillian Boxfish Takes a Walk*, by Kathleen Rooney
3. *A Book of American Martyrs*, by Joyce Carol Oates
4. *Below the Belt*, by Stuart Woods (A Stone Barrington Novel)
5. *Never Never*, by James Patterson
6. *Swing Time*, by Zadie Smith
7. *The Striker*, by Clive Cussler
8. *Dark of the Moon*, by John Sanford
9. *And Then She Was Gone*, by Christopher Greyson
10. *Forced to Kill*, by Andrew Peterson
11. *Kill Shot*, by Vince Flynn
12. *Betrayed*, by Lisa Scottoline
13. *Echoes in Death*, JD Robb

Please vote yes on Article 10 to continue supporting BRACC.

We appreciate the past support of the Voters of the Town of Mount Holly. We are again requesting \$3,000 to reduce youth drug, alcohol and tobacco use. Those dollars are used to support many programs including teaching DARE to all 6th graders, supporting Take Back Day efforts, providing drug awareness to our middle school and high school students. We are entering our 14th year of keeping our children and community safe through our prevention efforts.

Prescription Drug Take Back is available every day for drugs that are expired or unneeded. The Ludlow Police Department and the Rutland County Sheriff's Office maintain permanent drug collection boxes. Take unwanted drugs to either spot anonymously any day. Don't let your medicine cabinet be the accidental source of your child or grandchild's misuse of pills.



Calling all Gardeners!!

Would you like to open your garden for
the Mount Holly Community Association Garden Tour
on Saturday, July 22, 2017?

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

LindaDDMiller@aol.com

259-3060

We encourage smokers to Quit smoking. For help in quitting permanently go to the 802 Quits website, 802quits.org. Remember, it is illegal in Vermont to smoke in a car if there is a child under the age of 8 present. Also, vaping has not been proven to be an effective smoking cessation device. Unfortunately, many youth who have never used tobacco are trying e-cigarettes, a cause for concern about their long term health.

Join us at our next BRACC meeting at Fletcher Memorial Library in Ludlow at 5:30pm on Wednesday March 15. We meet the third Wednesday of every month. Please bring a friend. If you are interested in more information, please call 228-7878, visit our website: braccvt.org, visit our Facebook page: @braccvt or email paul.fienza@braccvt.org or anna@braccvt.org.

Remember, please **vote yes on Article 10 when you are voting on March 6th. Thank you.**

Gifts: Seen and Unseen

In the 12 years I was involved in town government – mostly in the Planning Commission - I never came across a legacy of work for the Town of Mount Holly that rivaled that of David Hoeh.

David's extraordinarily rich and productive professional life is documented in his obituary. But less known and seen were his years of work for the town he loved. He leaves us with our first town plans and subdivision regulations and the accumulated decisions of years as a Planning Commissioner. He served as the Town's representative on the Rutland Regional Planning Commission and the Rutland Regional Transportation Council where his consistent thoughtful input gave Mount Holly a county-wide reputation for dedicated service. David's approach went beyond that of a good citizen attending hearings and giving thoughtful opinions on all important town issues, and beyond that of the usual Planning Commissioner attending one meeting a month. He looked to the future to anticipate coming challenges, he obtained grants to provide data and to expand the town's planning capacity and ability to respond. He wrote plans and rewrote updates. He shared in writing his larger vision of the town's impending needs. He constantly advocated for citizen involvement and in 2002 he instituted the monthly Working Group where the planning work of the Planning Commission could be done apart from the formal requirements of the Commission's monthly meeting and where any citizen could sit at the table and be an equal member of the Working Group – a citizen planner!

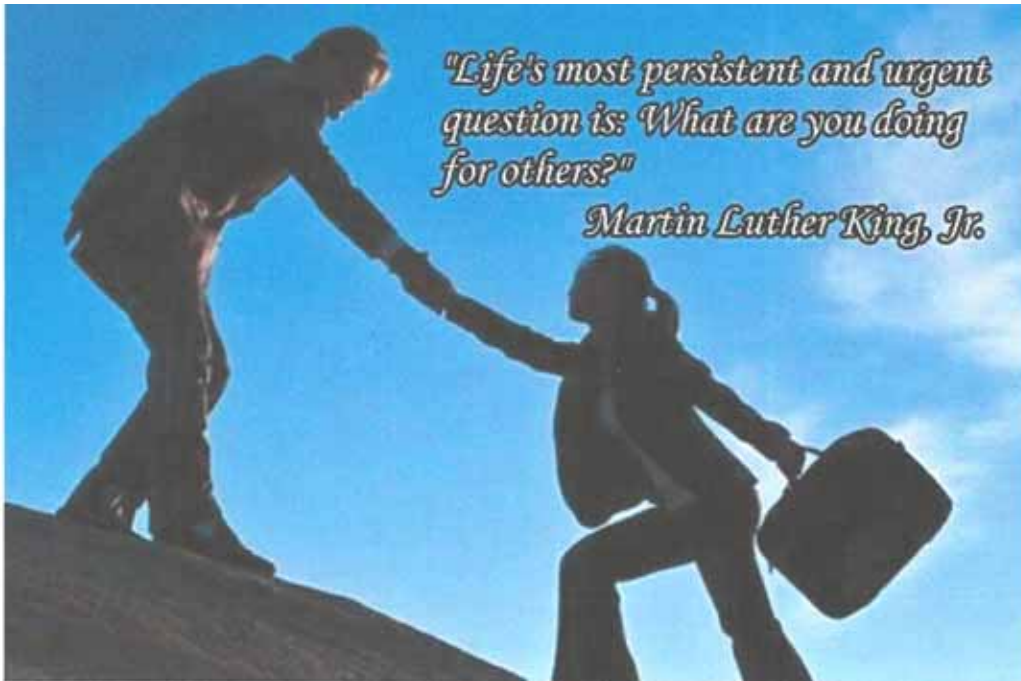
Closer to his home in Belmont David volunteered for many unsung tasks including annual weeding of Star Lake. He kept the Mechanicsville Aqueduct operational for many years and wrote the application for Belmont to be proclaimed a Designated Historic Village.

But to my mind the greatest legacy to David's approach will be the trees he planted in Belmont including Maple Hill Road. He looked ahead, saw the need for old trees to be replaced, he found the resources to obtain the trees and he stimulated a volunteer planting and maintenance effort. The trees are doing beautifully.

