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Mount Holly Chit Chat



May 2017

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
Saint Patrick's Mass Wallingford Sat 4 pm Sun 10:00 am Rev Msgr Bernard Bourgeois, Ph. 446-2161
Annunciation Parish Mass, Ludlow, Sat 5:30 pm, Sun 8 am & 11 am **Proctorsville** Sun 9:30 am, Rev Thomas Mosher Ph. 228-3451
Mt. Holly Community Asso – Contact Penny Coldwell at 259-2760
Okemo Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce – Marji Graf 228-5830
Town Library: Sat 9-1 Sun 2-4 Mon 11:30 -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
Town Garage: 259-3179
Burn Permits: Call Fire Warden ~ Jim Seward 786-3408 or 259-2211

TRANSFER SITE: Wed. 4 pm – 7 pm & Sat. 8 am – 2 pm

1 st	<i>Empire State Building opened 1931 ~ Loyalty Day ~ Spring Turkey Season Begins</i>		
2 nd	Fire Dept. Business Meeting, Fire Station	<i>Capt John Smith Landed @ Jamestown 1607</i>	7:00 pm
	Mt. Holly Community Association Meeting, Library		7:00 pm
3 rd	Mt. Holly PTSA Meeting		3:10 pm
	Mt. Holly School Board Meeting		6:00 pm
	Union #39 School Board Meeting		6:00 pm
4 th	<i>National Day of Prayer ~ National Teachers Day</i>		
5 th	<i>Cinco de Mayo</i>		
Sat 6 th	Roast Pork Supper Benefit MHVF Aux, Odd Fellows Hall	<i>National Nurses Day</i>	5:00 pm
Sun 7 th		<i>Robert Browning 1812</i>	
8 th	Rescue Squad Meeting, Rescue Squad Building	<i>V-E Day WWII 1945 ~ World Red Cross</i>	7:00 pm
9 th	Community Guild Meeting, IOOF Hall, Belmont	<i>Transcontinental Railroad Completed 1869</i>	9:00 am
	Selectmen's Meeting, Town Office		7:30 pm
	Fire Dept. Drill, Fire Station		7:00 pm
	Mason Meeting, Mt. Moriah Lodge, E. Wallingford		8:00 pm
10 th	Fire Dept. Ladies Auxiliary Meeting, Belmont Fire Station		7:00 pm
	ODD Fellows Meeting, IOOF Hall, Belmont		7:00 pm
12 th	<i>Military Spouse Appreciation Day ~ Florence Nightingale 1820</i>		
Sun 14 th	<i>Lewis & Clark's Expedition 1804 ~ Mother's Day</i>		
15 th	Mount Holly Planning Commission, Town Office	<i>Peace Officers Memorial Day</i>	7:00 pm
16 th	Fire Dept. work night, Fire Stations		7:00 pm
17 th	Mt. Holly Town Library Meeting, Library, Belmont	<i>New York Stock Exchange Est. 1792</i>	6:00 pm
Sat 20 th		<i>Armed Forces Day</i>	
Sun 21 st	<i>American Red Cross Founded 1881 by Clara Barton</i>		
22 nd	Rescue Squad Meeting, Rescue Squad Building	<i>United Spinal Asso Founded 1946</i>	7:00 pm
23 rd	Community Guild Meeting, IOOF Hall, Belmont		9:00 am
	Fire Dept. Drill, Fire Station		7:00 pm
	ODD Fellows Meeting, IOOF Hall, Belmont		7:00 pm
24 th		<i>Voting Rights Bill of 1965</i>	
26 th			
Sat 27 th	Baked Ham Supper Benefit Colfax Lodge, Odd Fellows Hall		5:00 pm
29 th		<i>Memorial Day Observed</i>	
30 th		<i>Memorial Day Traditional</i>	
31 st		<i>Spring Turkey Season Ends</i>	



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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	Health Officer - Tim Bickford	259-3664
Animal Control For Mt. Holly	C	802-353-8347	Vermont State Police	773-9101


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

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May Anniversaries: 3rd -Donna & Rick Lee 16th -Jack & Kathleen Koponen 17th -Bill & Mary Ellen Jacobs 18th -Dennis & Fern Melvin * Jeff & Lucy Columb (1985) 28th -Steve & Maria Howard 30th -Douglas & Lynnette Devereux 31st - Sarah & Zak Delphia

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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&	2:45 pm – 4:45 pm	
Sat	8:00 am – 10:45 am	
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Sat	7:00 am – 10:00 am	
Cuttingsville/Shrewsbury		802-492-3585
Window Hours	Mon – Fri	7:30 am – 10:30 am
&		11:30 am – 2:30 pm
	Sat	8:00 am – 11:00 am
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	Sat	7:30 am – 11:00 am
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Loyalty Day

Loyalty Day is an observance but it is not a public holiday in the United States. Schools, post offices, stores and other businesses and organizations are open as usual. Public transport services run to their usual schedules and no extra congestion on highways is to be expected.

Loyalty Day was first observed in 1921 as "Americanization Day" to counterbalance Labour Day on May Day (May 1), celebrated in other parts of the world. On May 1, 1930, about 10,000 Veterans of Foreign War members staged a rally at New York's Union Square to promote patriotism. Through a resolution adopted in 1949, May 1 evolved into Loyalty Day. Observances began on April 28, 1950, and climaxed on May 1 when more than five million people across the nation held rallies. In New York City, more than 100,000 people rallied for America.

On July 18, 1958, the Congress designated May 1 of each year as Loyalty Day to foster loyalty and love of the country. According to the Legal Information Institute, the President is requested to issue a proclamation, calling on United States government officials to display the flag of the United States on all government buildings on Loyalty Day, and inviting the people of the United States to observe Loyalty Day with appropriate ceremonies in schools and other suitable places.

May 8th, 1884 ~ Pres. Harry S. Truman Born

May 10th, 1775 ~ Ethan Allen and Green Mountain Boys captured the British-held Fortress at Fort Ticonderoga, New York

May 18th, 1980 ~ Mount St. Helens Erupted

May 20th, 1927 ~ First Solo Transatlantic Flight Charles Lindbergh – First Solo Transatlantic Flight by a Woman Amelia Earheart 1932

May 22nd, 1933 ~ National Maritime Day **National Maritime Day** is a United States holiday created to recognize the maritime industry. It is observed on May 22, the date in 1819 that the American steamship *Savannah* set sail from Savannah, Georgia on the first ever transoceanic voyage under steam power. The holiday was created by the United States Congress on May 20, 1933.

May 25th, 1889 ~ Igor Sikorsky Invented First Helicopter, Born

May 27th, 1837 ~ Wild Bill Hickok Born

May 28th, 1888 ~ Jim Thorpe Olympic Gold Medallist ~ Sierra Club Founded 1892

May 29th, 1917 ~ Pres. John F. Kennedy Born

Join Bone Builders

As of April 1st, Judy Nevin will be the Mount Holly Coordinator for Bone Builders. Lessons will still be -

Monday, Wednesday & Friday Mornings
9:00 am

At Mt. Holly Community Center
For Weights and more information
Call Judy Nevin 259-2443

Cathy will still be an instructor on some days.

Patricia A. (Trainor) Shaddock



Pat, Mom, passed away peacefully in Middle River, Maryland, after a courageous battle with Alzheimer's disease, on Friday, March 24, 2017, with her four sons, Christopher C. Shaddock Jr., G. Scott Shaddock, Dale P. Shaddock and John D. Shaddock, at her side.

Pat was born Jan. 17, 1930, in Huntington, New York. She was the eldest daughter of Patrick and Anna (Smith) Trainor. She was raised in Bayville, Long Island, New York. She was predeceased by a sister, Kay, and brother, Laurie; a brother, Everett, survives her.

Pat was a 21st Century woman; she paid her way through college as a hostess and waitress. She graduated in 1952 with a B.A. in Education from Buffalo State, New York. She went on to teach grades 1-12 in the school system of Oyster Bay, Long Island, New York.

Pat was also predeceased by the love of her life and husband of 35 years, Christopher C. Shaddock Sr.

Pat's greatest joy was raising her four boys. She loved attending all of her sons' sporting events along with her husband, Chris Sr. She was our biggest cheerleader; win or lose, she was waiting in our corner with a hug. Everybody affectionately called her, Mom.

Pat could not resist the opportunity to hostess a party. The Shaddock home was always the gathering place, especially after a big sporting event.

Pat and Chris Sr.'s connection with Vermont came in 1983 when they moved from Bayville, Long Island, and purchased their dream business, the Mount Holly Lodge, in Mount Holly, Vermont.

Pat enjoyed bowling, scrapbooking and decorating. Naturally, every holiday was another excuse to have a party. She would also volunteer for anything that was associated with benefitting her husband, her boys, her family or her community.

Pat was a proud grandmother of 11 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. She will also be missed by her four daughters-in-law, Lisa, Vicki, Lori and Natalie.

We will be having a celebration of Pat's life later this summer in Vermont, following a private ceremony when we lay her to rest alongside her soulmate, Chris Sr.

We love you, Mom, may you rest in peace ...

Mt. Holly School Board Meeting

The Mt. Holly school board met on Wednesday, April 5 at Black River High School. The board approved the agenda for this meeting and the minutes from the last meetings. The board reorganized, re-electing Dave Venter as the chair and Bob Herbst as the clerk.

The board also discussed the audit of the prior fiscal year as well as the current budget. The board also discussed the proposed merger with the Mill River Unified Union School District (MRUUSD). They voted in favor of presenting an Article 721 report to the state board of education. The proposal will go before the state board in mid-April and then the towns will likely vote on it on May 30.

The next meeting will be the annual school meeting on Wednesday, May 3, 2017 at LES.

