



Mount Holly Chit Chat

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April 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
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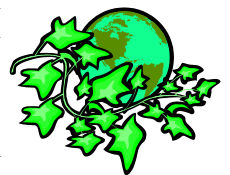
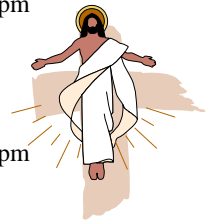
Transfer Site: Sat. 8 am – 2 pm & Wed. 4 pm – 7 pm Spring/Summer Hours Effective April 1st

1 st	Mt. Holly Community Association Meeting, Library	<i>April Fools Day</i>	7:00 pm
	Mt. Holly School Board Meeting		7:00 pm
	Union #39 School Board Meeting		7:00 pm
2 nd		<i>Hans Christian Anderson 1805</i>	
3 rd		<i>Washington Irving 1856</i>	
Sat 4 th		<i>NATO Est. 1949 ~ Martin Luther King Jr. Assassinated 1968</i>	
Sun 5 th		<i>Happy Easter</i>	
		<i>Booker T. Washington 1856</i>	7:00 pm
6 th		<i>Persian Gulf War Ends 1991</i>	
7 th		<i>Metric System 1795</i>	
8 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
9 th		<i>Civil War Ends 1865</i>	
Sat 11 th	Trout and Landlocked Salmon season begins ~ Persian Gulf War Official Cease Fire 1991		
Sun 12 th	MH Fire Dept Business Meeting & Annual Meeting , Belmont Fire Station		7:00 pm
13 th	Rescue Squad Meeting, Rescue Squad Building	<i>Thomas Jefferson 1743</i>	7:00 pm
14 th	Community Guild Meeting, IOOF Hall, Belmont	<i>Pan-American Day</i>	9:00 am
	Selectmen's Meeting, Town Office		7:30 pm
	Fire Dept. Drill, Fire Station	<i>Titantic Struck Iceberg 1912</i>	7:00 pm
15 th	Mt. Holly Town Library Meeting, Library, Belmont	<i>America's 1st School for the Deaf 1817</i>	6:00 pm
16 th		<i>Wilbur Wright 1867</i>	
Sat 18 th		<i>The Midnight Ride of Paul Revere 1775</i>	
Sun 19 th		Muskrat Hunting Ends ~ Revolutionary War Began 1775	
20 th	Mount Holly Planning Commission, Town Office		7:00 pm
21 st	Fire Dept. work night, Fire Stations		7:00 pm
22 nd	ODD Fellows Meeting, IOOF Hall, Belmont	<i>Professional Secretaries Day ~ Earth Day</i>	7:00 pm
23 rd	Fire Dept. Drill, Fire Station	<i>William Shakespeare 1564-1616</i>	7:00 pm
24 th		<i>National Arbor Day 1872</i>	
Sat 25 th	Roast Pork Supper , Benefit MHV Rescue Squad, Odd Fellows Hall, Belmont		5:00 pm
Sun 26 th		<i>John James Audubon 1785</i>	
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
	Mason Meeting, Mt. Moriah Lodge, E. Wallingford		8:00 pm
29 th		<i>Holocaust Remembrance Day</i>	
30 th		Crow season ends ~Vietnam War Ends 1975	

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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



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April Anniversaries: 1st-Albert & Brenda Cavoto 16th -Dick & Nancy Tilton 18th -Randy & Tammy Hawkins

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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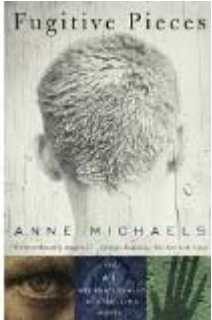
The Annual Membership meeting is held on the second Monday in September in the Mount Holly Library at 7 p.m. The meeting includes the annual report and election of the Board of Directors

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Holly School Board Meeting

The Mt. Holly school board met on Wednesday, March 4 at the Mt. Holly Elementary School. The board heard from the students who participate in A World of Difference at Black River High School. The group had the board members and administration participate in a group activity. Ms. Martin and Ms. Trimboli described the new competency based graduation requirements that the schools will be transitioning to. Mr. Williams described the Elementary School Transfer program that each board will be asked to consider. The board also discussed the renovations that are needed at the BRHS gymnasium.

The board reorganized for the year, with Mr. Venter being re-elected as board chair and Ms. Cohen being re-elected as board clerk. The board discussed a pellet burner proposal, along with the cafeteria remodeling at Mt. Holly Elementary School. Mr. Hutt Vater also reported on the progress of transitioning to the SBAC assessments. The board approved the minutes of the previous meeting. The next meeting will be on April 1 at Black River High School.



Mount Holly Library Reading Discussion Group

Spring is here, come out of hibernation and enjoy some good books and lively discussions.

The Mount Holly Library Reading Discussion Group will meet at 7:00 p.m. on April 8, 2015 at Jane Hill's on the Tarbellville Road, Belmont. We will be discussing the novel Fugitive Pieces by Anne Michaels. Please call Minga at 259-2471 to obtain a copy of the book or with any other questions.

BRHS is currently in 1st Place!!!!

Black River High School has jumped into first place in the College Pathways '15 Incentive Contest. This is an opportunity to win the \$1,500 prize for our students use! Here is how the program works. : The high school with the largest percentage of their enrolled students attending any of our three College Pathways '15 events will receive a one-time \$1,500 grant to spend on a student-related activity. College Pathways is a free conference that guides students and parents through the college exploration, selection, and application processes. It's not just for those who know they're going; it's for everyone, even those who are not sure or leaning against it. Registration is online and is quick and easy. Simply go to: www.vsac.org/collegepathways Don't forget that we have a bus to take everyone together which will make a stop at the Mt Holly Elementary School!!

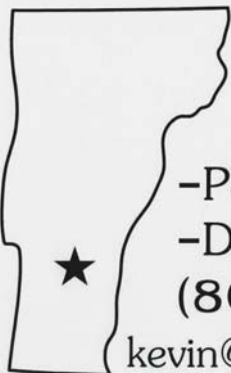
Thank You From MHS Kindergarten Class

We would like to thank everyone for the hundreds of milk jugs that were donated for our igloo project. We used exactly 210 milk jugs to create our masterpiece. Attached is a photo of the igloo we were able to build - isn't it amazing?

So, we are no longer collecting milk jugs as our project is complete. Thank you so much! The MHS Kindergarten Class



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BRACC UPDATE

Thank you, Mount Holly voters for supporting the Black River Area Community Coalition at the polls. Your financial support, along with that from the Towns of Ludlow and Plymouth allows us to continue providing programs to keep our children safe from the many issues they face in these complex times.

The most recent program for parents and students was March 12 and 13th. John Halligan spoke at the Ludlow Auditorium about bullying, cyber bullying, and teen suicide prevention. He was a dynamic speaker with a powerful message. He reminded the students that each and every one of them is loved more than they know by many people. He told of his personal and his family's heartbreak at losing their son, Ryan, to suicide and urged students who are feeling depressed to talk to an adult. He also told the teens to seek adult help for any friend who tells them they want to kill themselves. About 35 adults attended the evening program. All 7th through 12th graders at Black River Middle and High Schools attended. The Green Mountain Middle school students also attended.

Mr. Halligan stressed the powerful impact a student has on a friend when bullying them or being mean to them, especially on the internet. Students asked many questions after both sessions. He told them not to say anything on-line that they would not say to a person's face. It is not anonymous or harmless because you are not face to face with that person, he reminded them. Students seemed to hear his message and the severity of the consequences of Ryan's friends actions.

Looking forward, **April is Alcohol Awareness Month.** Parents and Grandparents are encouraged to look at the ParentUp web site for information on youth alcohol abuse. It is never too late to help prevent your child from using alcohol. You can go to the web site at <http://parentupvt.org/landingpage/>. Parents still have the most impact on their child's alcohol use. Talk to your children and tell them your expectations. Don't forget to be a good role model – they want to grow up to be just like you.



Mount Holly Elementary School

PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION

Wednesday, April 29, 2015
9:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.
By Appointment

(802) 259-2392

For children who will be 3 years old on or before August 31, 2015

Please bring the following:

1. A birth or baptismal certificate
2. All immunization records

Children must attend screening.
Parents : Please plan to spend time completing the registration forms.

Suppers For Mount Holly Organizations



Settings Start 5:00 pm

At

The Odd Fellows Hall, Belmont

All You Can Eat - Served Home Style

Adults \$12 - Children 11 and Under \$6



April 25 th	MH Rescue Squad – Roast Pork	
May 23 rd	Colfax Lodge – Baked Ham	
June 20 th	MHVFD - Roast Beef	
July 4 th	Odd Fellows - Chicken BBQ	11:30 am
Town Parade also that day Step off at 11:00 am		
July 18 th	Mt. Moriah Masons - Baked Ham	
August 8 th	Odd Fellows - Roast Pork	
Sept. 5 th	Historical Museum - Baked Ham	
Sept. 26 th	MHVFD Auxiliary – Roast Port	
October 10 th	MHCA - Roast Beef	
October 24 th	Gill Home, IOOF – Baked Ham	



Take Outs Available With All Dinners

More Info Call 802-259-2460

NOTE: Lake Street will be ONE WAY For All Suppers For Emergency Vehicle Access and ease of traffic flow. Thanks

Our next meeting is Monday, April 13 at 4:00 p.m. at the Fletcher Memorial Library in Ludlow. Everyone is welcome so please join us. If you are interested in more information please send an email to bracc7878@yahoo.com or call 228-7878. Either Brigid Sullivan or Paul Faenza can help you. Get involved to help raise healthy youth!!