When we are all gone and our names no longer remembered the residents of Mount Holly will love those trees and will bless the work of the citizen-planter. Thank you David. Very Sincerely, Annette Lynch

Believe the Best

Barbara Streisand was right on when she sang, "People who need people are the luckiest people in the world." If I've figured out anything during my sojourn on Planet Earth it's that we need each other. The presence of other people is essential-- caring people, helpful people, interesting people, friendly people, thoughtful people. These folks take the grind out of life.



About the time we're tempted to think we can handle things alone-- wham! We run into some obstacle and need assistance. We discover all over again that we are not nearly as self-sufficient as we thought.

Another thing I've learned is to believe the best about everybody...including that difficult coworker or the ornery family member who is doing you wrong. Everybody! Remember, it is not your responsibility to judge others. That only brings stress, especially if it's an area you have no authority or responsibility over. For the most part you don't have responsibility or authority to judge unless you have "judge" as part of your title or you're on a jury or if you're parenting kids. That's it! The Bible

says, "God alone has the power to save or to destroy. So what right do you have to judge your neighbor?" In other words, you need to resign as General Manager of the Universe. Let Him judge, because He does it best. Our job is to *love* people. Besides, when we judge others, we are wrong most of the time. We don't know their story or their motives when we say, "That person's aloof" or "She's rude." or "He's a bozo!" They may not be feeling well in some area and the best thing you can do is believe the best about them.

A good reason to do that is because it allows you to engage the law of reciprocity. Social psychologists tell us that when you hold the door for somebody, inevitably they'll hold the *next* door for you. In fact, if there are multiple doors they will try to out-do you and open *more* doors than you can. That is the law of reciprocity. It appears to be a law built into the universe by our Creator. Jesus said, "Do not judge others, and you will not be judged.... Forgive others and you will be forgiven. The amount you give will determine the amount you get back." He's saying, "If you refuse to believe the best: if you choose to be critical and judgmental, you'll find people will be even *more* critical of you."

So, in spite of our efficient, high-tech, social media world, *people* remain the essential ingredient of life. When we forget that that, a strange thing happens, we get critical, and cynical, and start treating people like inconveniences instead of assets. Hey, how about we believe the best about everybody this month and watch the law of reciprocity do its thing. We *do* need each other, y' know. *Pastor Glenn*



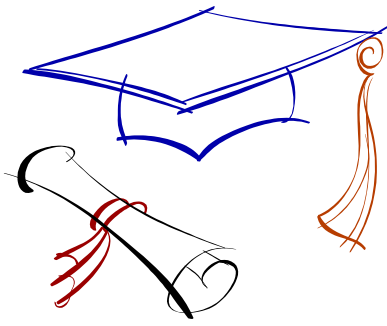
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BLACK RIVER HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 2017 PROJECT GRADUATION

February 2, 2017

The families of the Black River High School graduating class of 2017 proudly present to you our graduates:

Ryan Ahonen
Sage Allen
Alexandra Barton
Cynthia Briggs
Olivia Burroughs
Madison Dean
Jakob DeArruda
Alice Faenza
Mary Faenza
Aiyana Fortin

Charles Garrow-Woolley
Hailey Gates
Holly Goodman
Dayne Greineder
Sebastian Loyzelle
Bailey Matteson
Derek McNamara
Aaron Miller
Dillon Murray
Bhavin Patel

Jason Peters Jr.
Devan Potter
Katelin Powers
Mason Staples
Eliza Tarbell
Gavin Tatro
Thomas Taylor
Dylan VanGuilder
Madeline Veysey
Maximum Volz

Each year the parents of the graduating class organize a celebration for the graduates. "Project Graduation" is decades old and provides the student with a fun and safe evening that is **alcohol and drug** free.

In the past the graduates have been rock climbing, swimming, bowling, played laser tag, taken trips on the Timber Ripper at Okemo and fed until they could eat no more! Financing for the event is a combination of fundraising by the parents and donations from the area businesses and community members.

We ask for your help in making this year's Project Graduation a success. If you would like to make a donation of money or an item we could use for a door prize, your help would be greatly appreciated. Please send your contributions to:

Project Graduation
Black River High School
C/O Kristin Veysey

43 Main Street

Ludlow, VT 05149

Sincerely, BRHS 2017 Project Graduation
Committee 802-228-4721



Texas Holdem' Tournament



To Benefit:
**Black River High
Project Graduation**

Sunday March 19, 2017

Tournament will begin at 1:00pm, doors open at noon.
To be held at the American Legion
133 West Main St, Ludlow, VT

Buyin: \$60

There will be a \$10 bounty on each buyin. 100% paid to players
Unlimited rebuys for the 1st hour (starting stack or less).
1 addon allowed at the 1st break.
\$20 of initial buyin paid to the charity.
100% of all rebuys and addon going to the prize pool.



Please email any questions to:
vtpokerinfo@gmail.com



Mount Holly Town News

Minutes are "DRAFT" until approved at the next Select Board meeting March 14, 2017. 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.

SELECT BOARD - Special Meeting - January 24, 2017
Ted Crawford, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. Ray Tarbell and Tim Martin were present. Also present was Susan Covalla, Town Clerk.

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.

1. Town Meeting Warning

The Board reviewed the warning as presented. After a brief discussion, upon motion made and seconded, it was VOTED: To accept and sign the Warning as presented. (3-0)

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:12 pm. Respectfully submitted, Rhonda Rivers

SELECT BOARD - FEBRUARY 14, 2017 ~ The meeting was called to order at 7:30pm by Ted Crawford, chair. Ray Tarbell and Tim Martin were present. All stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. Additions/Deletions to the Agenda: There were two additions: under Other, Star Lake Wildlife Depredation permit and Selectboard Clerk position.
2. Minutes:
 - The minutes of the regular meeting of January 10, 2017 and the special meeting of January 24, 2017 (warrant)) were sent out before the meeting for review. Upon motion made and seconded it was VOTED: To approve both the January 10 and January 24 minutes. (3-0)
3. Highways
 - The annual Certificate of Highway mileage was signed by the State and returned.
 - Highway and Bridge Weight Restrictions were filed online on 01/26/17 (due 02/10/17).
 - The town received the application information for FY18 TH Class 2 and Structures Grants, due by 04/15/17. The Board agreed to apply for a Class 2 road paving grant. Jeff will complete the forms.
 - The town also received the application information for Better Roads grant programs, due 03/17/17. Jeff will look further at the various categories and consider if the town should apply for one this year.
 - Belmont parking problem: There are a couple of cars parked by the store that are making it difficult for the school bus and the town plows to maneuver in the intersection. The cars seem to belong to the renters above the store, and may be parked in the town ROW. Kevin has asked that the cars be moved, but they remain in the way. The Board agreed to speak with the constable about speaking with the owners.