Preschool Registration

• Preschool Registration will be held (by appointment) on Tuesday, May 2nd for children who will be 3 years old on or before August 31, 2017. Please call Raye Lin (259-2392) to schedule.

*** There will be no Preschool for current Preschool students on this day. ***

APRIL 2017, Trestleboard

Next Meeting Tuesday 5/09th 8:00 PM

Sap Bucket Degree ??? 10:30 AM

The Sap Bucket Degree was canceled due to the weather and has yet to be rescheduled. As soon as your secretary hears anything from the president of the Past Masters Association, he will inform you to the best of his ability.

We will have installation of officers for this meeting with Ed Wilson as installing officer. Your officers for the ensuing year are as follows:

WM – Bob Blaisdell

JD – Paul Morris

SW – David Walker

SS – David Johnson

JW – Dennis Start

JS – Fay Freeman

Treas. - Al Ridlon, Sr.

Chap – Leney Barclay

Sec. - Stanley Seward Tyler – Sal Passeggiata

SD – David Seward

Marshal – James Heald

The Past Masters Association held a meeting recently at Olive Branch's Lodge in Chester to discuss having a Farmer's Degree this year in August. It's still in the planning stages at this point, but it was decided that every Lodge in the district will help with the set-up and not be left to just Mt. Moriah.

Just a quick reminder that dues are due NOW! 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. Fraternally, Bob Blaisdell, WM & Buster Seward Sec'y

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Suppers For Mount Holly Organizations



Settings Start 5:00 pm

At

The Odd Fellows Hall, Belmont

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May 6 th	MHVF Auxiliary – Roast Pork	
May 27 th	Colfax Lodge – Baked Ham	
June 24 th	MHVFD - Roast Beef	
July 4 th	Odd Fellows - Chicken BBQ	11:30 am
	Town Parade Step off at 11:00 am	
July 22 nd	Mt. Moriah Masons - Baked Ham	
Aug 12 th	Colfax Lodge - Roast Pork	
Sept. 23 rd	MHV Rescue Squad – Roast Pork	
Oct 7 th	MHCA - Roast Beef	
Oct 28 th	Gill Home, IOOF – Baked Ham	



Take Outs Available With All Dinners

More Info Call 802-259-2460

Guild Winter Project

Your community guild has been busy this winter making "Fidget Quilts". These lap size quilts are used to calm Alzheimer's patients.

The quilts are covered with objects the patients can manipulate.

Twenty eight quilts were delivered to the Meadows and The Pines in Rutland in March.





Guild Bazaar

Save the Date!

The Mount Holly Community Guild bazaar will be held on August 5th this year. We will be open from 9:00 to 2:00 at the Odd Fellows Hall in Belmont. Guild members have been working hard all year making lovely hand crafted items such as quilts, crocheted items, door decorations, toys, knitted items and jewelry and much more. This year we will have a new Christmas Table. The bazaar profits are used for college scholarships and donations to community service groups.

Our raffle will be drawn at the end of the bazaar. Two of the raffle items are a full sized quilt made by Claire Poulin and a basket made by Judy Nevin. The remaining prizes will be announced in the near future.

This is the presently proposed time line relating to the merger: Mill River Unified Union School District (MRUUSD) Two Rivers Supervisory Union (TRSU)

Merger

Mount Holly and Ludlow Elementary Schools

Planning Process Timeline

April 18	MRUUSD/TRSU reps attend State Board of Education meeting for anticipated approval of our proposal. <u>APPROVED BY STATE BOARD</u>
April 24	Interested students/parents/community members attend information visit to Mill River Union High School.
April 24	Public Forum at Ludlow Elementary 6:00 pm
May 9	Public Forum at Mount Holly Elementary 6:00 pm
May 23	Public Forum at Ludlow Elementary 6:00 pm
MAY 30	VOTE IN MOUNT HOLLY AND LUDLOW
June – July	Public Forums and communication in MRUUSD
Aug 1	VOTE IN MRUUSD

JUST A REMINDER - Green Up Day Saturday, MAY 6th

Vermont's Annual Rite of Spring

Saturday, May 6th is Green Up Day. Put on your boots, get together with your family, invite some friends and clean up Mount Holly. **Come to the Mount Holly Library between 9:00 am and 1 pm** to pick up your road assignment and trash bags. After registering at the Library you have Saturday and Sunday to complete trash removal. Leave the bags by the side of the road and the town road crew will pick them up

Monday morning. If you are not able to come on Saturday and need to pick up bags sooner or have any questions, contact me at 259-2823 or email lherbst@vermontel.net. Any child between 3 and 13 who helps collect trash can sign-up to win a basket of "summer fun". Please help continue this 47-year tradition. Keep our town GREEN & CLEAN and add to the 50,000 bags of trash cleaned up annually in Vermont.



Roast Pork Supper

Saturday May 6th, 2017



Starting at 5:00 pm

Benefit the MHVFD Auxiliary

Odd Fellows Hall, Belmont

Roast Pork Supper

**Mashed Potato w/ Gravy Vegetables, Rolls
And Home Baked Pies**

**All You Can Eat - Home Style
Take Outs Available**



Adults \$12.00

Children 11 And Under \$6.00

More Info Call 259-2460

Highway Safety is Top Priority For All Concerned

Summer season is here and the horses are out. This means that motorists and others enjoying the scenic beauty must be extra careful to avoid an accident. Highway safety is the responsibility of everyone involved. Both the motorist and rider have to be very cautious. The following sections are excerpts from the Vermont State Laws that pertain to horses and motor vehicles.

TITLE 23 SECTION 1127 – “Whenever upon a public highway and approaching a vehicle drawn by a horse or other draft animal or approaching a horse or other animal upon which a person is riding, the operator of a motor vehicle shall operate the vehicle in such a manner as to exercise every reasonable precaution to prevent the frightening of such horse or animal and to insure the safety and protection of the person riding or driving.”

Title 23 Section 1014 – “A person riding an animal or driving any animal drawn vehicle upon a road is granted all of the right and is subject to all the duties applicable to the driver of a motor vehicle by this chapter except those provisions of this chapter which, by their very nature can have no application.”



**Green Up Day
Saturday, May 6th**

**Mount Holly
Library
9 am to 1 pm**

**Pick Up a Trash
Bag**

**Select a Road
Assignment**

**Free Pizza at Noon
Kids can win a
prize!**

The Vermont Driver's Manual directs motorists to exercise “every reasonable precaution” to avoid frightening a horse being ridden or driven and to insure the safety and protection of the horse and rider. To help both riders and motorists understand what's meant by “reasonable precaution”, the Vermont Horse Council offers these simple guidelines.

Highway Precautions FOR RIDERS:

1. Always ride on the right side of the highway, preferably on the shoulder and be alert.
2. Always ride in single file when riding in a group.
3. To communicate to motorists that danger exists and they should approach with caution, wave the extended left hand with the palm face down.

FOR MOTOR VEHICLE OPERATORS:

1. When meeting or passing horses on the highway relinquish the right lane to the horse in case an emergency should occur.
2. When approaching a BRIDGE or TUNNEL into which a horse has entered, STOP and permit the horse to complete its crossing.
3. Never be the cause of any loud, sharp noises, such as blowing the horn or applying air brakes. Acceleration in the lower gears can be sufficient to startle an animal. Motorcyclists should be extra cautious.
4. **Slow to at least 25 miles per hour or less**, both when meeting or passing a horse, and if necessary come to a complete stop as a means to avoid injuries.

Bicycles and joggers present a different kind of danger; they are quiet and just appear. Horses do not have vision directly to their rear; as such they have a major blind spot. A horse is a prey animal and their reflexive reaction is “Fight or Flight” when startled. Cyclist and joggers should speak in a normal tone of voice and ask the rider if it is safe to pass. This serves two purposes; it lets the horse know there is a human behind it and allows the rider time to prepare for what the horse may do.

I spend a lot of time riding in many different places. My horse is used to the hustle and bustle of the highway, but there are times when something will bother him. We could have ridden by it many times, but it may look a little different. During these times his reaction may place in a dangerous situation. Events like this happen less than 1% of the time. No horse is predictable. Everyone needs to be aware and prevent needless injuries. By Michael B. Guild



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Mount Holly Town Library News

Spring Cleaning: Its time for spring cleaning at the library and Trustees, Linda, Joan and Nancy did a great job clearing out a closet! We plan to use the space to store books for book sale donations. Next these mighty organizers will tackle the library closet in the basement.

Overdue Books: We are in the process of trying to retrieve overdue books. You may get emails from us if you've had books for more than the usual three week lending period. Its a great time of year to look around your space and gather up library books, DVDs or CD audio books and bring them back to the library. We never charge overdue fines, but we do



gratefully accept donations if your books are badly overdue. In the cases where books have been out for three months or longer we will be sending letters asking you to return the books or pay for cost of replacing the books. We try very hard to make books available to the whole Mount Holly community and we greatly appreciate you returning them so others can enjoy!

Spring Plant Sale Was a Big Success: Thank you to everyone who supported the library at our plant sales last weekend. We sold out of plants. Proceeds will go to support the library. And a huge thank you to all of our plant sale volunteers including young Parker, pictured above!



Hicks and Goulburn - UK Musicians to Perform at Library on Sunday May 28 4PM

Folk, ragtime, jazz, classical, original material – this is what you should expect from this duo. The red hot fingerpicking of internationally renowned guitar virtuoso Steve Hicks will leave you slack jawed and open mouthed. Combined with the soaring vocals of award winning singer songwriter Lynn Goulbourn, Hicks and Goulbourn, are well loved on the UK folk and acoustic scene. Be prepared for top notch musicianship, wide variety of songs and instrumentals and lots of fun! The concert is free but donations will be accepted to help the band pay for travel expenses.