Master of Suspense Alfred Hitchcock



Mt. Holly Town Library
The Art of Suspense
Sunday, April 26th – 4 pm
Screening - 39 Steps
Friday, May 15th – 7 pm
Join the Fun & Suspense!

Mount Holly Community Association

With frigid temperatures and lots of snow still on the ground, it's hard to imagine that spring is on the way, but it will be here before we know it! To help us celebrate that "in-between" time we so fondly call "mud season", plans for the MHCA's **Spring Mud Fling** are well underway. *This year all of the proceeds from the Mud Fling will be contributed to Save our Lake, the campaign to raise the last of the funds to repair the Star Lake dam!* The Odd Fellows have generously allowed us to use their Hall free of charge for this event and the Tony Lee Thomas Band has also generously offered their musical talents for the evening. (You may recall the Tony Lee Thomas Band, which along with vocalist Jenny Porter, rocked the entire crowd on a busy afternoon Cider Days weekend this past October!) Please join us on Saturday, April 4th, to dance the night away. Doors open at 8:00 pm and the music gets underway at 9:00 pm. The party is BYOB and will go on until midnight. Admission is \$10 in advance (tickets at the library & the Belmont Store), or \$12 at the door. *What could be better...a great evening out and the opportunity to support the restoration of our beautiful lake.* See you there!

In advance: now we're *really* going to ask you to think ahead...this time to summer! The planning for the annual **Garden Tour** is well underway and we are currently soliciting the interest of Mount Holly gardeners in offering their gardens for the tour. We usually have eight gardens on the tour and we look for a wide range...formal and manicured to wild and rambling. If you would like to exhibit your garden, or just volunteer to help organize in other ways, please contact Linda Miller at LindaDDMiller@aol.com who is in charge of the tour this year. Thanks so much!

Once again, **membership in the MHCA** for this past year was very strong and the amount of money contributed for memberships was at an all time high, exceeding last year by over \$300. In order for the MHCA to sponsor a dozen events throughout the year and to maintain the beautiful historic building that houses the Library and the Community Room, it is essential that this membership stay strong. It is the major portion of our operating budget and we cannot do it without you! To clarify the duration of the membership year...each year's membership runs from July 1st to June 30th, so you can expect to hear from us again in June! Thank you all and special thanks to Madeleine Fay, the Membership chair, for all of her hard work this year!

Speaking of our beautiful, historic building...*work on the exterior painting of the building is about to begin!!* Exterior carpentry work (replacing clapboards, etc.) will start in the next week or so and the painting will get underway when the weather warms up. This is a very exciting project and we are all looking forward to improving an already beautiful building. We would like to thank everyone who contributed to the "*I Need a New Coat*" campaign to raise money for the project. If you did not have the opportunity to "buy" a square, it's not too late! We don't have many left (one \$100 square; two \$50 squares; and four \$25 squares), but we would love to inscribe your name in one of them before we frame and hang the lovely drawing of the building painted by Penny Coldwell. If you would like to contribute, simply send your gift to MHCA P.O. Box 93, Belmont, VT 05730.

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.

Community Guild of Mount Holly Awards Scholarship

Katelyn Patch was awarded a \$1,000.00 scholarship as presented by Bessie Centini Representing the Community Guild. Katelyn is attending the Community College of Vermont.

Congratulations!

Pictured: Katelyn Patch (left), Bessie Centini (right)



ROAST PORK SUPPER

April 25, 2015

Settings 5:00 P.M. till Gone

Odd Fellows Hall, Belmont, VT

Benefit

**Mount Holly Volunteer
Rescue Squad**

Roast Pork Supper

**Mashed Potatoes, w/gravy, Veg.,
rolls, and Desserts**

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More info Call 802-259-6001



Mount Holly 2016 Calendar

Congratulations to the photographers whose photos will be in the 2016 Mount Holly Calendar. You can see their photos here in the Chit Chat and soon on the Mount Holly website in color.

It's not too early to start taking photos for the 2015 Photo Contest! We really need some good April photos so shake off the winter blues and start taking photos as the snow melts and signs of spring start to show. We love having vertical photos too but remember only two usually get in the calendar each year - there are sometimes exceptions, but horizontal photos do have a better chance of getting in the calendar.

Again, congratulations to the 2016 Mount Holly calendar photographers.

Mount Holly 2016 Calendar Photos

Front Cover ~ Peaceful Day
Richard Jones (Popular Prize)



January ~ Brrr
Susan Presson



April ~ Winter Surprise
Mary Alberty



Page 1 ~ Cloud Painting
Meredith Green (Student Winner)



February ~ Rolling Down the River
Linda Guerrero



May ~ Cows in the Mist >>>
Karen Leonard (Adult Winner)



Page 2 ~ Autumn Glow
Janet Warren



March ~ Winter Sun
Craig Tomkinson (Grand Prize)



June ~ See De Grass
Randy Paz



July ~ Berry Picking
Theresa Napierkowski



August ~ Nighttime on Ninevah
Jacob Mailhiot (Adult Winner)



September ~ Lunchtime at the Pond
Wood
Alison Weintraub



October ~ Drifting and Dreaming

John McClure



November ~ Next Winter's

Daniel Weintraub



December ~ White Burden
Derek Covalla (Honorable Mention)



Back Cover ~ Autumn's Edge

Mary Leonard



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MOUNT HOLLY TOWN LIBRARY

Thank You - From the Library Trustees

The Library Board of Trustees thanks the voters of Mount Holly for their continued support. The money voted each year helps support all the many programs and services the library offers year round. We rely heavily on our dedicated volunteers, but the volunteers cannot do it all and the financial support from the town voters is the cornerstone of our ... of YOUR...library. Thank you, Susan Presson, Chair

Busy Month Starting With Our Annual Spring Plant Sale

On **Saturday, April 4th** library board members and volunteers will be selling primrose, daffodils, tulips and grape hyacinths in front of the Belmont General Store. These lovely hardy plants have been very popular. They make a lovely hostess gift for Easter or Passover celebrations or just to bring a little needed spring to a friend or your own home. They can be planted in the garden afterwards and enjoyed every year. This year we will do some advanced selling at the library from Tuesday, March 31st through Friday, April 3rd. Look for posters and the newsflash for library selling times during that week. This fundraiser supports programs for the Summer Reading program so please come and buy a plant or 2!

Free Books for Children Birth to 5

Dolly Parton's Imagination Library is a wonderful non-profit organization that promotes literacy by partnering with local civic groups so that children can be mailed a new book each month until their 5th birthday. It is from the generous support of the Ludlow Rotary Club that children in Mt. Holly and surrounding towns are eligible to apply. Stop by the library and pick up a registration form so your child can get a free book every month.

April is Volunteer Appreciation Month – We Need YOU!

The Mt. Holly Town Library will be honoring our volunteers with an “Afternoon Tea” on **Sunday, April 19th at 4 pm**. We also invite folks from the community to join us. Come meet our volunteers and hear how you can become an active library supporter. We have a dedicated group of people who help keep the doors open but we are always in need of more people who believe in the library and want to see it continue to prosper into the future. If you are interested in joining us RSVP to mthollylibrary@gmail.com or stop in and tell us you would like to come.

Alfred Hitchcock & The Art of Suspense - Vermont Humanities Council Program and Don't Miss the Screening of 39 Steps

Film expert Rick Winston will present a program on **Sunday, April 26th at 4 pm** celebrating the career and legacy of famed film director Alfred Hitchcock. Winston has presented films in central Vermont since 1972; he founded the Green Mountain Film Festival and has taught film studies at Community College of Vermont, Goddard College, Burlington College, and the Osher Institute for Lifelong Learning. He will discuss the evolution of Hitchcock's craft, exploring his favorite themes, his relationship with his collaborators, and his wry sense of humor no matter how grisly the subject matter. By drawing on twelve film clips, starting with his 1925 silent *The Lodger* and continuing through to his Hollywood classics such as *Notorious* and *Rear Window*, Winston will illuminate the arc of Hitchcock's brilliant career. Then mark your calendars and join us for a follow up on **Friday, May 15th at 7 pm** for the viewing of **39 Steps**. A 1935 thriller romance about a man in London who tries to help a counter-espionage agent prevent an organization of spies called The 39 Steps from stealing top secret information. When the agent is killed and he stands accused of the murder, he goes on the run with an attractive woman to save himself and stop the spy ring. The British Film Institute ranked it the fourth best British film of the 20th century. Join us for a fun evening and a chance to experience our new projection technology.