Mount Holly Animal Control Officer

The Mount Holly Animal Control Officer is Constable Paul Faenza. He handles all calls concerning domesticated and farm animals, including Animal Cruelty concerns. For more information or to make a report please call (802) 353-8347 or email pfaenza47@yahoo.com

4. Report of Treasurer

- David Johnson presented an income and expense statement dated January 31, 2017 showing cash balances of \$2,714,574. Highlights: No update on delinquent taxes. The town received the third quarter state aid for highways. Solid Waste label sales thru 01/12 are \$1000 behind last year's sales, but ahead of the budget. The external audit expense came in \$750 under budget. SW

expenses are thru January; tonnage is lower than last year but there were additional pulls to empty the overflow containers. Under Highway expenses, winter road materials will likely be about \$9500 over budget. Jeff reported using a lot of salt this year and noted that the price has doubled. David will provide an update on tonnage differences between this year and last.

- External Audit: The audit was completed and is in the Town Report book.
5. Transfer Station no concerns this month
 6. Planning Commission
 - Rutland Regional Planning Commission (RRPC): No meeting in January.
 - Rutland Regional Transportation Advisory Council (TAC): Jeff reported that the Austria House bridge replacement will be up for prioritization at the March or April meeting.
 7. Other Business
 - Listers: Chris Pratt will be stepping down near the end of March. The Board will post the vacancy in the ChitChat and on the Newsflash.
 - Census Forms: The government is gearing up for the 2020 Census. Contact Information Update Form (Highest Elected Official) was completed and returned. Boundary Change Survey (no changes to report) will be updated and returned.
 - The Town received a Notice of Act 250 Application by Okemo for additional mountain biking paths.
 - GMP Changes: GMP is planning to upgrade street lighting to LED lights. This will result in about \$15 per month lower charges and covers both the Route 103 light and the Belmont intersection light. The Board agreed to the change (no

action required on the town's part). GMP is also promoting heat pumps as alternatives to boilers. The Board decided to postpone further investigation until the boilers need to be replaced.

The electric bill for the town office has seen a doubling in usage since the summer. While there is no obvious reason for this, Sue Covalla noted she had a similar problem, which resulted in the need to replace her water pump. Don Richardson noted that the account details (usage by month, day, hour) can be viewed online, which may provide other clues to what is going on. The Board agreed to further investigation on this.

- GMP Russellville Road project: - The town received further communication from one resident on the road who has been against this project since 2012. The Board restated that they had approved a revised GMP project, not on this resident's property, at the April 2016 meeting and would not take any further action.
- Vermont Journal provided information on their rates for legal and other advertising in an effort to become the Towns' Paper of Record. The Board requested information on the rates for the Rutland Herald as background for making the decision at the March meeting.
- Star Lake Wildlife Depredation Permit Renewal – The Board reviewed and signed the permit renewal forms.
- Selectboard Clerk position – Rhonda presented a Letter of Resignation effective February 28, 2017. The Board accepted her resignation with regret and expressed their appreciation for all of the work she has done. The Board will post the vacancy in the ChitChat and the Newsflash and may advertise in the Vermont Journal.

8. Executive Session

- Upon motion made and seconded, it was

VOTED: To find that premature general public knowledge of the possible litigation against a Mount Holly property owner will clearly place Mount Holly at a substantial disadvantage by naming that property owner. (3-0)

- Upon motion made and seconded, it was

VOTED: To enter Executive Session to discuss the possible litigation under the provisions of Title 1 VSA S 313(a)(1)(e) at 8:01 pm. (3-0)

- Upon motion made and seconded, it was

VOTED: To return from Executive Session at 8:10 pm. (3-0)

- There were no decisions made resulting from the Executive Session.

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 8:11 pm. Respectfully submitted, Rhonda Rivers

Mount Holly Listers Hours

The Listers are at the Mount Holly Town Office most Tuesdays 10:00am-2:00 pm or by appointment. Please call 802-259-2391 for any questions.

TOWN OF MOUNT HOLLY NOTICE OF VACANCY TOWN LISTER

There is a vacancy on the Listers, to start April 4, (training could begin sooner). An appointment will be made at a Selectboard meeting as soon as possible. This appointment will be until the next election, either the town meeting in March 2018 or a special meeting called by the Selectboard or by petition of the voters of the town.

As an elected office, the appointed individual must be a registered voter of the town. In addition, individuals should have some knowledge of and be comfortable working with computers, as much of the Listers' work is now done by computer. A willingness to learn and attendance at lister education workshops is also desired. More information can be obtained from the Mount Holly Listers or the State website: tax.vermont.gov/municipal-officials/listers-and-assessors/resources

Interested individuals should contact the Selectboard, at P.O. Box 248, Mount Holly, 05758 or email mthollysb@gmail.com or phone 259-2391. A letter of interest is requested.

The Listers meet at the Town Office on Tuesdays, from 10:00am to 2:30pm. Additional time may be required throughout the year.

Town of Mount Holly Selectboard Clerk

The Town of Mount Holly seeks to hire a Clerk to assist the Selectboard, as directed by the Board through its chairman, in the day-to-day operations and governance of the Town. The work may include planning, organizing, directing and/or coordinating the affairs of the Town in areas not directly the responsibility of others as defined under State Statutes or Town policies. This is a part time position, approximately 30-50 hours per month. Hours are very flexible and some evening hours are required. Pay range is negotiable, commensurate with experience. Interested parties should contact Ted Crawford, Selectboard Chair, at mthollysb@gmail.com. A resume and letter of interest should be submitted. The complete job description may be requested at the town office, 802-259-2391 or Town of Mount Holly, PO Box 248, Mount Holly, VT 05758. Equal Opportunity Employer.





ALTERNATIVE ENERGY COMMITTEE

Please JOIN the Mount Holly, Vermont "ALTERNATIVE ENERGY Committee" February 1, 2017. The "Mount Holly Alternative Energy Committee will continue Supporting and Promoting Net Zero Homes through "Alternative Energy" Education.