Stay Tuned for More News From the Library

We will be increasing our open hours for spring and summer.

We are hard at work planning a fun children's summer reading program.

Mac computer classes are being planned and much more!

SPAGHETTI SUPPER

May 13, 2017

Settings 5:00 P.M. till Gone
Odd Fellows Hall, Belmont, VT

Benefit
Black River High School
Senior Class 2017 Project
Graduation

Spaghetti Supper
Toss Salad, rolls, and Dessert

ALL YOU CAN EAT

ADULTS \$10.00
CHILDREN UNDER 12 YEARS
\$5.00



Dear Editor:

Just a reminder, as the snows finally melt, that the roadsides of Mount Holly are not a dumping ground for trash. Trash receptacles can be found at just about every gas station, convenience store, fast food restaurant, and, most probably, in your own home. Dump your garbage there. Don't be a trasher, and don't trash Mount Holly!

Here's to keeping Mount Holly looking good - Jennifer Matthews

Mount Holly Community Association

The Odd Fellows Hall rocked and rolled as a large crowd shook off the mud season blues at the annual **Spring Mud Fling**. The *Mount Holly Folk Group*, our very talented local ensemble, opened the show to great enthusiasm. That great performer, *Jenny Porter*, was thrilled to sing and play along with her childhood ideal *Claudine Langlille*. When they turned the stage over to the *Tony Lee Thomas Band*, the audience was raring to go and go they did until midnight! Many thanks to so many people...Jess Alberty, Penny & Peter Coldwell, Lisa Kelley, Linda Miller, and Kathy Leber, who provided some great purple scarves to go along with Tony's famous "Purple" song! Lest we forget the coordinator of all of this fun...no way to thank Mary Alberty for putting this all together. We really appreciate it, Mary!

Mount Holly Community Association Summer Calendar

Deadline for submitting dates for July & August
May 15, 2017

All organizations please send dates to
Mary Alberty at
Mary.Alberty@vermont.gov or
259-2900

The **Mount Holly Art Group** had their 4th annual art show on Friday, March 24th. Their weekly art classes have been one of the most successful activities organized to use our lovely Community Room. Many thanks to Madeleine Fay, Viola Higgins, Pat La Bella, Susan Presson, and Barbara Roberts for sharing their talent and enthusiasm with all of us. This dedicated group continues to meet in the Community Room every Saturday from 10:30 – 12:00 noon. The participants range from beginners to very accomplished artists, so if you can't draw a stick figure, or if you do professional portraits,

either way you'll feel right at home.

Planning for the **Summer Calendar** for the Mount Holly community is underway and Mary Alberty has asked that all organizations in town email her *no later than May 15th* with the dates scheduled for their events for July and August. You can reach her at Mary.Alberty@vermont.gov or 259-2900. **If you do not get the information to her by May 15th, it will not make it into the summer calendar, so please do it ASAP!** The Summer Calendar will again be included in the membership brochure this year. Thanks for your prompt response!

Our annual **membership drive** will begin with the initial mailing in June of the new membership brochures for the 2017- 2018 MHCA season. Please remember that all of the wonderful events sponsored by the MHCA throughout the year would not be possible without the participation of our community through annual membership. In addition, this is a primary source of revenue for the Association and enables it to provide for the on-going maintenance of our beautiful Library & Community Center building. Once again memberships exceeded the previous year and we are hoping to do that again this year...thank you so much for your support!

Spring is here and our thoughts turn to the 11th annual **Mount Holly Garden Tour** sponsored by the MHCA to be held on Saturday, July 22nd from 9:30 am – 4:00 pm. At this time, Linda Miller, the coordinator for the tour, is looking for gardeners "with dirt under their nails" to volunteer their gardens for the tour. Well groomed and pristine, or wild and rambling, all gardens are sought and variety is welcomed. If you are interested in being one of the exhibitors, please contact Linda Miller at LindamillerDD@aol.com or at 259-3060.

Many people have asked about the **regularly scheduled events** in the Library & Community Center. Following is the current schedule for the building:

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- Mondays 11:30 am – 7:00 pm
- Tuesdays 9:00 am – 1:00 pm
- Wednesdays 3:00 – 7:00 pm
- Saturdays 9:00 am – 1:00 pm

Weekly Events/Activities:

- Mondays: Bone Builders 9:00 – 10:00 am*
- Mondays: Yoga 4:30 – 5:30 pm
- Mondays: Folk Club 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm
- Tuesdays: Play Group 10:30 am – 12:00 noon
- Wednesdays: Bone Builders 9:00 – 10:15 am*
- Fridays: Bone Builders 9:00 – 10:00 am*
- Saturdays: Mount Holly Artists' Group 10:30 am – 12:00 noon

Monthly Meetings:

- MHCA meetings first Tuesday of the month 7 pm
- Library Board meetings the third Wednesday at 6 pm

* During the summer, beginning in July, Bone Builders will be held in the Mount Holly School.



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Mount Holly Snow Flyers

mounthollysnowflyers@gmail.com

The snowmobile season of 2016-17 has come to a close. The weather once again threw everyone a few curve balls that no one anticipated.

There were some good riding days after the last big storm. We had a few groomer problems with both the Defender and the Tucker at the beginning of the season, those problems were resolved and we were back in business. The Tucker our biggest machine had a serious drive train failure after the last big storm and has been down for the past few weeks. It will undergo extensive repair in the off season.

We'd like to take this opportunity to THANK all those that helped out this season, whether it be doing trail work, grooming, supporting the Club at Cider Days, enjoying the New Years Fireworks, or purchasing your TMA's from us – we "Thank You" for your time, energy and support.

There is always room for improvement - for next season we will once again try & make our trails even better for everyone any way we can. We are always receptive to comments our club members have on ways we can improve your Mount Holly Snow Flyer experience.

The next club meeting will be at the beginning of September, so think of ways we can improve.

Lastly, a big thank you goes out to the landowner's that give us the privilege to ride on their land! Without you, our trail system would not be possible! Thank You –

Mount Holly Snow-Flyers

RSVP Bone Builders Will Train Volunteer Instructors on Wednesday May 10, 2017.

RSVP Bone Builders has scheduled an all-day workshop to qualify volunteer trainers for the osteoporosis exercise program. The qualifying workshop will take place on Wednesday May 10, 2017. Attending the workshop fulfills all requirements to become a trainer. This free workshop will start at 9 a.m. and end at 2:30 p.m. Lunch is included. It will be held in Engle Hall at Christ the King Church, 66 South Main St. Rutland, VT. Anyone who wishes to take the training and become a volunteer instructor should call 775-8220 Ext. 102 to reserve a place in the workshop or to get information about Bone Builders. No experience is necessary. The workshop and all classes are absolutely FREE OF CHARGE

Mount Holly Library Reading Discussion Group

The Mount Holly Library Reading Discussion Group will meet at 6:00 on May 10, 2017 at Susie Hamilton's in Belmont. We will be discussing *Wives and Daughters* by Elizabeth Gaskell. If you need further info or would like a copy please call Minga at 259-2471.

We would love to have new members. We usually meet once a month, and here is no cost or commitment of time.

Thank you to the Mount Holly Library for their sponsorship. We are very grateful.

Monday May 15th at the Godnick Adult Center on Deer Street in Rutland

You are invited to an interesting, informative program sponsored by Rutland County Master Gardeners. On Monday May 15th at the Godnick Adult Center on Deer Street in Rutland, Jaga Smiechowski, owner of My Flowers for all Events, will be demonstrating flower arranging. Jaga has won several awards for her floral arrangements at various flower shows. The program will begin at 7:00PM and last about an hour. Bring a friend. This program is free. Judith Nevin



OLD SAYINGS BY VETERANS

43rd Div. Winged Victory Division Newsletter put out by the Brown family for years. Coffin Quotes

You have a rapport that you'll never have again there's no competitiveness no money values. You trust the man on the left and your right with your life. Audie Murphy, CMB most decorated soldier of World War II.

Resistance to tyrants is obedience to God. President Thomas Jefferson

Patriotism is easy to understand in America; it means looking out for yourself by looking out for your country. President Calvin Coolidge of VT 1872-1933 30th President of the United States (1923-1929)



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NITKA'S NOTES FROM THE STATE HOUSE

By Senator Alice Nitka

As we move toward the end (May, 2017) of this first half of the two year Legislative Session critical policy and budgeting decisions are being made on issues that were not settled in earlier months. The Department of Corrections, the number of out of state prison beds, the cost of beds at different facilities in and out of state, work camps, aging and infirmed prisoners, contraband in prisons, Woodside (our juvenile facility), deteriorating facilities, detainees, arraignments via video conferencing, electronic monitoring, home confinement and multiple other related matters are being worked on in many committees in the building. The issue of the Southeast State Correctional Center, locally known as Windsor Prison and the turmoil as to its future use is a source of grave concern for the employees working there and the town of Windsor. The cost to house a prisoner at Windsor is the highest in the state so there is a proposal to close it temporarily and repurpose it as another type of facility for corrections that would cost less. There is a proposal that would put three hundred thousand in the budget to start this. Another option is to close it completely and sell the whole parcel exclusive of the approximately 700 acres that has already been turned over to the Fish and Wildlife Department. Many options are being mentioned including mothballing it for a future use. The surprising part of it is the fact that there are not enough prisoners to continue to run two work camps in the state, the other being in St. Johnsbury. We do have 270 prisoners out of state right now but we're informed they are not suitable for Windsor due to their high needs. Presently the Dept. of Corrections is in the process of finalizing a new location out of state for them as their present placement contract is not being

renewed. Around the country, the federal government is getting contracts for beds for persons it expects to hold prior to deportation. As the federal government pays more for beds than most states, the options are limited particularly for small states who are not trying to contract for large numbers of beds. It is likely a contract will be for a set number of beds and even if we don't have enough prisoners to fill them we will then pay for empty beds. We have been getting a lot of calls regarding this issue however the Governor's Administration handles these contracts, not the Legislature.