CLiF Foundation Celebration



Tuesday, April 14th will be the wrap-up of the Children's Literacy Foundation Grant. The Mt. Holly School children will be coming to the library at 12:30 to meet John Steven Gurney, well known children's illustrator. He will also meet with the Playgroup and preschoolers at the school in the morning. Mr. Gurney, a Brattleboro resident, will talk to the kids about writing and illustrating. In addition every Mt. Holly student will receive a book to take home. This literacy grant has helped us expand our children's collection and also strengthened our connection with the community and school.

Mount Holly School 3rd Graders Visit the Library

Mrs. Vastola's 3rd grade class was treated to an opportunity to speak with Mount Holly resident Angelo Centini on Tuesday, March 10th. As a follow up to their study of immigration they interviewed Mr. Centini on his experiences growing up in Italy during the war and crossing the Atlantic at age 15. He described how he learned a new language, went to school and worked in a factory using his tailoring skills in New York City. He stressed how lucky he felt to be in a free country and the advantages it gave him. He also shared how much he loved retiring to Mount Holly and what a wonderful life he and his wife Bessie now have here. Many thanks to Angelo for coming and sharing his history with the children of our community.

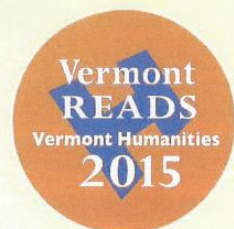
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Mount Holly Volunteer Fire Department Happenings

We would like to thank everyone for your support in approving our recent budget request. Our department continues to seek new members. We meet Tuesday evenings at 7pm, and our business meeting is held the first Sunday of every month at the Belmont Station. Junior members can join at age 16, and must have parental permission. Stop by for an application send us a message on Facebook.

Save the date: Auction, Saturday July 18th, Belmont Station. We are now accepting donations of household items, antiques, furniture, paintings, artwork, toys, collectibles and more. No mattresses, exercise equipment, skis or broken items please. All appliances must work. To schedule an appointment to have items picked up please call 802-259-2060 or contact any Mount Holly Volunteer Fire Department member directly. Visit our Facebook page for more information.

Pancake Breakfast

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Saturday ~ March 28, 2015

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assessment. They would review IT projects estimated to cost more than \$2 million, and make recommendations to budget committees for related proposals. An amount up to \$100,000 would enable the oversight committee to retain consultants to provide the needed assistance. The Legislature is looking at all State government IT functions in terms of seeking more accountability.

Our committee is planning to make some updates to our statutes concerning the Office of Notary Public. The statutes are very old, and some issues have been brought to our attention dealing with renewal policies, knowledge of responsibilities, and public protection. Right now renewals are handled by Side Judges and the Judiciary Branch with the fee shared by both. The amount that remains with the Side Judges helps fund a portion of the county budget. Moving their money to the Office of Professional Regulation in the Secretary of State's Office would increase property taxes. OPR has the capability to maintain a database for easier renewals, and also provide training opportunities. Without an improved understanding of a notary's responsibilities, the public could be at risk. We will likely mandate that every notary use an official stamp on documents and keep a log of all actions. The money issue has yet to be decided.

Please contact me with a message at 800-322-5616 or ddevereux@leg.state.vt.us, or at home at 802-259-2460.

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MESSAGE FROM MONTPELIER

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

The Appropriations Committee is working overtime to decide where some reductions can be made without jeopardizing programs. It is not an easy task to cut areas that affect so many Vermonters. Some of the things we did not invest enough in such as job training and transitional housing are making it worse. Many moving pieces will not be finalized until we get near our end date in May. The plan is to debate the budget in the House the end of this week.

A bill to create a Joint Legislative Information Technology Oversight Committee has been voted out of our House Government Operations Committee. We want to know if the departments and people responsible for managing our IT services are doing so in an efficient and cost-effective manner. This newly created committee comprising four members of both the House and Senate would provide the Legislature with a project

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NITKA'S NOTES FROM THE STATE HOUSE

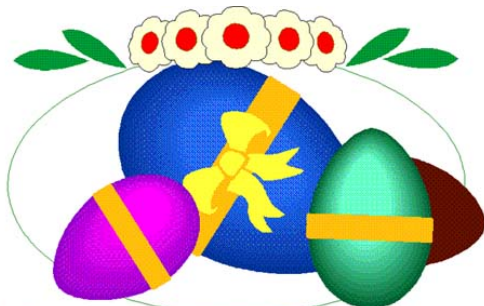
By Senator Alice Nitka, Windsor County

In the news a few weeks ago was a story about the seizure of approximately one hundred dogs from a home in Eden, Vermont when police executed a search warrant at the residence. The care of the animals was in question and reports stated that persons at the home possibly viewed themselves as running some kind of a rescue operation. It had clearly gotten out of hand. This incident happened one day after the Senate Judiciary Committee took testimony on Senate bill 102. The subject of the bill: "Criminal Procedures; animal cruelty and animal forfeiture" proposes to create a process for asset forfeiture for persons convicted of using animals in animal fights. Animal fighting is not an issue raised in the Eden case. There have been other dog seizure cases in Vermont in which dogs alleged to have been used for fighting were confiscated. Testimony was given by a veterinarian who reported that the nature of the wounds was clearly from fighting and that many of the dogs he saw in one case had to be euthanized due to their injuries. When dogs are picked up by the police in dog fighting cases, they are evaluated to see if they can be rehabilitated to be placed in homes. Some are very appropriate with people and can be placed safely with families while others are too aggressive toward other animals or people and need to be destroyed. The cost of caring for animals that have been seized can run a town into a great deal more debt than they expect. A local police chief testified that a case his town is dealing with has cost his town \$7,000 dollars and expenses are still accruing. Maintenance of the animals after seizure as well as medical costs have had to be assumed by the town. Senate bill 102 would allow seizure of real and personal property associated with animal fighting. Persons who engage in animal fighting make money from betting on the fights, breeding fees and selling dogs and puppies. They have training equipment for their dogs to make them more successful fighters and this bill envisions this property being forfeited as well as vehicles and land. The bill included an administrative forfeiture procedure and a judicial process. More testimony will be taken on this bill. The Agency of Commerce and Community Development provided multiple reports this week for the state budget from their various departments. The agency is headed by Pat Moulton-Powden, whom we know in our geographic area from her many years working on economic development projects. Departments under this agency include Tourism and Marketing, Housing and Community Development and Economic Development. Specifically, the Dept. of Economic Development's mission is to improve the economic well being of Vermonters by helping to increase jobs and opportunities, create a robust workforce, improve wages and encourage business start-ups, growth, recruitment and expansion. Eighteen employees handle highly specialized programs for the state such as the VT Employment Growth Incentive, the Windham County Economic Development Program, Tax Income Financing District Program, The Vermont Training Program, Financial Services (Captive Insurance) and International Trade (EB-5 and VT Global Trade Partnership).

VT competes in a global marketplace and ranks as the third largest captive insurance domicile in the world, after Bermuda and the Cayman Islands. Approximately 40 other states have captive insurance legislation and are actively seeking these companies. The captive industry generates approximately 27 million in tax revenue and fees to the state annually. One employee specializes in captives, handles sales and recruitment and the agency hopes to hire an additional person this year who will be paid out of fees. Last year, sixteen new companies came to VT. They employ approximately 1,500 people. The regulation of the industry is through the Department of Financial Regulation (DFR).

Another program regulated by DFR is the EB-5 foreign investment program. As of the end of December, 2014 over \$440,000,000 was invested in VT projects through our regional office. This program involves approvals for citizenship by investors in EB-5 projects. Projects include several Jay Peak developments, Quechee Village, Seldon Technologies, Mount Snow for 34 million, Stowe Aviation for 20 million and Trapp Family Lodge. Recently approved was Timber Creek at Okemo for 34 million. A conservative number of 1800 jobs, direct and indirect are supported by EB-5. The Regional Center will increase its fees this year in order to sufficiently oversee, insure compliance and market projects. There is a lot happening at this agency.

Feel free to contact me at 802-228-8432 or anitka@leg.state.vt.us I am able to read all your e-mails however the volume makes it impossible to respond to all of them.



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Mount Holly Town News

Minutes are "DRAFT" until approved at the next Select Board meeting April 14th, 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 ~ MARCH 10, 2015 - The meeting was called to order at 7:31pm by Ray Tarbell as acting chair. Ted Crawford and Tim Martin were present. All stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. Additions/Deletions to the Agenda: There were several additions to the agenda: ATV Discussion and three items under Other. The Selectman's Oath of Office of Ted Crawford had been administered by Sue

Covalla earlier in the day.

2. Minutes:

The minutes of the regular meeting of February 10 were sent out before the meeting for review. There were no corrections or additions. Upon motion made and seconded it was

VOTED: To approve the February 10 minutes. (3-0)

3. Reorganization for 2015-2016

Upon motions made and seconded, the following were VOTED (all votes were 3-0)

TOWN OF MOUNT HOLLY

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SAFETY FIRST ALWAYS

Selectboard Chair – Ted Crawford (at this point Ted took over as chair from Ray)

Tree Warden – Ray Tarbell

911 Coordinator – Sue Covalla

Town Service Officer – Becky Reichler

Newspaper of Record – Rutland Herald

Law Firm for Tax Sales – Sue Crawford (2-0, Ted Crawford abstained)

Selectboard Clerk – Rhonda Rivers

The Town Clerk appointed Barbara Ludwig and Joan McCallum as Assistant Town Clerks.