Our Objective

Providing the essential Information needed to make prudent decisions about our lifestyles and their effect on our "Living Costs" including the "Planet Earth".

- * Working collectively within our communities to promote the "Effective" use of "Alternative Energy Sources" while learning what the "True Costs" are for the use of "Alternative Energy Sources"
- * Realizing the benefits of a home with a "NET-ZERO" energy cost.
- * Participating in, local "Workshops": That will address, current "Market Conditions", affecting "ALTERNATIVE ENERGY" sources and usage.

To get started Please contact LNR Associates @ 802-228-1179 and join our "Community Effort". There is no cost or obligation to you. But you will be helping Mt. Holly meet our "Alternative Energy" commitment which will be a future mandated amount.

Do so before the current "Incentives" expire.

LPCTV Branding Survey

Seeking Community Input

Do you know what LPCTV does or what the name means? Do you think it's a good name? The LPCTV Board of Directors is collecting community input, about the organization's name and brand. The brief online survey can be found on LPCTV's website – www.LPCTV.org. For those who would prefer a paper version, they can pick one up in person at LPCTV or by requesting one to be mailed (call 228-8808).

The survey will be closed on March 10th. After that time, results will be evaluated and incorporated into a new marketing plan being developed by LPCTV's Board of Directors.

(LPCTV's is located in the Ludlow Community Center complex, next to Black River Good Neighbors)



Re.Find A Collective Boutique



Marji Graf, CEO of the Okemo Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce welcomes Andrea Carr back to the Chamber and back to Ludlow. Re.Find is a collective boutique offering pre-owned and new women's and men's clothing, shoes, accessories and jewelry, as well as an ever changing variety of local and handmade products, gifts and

home goods. Re.Find does not take items on consignment.

Re.Find is located at 46 Depot Street in Ludlow and is open Wednesday through Sunday, 11am to 6pm.

Pictured l-r: Amanda Maxham, Andrea Carr and Marji Graf



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programs; OCC has funded Streetscapes and the Ludlow Garden Club, organizations that brighten up our Main Street. Fletcher Memorial Library, Black River Academy Museum, LPCTV, FOLA, BRACC, Windsor County Youth Services and the Gill Odd Fellows Home have all received support from OCC.

The OCC board (Diane Mueller, Kathy Burns, Lisa Schmidt, Joyce Washburn, Leslie Stuart and Kevin Barnes) thanks everyone who donated, volunteered and attended Flannel with Flair. Your support helps us to continue our efforts to help make the Ludlow community stronger and more vibrant...a better place to live, work and play.

For more information about the Okemo Community Challenge, please visit okemocommunitychallenge.com.

Pictured: Lisa Schmidt, Diane Mueller, Joyce Washburn, Kevin Barnes, Kathy Burns, Leslie Stuart.

Pictured Right - Marji Graf, CEO, Okemo Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce welcomes Melissa Howe and Brie Howe-Lynch to the Chamber and to their new location at 23 Maple Street in Chester. Endless Creations Pottery Studio specializes in a creative outing for all ages, from pottery to canvas, sip 'n paint nights and birthday parties. View their calendar of events on their website at www.endlesscreationspottery.com or call Melissa at 875-2008. Congratulations on your 9th year anniversary!!



JAZZ, BLUES & SOUL RAISE THE ROOF

On Sunday March 5, Proctorsville's Raise the Roof winter concert series will resume with a stellar performance by the beautiful Wanda Houston, known for her soulful singing of blues, funk, jazz and dusky romantic standards. Performing since third grade and trained in opera, Houston has sung and acted her way across theater stages, on film, in cabarets, recording studios and large concert halls. She can belt out the blues, move your spirit with gospel and stir your soul with timeless romantic standards. A critic for *Time Out* magazine in New York wrote, "The mega voiced Wanda Houston blows the roof off!"

Houston will be joined on stage by the renowned Eugene Uman on keyboard and Dave Picchi on acoustic bass. Uman is the musical director of Brattleboro's Vermont Jazz Center and Picchi teaches and performs his blend of pop, soul, jazz and rock in northern Massachusetts. The convergence of

talent that Houston, Uman and Picchi bring to the stage will create a remarkable afternoon of music in a tiny church with big acoustics. Because of their huge success last year, this is the trio's return performance in the series use of their huge success last year, his will be the trio's second performance in the series.

The concert is at 4:00 at Gethsemane Church on Depot St. Admission is \$10 at the door, a small price to pay for a memorable performance of terrific live music in an intimate venue. Put it on your calendar!

Editor,

If I am correct, The Chit Chat was started as a paper for locals - to disseminate news and information related to the community.

In the December, January and February issues, inserts and editorials have been published with both religious and political biases and unchecked facts. These pieces have justly raised the ire of many different groups, and have now created a political/religious tete-a-tete, which could be never ending. As the Mount Holly community, we are diverse ethnically, politically and religiously. If the Chit Chat (however well intended,) is going to continue the introduction of inflammatory and biased pieces, it will cease to be the paper it was intended to be – one for the ENTIRE COMMUNITY!

I believe that, whichever way one leans, there is already a plethora of religious and politically biased information for one to access through various mediums. I strongly encourage the Chit Chat to return to its original purpose of informing local residents about area news, and local programs and activities. We already have enough division in the country! The Chit Chat does not need to be adding to it. Kathleen Leber

Letter To The Editor

I'm writing to express my concern over the letter in the last issue containing an ad hominem attack on my wife, Marcy Tanger. Neither my wife nor I know the writer of this letter. Clearly she does not know us as her expressed belief concerning my wife is erroneous. Also mean-spirited. I sincerely hope that our community newsletter does not become a platform for personal attacks. Andy Tanger

DISCLAIMER: The views and opinions expressed in the enclosed articles are solely those of their authors and are not necessarily those of the Chit Chat, its staff, or its board of directors. The authors are solely responsible for the content of their articles. This is found in the box on page 2 which is printed in each Chit Chat.



Soup Bowls For Hunger

DKG

Dear Potential Sponsor:

Soup Bowls for Hunger is a community supper of soup, bread and dessert. The food is donated by local restaurants and the bowls are made by local potters and students from several area schools. Guests choose a handcrafted bowl and share soup with neighbors and friends.

The event is sponsored by Delta Kappa Gamma, a professional honorary society of women educators. Last year's event brought in **\$10,500.00**. This money went to the Community Cupboard, as well as BROCC, Brandon, Pittsford, Poultney and West Rutland food shelves.