As the budget process moves along there are many items not included in the budget that are on what one might call a wish list as they have been requested but haven't been funded. Mental health crisis needs and workers wage increase, 2 million; Vets' Home, Bennington, \$259,000; Courts, opiate caseload, \$138,000; National Guard Scholarships, additional \$500,000; Court Diversion, pre-trial services, \$220,000; Shelters, \$200,000; State colleges, four million; Electronic monitoring for prisoners, \$969,000; State Police body and car cameras, software, etc. 1.8 million and much more.

GOT YOUR BACK

I am a small and precious child, my dad's been sent to fight.
The only place I'll see his face, is in my dreams at night.
He will be gone too many days for my young mind to keep track,
I may be sad, but I am proud. My daddy's got your back.

I am a caring mother. My son has gone to war.
My mind is filled with worries that I've never known before.
Every day I try to keep my thoughts from turning black.
I may be scared, but I am proud. My son has got your back.

I am a strong and loving wife, with a husband soon to go.
There are times I'm terrified in a way most will never know.
I bite my lip, and force a smile as I watch my husband pack.
My heart may break, but I am proud. My husband's got your back.

I am a Soldier. Serving proud and standing tall.
I fight for freedom, yours and mine, by answering this call.
I do my job while knowing the thanks it sometimes lacks.
Say a prayer that I'll come home. It's me who's got your back.
Author Unknown

NITKA'S NOTES FROM THE STATE HOUSE

By Senator Alice Nitka

This session there were two Uniform Act bills that wound up in the Senate Judiciary Committee and were presented on the floor this week. House bill 152, The VT Revised Uniform Fiduciary Access to Digital Assets Act (sounds like instant sleep for those having to listen to the presentation) turned out to be a little more interesting in that it deals with the content of electronic communications. This includes e-mail, The Cloud, on line banking, Bit Coin and other technologies for electronic storage and not readily accessible to the public. This law can apply when someone dies, has dementia or has a guardian appointed and their executor, administrator, personal representative or agent needs to deal with their assets or liabilities. This law outlines how all of this will work and has been passed by twenty-two states and is pending before sixteen legislatures this year. This law came before the National Uniform Commission in 2014 but was objected to by Google. There are a lot of privacy issues here. Since then the kinks have been worked out and it is supported by Google, Facebook, AARP, the American Bar Association, the National Elder Law Association and others. The VT House and Senate have both passed this bill and it will next go to the Governor.

House bill 35, relating to adopting the Uniform Voidable Transactions Act was a bill I presented on the floor and another potential sleep inducer. It also passed, without a single question, and addresses the issue of a person transferring assets to a relative or third party by a debtor to avoid having a creditor gain access to what is owed to them. This updates and clarifies the 1984 law. It was originally instituted in VT in 1918 but had its roots in England in 1575. Clearly this has been a problem through the ages. Forty five states have adopted the revised law while a few are still operating on the 1918 law. Clarification was one of the goals of the bills and it also dealt with, "Series Organizations" of Limited Liability Corporations, something I had never heard of before and not something VT has. However, other states have them and they operate here so needed addressing. I don't think anyone cared what I was talking about when I got to this part.

House bill 290, relating to clarifying ambiguities regarding real estate titles and conveyances also made it through the Senate. This takes care of Title issues concerning older condominiums that don't have floor plans recorded in the land records; when servicers and banks fail to sign off on mortgages that are paid and some other pet peeves of persons who have to deal with these issues. Clear titles are the goal. Speaking of titles, the Vince Lombardi Trophy that the New England Patriots won was on display at the State House for a few hours on April 7th. Some days here are more interesting than others!

The 15 foot or taller double doors on the front of the State House were opened last week for the first time since the winter. This allows visitors to enter from the front rather than the sides of the building, which one must do all winter. Their opening also signals that the end of the session is approaching. The target date is early May for finishing up the first half of the biennium. This week elementary through high school students from around Vermont were present on the front lawn and in the building as part of a Climate Change gathering for students. The plan called for Legislators to join them outside at noon to hear their concerns for their futures and the planet. Many were very well versed in expressing their opinions once you could find your district students in the crowd. Almost every student had a poster and many were placed on the ground for a drone to capture on video along with the more than 500 to 1,000 students in attendance. On the same day, the UVM Men's Basketball Team was honored inside with a Resolution acknowledging their very successful season. These tall young men's faces were beaming as much as their younger counterparts outside were.

Another student event was the celebration of the 150th Anniversary of the founding of Vermont Technical College. I was surprised to learn that the Legislature in 1886 passed, "An Act to Establish a State Normal School" constituting and establishing the Orange County Grammar School at Randolph Center as the Normal School for the State of VT. In 1910, the Legislature established the School of Agriculture at the Randolph location to educate students specializing in agricultural studies. In 1957, the addition of technical subjects to the curriculum resulted in the name change to the VT Agricultural and Technical Institute. In 1961 the school joined the new state college system and became a technical college. The school today has a very diverse curriculum from computer science fields, to nursing, to aviation, to dental hygiene to agriculture and more. They have an excellent job placement rate and in 2014, 96% of the graduating classes were employed in their field or pursuing advanced education. It's hard to get better than that but for the 2016 class, 100% were having the same success as mentioned for the 2014 group. These students upon graduation have lower student debt and are earning higher salaries than most of their counterparts. Patricia Moulton Powden is the new head of the college and comes with many years of experience in Economic Development and as the head of several agencies.

Visit the State House, have lunch in the cafeteria and listen to testimony in the committees on many of the bills. Contact me at home at 802-228-8432 or anitka@leg.state.vt.us I am able to read all of your e-mails and appreciate you sending them, however the volume received makes it impossible to respond to all of them.



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Mount Holly Town News

The following Minutes of the Select Board and the Planning Commission are "DRAFT" until approved at their next meeting. NOTE: Most Select Board and Planning Commission meetings are covered by LPC-TV. The videos can be viewed at their website, www.lpcvt.org. Computers with internet access are available at the Town Library.

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.

Select Board April 11, 2017 ~ The meeting was called to order at 7:30 by Ted Crawford, chair. Tim Martin and Ron Tarbell were present. All stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Additions/Deletions to the Agenda: None

Minutes: The minutes of the regular meeting of March 14, 2017 were sent out before the meeting for review. Upon motion made and seconded it was Voted to approve the March 14th minutes (3-0).

To Contact Mt. Holly Town Road Crew, call the Town Garage at 259-3179

Agreement and on April 18, 2017 the State will receive the plan. If approved by the State, Ludlow and Mount Holly will vote on May 30 to join Mill River. If both towns vote in favor, Black River High School will be closed. If one town votes against the plan then it is back to the drawing board.

Reorganization: Law Firm for Tax Sales—Sue Crawford of Llicardi & Crawford (2-0) Ted Crawford abstained.

Highways

FY18 Grant: Jeff Teter reported that he has applied for a \$134,333 paving grant for Rte 155 to just past Dodge Road (1.4 miles) The town has also received a grant for \$5,700 to have the Rutland Regional Planning Commission assist the Town in the creation of a Road Inventory and Capital Budget Planning Implementation Project.

Truck Purchase: There was discussion about whether to purchase a six wheel single axle vehicle or a ten wheel tandem to replace the 2007 International. After reviewing both the pros and cons a motion was made and seconded to purchase a Western Star Tandem. Vote was 2-1 in favor.

Tractor Purchase: M & M will no longer rent the Town a tractor (used primarily for mowing purposes)

The Town has been considering purchasing a tractor rather than continue to rent. Discussion on purchasing a new tractor versus purchasing a used one ensued. A motion was made and seconded to purchase a new tractor. Vote was 2-1 in favor. At Tim Martins request, Jeff will research if there are any used tractors that are excellent opportunities before purchasing a new one.

Report of Treasurer: David Johnson presented an income and expense statement dated April 11, 2017. Highlights: delinquent taxes were down to just over \$110,000 which is standard this time of year. A final notice will be sent to those people and, if payments are not made, those properties will go to tax sale. All of the General Expenses are on or below budget. Winter road materials are \$10,000 over budget while summer road labor is under budget.

Transfer Station: A new compacter has been ordered (the existing one which is over 30 years old finally stopped operating) and will hopefully arrive by early May. The State is requiring Transfer Stations to accept food scrapes but not meat, dairy products, fats, oils etc. on July 1, 2017. However, the State is not requiring individuals to separate these food scraps from their garbage until 2020. The Select Board will investigate the possibility of not having to provide a "state mandated" container until 2020.

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

(4/17) who will make a presentation on this topic. Bill invited the Select Board to attend.

RRTC: Jeff Teter reported on the recent Rutland Regional Transportation Committee meeting. It was announced that Route 155 will be paved this year.

Other:

a) The updated LEPC plan was discussed. Ted met with Fire and Rescue and the only change to plan was acknowledging Russ Garrow as the Emergency Management Coordinator. Motion made and seconded to accept new LEPC plan. Voted to approve 3-0

Act 46: Dave Venter, Chair of Mount Holly Elementary School, updated the Select Board on progress of Act 46. On March 9, 2017 both Ludlow and Mt Holly School Boards voted to join Mill River Unified Union School District. On April 5, 2017 both School Boards approved Articles of

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Planning Commission

RRPC: Bill McGrath reported that in 1997 the state enacted Act 89 (Vermont Residential Building Energy Standards) and revised it in 2015. Towns are required to supply a copy of the RBES to anyone applying for a municipal land use permit or approval of a new structure or expansion of an existing one. Some structures that are not heated are exempt. The Planning Commission is having a representative from Efficiency Vermont attend there regular meeting

b) Town alarm: town office was broken into and Sue Covalla researched the variety of alarm and camera options and the associated costs. Rescue and Fire are also interested in a security system. It was decided that it would be best to go with cameras instead of an alarm system. Both Fire Stations, Rescue Building, Town Office and Town Garage should have camera security systems. Ron Tarbell had provided the town with a source (VLCT) for grant monies. Will research when we find a new Select Board clerk.

c) GMP: There is a request to run power underground from Pole 8 to 564 Hedgehog Hill North. It was noted that steel schedule 80 conduit should be used and buried at least four feet. A motion was made and seconded to approve this. Voted in favor 3-0.