The Town Treasurer appointed Diana Garrow as Assistant Town Treasurer.

The date and time of the regular Selectboard meeting was set as the 2nd Tuesday at 7:30pm.

The 2 public places for posting of the agenda are the Mount Holly Post

Office and the Belmont Post Office.

The 911 measuring will be done by the Selectboard Chair, Ted Crawford. On a weekly basis, the orders will be reviewed and signed by the Selectboard Chair, Ted Crawford.

4. ATV Discussion

The Board announced the results of the non-binding opinion survey. The surveys were counted by Sue Covalla and David Johnson and the results were 196 no, 157 yes. Sixteen of the no-votes had comments; eighteen of the yes-votes had comments. Ted had come down in the afternoon to review the comments. Upon motion made and seconded, it was

VOTED: To hold a special Selectboard meeting on Tuesday, March 24th at 7:30pm to review the comments. (3-0)

5. Highways

- * The Board reviewed and signed the Annual Financial Plan to be sent to VTrans (highway financial plan).
- * State Paving Grants application is due April 15. Jeff noted that he expects to continue on with the repaving of Hortonville Road.
- * Jeff expects to post the roads for spring conditions soon.

6. Report of Treasurer

- * David Johnson presented an income and expense statement dated February 28, 2015 showing cash balances of \$2,069,088. Property taxes still outstanding are about \$86,000, which is better than some years and worse than others. The money for the new truck is still in the Equipment Fund, where it is earning some interest. The cost was paid out of the General Fund, and the monies from the Equipment Fund will be moved when needed, probably in May. Solid Waste revenue (label sales) is slightly under budget. Solid Waste expense does not include the February Casella bill (not received yet). Under highway expenses, David noted that repairs remain under budget and there is still some room for salt deliveries in the materials budget.

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.

Mt. Holly Select Board Special Meeting

**Review ATV Non-binding
Opinion Surveys and Comments**

**March 24th At 7:30 pm
Mt. Holly School Gym**

**File your Homestead
Declaration and Property
Tax Adjustment
By April 15**



- * Authorization for Orders:
Upon motion made and seconded, it was

VOTED: To authorize the Treasurer to put on the orders and pay certain items: payroll taxes and withholding payments, regular wages, postage, property tax refunds and school advances per the schedule reviewed annually.
Upon motion made and seconded, it was

VOTED: To authorize the Select Board Clerk to write orders and the Treasurer to pay said orders.

7. Transfer Station

- * Spring and summer hours for the Transfer Station will begin on Wednesday, April 01. The last Sunday will be March 29.
- * Rutland County Solid Waste District representatives: Clinton Woolley will be the representative for the town, with Jeff Teter as alternate.

8. Star Lake Dam Reconstruction Project.

- * Ron Unterman provided an update that the permit application for the dam is at the State. The 2nd permit for dredging spoils is with the Army Corp of Engineers; hopefully one or more of the spots being considered will be approved.
- * Fundraising is up to \$52,000 of the estimated \$80,000 needed. In addition to the Tarbell family donation last month, the family of Admiral Wilson has donated \$5,000.
- * Ron also reviewed the Bid and Award schedule. This will be a full open bid process, bid posting in the Rutland Herald on March 13, deadline and opening of bids on April 09, and hopefully a discussion and vote on the award at the April 14 Selectboard meeting. (Dubois and King will review the bids between April 09 and 13 and make a recommendation to the Board.) The award could go to contract 15-45 days after that, depending on the funding.

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.

Mount Holly Listers are at the Mount Holly Town Office most Tuesdays 9:00am-12:00 pm or by appointment. Please call 802-259-2391 for any questions.

9. Cell Phone and Internet Access

Ted Crawford asked why it is taking so long to get connections here in Mount Holly; where do things stand with the cell tower proposed several years ago. He noted that access is needed for business and safety reasons. He contacted Dennis Devereux and Alice Nitka to try and get some answers, but contacts provided by them at the State indicated that it has been turned over to the phone companies. Ted will follow up on this. It was noted that VTel is planning to use a pole-to-pole method rather than the tower method, but they are reported to have some issues with the technology.

10. Other Business

- * Rabies Clinic: This will be held at the Town Office on Saturday, March 21st. Sue Covalla also noted that all dogs must be registered by April 1 and a valid rabies certificate is needed.
- * School mowing bids – will be advertised in the ChitChat as in previous years.
- * The Board received notice from Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Vermont that some of their customers could be included in the Anthem BCBS data breach that has been in the news. Affected individuals will be contacted directly.
- * New England Clean Power Link Project: The Town received notice that two other regional planning commissions have filed a Motion to Intervene on the project, Chittenden County and Northwest.
- * Don Patch suggested that the Town consider contacting schools to have students get community service hours for helping with such tasks as folding flyers for the Rabies Clinic.
- * The Board received notice that the State, at the direction of the Legislature, has proposed rules to govern the practice of property inspection. A public hearing will be held on March 17, 2015 in Montpelier. Anyone may comment on the proposed rules.
- * The Board reviewed and signed a Liquor License for the Belmont General Store.
- * The Board discussed the letter from the Rutland Town Selectboard which had been tabled last month. Ted Crawford noted that about 20 towns have signed on. During discussion, Peter Berger noted that the issue is to allow towns to be able to participate in the approval process as in Act 250 proceedings, rather than have the solar systems treated as utilities as is currently done. The Rutland Town Board is asking towns to approve a resolution. The process will be researched for next month.

MOUNT HOLLY TRANSFER STATION

**SPRING/SUMMER HOURS
EFFECTIVE
APRIL 1, 2015**

**WEDNESDAYS, 4 pm to 7 pm
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**Last Sunday is March 29
First Wednesday is April 1
Closed Sunday April 5**

11. The Board reviewed and signed the February orders for payment.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by motion made, seconded and approved, at 8:17 pm. Respectfully submitted, Rhonda Rivers

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TOWN OF MOUNT HOLLY REQUEST FOR BIDS

The Town of Mount Holly is accepting bids for mowing the Mount Holly School grounds and playing fields for the 2015 season. The contract includes a one-time brush hogging around the perimeter of the grounds in late August.

If you are interested, please submit a bid for the entire season, including the brushhogging, along with a Certificate of Insurance.

Bids should indicate 'Mowing Bid' on the envelope and be submitted by **4 pm on Monday, April 12, 2015** to:

Select Board, Town Office, P.O. Box 248, Mount Holly, VT 05758



Update --- Star

Lake Dam &

Beach Reconstruction Project

In the last three weeks new gifts to the Star Lake Dam Restoration Project topped \$5000 thereby reaching the Ninevah Foundation matching gift threshold of \$5000. Thanks to all of you who have added your support to the "Save Our Lake" project, and special thanks to the **Ninevah Foundation** for their \$10,000 contribution: a \$5,000 donation, and the 5,000 matching gift.

More great news....

A group of Town residents have now pledged a **NEW \$6000 MATCH** –

"Give a Dam about Star Lake Challenge"

Please join so many others in Town who have already contributed, and donate to this important community project.

Your gift will be matched dollar for dollar by this new Challenge !

The match can also be used for previous contributors who would like to increase their gift.

...And don't forget the ongoing 31 Dam Days for Star Lake ...

The Belmont General Store is donating 1% of its March sales to the Mt. Holly Conservation Trust, for the Dam Project. They will also donate 2% of funds added to customers' Store accounts. Please stop in to the Belmont General Store and help them to help us to rebuild the Star Lake dam.

...And mark your calendars for April 4th Mud Fling 2015

This year the Mt. Holly Community Association is donating the dance proceeds to the Dam Project. And huge thanks to the fabulous **Tony Lee Thomas Band** and the **Odd Fellows** for their donation of talent and venue.

We are 96% there, with \$25,500 to go
We're making progress, but Star Lake still needs your help...
Please contribute ...

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Mount Holly Conservation Trust PO Box 85, Belmont, VT 05730

For more information contact Ron at: ron@unterman.com or 802-259-2491

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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).

TOWN OF MOUNT HOLLY OFFICIAL ANNUAL TOWN AND SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING BALLOT - MARCH 3, 2015

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS: To vote for a person whose name is printed on the ballot, mark a cross (X) in the square at the right of that person's name. To vote for a person whose name is not printed on the ballot, write the person's name on the blank line in the appropriate block and mark a cross (X) in the square at the right.