In order to make this event a success, we count on Rutland Community business people like you, to make contributions to be used for needed supplies, publicity and miscellaneous expenses or to donate items to be used for our **Silent Auction and/or Raffle**. We offer sponsorships at many levels: summa cum laude (\$500+), magna cum laude (\$250-499), cum laude (\$100-249) and honor roll (\$5-99). Our sponsors are acknowledged on all our printed materials and receive a thank you letter that can be used for tax purposes. Please see a copy of last year's sponsors on the back of this letter. We hope you will be able to make a donation at whatever level you are comfortable with to help the Rutland County food shelters in their efforts to make the Rutland area a better place. **Make checks payable to "Soup Bowls for Hunger" and mail them to Lynn Colomb, Rutland High School, 22 Stratton Road, Rutland, VT 05701.** Thank you very much in advance and we hope to see you at the 11th Annual Soup Bowls for Hunger event on March 30, 2017 in the Rutland High School cafeteria at one of our **two sittings (4:45 PM or 6:15 PM)**. Tickets are **\$20** and must be purchased in advance at Rutland High School. For questions about the event, call Lynn Colomb at 770-1117.

Rotary District 7870 Announces the Janice H. McElroy Scholarship

The Ludlow Rotary Club is pleased to announce the initial offering of a new district-wide scholarship in memory of Janice H. McElroy. Jan served as Rotary District 7870 Governor in 2011-2012 and was instrumental in securing a Rotary International grant of \$412,000 to help southern Vermont rebuild after the devastation of Tropical Storm Irene. This scholarship is made possible due to donations from friends, colleagues and Rotary Clubs throughout District 7870 (Rotary clubs located in southern Vermont and southern New Hampshire).

Prior to her death in 2012, Jan McElroy requested that any donations received in her memory be dedicated to establishing a scholarship fund for non-traditional students. It will be awarded to a person who is 21 years of age or older and has completed high school or earned a G.E.D. There must be at least a three-year gap between graduating from high school and full-time college attendance or a record of part-time college attendance for three years after graduating from high school. The scholarship can be used for expenses at a four-year or two-year college, or for another type of accredited institution, such as a technical or vocational program. The first scholarship award will be for a minimum of \$1,000.

Applications may be obtained from David Almond at bethalmond@tds.net, Scholarship Chair of the Ludlow Rotary Club. Completed applications need to be received no later than March 31, 2017. The selected recipient will be notified in April and the award will be presented at the Rotary District 7870 conference in Nashua, NH on April 28, 2017.

The 60 Rotary Clubs of District 7870 are business and professional leaders who volunteer their expertise, compassion and power to improve communities at home and abroad in more than 200 countries. Rotary International's overall goal is to help build goodwill, understanding and peace worldwide. For more information about the Ludlow Rotary Club, contact Jack Menzie, Membership Chair, at jjmenzie@gmail.com.

W A R N I N G
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 6, 2017, 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 7, 2017, 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 6, 2017 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, 2016.
- 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 7, 2017 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 approve the school board to expend **\$1,582,991.00**, which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year? It is estimated that this proposed budget, if approved, will result in education spending of **\$16,363.00** per equalized pupil. This projected spending per equalized pupil is 6.67% lower than spending for the current year.
- 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


Mary Alberty, Board Member


Sebastian Frank, Board Member


Robert Herbst, Board Clerk


Brigid Faenza, Board Member

WARNINGS

Union #39 School District

PUBLIC INFORMATIONAL HEARINGS

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 for Public Informational Hearings on the proposed budget for 2017-2018.

Union #39 Black River High School Library - on Tuesday, February 28, 2017 at 7:00 PM

Mount Holly Elementary School Gymnasium - on Monday, February 27, 2017 at 7:00 PM

VOTING BY BALLOT

Ludlow Town Hall & Mount Holly Town Office

Tuesday, March 7, 2017 - 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 7, 2017, for the purpose of voting by Australian ballot. The business to be transacted to include:

Article I: Shall the Union School District #39 approve the school board to expend \$3,411,044.00 which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year? It is estimated that the proposed budget, if approved, will result in education spending of \$17,216.90 per equalized pupil. This projected spending per equalized pupil is 3.00% higher than spending for the current year.

ANNUAL SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING

Union #39 Black River High School Library

Tuesday, March 7, 2017 - 7:30 PM

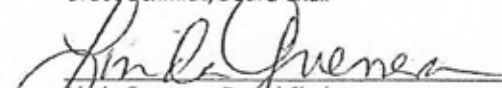
The legal voters of the Union School District #39, consisting of Ludlow Town School District and Mount Holly Town School District, are hereby warned to meet in the Black River High School Library in the Town of Ludlow, Vermont, on Tuesday, March 7, 2017, at 7:30 PM to transact at that time business not involving voting by Australian ballot or voting required by law to be by ballot. The polls will open on Tuesday, March 7, 2017, at the Town Office in Ludlow and the Town Hall in Mount Holly 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 Directors for the year ending June 30, 2016.
- Article V:** Shall the voters of the Union #39 School District approve setting its annual honorarium for each of its School Directors at \$1,000.00?
- Article VI:** Shall the voters of the Union #39 School District approve setting the annual honorarium for its School District Clerk at \$125.00?
- Article VII:** 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, § 711, by issuance of notes of money orders, payable not later than one year from date, for the purpose of paying its expenses?
- Article VIII:** To act on any other business proper to come before said meeting.

Union #39 School Board of Directors:


Bruce Schmidt, Board Chair


Angela Benson-Ciufo, Board Member


Linda Guerrero, Board Clerk


Susan Barton, Board Member


Randy Bixby, Board Member


Dan Buckley, Board Member

WARNING
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
MARCH 6, 2017 AND MARCH 7, 2017

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 6, 2017 to act on the following articles, viz: 2 & 14.

On Tuesday, March 7, 2017 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, & 13.

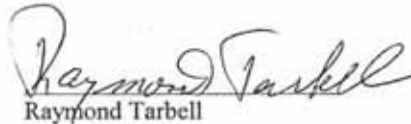
Articles may be discussed Monday evening.