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.

d) Lister vacancy: no one has applied yet

e) Select Board clerk vacancy: Two applications and one person will be interviewed this evening in executive session.

f) See Act 46/Dave Venter report.

g) Liquor License Renewal: The Select Board made a motion and seconded to approve the annual liquor license for the Belmont Store and a one day license for the Rainbow Riding Center. Voted to approve 3-0.

The select board went into executive session at 9:00 to interview a candidate for the Select Board clerk position. The Select Board returned from executive

session at 9:18. The Select Board made and seconded a motion to hire Tracie Bickford as the Clerk for the Select Board 3-0. Motion to adjourn meeting was made at 9:19. Vote 3-0 to adjourn

TOWN OF MOUNT HOLLY PLANNING COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING - March 20, 2017

MEMBERS PRESENT: Peter Berger, Bill McGrath, James Seward, Mike Valente, Clinton Wooley

VISITORS: Ed McEneaney (LPCtv)

The meeting was called to order at 7 p.m. by Bill McGrath.

There were no additions or deletions to the agenda. Discussion of the Town Plan was moved to the bottom of the agenda.

1. APPROVE MINUTES: Minutes from the February 20, 2017, regular meeting of the Planning Commission were approved as written with a motion from James Seward that was seconded by Peter Berger.

2. OLD BUSINESS: Owing to snow depth, Jim Seward was unable to inspect the driveway location and stone wall at the John Wasilewski property, Lot 1A on Maple Hill Road. An inspection will be conducted as weather conditions allow.

3. NEW BUSINESS

Correspondence – No correspondence

Building registration forms: Jason Seiple, Teer Road – 18 x 30 shop addition -- approved

4. OLD BUSINESS CONTINUED: Town Plan -- Commission members examined and revised the following sections of the existing plan:

VI. Agriculture and Forestry; IV. Housing; XII. Utilities and Facilities (a. Public Safety, b. Solid Waste); XIII. Regional Coordination, XIV. Evaluation; VIII. Transportation (in progress)

Business for Next Agenda - At the next meeting the commission will tentatively complete its review of the Transportation section of the plan after consulting with the select board regarding Transportation Section VIII, paragraph 10.

5. ADJOURN: Mike Valente made a motion to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Clinton Wooley. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:04 p.m. Respectfully submitted, Peter Berger, Secretary Mount Holly Planning Commission

The LPCtv recording of this meeting is hereby made a part of the permanent minute record of this meeting.

TOWN OF MOUNT HOLLY PLANNING COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING - April 17, 2017

MEMBERS PRESENT: Peter Berger, Jennifer Jones (Clerk), Bill McGrath, James Seward

MEMBERS ABSENT: Clinton Woolley, Mike Valente

VISITORS: Ed McEneaney (LPCtv), Susan Covalla

MINUTES: The meeting was called to order at 7 p.m. by Bill McGrath. There were no additions or deletions to the agenda

1. EFFICIENCY VERMONT PRESENTATION – STEVE SPATZ: Steve Spatz of Efficiency Vermont was present to inform the commission about Act 89 and how the Town can act in compliance with the law. Because Mount Holly does not issue certificates of occupancy, the only duty the Town has is to distribute a code book and code certificate with each Building Construction Registration Form it receives. It is up to the homeowner or builder to file the code certificate with the State. The Mount Holly Town Clerk, Susan Covalla, will begin issuing code books and certificates with each Building Construction Registration Form.

2. APPROVE MINUTES: Minutes from the regular meeting of the Mount Holly Planning Commission on March 20, 2017 were approved as written with a motion from Peter Berger that was seconded by Jim Seward.

3. OLD BUSINESS: John Wasilewski - Driveway location follow-up - The driveway location will be looked at and



discussed at the May 2017 regular meeting of the Mount Holly Planning Commission.

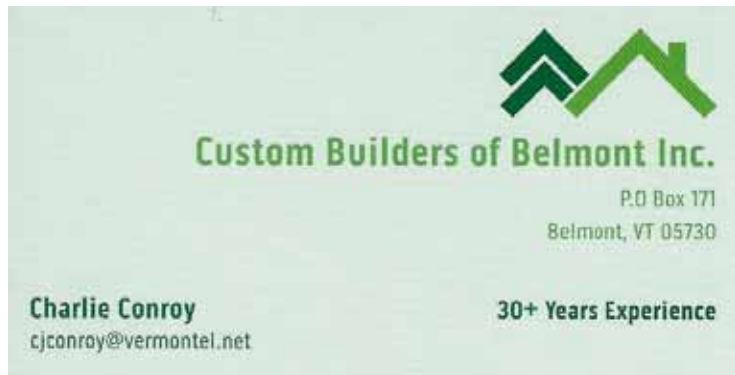
4. NEW BUSINESS:
Correspondence - No correspondence.

Building Registration

Forms: Matthias Weiter, Maple Hill Road – 12' x 30' camp; approved. William and Dawn Augustine, Belmont Road – 22' x 14' garage; approved. Douglas Stocher, Hortonville Road – 10' x 16' shed; approved. Timothy

Snyder, Loop Road – 26' x 30' cabin; approved.

4. OLD BUSINESS CONTINUED: Town Plan - The Transportation section of the Mount Holly Town Plan was completed. Transportation Task number one was changed to read: "Development regulations and driveway rules, as enacted by the Mount Holly Board of Selectmen, will govern access to public roads in accordance with appropriate standards."



Calling all Gardeners!!

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Linda Miller

LindaDDMiller@aol.com

259-3060

5. BUSINESS FOR NEXT AGENDA: At the May 2017 regular meeting of the Mount Holly Planning Commission the Introduction, Local Planning Process, and Preservation sections of the Mount Holly Town Plan will be reviewed.

5. ADJOURN: Peter Berger made a motion to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Jim Seward. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m. Respectfully submitted, Jennifer Jones, Clerk of the Planning Commission

The LPCtv recording of this meeting is hereby made a part of the permanent minute record of this meeting.

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 Select Board 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 Select Board 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 Select Board, 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.

Wilder Memorial Library and the Misty Valley Bookstore bring Archer Mayor to Weston.

Don't miss out on an opportunity to meet the popular mystery writer from Vermont, Archer Mayor. Mayor will appear at the Weston Playhouse to read from his latest book on Saturday April 29th at 10AM

The Phoenix Misty Valley Bookstore in Chester, Vermont will be on hand to sell copies of Mayor's books and Mayor will sign them. Mayor has authored 28 books including the Joe Gunther series. His next book is due out in September.

For more information please contact director@wildermemoriallibrary.org or call 802-824-4307

This event is free and open to the public. Donations to support future library programs will be gratefully accepted at the event.

Wilder Memorial Library wishes to thank the Thrifty Attic and the Weston Women's Club for generous grants which made this program possible.





VERMONT'S GAL PROGRAM IN SOUTHWESTERN VERMONT

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- A GAL Program Coordinator is in the courthouse and organizes training, support, and assistance for all GAL volunteers.

In Southwestern Vermont, we have a cadre of skilled and dedicated *Guardians ad Litem*. **However, we need more GAL's.** Several types of juvenile hearings cannot be held without a GAL to represent a child's best interests to the court, and each year we see an increase in these types of cases. The next training for GAL volunteers in Southwestern Vermont will be in Rutland on May 30, 31, and June 1. **Interested? Contact Tony Krulikowski at [802-447-6580](tel:802-447-6580) by April 28th.** You also can learn more at <https://www.vermontjudiciary.org/GAL.aspx>.

Annual Wallingford Bike Safety Day: Rides Again On May 13th, 2017

Contact Persons / Co-Chairs:

Wallingford Rotary Club: Adrian Eisler <adrianeisler1@gmail.com>; Tammy Heffernan <tammy.heffernan@mac.com>

GE: Rodney Ward <Rodney.Ward@ge.com> ; <rodney.ward@ae.ge.com>

Community Members: Lisa & Joseph Donohue ~ Thrive Center <uthrive@vermontel.net>

On Saturday, May 13th, from 10:00 AM - 12:30 PM, The Wallingford Community Bike Safety Day will host its **19th. Annual** event, at the Wallingford Elementary School. This fun, interactive and collaboratively sponsored event always has something for all ages; from free helmet fitting to an obstacle course, and from bike safety inspections to 911 rescue vehicle / law enforcement interactions, Etc. In addition, (as a tradition), there are always terrific prize give-a-ways, face painting, refreshments and much more; because of the generous support of sponsors & volunteers.

As a piece of history, the "Bike Safety Day" was started in the late 90's, by Wallingford's Brad Kelley. Over the years he enlisted the aid of Rotary, many local businesses, and volunteers to fund, facilitate and diversify this project. To date, major sponsors are the Wallingford Rotary & the GE Volunteers, rallied by Rodney Ward. The event is modeled from a program initiated by the Kiwanis Pediatric Trauma Institute and New England Medical Center, Boston, MA.