For Town & School Moderator for 1 year Vote for not more than ONE ANDREW TANGER <u>376</u> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Write-In... <input type="checkbox"/>	For Town Grand Juror for 1 year Vote for not more than ONE PAUL FAENZA <u>384</u> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Write-In... <input type="checkbox"/>
For Town & School District Clerk for 1 year Vote for not more than ONE SUSAN C. COVALLA <u>404</u> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Write-In... <input type="checkbox"/>	For Trustee of Public Funds for 1 year Vote for not more than ONE DAVID H. JOHNSON <u>372</u> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Write-In... <input type="checkbox"/>
For Town & School District Treasurer for 1 year Vote for not more than ONE DAVID H. JOHNSON <u>375</u> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Write-In... <input type="checkbox"/>	For Cemetery Commissioner for 3 years Vote for not more than ONE DAVID C. HOEH <u>338</u> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Write-In... <input type="checkbox"/>
For Selectman for 3 years Vote for not more than ONE PETER BERGER <u>17</u> <input type="checkbox"/> EDWARD (TED) CRAWFORD <u>260</u> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BRIGID SULLIVAN <u>138</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Write-In... <input type="checkbox"/>	For School Director for 3 years Vote for not more than ONE ROBERT G. HERBST <u>372</u> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Write-In... <input type="checkbox"/>
For Lister for 3 years Vote for not more than ONE CAROL GARROW-WOOLLEY <u>377</u> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Write-In... <input type="checkbox"/>	For School Director for 1 year Vote for not more than TWO HANNAH ANDERSON <u>301</u> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SEBASTIAN FRANK <u>276</u> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Write-In... <input type="checkbox"/>
For Auditor for 3 years Vote for not more than ONE CAROL GARROW-WOOLLEY <u>368</u> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Write-In... <input type="checkbox"/>	For Union 39 School Director for 3 years Vote for not more than ONE RANDY BIXBY <u>376</u> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Write-In... <input type="checkbox"/>
For First Constable for 1 year Vote for not more than ONE PAUL FAENZA <u>385</u> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Write-In... <input type="checkbox"/>	Article I (School Warning) Shall the voters of the River Valley Technical Center School District approve the sum of <u>\$2,737,793</u> , to defray current expenses for the ensuing fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015, and to pay outstanding orders and obligations? YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <u>229</u> NO <input type="checkbox"/> <u>173</u>
For Delinquent Tax Collector for 1 year Vote for not more than ONE PETER PERRINO <u>358</u> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Write-In... <input type="checkbox"/>	Article III (School Warning) Shall the voters of the Mount Holly Town School District appropriate <u>\$1,712,136</u> , necessary for the support of its school for the year beginning July 1, 2015? YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <u>263</u> NO <input type="checkbox"/> <u>148</u>
For Town Agent for 1 year Vote for not more than ONE KRISTOPHER A. COVALLA <u>377</u> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Write-In... <input type="checkbox"/>	Article IV (School Warning) Shall the voters of the Mount Holly School District authorize its Town School District Officers to place all unencumbered funds into a Reserve Fund for the purpose of defraying unanticipated operational expenses? YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <u>315</u> NO <input type="checkbox"/> <u>94</u>
Article 3 (Town Warning) Does the Town vote the following budget for fiscal year 2015-2016 to be raised by tax? A. General Fund & Solid Waste Fund \$445,020. YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <u>321</u> NO <input type="checkbox"/> <u>78</u> B. Highway Fund (net) \$310,300. YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <u>336</u> NO <input type="checkbox"/> <u>54</u>	Article 7 (Town Warning) Does the Town vote <u>\$8,000</u> for the Mount Holly Town Library, to be raised by tax? YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <u>269</u> NO <input type="checkbox"/> <u>137</u>
Article 4 (Town Warning) Does the Town vote <u>\$74,000</u> to be raised by tax for the fiscal year 2015-2016, for future capital expenditures? YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <u>270</u> NO <input type="checkbox"/> <u>130</u>	Article 8 (Town Warning) Does the Town vote <u>\$2,500</u> for the Mount Holly Chit Chat, to be raised by tax? YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <u>308</u> NO <input type="checkbox"/> <u>99</u>
Article 5 (Town Warning) 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 <u>\$85,900</u> to be raised by tax? YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <u>341</u> NO <input type="checkbox"/> <u>67</u>	Article 9 (Town Warning) Does the Town vote <u>\$9,135</u> for Community and Social Services, to be raised by tax? YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <u>237</u> NO <input type="checkbox"/> <u>170</u>
Article 6 (Town Warning) Does the Town vote to the Mount Holly Volunteer Rescue Squad, Inc. for the 2015-2016 fiscal year budget, to be raised by tax? A. General Budget Fund \$15,000. YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <u>343</u> NO <input type="checkbox"/> <u>63</u> B. Vehicle & Equipment Replacement Fund \$15,000. YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <u>315</u> NO <input type="checkbox"/> <u>87</u>	Article 10 (Town Warning) Does the Town vote <u>\$3,000</u> for Black River Area Community Coalition (BRACC) to be raised by tax? YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <u>230</u> NO <input type="checkbox"/> <u>172</u>
	Article 11 (Town Warning) Does the Town vote to fund the afterschool program at the Mount Holly School in the amount of <u>\$6,500</u> , in FY2016, to be raised by tax? YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <u>259</u> NO <input type="checkbox"/> <u>151</u>

Mount Holly Voters Great Turnout

On Tuesday March 3rd, Mount Holly had 420 voters turn out to vote Town Meeting ballot issues for town and school. Here are the results of their efforts.

Union #39 Voting Results

Mount Holly Voters	420
Ludlow Voters	<u>256</u>
Total Voters	676

Article 1: Shall the Union School District #39 approve \$3,812,729.00 necessary for the support of its school for the year beginning July 1, 2015?

Yes	416	No	246
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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. RAVNAH's Travel Health Clinic is staffed by the incomparable Cathleen Paulin, who has in-depth knowledge of travel medicine, educational measures and tips and tricks for staying safe and healthy overseas. Call her at 802.770.1536 for a personal appointment or email gohealth@ravnah.org.

Vermont Ostomy Group UOAA

The Vermont Ostomy Group has been formed and is facilitated by fellow Ostomates with the support of certified Wound Ostomy and Continence nurses for the purpose of providing support, education and information for the person with a bowel and bladder diversion. The Vermont Ostomy Group is dedicated to serving both individuals and their families in the Central Vermont area.

The next meeting will be held on **Saturday, April 18, 2015 from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m.** at the Rutland Area Visiting Nurse and Hospice meeting rooms at 7

Drive
Rutland

Vermont, and are free and open to the public. Light beverages and snacks will be provided.

Please contact Kate Lawrence, MSN, RN, CWOCN at 802 770-1682 for more information.



LPCTV's Annual Kentucky Derby Gala Is Right Around the Corner

Saturday, May 2 at Willie Dunn's Grille in Ludlow

LPCTV will hold its fourth "Kentucky Derby Gala – A Night at the Races" fundraising event on Saturday, May 2nd at Willie Dunn's Grille at the Okemo Valley Golf Course in Ludlow from 5:00pm to 8:30pm. The event has become an annual fundraiser for LPCTV, a non profit community television station and media center serving the Okemo Mountain region. "We are thrilled to hear that Willie Dunn's and Okemo want to host the party this year", said Sharon Combes-Farr, LPCTV Board member and event organizer. "The Derby has come to be not only a lot of fun, but it has grown into a dependable fundraiser for our organization."

The Derby gala will feature great food and live entertainment which will all be included in the per person ticket price of \$25. Entertainment will include several locally sponsored "horse races" with charity betting, a live viewing of the Kentucky Derby on television, and other lively entertainment. The event is made possible by Willie Dunn's Grille, which will graciously host and provide a large selection of culinary delights for the event, as well as 7 "Circle of Roses" race sponsors. This year's sponsors include Stemwinder and the Wine & Cheese Depot, George B. Tucker, Inc., The Book Nook, Okemo Mountain Resort, Ludlow Farmer's Market, Vermont Properties, and Jim & Anita Alic.



There are still several race horses available for sponsorship at \$50 each. Sponsors get to name their horse and have it printed in the event program. From now until April 15th, LPCTV is offering a 15% discount package of one horse sponsorship and two tickets to the event for only \$85. One winner from each race will receive a prize donated by local merchants. There will also be a grand prize drawing of 100 gallons of fuel donated by Cota & Cota, among other valuable prizes.

Those interested should contact Patrick Cody by calling 228-8808 or email pcody@lpctv.org to make prize donations, to sponsor horses, and to purchase advance tickets for the Kentucky Derby Gala. Tickets will also be available for purchase at LPCTV, The Book

Nook, and the Wine & Cheese Depot.

Photo: Rich Russo and Barbara Storrs pose at the 2014 Kentucky Derby party at Pot Belly Pub. The Annual fundraiser benefits LPCTV. Russo and Storrs, owners of The Pot Belly, hosted the event since 2011.

Mt. Holly Sno*Drifters

Hello Snowmobilers,

What a season it's been, the trails are still in great shape and with weather permitting looks like we will be riding in the higher elevations until April 15th. Please continue to stay on the trails, I know it's tempting to ride in someone's field, but we must respect our landowners and not risk trail closures.

Our club meeting has been canceled for April 5th, we will keep you posted if we decide to have one later that month. Thank you for all the donations this season, you are all so kind and generous. Our club is proud at how far we have come investing in two great grooming machines. Thanks to all the volunteers we truly appreciate your support.