- 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 2017-2018, to be raised by tax?
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| A. General Fund (net) | \$ 455,000. |
| B. Highway Fund (net) | <u>340,600.</u> |
| Total A & B (Australian ballot) | \$ 795,600. |
- Article 4: Does the Town vote \$32,000. for the Grader lease payment fund and \$55,000. for the Asset / Equipment fund for a total of \$87,000. to be raised by tax for the fiscal year 2017-2018, for future capital expenditures? (Australian ballot)
- Article 5: Does the Town vote to the Mount Holly Volunteer Fire Department, Inc. an operating budget of \$49,800. for the 2017-2018 fiscal year, and lease purchase payment of \$36,900. for a total of \$86,700. to be raised by tax? (Australian ballot)
- Article 6: Does the Town vote to the Mount Holly Volunteer Rescue Squad, Inc. for the 2017-2018 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 \$12,000. 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 \$8,835., to be raised by tax? (Australian ballot)
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| 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. VACD (Vermont Assoc. of Conservation Dist.) | 100. |
| O. Rutland County Parent Child Center, Inc. | 500. |
| P. Vermont Center for Independent Living | 100. |
| Q. Green Up Vermont | 150. |
| R. Rutland City Women's Network | 100. |
| S. 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 afterschool program at the Mount Holly School in the amount of **\$6,500.** in FY2018, to be raised by tax? (Australian ballot)
- Article 12: Does the Town vote to fund the Child First Advocacy Center in the amount of **\$400.00** to be raised by tax? (Australian ballot)
- Article 13: Does the Town vote to fund NeighborWorks in the amount of **\$500.00** to be raised by tax? (Australian ballot)
- Article 14: To transact all other necessary and proper business.

Dated at Mount Holly, Vermont this 24 day of January AD, 2017.
Town of Mount Holly Select Board


Ted Crawford


Raymond Tarbell


Timothy Martin

Okemo Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce Chamber Corner – March, 2017 By CEO Marji Graf

We thank Bensons Chevrolet for hosting our February mixer. We congratulated DaVallia Art & Accents in Chester for being chosen our February Members of the Month.

Our next mixer is Wednesday, **March 8** at Four Seasons Sotherby's in the Okemo Marketplace from 5:30-7:30pm. This is our quarterly business speed dating event!

View our latest program this month on lpctv.org to learn about Brook Farm Vineyards, Circa 1810 and the Governors Cup event on July 8th.

Don't miss the 2 "foodie stories" featured on our homepage and facebook page Titled: "[A Gourmet Tour of Ludlow Restaurants](#)" and "[Vermont's New Country Cuisine](#)".

March 3 at Newsbank Conference Center from 12:30-2:30, we will have a working lunch, strategic plan follow up meeting. All our welcomed but you must rsvp to the Chamber office.

March 15 from 12:30-3:30pm, at Willie Dunns Grille in Ludlow, the VT PTAC (Vermont Procurement Technical Assistance Center) will be offering a FREE hands-on workshop to teach you how to build a Capability Statement that will open the door to new government contracting opportunities and set your business apart from your competitors. A Capability Statement is an advertising document tailored to the government marketplace that demonstrates that your company is prepared for government contracting and is the best choice to provide the product or service sought. RSVP: 802-828-5237 or register at <http://vtptac.ecenterdirect.com>

Top Shelf Chamber Advertising/Marketing Opportunities:

- [Website](#)

Our new website launched and is **the** regions event calendar and place to go to find lodging, dining, shopping and services within the Region. You'll notice people can navigate from the top navigation bar or the icons half way down. Our homepage also offers a Featured Section with the latest ribbon cuttings and media stories, top 3 events, and photos, videos, blogs and e-guidebook.

- [Guidebook](#). Okemo Valley Regional Guidebook will be available May 2017-May 2018.
- [SharedMall](#). Is our newly launched e-commerce mall! Watch out Amazon Marketplace!!
- [Google Virtual Area Guide](#). View from the bottom of our homepage to see our businesses from the inside out!!





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RIVER VALLEY TECHNICAL CENTER SCHOOL DISTRICT ANNUAL MEETING AND INFORMATIONAL MEETING THURSDAY, MARCH 2, 2017

(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 B118 at the Howard Dean Education Center, Springfield, Vermont, on Thursday, March 2, 2017, 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 7, 2017 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 7, 2017

ARTICLE 1

Shall the voters of the River Valley Technical Center School District approve the sum of two million, eight hundred eight thousand, six hundred thirty-one dollars (\$2,808,631) 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, March 2, 2017 in room B118 at the Howard Dean Education Center, immediately following the business portion of the School District's Annual Meeting.

For more information about the proposed 2017-2018 budget, please contact the office of the RVTC Superintendent/Director at (802) 885-8301. Copies of the RVTC Annual Report are available at town clerk offices and high schools of the member districts, on our website at rvtc.org, or upon request by contacting the RVTC office.

Robert Flint, Chair
Alison DesLauriers
Randy Bixby
Jeanice Garfield
Gabriel St. Pierre

David Clark, Vice Chair
Andrew Pennell, Secretary/Board Clerk
James Rumrill
Susan Tomberg
Jeff Mobus, Clerk, River Valley Technical Center School District

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Our Objective

- * Supporting & Promoting Net Zero Homes through “Alternative Energy” Education
- * Providing the essential Information needed to make prudent decisions about our lifestyles and their effect on our “Living Costs” including the “Planet Earth”.
- * Working collectively within our communities to promote the “Effective” use of “Alternative Energy Sources”
- * Learning what the “True Costs” are for the use of “Alternative Energy Sources”.
- * Realizing the benefits of a home with a “NET-ZERO” energy cost.
- * Participating in, “Workshops”: That will address, current “Market Conditions”, affecting “ALTERNATIVE ENERGY” sources, and usages

To get started Please contact LNR Associates @ 802 228-1179 and make an appointment to join our “Community Effort”. We, in turn, will offer you a “Site Evaluation” at no cost or obligation to you. Do so before the current “Incentives” expire.

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Answers to some important Questions! Solar Panel Production vs. Solar Panel Cost

- * A 60 cell Solar Panel measures approximately 40” x 65” x 1.5” and weighs 40 #
- * With a factory rating of 250 watts, this panel can produce 2000 watts of electricity per day. Under the existing rate structure that earns \$.41/ day or \$150.00 per year.
- * At a cost of \$5.00! watt installed that means a panel costs \$1000.00. Therefore, a payback of 6 years and .8 months.

Supporting & Promoting Net Zero Homes through “Alternative Energy”

Education: By learning how to install Solar Panels at your residence it is possible to reduce that payback period to one year and 10 months.