For more information, to make a donation, or to get involved as a volunteer, contact Rotarian Co-Chair, Adrian Eisler (802.446.7011) and / or GE Co-Chair Rodney Ward at (802.446.3672).



Ludlow Movies Reach 3,000th Viewer



Just prior to the beginning of the April 8 movie, "On the Waterfront", the 3,000th viewer of FOLA's (Friends of Ludlow Auditorium) movie entered the Ludlow Town Hall Auditorium.

The lucky viewer was Howard Pixley of Cavendish. As a reward for being the 3,000th viewer of the FOLA's movies, Howard was given the complete set of 16 movies that FOLA presented in 2016. He also was the cause of FOLA folks tossing balloons and making celebratory sounds with noise makers. Pictured here is the award winner as he prepares to enter the auditorium with, from left to right, Janet Pace, Howard Pixley, Beth Almond, and David Almond, as they honor the 3,000th movie viewer.

FOLA began displaying movies in the auditorium on April 7, 2011 with "The March of the Penguins". Since that time it has featured 95 movies. The highest attendance for a single movie thus far has been 93 people who viewed the silent movie, "Wings", on October 6, 2012. The lowest turnout was 3 who braved a very bad rain storm on April 5, 2012 to see, the first showing of "On the Waterfront", the only FOLA film shown multiple times.

For more information about FOLA movies, call (802) 228-7239 or visit the FOLA web site at www.fola.us. Contact: info@folaus



Okemo Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce

Marji Graf presents April Member of the Month to Joshua Dufresne, Chief of Practice Operations for Springfield Medical Care Systems (SMCS).

Josh discussed SMCS' model of healthcare, where patients establish a "medical home," working in close partnership with their primary care clinician, integrating medical, behavioral health, and dental care, through a holistic approach to care. SMCS integrates behavioral health in each of its primary care health centers, and dental services are available at Ludlow Family Dental, Chester Family Dental, or through coordination with patients' existing dental providers. If specialty care or hospital care is needed, that is carefully coordinated in collaboration with your primary care clinician. SMCS goal is to work with patients to keep them as healthy as possible, with a strong emphasis on wellness and prevention,

and to provide the right care in the right setting at the right time. Healthcare is available to all, and financial assistance is available based on a sliding fee scale. For more information, please visit www.springfieldmed.org.

Okemo Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce

Chamber Corner April 2017 By Marji Graf, CEO

We have moved our Annual Meeting to Wednesday, May 17 to Sams Steakhouse in Ludlow from 5-7pm. Our speaker is the Chief of Mondo Mediaworks from Brattleboro, Luke Stafford.

We have moved our Casino Night to Wednesday, November 15 immediately following our mixer at Jackson Gore Inn. We invite everyone in the community to participate and play with us!! This is a fundraising event for the Chamber.

We thank the Southern Pie Company and Six Loose Ladies in Chester for hosting our April mixer. We congratulated Springfield Medical Care Systems for being chosen our April Members of the Month.

Our new website launched and is the regions event calendar and place to go to find events, lodging, dining, shopping and services. www.YourPlaceInVermont.com.

Our new annual Okemo Valley Regional Guidebooks will be out before Memorial Day.

Our Chambers mall at OVRCCMALL.com is bringing together local goods and services. The Chamber has organized a FREE hand-on online setup workshop for members and non-members alike at Newsbank Conference Center in Chester. Anyone who would like to sell products online should attend. Call the Chamber office to secure your space. 228-5830. Appointments are every hour on the hour from 10am-4pm.

SAVE THE DATES:

- July 8 & 9 Buy **Local Festival**. Music on Saturday from 12-3 is Satin & Steel sponsored by Mr. Darcy's and The Chophouse and Sunday from 12-3 is Jamie Ward. We're still accepting vendor applications.
- August 25 Okemo Valley Antique & Classic Car/Truck **Cruise In** is at Bensons Chevrolet from 5-8pm and is sponsored by Bensons Chevrolet and Goodmans American Pie
- August 26 & 27 **Okemo Valley Antique & Classic Car/Truck Show** is at Fletcher Farm School for the Arts & Crafts field from 10am-3pm and is sponsored by Springfield Buick GMC
- September 12 OVRCC **Golf Tournament** – open to everyone
- November 15 **Casino Night** – open to everyone

A CAPELLA GROUP RAISES THE ROOF

Sweet harmonies and and jazzy swing define the Vermont a capella octet *Maple Jam*. These eight talented performers will fill Proctorsville's pitch-perfect Gethsemane Church on Sunday April 30 with their dynamic interpretations of favorite jazz and big band melodies. Close harmonies, cool percussion grooves and soulful trumpet solos, all done with their high energy voices---that's right, no instruments! From the music of Duke Ellington, Count Basie and Miles Davis to Chick Corea and Antonio Carlos Jobim---Maple Jam can do it all. Even though most of them play instruments ranging from guitar, organ, viola, piano, banjo, harmonica and violin, it's the magic of matching their voices in pure song that fuels their spirited performances. Vermont Public Radio host Walter Parker notes that Maple Jam's "clever, often amusing, arrangements, sweet close harmony, and jazzy swing make for an irresistible blend. It's a cappella singing in the finest tradition."

Gethsemane Church is at 89 Depot Street in Proctorsville. Maple Jam's performance will begin at 4:00 and admission is \$10 at the door. Eight voices, unlimited possibilities. Put this one on your calendar!





Ludlow Rotary Mixer Draws Enthusiastic Interest

At a well-attended Ludlow Rotary Club (LRC) membership mixer, a large number of guests had the opportunity to learn more about what the Rotary is, what it has achieved, and how it functions to the benefit of the local community. In describing what Rotary membership is all about, LRC President Tesha Buss noted, "Rotary, is very simply a group of people interested in making the world a better place to live - and having fun doing it". She added that the LRC was particularly proud of what a small organization can do to help the greater Ludlow area as well as its international role, citing the goal of Rotary International to eliminate polio. Locally, Tesha noted the LRC projects that have benefitted the Cavendish Recreation Department, Mt Holly's Silver Lake, Ludlow's FOLA organization, and the

literary projects providing books to youngsters. Pictured above is Jim Rumrill as he describes the history of Rotary both locally and internationally to some of the mixers guest and Rotarians. 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.

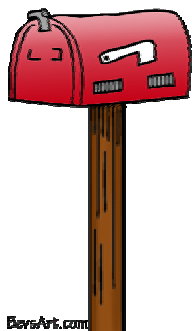
Unique Student Opportunities this Summer at Weston Playhouse Theatre Company

Do you have a high school or middle school student who is passionate about theatre and the performing arts? The Weston Playhouse Theatre Company offers two great ways for interested students to be a part of the Playhouse community. TheatreLab provides fifteen students with free admission to the summer shows, and an inside look at how professional productions evolve. Backstage tours, tech rehearsals, actor/director talkbacks, workshops, and more are all part of the TheatreLab experience. Students apply with a brief essay and application, available on the Weston Playhouse website. Not only will participants enjoy performances and special events, they will also meet new friends, and discover new areas of theatre production.



IT'S MAILBOX FIX-UP TIME!

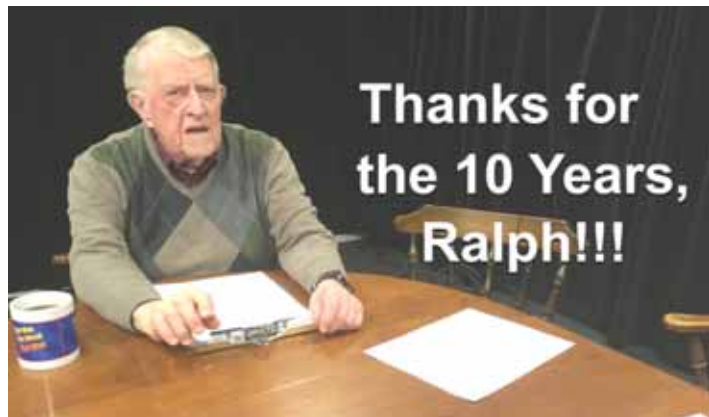
Dear Postal Patron,
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Enrollment deadline: May 15th.

Broadway Theatre Camp is back for its third year! An exciting three-week summer program for students entering 9th grade through exiting 12th, BTC is produced in collaboration with the Creative Arts Department at Burr and Burton Academy, and held at their impressive theatre and dance facilities in Manchester, VT. Beginning July 31, while *The Music Man* runs on the Weston MainStage, students will work on songs and scenes from Broadway shows, as well as material from *The Music Man*. The professional staff made up of Broadway actors, dancers, and music directors, includes choreographer Felicity Stiverson (Broadway's *Hot Feet*) and music director Larry Pressgrove (Broadway's *Title of Show*.) The three weeks of training culminates in a student performance on the Weston MainStage on August 18th, followed by tickets to the professional production of *The Music Man* that night. This is a unique opportunity for students to train with Broadway professionals, and gain skills that will help them in all aspects of performance and life. BTC: From rehearsal to stage... in just three weeks! Enrollment ends June 15th.

For more information about TheatreLab or Broadway Theatre Camp, contact Director of Education/Artistic Associate Piper Goodeve at 802-824-8167 x 104. Or, visit westonplayhouse.org/education.



Ralph Pace: Out with the Old, in with the New *Curtain call for long-time community TV show*

Ralph Pace of Ludlow is fading his hyper-local news and talk show series to black after 10 years on LPCTV. On March 30th, Ralph hosted a 10th anniversary special of “That Was the Week That Was”, which also served as its last. “It’s been a wonderful 10 years”, proclaimed Pace during the final show. He also added “I have a desire to leave before they have to carry me out.”