The picture is of the Clement Shelter on corridor 7 N in Shrewsbury Vermont. The Green Mountain Hiking Club is the founder and maintainer of this shelter and many more in the area on the Long Trail – there oldest and long distance hiking trail in America. The Clement Shelter was built in 1929. It's amazing what you see on the trails. Next year I would like to note some history of the trails we ride. If you have any photos and historic information from the places you ride please submit them to me.

Enjoy the epic spring riding! Mary Alberty, Secretary, 802-259-2900



Weston Theater Company Announces Intensive Musical Theatre Program For Teens This August

In an exciting and new collaboration with Burr and Burton Academy's Creative Arts Department, Vermont's oldest professional theatre company is offering high school students with an interest in musical theatre an incredible opportunity to learn what it takes to be a Broadway performer. The Weston Playhouse Theatre Company's "Broadway Boot Camp" will run in Manchester, VT from August 3 - 21.

After working with the cast of Weston's professional production of the legendary musical *Guys and Dolls*, music director Larry Pressgrove and choreographer Michael Raine will turn their teaching talents to the Broadway Boot Camp students. Joining them will be Weston Producing Director Tim Fort and Burr and Burton Drama and Dance Director Jim Raposa.

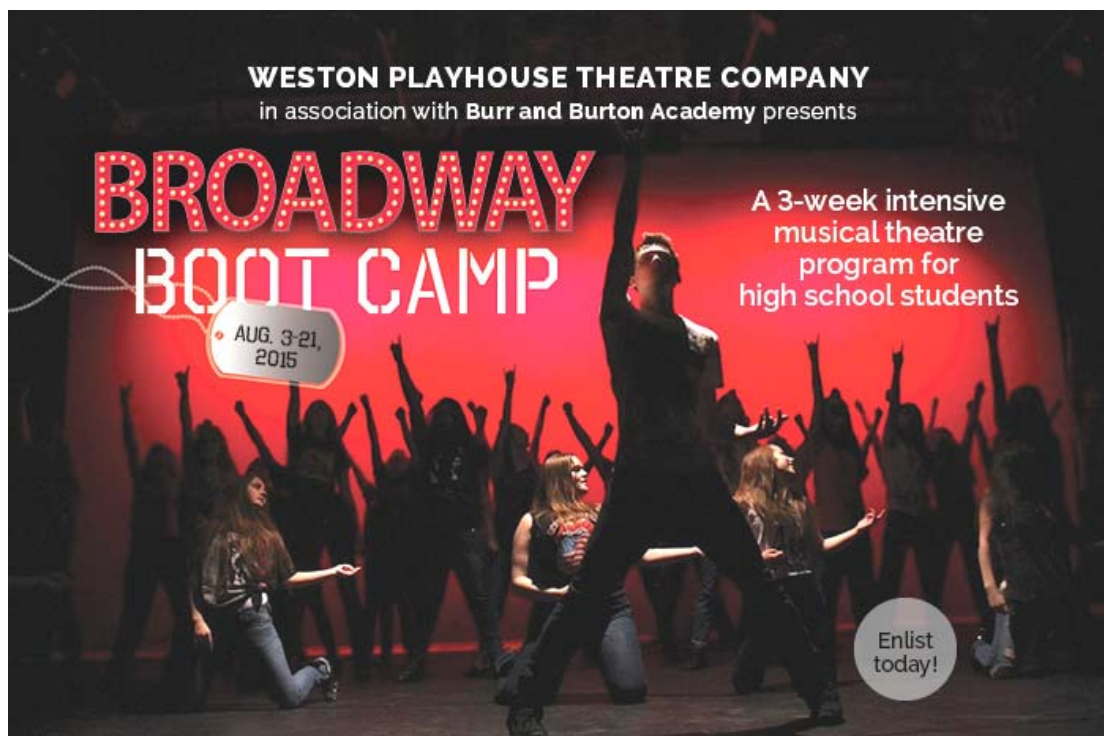
In a challenging yet supportive environment, students will take their acting, singing, and dancing skills to the next level with unsurpassed instruction in small groups. After morning sessions as a whole, the class will be split into three rotating groups to learn material from *Guys and Dolls* with individualized attention by each of the three instructors.

Pressgrove is currently the music director La Guardia Arts High School in New York, the school made famous in the movie *Fame*. Raine is a faculty member at NYU's graduate acting program, and has taught/choreographed for CAP21 and Juilliard Drama.

Fort has directed more than 65 of Weston's summer productions, leads its Young Company program, and teaches at Queens University in Canada.

Jim Raposa, a Broadway veteran who has a role in the Weston production, will pull together the work of his colleagues during the third week and direct the students in a 8/21 finale performance at the Weston Playhouse, on the set and under the lights of Weston's production of *Guys and Dolls*.

Upon hearing of the camp, Leah M. Cunningham of Chester, VT offered, "I've had the great pleasure of learning from these professionals as an ensemble member of 2014's *A Chorus Line*. I'm now in



college studying musical theatre and arts management, and all I can say is DON'T MISS THIS OPPORTUNITY!"

The program is open to students entering 9th – exiting 12th. No auditions required, but students are expected to have some experience in acting, dancing and singing.. Classes are Mon-Fri, 8/3-8/21, 9:00 – 3:00. The cost is \$750, plus \$50 materials fee and includes three weeks of instruction, t-shirt, two guest tickets to the 8/21 4:00pm student performance, and two tickets to Weston's 8/21 7:30pm professional performance. Enrollment is limited. Registration is requested by May 1.

For more information, go to www.westonplayhouse.org/education or contact Jacki Brown at the Weston Playhouse Theatre Company. jbrown@westonplayhouse.org or 802-824-8167 x104.

Photo: Jim Raposa rehearsing with the Weston cast of *A Chorus Line* at BBA in 2014, with Michael Raine (left) and Larry Pressgrove (right). Photo: Jacki Brown

The Weston Little School Announces 2015-16 Registration and Open House

The Little School would like to announce Open Enrollment for new students beginning April 1, 2015. The Little School, located in Weston, is an NAEYC accredited nonprofit early childhood program for young children ages 2 through 5 years. Founded in 1976, the educators at The Little School offer preschool programs with a curriculum that has been carefully structured to promote the emotional, social, cognitive and physical development of each child. Many local children who are 3 to 5 years old before September 1, 2015 are eligible to attend The Little School up to 10 hours per week with no tuition cost because of the new Act 166 Universal PreK Legislation. This PreK funding is available to families living in Weston, Landgrove, Londonderry, Peru, Andover, Chester, Cavendish, Winhall, Manchester and many more towns as well. Individuals should check with their local school boards if they are unsure if funding is available to them.

Interested families are invited to attend an Open House at The Little School on Saturday, April 4th from 10 – 11:30 AM. Our classroom teachers will be available to meet with families and answer questions about our preschool programs. “Visiting a program and getting a feeling for the vibe is a very important step in selecting a preschool for your child”, states school’s Executive Director, Meghan Meszkat. “One of the benefits of our program is also the flexibility of schedules available”, shares Meszkat. “We offer full and half day options, as well as early morning and after school programs, for 2, 3 or 5 day a week schedules. The Little School understands the importance of not just offering enriching preschool programming but also helping working families meet their childcare needs.” Meghan Meszkat

For more information please contact administration at 802-824-3405 or visit www.littleschoolvt.org.
The Little School, P.O. Box 92 ~ On the Green, Weston, Vermont 05161, 802-824-3405, admin@littleschoolvt.org

Weekly Preschool and Toddler Story Time

Every Wednesday from 10:30-11:30am. Each week features a theme, music stories and a craft. NO STORY TIME ON 3/29/15
Read With Oreo ~ Thursday April 9, 2015 - School age students are invited to come to the library and read with Oreo the reading dog. Oreo will be here from 3:00-4:00pm the second Thursday of every month.

Monthly Books & Cooks Cooking Club ~ Monkey Muffins

- **Allergy Warning- this recipe contains peanut butter.**

Grades 2-6 - Space is limited to 8 participants: Thursday April 30th, 3:00-4:00pm

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

April 7th - **Wash Cloth Bunnies** – Learn how to turn an ordinary washcloth into an adorable bunny!

April 14th – **Spring Chicks**- Make a flock of cute Spring chicks using lots of tissue paper, feathers, glue and your imagination

April 21st - No formal Crafty Tuesday due to school vacation, but there will be a special Earth Day drop-in craft set up all week.

April 28th - **No crafts this week- Librarian is at a conference**

School Vacation Family Movie Matinee

“Night at the Museum 3- Secret of the Tomb” (PG) All Ages Welcome

Thursday April 23rd 1:00-3:00 pm - Refreshments will be served

Special School Vacation Afternoon Story and Play Time - Monday April 20th 1:00-2:30pm - Ages 3 and up

During this special afternoon edition of Story Time, we will read some of the newest picture book arrivals to the Youth library, have a quick snack and then the playroom will be open for free play time.

Young Adult Craft Night - Grades 7 and up

Monday April 13th – 5:00-6:30 pm

No Sew Tee-Shirt Tote Bags - Bring an old tee-shirt or two and learn how to turn it from drab to fab in a few simple steps. *Tee-shirts will not be provided-Please remember to bring some from home.