Providing the essential Information needed to make prudent decisions about our lifestyles and their effect on our “Living Costs” including the “Planet Earth”.

Keeping in mind that no two Solar-Sites are the same it is therefore prudent to evaluate each Residential or Business site carefully before making any assumptions or financial commitments.

It is also prudent to learn how your “Energy Consumption” might change once you become the power producer!!! Here the objective may become a “NET ZERO” home with its positive environmental impact.

Working collectively within our communities to promote the “Effective” use of “Alternative Energy Sources”

Solar Panels are one of several potential sources of “Alternative Energy Production”. Wind also has good potential. Again, EDUCATION is the Key element.

We should also look carefully at siting for not only panel production but also visual impact. Here the “Solar GARDEN” can come into play.

Learning what the “True Costs” are for the use of “Alternative Energy Sources”.

There are only TWO components that are critical to Electric Energy Production The energy collector and the Inverter.

Where and how they are made are both very important.

Realizing the benefits of a home with a “NET-ZERO” energy cost.

Reducing or eliminating the “Energy Costs” associated with operating a Residence or Business makes either one more valuable. Here again the goal can be “NET ZERO”.

Participating in, “Workshops”: That will address, current “Market Conditions”, affecting “ALTERNATIVE ENERGY” sources, and usage.

The “Alternative Energy Industry” is rapidly evolving and yet it is a very, uncomplicated one.

Participating in several brief “Workshops” will prove this quickly.

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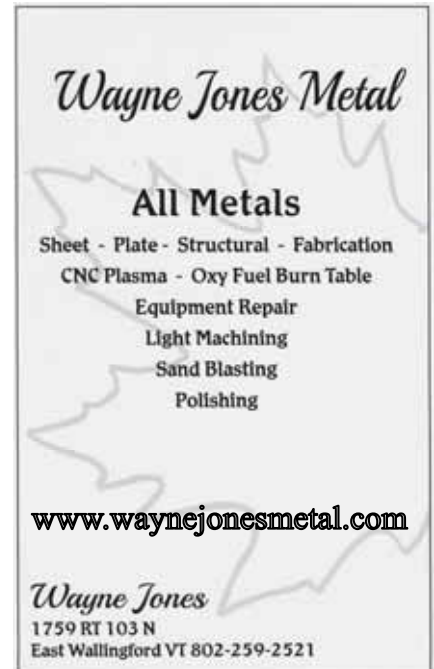
Do so before the current “Incentives” expire.

You may also reach us through COUNTRY HOME MANAGEMENT @ 802-228-7086 (Msg. line)

Black River Good Neighbors Director Speaks to Rotary Club

Audrey Bridge, Executive Director of Black River Good Neighbors Services (BRGNS), recently spoke to a meeting of the Ludlow Rotary Club (LRC). She outlined the history of BRGNS, developing from a small church group in the 1950s to the current organization that services Ludlow, Plymouth, Cvendish, Proctorsville, Mt Holly, and Belmont. In discussing the role BRGNS plays in supporting those in need, she indicated that one of the principle objectives of the organization was to enable clients to become independent of such assistance. Pictured above are, from left to right, Tesha Buss, LRC President, Kyle Matulionis, Rotarian, and Audrey Bridge, BRGNS Executive Director. LRC meets for lunch on most Tuesdays at 12:15 pm at DJ's Restaurant. The LRC is small and is always looking to welcome new members. If you would like to attend a meeting and learn how you may 'Serve Humanity' while enjoying the fellowship of others, please contact any Rotarian or drop a note to Ludlow Rotary, PO Box 216, Ludlow Vermont.

March 2017 Mount Holly Chit Chat Inc.



BROC Community Action Fuel Assistance Press Release

Fuel & Electrical Bills Assistance Available

BROC-Community Action can help keep you and your family warm this winter. The agency has plenty of resources to provide bulk fuel deliveries and assist with electrical bills.

BROC-Community Action offers multiple fuel assistance programs, including crisis fuel and Warmth; agency staff can also help clients apply for seasonal fuel and sign up for utility discount programs.

Some programs have eligibility criteria, but thanks to funding from generous community partners, people of all incomes can be served. Our mission is to take care of our communities, so we encourage anyone in need to contact us.

Please call to make an appointment today.

In Rutland, call 802-775-0878

BROC Community Action Newest Staff Member Release

BROC-Community Action is pleased to announce that Kayla Rifenburgh has been hired to serve clients participating in BROC's transitional housing project in Bennington, which is funded by the Vermont Department of Corrections. She will help these individuals find and retain housing and develop vocational and life skills to ensure their success in the community. Kayla holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in criminal justice from Russell Sage College and has interned at a correctional facility. Welcome Kayla!

BROC-Community Action Offers Free Tax Preparation

BROC-Community Action in Southwestern Vermont is an Internal Revenue Service recognized Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) site. Our certified staff and volunteers from the Castleton University accounting program are available to prepare and file your Federal income tax return, Vermont income tax return, Homestead Declaration and Property Tax Adjustment Claim, Household Income Schedule and Renter Rebate Claim. The VITA program offers FREE tax help to people who generally make \$54,000 or less, persons with disabilities, the elderly and tax payers with limited English who need assistance in preparing their tax returns. Call today to make your appointment! In Rutland County 802-775-0878 or in Bennington County 802-447-7515.

BROC-Community Action in Southwestern Vermont is very pleased to announce that People's United Bank will present a **FREE** financial education workshop around Home Ownership. On Wednesday, March 8th from 10:00 am-Noon, come learn about the home buying process, renting versus owning, having a pre-homebuyers plan and shopping for a mortgage. This informative workshop will be held at BROC-Community Action located at 45 Union Street in Rutland. To register contact Shelley Faris at 802-665-1742 or sfaris@broc.org.

The Marlboro College Center for New Leadership and Benchmarks for a Better Vermont are pleased to announce the Results Based Accountability 4-Part Training Series will be held in partnership with BROC-Community Action in Rutland at their venue at 45 Union Street! The workshops will be held every Wednesday in April from 9:00-12:00.

This four-part, tool-based training series introduces the key components of Results-Based Accountability, with a focus on program performance. No prior experience with RBA is necessary. Each three-hour workshop will introduce a tool or concept and allow ample time for teams to practice and receive feedback. By the end of the series, participants have walked through the process of embedding RBA into a program. Participants are encouraged to come in organizational teams, including management, staff, and board members, although individuals are welcome to join.