He was joined on the set by long-time co-host Leo Graham. “Ralph & Leo”, as they were known, hosted TW3 together on a weekly basis for several years, before Leo moved away. “I couldn’t possibly let you sign off without coming to say goodbye”, Leo said

after making the 18-hour drive from Milwaukee to Ludlow. He went on to reflect on his own experience with the show, saying he was “staggered” to be recognized as a TV personality while grocery shopping. Also joining the series finale were regular guests Kevin Kuntz and Ludlow Town Manager Frank Heald, who thanked Ralph for his dedication. “You have touched on so many pieces of the community, and that’s why you’re grocery store stars”, he said.

Ralph hopes others will get involved with producing their own shows, to carry on in the tradition. He encourages community members to take advantage of the resources and services provided by LPCTV. Ralph is not straying far from the TV set. After putting TW3 to bed, he will now be focusing his attention on a new show, “FOLA Presents”, a monthly series promoting events at the Ludlow Town Hall Auditorium. Check program listings and view the first episode of the new series “FOLA Presents” online at LPCTV.org.

The final episode of TW3 was televised on LPCTV’s community channel through April 16th.

LPCTV operates two channels on the local cable TV system. The local community access channel is on Comcast channel 8 in Ludlow, Plymouth, and Cavendish, Comcast channel 20 in Mt. Holly, and on VTel (system-wide) channel 166. The educational / government channel is on Comcast channel 10 in Ludlow, Plymouth, and Cavendish, Comcast channel 20 in Mt. Holly, and on VTel (system-wide) channel 167.

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This event is made possible by the Okemo Mountain Resort, which is

hosting and providing the meal, as well as our other “Circle of Roses” race sponsors. This year’s sponsors include Stemwinder / Wine & Cheese Depot, Four Seasons Sotheby’s International Realty, Ludlow Insurance Agency, The Book Nook, William Raveis Real Estate / Vermont Properties, Side Hill Cronchers, and Jim Alic.

All local businesses and individuals can sponsor their own horses for the charity betting. For \$50 per horse, each sponsor gets to name a horse and have it printed in the event program. For a limited time, LPCTV is offering a 10% discount package of one horse sponsorship and two tickets to the event for \$100. One winner from each race will receive a prize donated by local merchants. There will also be a small silent auction.

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Please visit LPCTV.org for more information on the event and to place orders for tickets and/or horse sponsorships. For further information or to make prize donations, call LPCTV at 228-8808. Tickets will also be available for purchase in-person at LPCTV, The Book Nook, and the Wine & Cheese Depot.



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The eleventh annual list of the **Best Places to Work in Vermont** was created by *Vermont Business Magazine*, the Vermont Chamber of Commerce, the Vermont Department of

Economic Development, the Vermont Department of Labor, the Society for Human Resource Management (SHRM) – Vermont State Council and Best Companies Group.

This statewide survey and awards program is designed to identify, recognize and honor the best places of employment in Vermont, benefiting the state's economy, its workforce and businesses. The **2017 Best Places to Work in Vermont** list is made up of 45 companies.

Companies from across the state entered the two-part survey process to determine the **Best Places to Work in Vermont**. The first part consisted of evaluating each nominated company's workplace policies, practices, philosophy, systems and demographics. This part of the process was worth approximately 25% of the total evaluation. The second part consisted of an employee survey to measure the employee experience. This part of the process was worth approximately 75% of the total evaluation. The combined scores determined the top companies and the final rankings.

For more information on *Countryside Alarms* and to view current job openings, visit countrysidealarms.com.

For more information on the **Best Places to Work in Vermont** program, visit www.BestPlacesToWorkInVT.com.

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SO...

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INFORMATIONAL MEETINGS

Ludlow & Mt. Holly Town School Districts

721 Merger

Monday, April 24th @ 6:00 PM

Ludlow Town Hall – Auditorium

Tuesday, May 9th @ 6:00 PM

Mount Holly School – Gymnasium

Tuesday, May 23rd @ 6:00 PM

Ludlow Elementary School – Presidential Hall

Learn Details About the Vote Scheduled for

May 30, 2017,

Proposing the Towns of Ludlow & Mount Holly Join

Mill River Unified Union School District

su.trsu.org 802-875-3365

Wounded Veterans Walk/Run

Saturday May 27th, 2017

Sara Stryhas & The American Legion invite runners
AND walkers to participate in a 5k/10k.

Proceeds to be donated to the Wounded
Warrior Project (WWP) to help injured
service members.

Time: Registration at 10 a.m. **Location:** Check-in @
Race Begins at 11 a.m. Ludlow American Legion
Parking Lot where race will
begin. (133 Main Street,
Ludlow, 05149)

Registration: Adults \$20/Students & Seniors (65+) \$10
Payable by cash or check made out to WWP

Mount Holly Elementary School

PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION

Tuesday, May 2, 2017

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, 2017

Please bring the following:

1. A birth certificate
2. All immunization records

Children must attend for screening.

Parents: Please plan to spend time completing
the registration forms.



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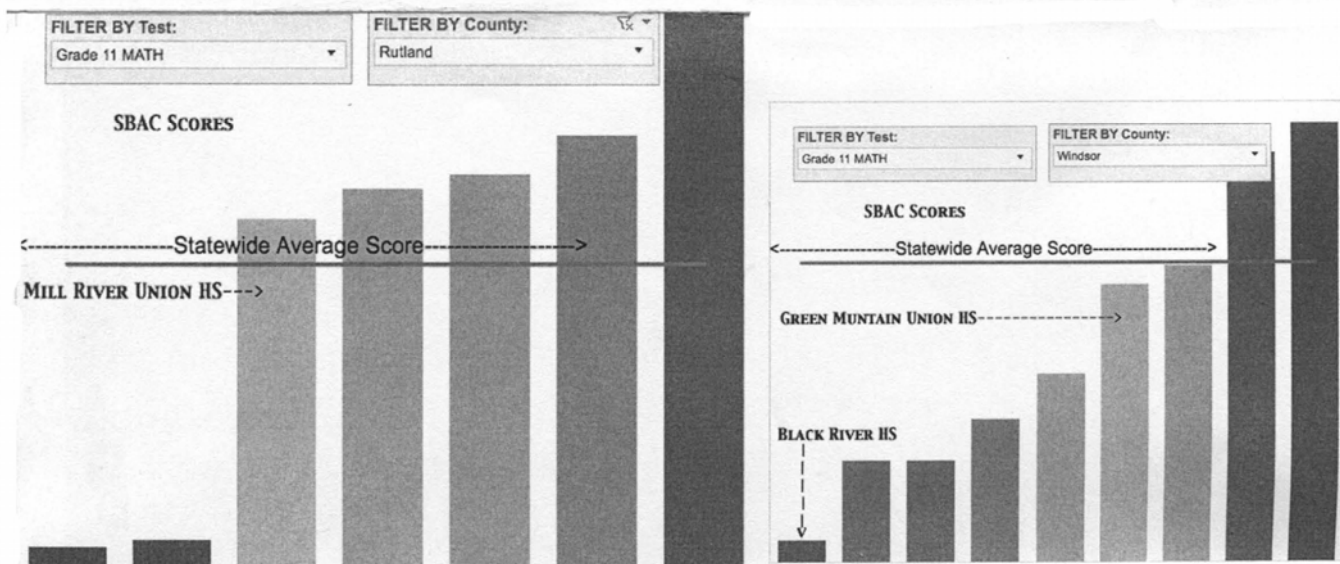
EDUCATIONAL AND COST COMPARISONS OF AREA SCHOOLS

EDUCATIONAL COMPARISONS

I. NICHE = US DEPT OF EDUCATION RANKING- VERMONT

	Mill River UHS	Black River HS	Green Mountain UHS
State Ranking out of 60 Schools	17	47	37
SAT Average	1170	970	1160
AP Enrollment %	32	16	12
Graduation Rate %	87	85	82
STEM ranking	14 out of 56	49 out of 56	37 out of 56
College Readiness	16 out of 60	49 out of 60	39 out of 60
Best HS for Athletics	10 out of 39	no rank	no rank
Overall Grade	B+	C+	B-

II. SBAC = VERMONT AGENCY OF EDUCATION SCHOOL RANKING



VT AOE GRADE 9-12 DROPOUT RATE: MILL RIVER 2.48% BLACK RIVER 4.35% GREEN MOUNTAIN 2.21%

NOTE

THE RESULTS OF ANY ONE ASSESSMENT FOR SCHOOL RANKING MAY BE QUESTIONED. THE IMPORTANCE HERE IS THAT TWO INDEPENDENT RANKING SYSTEMS HAVE ARRIVED AT ESSENTIALLY THE SAME RESULT

COST COMPARISONS

VT. Agency of Education-FY2017	Cost per Equalized Pupil	Homestead Equalized Tax Rate
Union 39	16716	1.7231
Green Mountain UHSD	14189	1.4626
Mill River USD	15615	1.5296

Comparison of Taxes on a \$175000. House In Mount Holly

FY 2017	Tax Rate		Grand List	Tax
Union 39	1.7231	x	1750	\$3,016.00
Mill River UUHS	1.5296	x	1750	\$2,677.00
	Difference			\$339.00
FY 2020 Estimate				
Union 39	1.9475	x	1750	\$3,408.12
Mill River UUHS	1.5515	x	1750	\$2,715.12
	Difference			\$693.00

We will still have to send tens of millions of dollars to state education fund.

****Act 68 mandates that because of our “GOLD TOWN” status, we send those millions to “other towns” throughout our state to offset their budgets. This is not going to change with Act 46. Therefore, our taxes will not go down.**

There are many opportunities which are already offered throughout our Supervisory Union including:

Small Class size	French Class @MHS	Pre-K Programs
Strong Athletic Teams	1:1 Computer Program	Virtual Learning
International Programs	Low Student/ Teacher ratio	GLOW/Interact
Strong connections between students and teachers (not just a #)		
AND MANY MORE!		