Check Out REDC’s New Interactive Website!

We invite you to explore REDC’s new website at www.rutlandeconomy.com! REDC’s mission is to encourage and enhance business success in Rutland County and we hope that REDC’s new website will be the “go to” resource for new, current and expanding business! There are many new and exciting features including our enhanced sites database. Visitors will have 2 different ways to find their perfect business location in Rutland County including the addition of an interactive map. And REDC Members have a page of their own to showcase as much information as they would like about their business. If you have comments or questions regarding our new website, please let us know! REDC is the “One Stop Shop” for business - our doors are always open for questions, comments and fresh ideas! Contact: James Stewart, REDC, 802-773-9147

April 11, 1947 ~ Jackie Robinson first African-American major league baseball player played first base for the Brooklyn Dodger’s

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BRGNS NEEDS CLOTHING, FURNITURE FOR RUMMAGE SALE

Black River Good Neighbor Services will hold its annual Spring Rummage Sale at Fletcher Farm, 611 Route

103 South in Ludlow on Friday and Saturday, May 15th and 16th from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday May 17th from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Even though the snow is still deep on the ground, right now is the time to donate all sorts of clothing, but especially summer clothing, housewares, linens and small furniture.

Donations of large and small items will be accepted at Fletcher Farm in the week before the sale, but you can donate small items now at the thrift store, 37B Main Street in Ludlow. If you have a large item, please wait until the week before the event. Volunteers are ready to sort and prepare items for the sale now, so please don't wait until the last minute.

Proceeds from this rummage sale benefit BRGNS' food and financial assistance programs. "This is really a community effort. Folks donate their unwanted items to us, and we put our earnings right back into the community," said Audrey Bridge, Executive Director of BRGNS. "Although the economy has improved, demand for our services continues. There are still people going hungry and needing help with housing and clothing costs; so we keep running the rummage sales," said Bridge. The monies raised will help cover the cost of utilities, heating fuel, food and rent for qualified individuals and families in Ludlow, Cavendish, Mount Holly and Plymouth.

For further details, or to volunteer to help please contact Audrey Bridge at the Black River Good Neighbor Services Thrift Store, 37B Main Street, 802-228-3663, or BRGNS@tds.net.



Rutland Garden Club Flower Show

The Rutland Garden Club will present A Standard Flower Show entitled "Songs of the Seasons". Division I will feature judged floral designs including an Underwater Challenge Class, a Small Design Class, a Functional Table Design Breakfast Tray, an Illuminary Class and a Freedom of Style Class. In Division II there will be well over 100 judged horticulture exhibits including Classes on Hosta leaves, Perennials and Branches to name a few. Division III will include Special Exhibits on Bees and another on Vermont Endangered and Invasive plants.

The show will be held at the Vermont Marble Museum, 52 Main Street, Proctor, VT on Saturday, May 30, 12:30pm-5:00pm and Sunday, May 31, 10:00am-4:00pm. Admission to the museum is \$5.00 Seniors, \$7.00 Adults. Reduced rates are available at www.vermont-marble.com/shows.php.

Join us to view the first Rutland Garden Club Standard Flower Show since 2000 and at the same time view Vermont's unique Marble Museum. Public Invited! The Cafe is open.

Calendar Listing: Rutland Garden Club's Standard Flower Show entitled "Songs of the Seasons"

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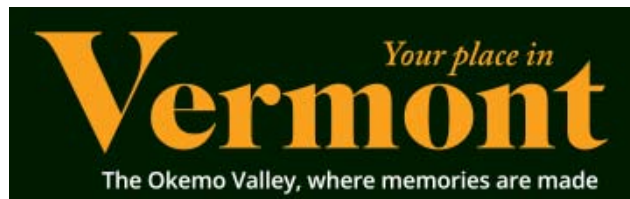
Water For South Sudan

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





April Chamber Corner

Marji Graf, CEO

We've been busy and in the News – FREE press in the following:

- Boston Herald 12/25/14 (this article was valued at \$36,000)!
- Rutland Herald 3/2/15

- Rutland Herald 3/16/15
- North America Group Tours, Summer 2015
- Our new members have been recognized in the Message for the Week, the Vermont Journal and the Rutland Business Journals.
- March 3 we held our education series that was about *Employee Engagement, The Key to Business Success* by Ross Gibson of The Richard Group.
- Our March 11 mixer at the Golden Stage Inn was great. Mark from Killarney served food, Mark from Mr. Darcy's served drinks and guests took turns telling stories relating to their experiences in Vermont.
- March 18 was our free educational program about *Protecting Your Financial Identity* by Carrie Allen of Heritage Family Credit Union.
- March 24 Cape Air and The Hangar Cafe hosted an open house at the Rutland Airport.
- Our guest this month on lpctv is Don Bolognese, the new owner of the Village Green Gallery in Weston.
- Our travel with the Chamber program is offering 2 trips: One to Tuscany on October 14, 2015 and a 10-day trip to [Ireland](#). Please call for dates.
- We Welcomed 6 new members into the Chamber in March:

The Village of Cedar Hill, Windsor The New American Grill, Londonderry The Cookster, Ludlow	Village Green Gallery, Weston Kimberley Ray, Custom Fine Art, Murals trompe L'oeil, Londonderry Clarks Quality Foods, Londonderry
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Marji Graf presents the March Member of the Month honor to Michael and Julie-Lynn Wood from the Golden Stage Inn in Proctorsville.

"I am repeatedly impressed with the energy and enthusiasm of the members of the Okemo Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce and grateful to be a part of such a motivated group of professionals. Thanks for the "Member of the Month" honor. What a treat to receive the award at our own mixer at Golden Stage Inn!"

Upcoming programs:

- April 8 is our next Chamber Mixer at the [Fletcher Farm School for the Arts & Crafts in Ludlow](#) from 5:30-7:30pm



- April 20 from 1-3pm Newsbank Conference Center. Topic: [Constant Contact email marketing training](#).

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

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| May 13 | OVRC Annual luncheon Meeting at Fullerton Inn |
| May 23 | Home, Garden & Recreation Show at Ludlow Community Center |
| August 29 & 30 | Okemo Valley Antique & Classic Car Show Fletcher Farm School for the Arts & Crafts grounds |
| September 24 | OVRC Golf Tournament |

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rayelin.collins@trsuvt.org

Special Thanks to everyone who volunteered for the Winter Sports Program!



PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION

Mount Holly School Preschool Registration will be held on Wednesday, April 29th (9:00 a.m. —3:00 p.m.)

Please call Raye Lin Collins at 259-2392 to schedule an appointment.

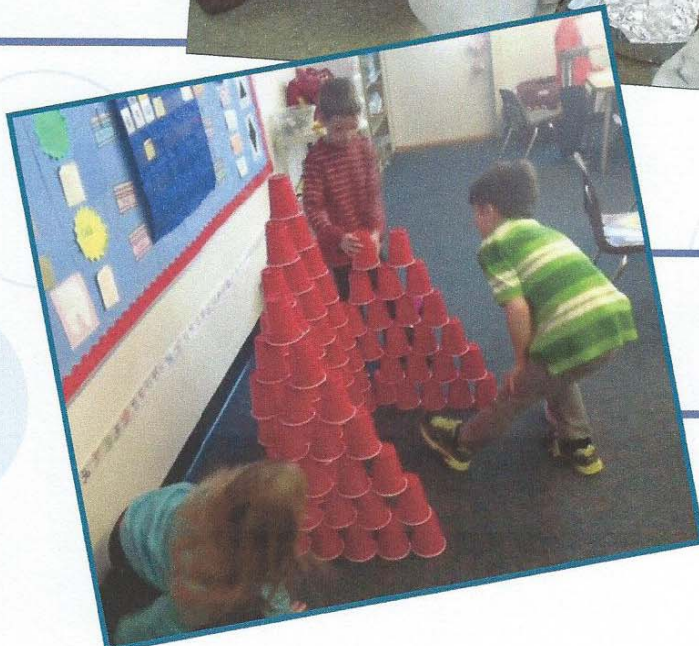
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Cat Chat



Grade 1
Measurement Unit
First Grade students
measuring their name
trains.

After School Program
Story Time Science:
After reading the William
Steig picture book *Dr.
DeSoto goes to Africa*,
MHS After School
Program students
combined simple
ingredients to cause a
chemical reaction that
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**Hundredth
Day!**

Having a positive attitude about life will really help me in my home life and in my job. A negative attitude would be detrimental to me and my goals.

In my home life I need to have a positive attitude. My mom encourages us to always do our best. She says it starts by believing that you can do it. If you believe with all your heart then you can do anything.

In my job having a positive attitude will help me be the best employee. If you enjoy your job, and it is fun, then you will never really have to work. A good attitude is like a secret weapon.

A negative attitude would be detrimental to my goals because you can't reach goals if you don't believe you can do it. When you have a negative attitude it can be like a cancer for your life and your spirit.