The training is held for four weeks, with about 90 minutes of work expected between trainings. Participants are expected to attend all four trainings. If you have scheduling conflicts, please contact Julie van der Horst Jansen at jjansen@gradschool.marlb主oro.edu before registering for the workshops.

Registration is open and space is limited. The registration site has detailed information about each workshop in the series: <http://bit.ly/RBARutland>

If you have any questions about this training series please contact Julie van der Horst Jansen at: 802 258-9204, or jjansen@gradschool.marlb主oro.edu



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There may be a "field trip", as well.

The YOGA sessions will be held at the Wallingford Elementary School Gymnasium, 126 School Street / Route 140 East, Wallingford. The investment (Fee) is: \$10.00 per 60 minute class, \$15.00 per 90 minute class and \$20.00 per workshop. Pricing subject to change.

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2017 Vermont Women In Higher Education Conference March 23-24

"Strong Women, Strong World" is the theme for the 2017 Vermont Women in Higher Education (VWHE) conference to be held at the Killington Grand Resort March 23-24. The annual VWHE conference brings together women working in colleges and universities throughout Vermont for professional development and networking.

This year VWHE will host three speakers; our first speaker is Yvonne Daley, a nonfiction writer and author who has published five books, more than 5,000 investigative, feature and magazine articles and is the recipient of 40 national and regional awards. Yvonne will talk about the power of words, curiosity and action. Our second guest speaker is Cary Brown, the Executive Director of the Vermont Commission on Women who served two terms as VCW commissioner before joining the staff in 2012. She has worked as the Director of Girls' Programs for Vermont Works for Women and directed the Women in Technology Project. She has served on the boards of Northern New England Tradeswomen, Turtle Island Children's Center, the New England Association for Cooperative Education and Field Experience and the Norwich University Alumni Association. Our final guest speaker is Tiffany Bluemle, the Executive Director of Change the Story VT; prior to this position, she served as executive director for 17 years at Vermont Works for Women. She left that post in 2015 to lead Change the Story VT, a multi-year, systemic approach to improving women's economic opportunity. Cary and Tiffany will present "Telling the Story to Change the Story for Women in Vermont: What We've Learned About What's Left to Do."

New this year will be a panel presentation moderated by Dr. Carrie Williams Howe, Executive Director of VHEC, featuring Dr. Heather Bouchey, Deputy Secretary at VT State Agency of Education, Dr. Gail Gibson Sheffield, VP for Academic Affairs at Landmark College, Dr. Wanda Heading-Grant, VP for Human Resources, Diversity & Multicultural Affairs at UVM, Dr. Mariko Silver, President of Bennington College and Thy Yang, AVP for International Education at Norwich University.

The VWHE Conference includes dozens of workshops on a range of topics, including leadership styles, gender inclusion in the workplace, design build, managing debt and more. VWHE is once again partnering with Dress for Success Burlington to sponsor a clothes swap to benefit Dress for Success' programs to empower women to achieve economic independence.

VWHE is sponsored by the American Council on Education's Office of Women in Higher Education, based in Washington, D.C., and has been active in the state of Vermont for over 20 years. VWHE works to foster connections among women in various sectors of higher education, promote women's leadership and encourage and support women leaders of diverse backgrounds. The organization maintains an open membership policy and welcomes the participation of women from all levels of administration, staff and faculty. Visit www.vwhe.org for more information or to register for the conference.





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Saturday, March 25, 2017

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- Refreshments

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at the Shrewsbury Meeting House
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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 – Past Potentate Bob Ferguson, Cairo Shriners, Rutland



Rutland Area Visiting Nurse Association & Hospice Community Health Clinics – March 2017

March Blood Pressure/Foot Care Clinics

Wednesday, 03/01/2017,	Wallingford, Wallingford House,	10:30 am
Thursday, 03/02/2017,	Rutland, Parker House,	10 am
Wednesday, 03/08/2017,	Rutland, Templewood Court,	10 am
Wednesday, 03/15/2017,	Rutland, Sheldon Towers,	9 am
Wednesday, 03/15/2017,	Rutland, Linden Terrace,	11 am
Thursday, 03/16/2017,	Rutland, Maple Village,	10 am
Wednesday, 03/29/2017,	Rutland, Godnick Center,	12:30 pm
Thursday, 03/30/2017,	North Clarendon, North Clarendon Community Center,	12:30 pm



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The cost of the foot clinic is \$10. No appointment necessary. Please call 802.770.1536 for more information.

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

Clinics held at the Rutland Office are the 1st Wednesday of every month. Call 802.775.0568 for an appointment.

Clinics held at the Dorset Office are the 3rd Wednesday of every month. Call 802.362.1200 for an appointment.

Biometric readings can now be billed to Blue Cross Blue Shield. Call Cathleen at 802.770.1536 for more details!

Travel Well with RAVNAH's Travel Health Clinic: RAVNAH is the region's resource for comprehensive and safe travel health services including vaccines and individualized disease prevention plans to international travelers. For more information call Cathleen at 802.770.1536 for a personal appointment or email gohealth@ravnah.org.

Bereavement Group: RAVNAH's monthly bereavement group is held Tuesdays at 6pm at Grace Congregational Church. RAVNAH's Chaplain, Andrew Carlson, will be facilitating. The group is free and open to the public. For more, please contact Andrew at 770-1613.

VT Ostomy Group: The next VT Ostomy Support Group meeting will be held on Saturday, March 18, 2017 from 10:30 am – noon at the Rutland Area VNA & Hospice, 7 Albert Cree Drive. There is no charge to attend the group. For more information please contact Kate at 802-236-0500.

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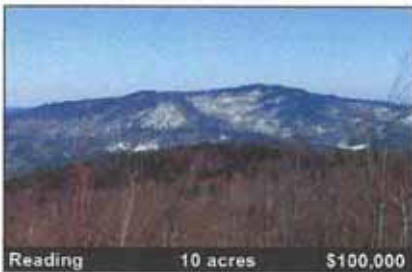
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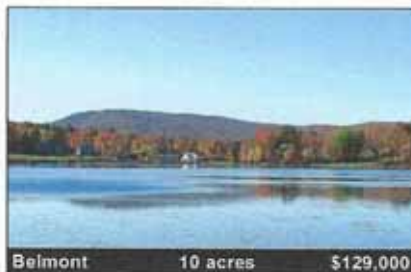
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