Having a positive attitude makes me a nicer person to be around because I believe everyone has something to contribute. Sometimes people just need a little positive encouragement to help them be their best.

Aislynn Kelley, Grade 6

When my parents make a decision about me that I don't agree with I do three things. I ask myself what not to do. I talk to them about it. Lastly, I show them I am responsible.

I first ask myself what not to do. Don't seem too desperate! Never start the conversation with, "So I heard" Absolutely don't pester them, and never try to openly admit that you don't want to do it. Those are the first steps.

Secondly, talk to them. You should lead into the topic slowly. Don't beg for them to change their minds. When you do ask, ask calmly. Try to convince them that your alternative is more beneficial. Those are the second steps.

Lastly, you need to convince them that you are responsible. Make sure everything you do is perfect. Listen to everything they say. Do your chores. Always go to bed on time. Make sure you eat all of your dinner, and don't complain at all. Those are the last steps!

Follow these simple steps and you will have success! (Hopefully.) {This message has been brought to you by PIZZA! Inc. Call ---- Get what you want now, more information.}

-Michael Kautz, Grade 6

Vocational School by Otto Lichtensteiger

I think the United States of America should have vocational schools for younger kids. By younger kids I mean elementary school age like 5th, 6th and 7th graders. Vocational schools would be hands-on learning. A lot of kids like learning by doing it themselves. Kids would learn useful skills that would help them later in life.

First of all, kids learn better touching and manipulating. At most school's kids just sit for hours and do work and don't go outside. Judy Dodge, author of "25 Quick Formative Assessments for a Differentiated Classroom" says that kids are only using one part of their brain when they listen. If I wasn't in school, I'd be doing something else like fixing something, making something, or working on something. This is the way I learn best. As a matter of fact, Ben Mardell, PhD, from project Zero at Harvard University says "Kids learn best through all their senses and they like to touch and manipulate things." Even the experts say that's true!

Another reason we should have vocational schools is that a lot more kids like to learn by doing. At most elementary schools, kids just sit at their desk. That's what I hate about school, just sitting and doing work. At my school, we get to go outside, but only for 25 minutes. The only time kids get to do stuff is during Art and P.E. If you ask kids, most kids will say their favorite subjects are P.E. and Art. This proves that most kids like to learn by doing.

Finally, kids would learn a lot of useful skills if they went to vocational school. They would learn how to change a tire or rebuild an engine. They could also learn how to be a cook. They could teach you to make movies and other stuff. Vocational schools teach job specific skills so kids can get a good job when they're older.

Now you know why I wish they had vocational schools for young kids. Kids would learn more useful skills instead of just doing math and science. Most kids prefer to be doing something. Finally, it would be hands-on learning, and hands-on learning has been proven to be the best way for kids to learn. It's time to turn all the regular elementary schools into schools that are more like vocational schools.

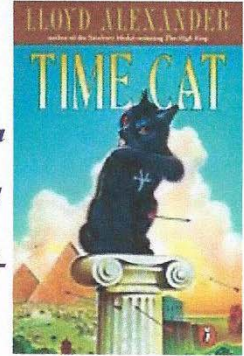
When you're looking for a great book to read, one of the best ways to find one is to ask your friends what they love. The 4th, 5th and 6th graders have been talking, writing and sharing their recommendations with each other. Here are two examples. To read even more, visit the MHS Library web page at <http://mhs.trsu.org/home/departments/library>. Scroll to the bottom for the link to student reviews.

TIME CAT

by Lloyd Alexander

Review by Sarah

Hey look! A magical kitty cat! Who wouldn't like that?! Well you can get it all by reading the children's fiction novel, *Time Cat* by Lloyd Alexander. *Time Cat* is about a boy named Jason and his cat Gareth. It turns out that Gareth has the ability to talk AND travel through time. Once Jason finds out, Jason & Gareth go through twists and turns and magical adventures as they travel back through time. They visit ancient Egypt, Rome, Britain and other places. Will they ever get back home? Find out by reading *Time Cat*! I give this book a gazillion out of 10 stars. Cat lovers would love this book because the whole thing is about understanding cats and how they are. I recommend this book for 4th graders and up. It's a pretty long book, and it has some bigger words that younger children probably won't understand.

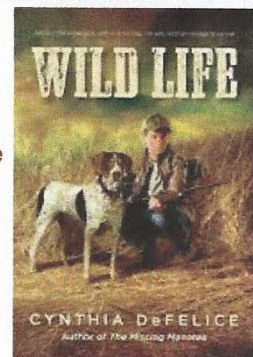


Wild Life

by Cynthia Defelice

Review by Otto

Wild Life is one of the best books I ever read. The two main characters are Erick Carlson and dog named Quill. Erik is a boy who lives in New York, but one day that all changes. His mom and dad have to go to the army. So he has to go live at his grandma and grandpa's house in North Dakota. I think the author did a great job pulling you into the book. If you like hunting and the outdoors you should read this book. I give this book 100 out of 10 stars. I like this book because I like the outdoors and hunting.



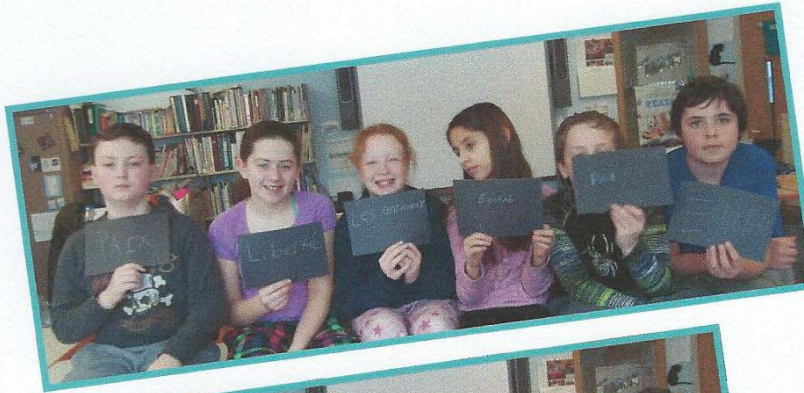
2nd Trimester Honor Roll

- Grade 4
- High Honors : Johnna Turin
- Honors : Chloe Ayer, Olivia Crolle, Jordan Devereux, Greta Fairbanks, Ayla Price, Quentin Spaulding, Emma Wentz
- Grade 5
- High Honors : Connor Lopiccolo
- Honors : Helene Riccio, Sadie Kobak, Sarah Perham
- Grade 6
- High Honors : Sarah McHugh
- Honors : Joshua Cohen, Michael Kautz, Aislynn Kelley, Hailey Pierce

2nd

Trimester Honorable Mention

- Grade 3
- Bella Dunne
- Josh Bania
- Noah Rourke
- Gavin Turin



After learning how the simple sentence, "Je Suis Charlie" in France was used to represent the value of "Freedom of Expression", 6th grade students created their own "Je suis" statements. They chose iconic figures, such as Anne Frank and Jackie Robinson, to represent values of paix/peace, liberté/liberty, égalité/equality and animaux/animal rights. Students learned French vocabulary while also learning the power of language to get across big ideas with symbolic simple language.

Noah Rourke
Identifying Skulls
Four Winds - March 2015

Yesterday I learned how you can identify a skull by looking at it's teeth . My group was given a couple of skulls but I worked with what I found out was the white-tailed deer. I figured out that it was a white-tailed by looking at the skulls. I looked mostly at the mouth. The white-tailed had 12 molars, 0 canines and no incisors on the upper jaw. On the lower jaw he had 8 canines, 0 canines and 12 molars. The skull was 10 inches long. It also was a grazing herbivore and had no upper front teeth, boney ridge encircles eye sockets, jagged molars and wide sutures where bones meet. Their eyes are to the side. I learned that I can identify a skull by its teeth and by the size of the skull.





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Reiki / Energy & Tea Share

Sunday, April 26th

5:00 PM - 6:30 PM

Thrive Center of the Green Mountains
68 South Main Street, Wallingford, VT

[FREE]

Participants will Experience:

A hands-on treatment opportunity to give and / or receive Reiki / Energy and share some tea. This event is open to everyone, not just Vermont Reiki Association [VRA] members.

All types of Energy Workers & Lay Persons welcome!

For more details, directions, and to RSVP call The Thrive Center at 802.446.2499. Open to 18 participants.

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

April Foot Care/Blood Pressure Clinics

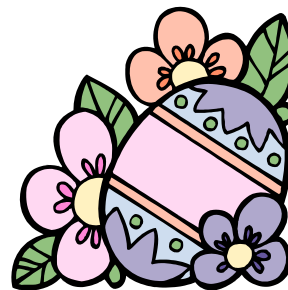
The cost of the foot clinic is \$10. For more information please call 775-0568.

Wednesday, 4/01/15,	Wallingford, Wallingford House, 10 N. Main St.,	10:30 am
Thursday, 4/02/15,	Rutland, Parker House, 129 Church St.	10:00 am
Thursday, 4/02/15,	Rutland, Bardwell House, 142 Merchants Row,	12:30 pm
Wednesday, 4/29/15,	Rutland, Godnick Center, 1 Deer St.,	12:30 pm

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