Voting to send our students to Mill River is an IRREVERSIBLE decision based on many “what ifs.” Please allow your voice to be heard by voting and we hope you will consider a NO VOTE to allow community members time to create a plan which will allow for BLACK RIVER to remain OPEN!

Recently a NEW group of Parents, Business Owners, Community Members School staff/ administration and, Alumni met to begin to create a plan to KEEP BLACK RIVER OPEN and attract young families to our communities. It is the goal of this group to find inefficiencies, redundancies and creative ways to solve problems that are currently present at Black River. If you would like to be part of this group, email us at: brsupportnetwork@vermontel.net .

WE want to keep our children in our community!!

Losing our high school would have many negative implications including: less employee retention for areas businesses, Job Loss in our community, River Valley Tech Center implications, Ludlow converts directly to a resort town (which has an impact in both Ludlow and Mt Holly) Kelly Tarbell, Mt. Holly

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& the Okemo Mountain region



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Visit LPCTV.org for more information on the event and to place orders for tickets and/or horse sponsorships. For further information or inquiries, call LPCTV at 228-8808. Tickets are also available for purchase in-person at LPCTV, The Book Nook, and the Wine & Cheese Depot.

ALTERNATIVE ENERGY COMMITTEE

Please JOIN the Mount Holly, Vermont "ALTERNATIVE ENERGY Committee" April 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 and call to borrow a "Starter System" on a first come first serve basis.



A SOLDIERS GRAVE

Glad robins singing in the boughs
Low murmur of the bees,
A hillside burying ground closed round
With wilding, apple trees
The snowy flowers drift slowly down
Upon the quiet graves,
And in the south wind over one
A small flag gently waves.

Those floating colors make for me
That grassy mound a shine
What through the one who sleeps beneath
Knew naught of me or mine.
Yet that brave life, quenched long ago
Seems of my own a part
For he who lives for freedom, lives
In every freeman's heart.

By Marion Douglas

Mill River Merger

On May 30, residents of Mount Holly will vote to approve or reject a proposal to merge the Mount Holly School District with the Mill River School District.

Here is a simple chart to show how merging with Mill River merger could affect your taxes.

YES Scenario: Mount Holly votes YES to approve a merger with Mill River	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Projected Mount Holly Tax Rate (per hundred-dollar valuation)	\$ 1.6441	\$ 1.5619	\$ 1.5515	\$ 1.6069	\$ 1.6432
Projected Tax Bill for a \$175,000 property	\$ 2,877	\$ 2,733	\$ 2,715	\$ 2,812	\$ 2,876

NO Scenario: Mount Holly votes NO , rejecting a merger with Mill River	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Projected Mount Holly Tax Rate (per hundred-dollar valuation)	\$ 1.8087	\$ 1.8666	\$ 1.9475	\$ 2.0066	\$ 2.0674
Projected Tax Bill for a \$175,000 property	\$ 3,165	\$ 3,267	\$ 3,408	\$ 3,512	\$ 3,618

A “YES” vote could save the average residential property owner nearly \$3000 over five years -- which averages out to about \$50 per month. A “NO” vote could cost every property owner an extra \$50 per month -- \$25/month the first year, \$40/month the second year, \$58/month the third and fourth year, and \$62/month the fifth year.

Both the Mount Holly School Board and the Ludlow Elementary School Board approved this merger proposal with unanimous votes. I urge you to vote YES to approve Mount Holly’s merger with Mill River. It is a good school with a great future and it’s in our backyard. Mill River is a golden educational opportunity and it is the only financially responsible path forward. I urge everyone with questions to tour Mill River, attend informational meetings, or call the schools. This will undoubtedly be one of our Town’s most consequential votes in its modern history. Less tax, more school: vote yes.

Note: In this age of “fake news” and anonymous sources, I want to point out (1) that the above data is “pre-CLA” (Common Level of Appraisal), which is a baroque Vermont tax concept concerning town-wide appraisal adjustments and about which I refer you to David Johnson and/or anyone other than me and (2) is derived from documents produced by the business managers at the Two Rivers Supervisory Union and the Mill River Unified Union School District. See “Comparative Pre-CLA Homestead Tax Rate Projections; Act 46 Study Committee; Two Rivers Supervisory Union,’ Revised Version, 1/10/17” and “Ludlow-Mt Holly; Merger into the Mill River Unified Union School District; Comparative Pre-CLA Homestead Tax Rate Projections,’ 02/21/2017 Meeting.” These and other reports are available at the Two Rivers Supervisory Union central office (telephone: 875-3365).

Sebastian Frank, Mount Holly School Board 259-3121 sebastian.frank@trsuo.org

P.S. Mill River Merger Schedule

April 24 – Interested students/parents/community member attend information visit to Mill River Union High School.

April 24 – Public Forum at Ludlow Elementary 6:00 pm

May 9 – Public Forum at Mount Holly Elementary 6:00 pm

May 23 – Public Forum at Ludlow Elementary 6:00 pm

May 30 – VOTE IN MOUNT HOLLY AND LUDLOW

June – July – Public Forums and communication in MRUUSD

August 1 – VOTE IN MRUUSD

Question: Will Mt. Holly Changing over to Mill River increase the amount we have to pay to the Shark Pool being Gold Towns? Diana Garrow

Short answer: the shark pool and gold towns no longer exists circa Act 68. Montpelier did a lousy job explaining this and they ought to be ashamed of themselves for not having made the change crystal clear.

Long answer: if we do not merge with Mill River, we re-enter the Act 46 timeline. Then, if we do not find another merger partner, we must either (a) submit an alternative merger proposal or (b) do nothing. Either way, all of the tax-buffers and subsidies that exist to help small schools survive disappear and paying for the Mount Holly School and the Ludlow Elementary School becomes remarkably more expensive. The additional monies that we would then have to contribute to fund our schools would go to Montpelier and would then re-circulate to all the districts that complied with Act 46 to fund their subsidies and tax discounts. And so gold towns would, in a sense, re-emerge. They would be gold towns but "stubborn towns who think they're gold." Act 68 eliminated both gold towns and the Act 60 shark-pool, and established in its place a funding mechanism based primarily on an equalized pupil count. This is why Ludlow, which sold most of its property to second homeowners and therefore has fewer and fewer families with school-age children, is so expensive to operate. Less kids = less money = higher taxers. But districts that fail to comply with Act 46 will be punished in a way that is remarkably reminiscent of the old gold-town-shark-pool method. The towns that refuse to merge will continue to have access to education funds, but those funds will be ... more expensive. The education dollar will cost more, and part of that cost will go to districts that did as they were told. Gold town? Shark Pool? I don't know what you call it. Is it fair? I don't know. I do know that we are very lucky to have Mill River next door. They are becoming the best district in the state. I'm not joking. They are the blue collar version of Woodstock or Burr and Burton. If they sold stock, I would buy it. Mount Holly and Ludlow would be foolish to pass up this completely serendipitous turn of events. Ludlow might be far from Mill River, but they will get four seats on the school board, which is almost illegal. Ludlow will gain power in a powerhouse district. Mount Holly will gain security and access to an amazing school. Mill River will flourish. I am not one to gush, but this is a drop-dead good opportunity. Sabastian Frank

Okemo Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce



Marji Graf, CEO of the Okemo Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce welcomes Jessica Holmes & Paul Frasca, the new owners of The Country Girl Diner in Chester to the Chamber.

Paul and his fiancé Jessica have taken ownership of the Country Girl Diner in March 2017, continuing the dream of preserving the Country Girls history in their small town community. Although a kitchen has been added to the rear of the Diner, most elements of the 1940's Dining car are maintained just as they were for a feel that's a bit different from a modern eatery.

The Country Girl is an original Silk City Dining Car built by the Paterson Vehicle Co. in 1944 and is one of the few examples of the fine manufacturing abilities of that time.

Paul has over thirty years experience as a Chef and has been at the Diner for over

four years. His homemade soups, comfort food and daily specials fill the belly and warm the heart. He is joined by his son Zachary making daily hash specials and crazy burger creations.

Jess is known for her baking skills and her gluten free cooking which brings a fresh twist to the Diner menu. Simple, real food done well is their passion, serving breakfast and lunch seven days a week. Everything is homemade, fresh and with the finest ingredients. They are sourcing local Vermont foods whenever possible, their eggs are delivered a few times a week from Maple Meadow Farms in Shrewsbury, Mitch's Maples maple syrup from less than a mile away, and all their dairy products are from Cabot Creamery.

On Friday nights in the summer they will be opening their doors for dinner (Starting Memorial Day weekend) and are planning a few Cruise In nights where they will be open for dinner as well.

You Don't Need to Know Horses to Volunteer



help us in many different capacities.

We begin our program each spring as soon as the weather and ground conditions allow. And to do so we need your help. Volunteers are a big part of our program allowing us to give more individuals an opportunity to participate in this beneficial program.

There's grooming, tacking up, leading the horses or being a side walker to lend a little support to a rider. Non-equine activities might include trail clearing, putting up or fixing fences, office work, photography/video taping or brainstorming to develop new games and challenges. Whatever your expertise or inclination if you think you might like to join us to help these riders accomplish their goals we'd be glad to have you.

If you are looking for a new experience why not give it a try. Everyone is welcome to attend the Volunteer Clinic we will be holding at our riding facility, 430 Robinson Road in Shrewsbury, on Saturday, May 6 at 10 a.m. You don't need to know anything about horses. We'll introduce you. As long as you can walk alongside a rider in case they need a steadying hand and are willing to learn, you'll fit right in.

Come see what we're all about, what you might do as a volunteer and sign up if you'd like to have a good time in the company of Monty, Ryan, Bella, Fonda, the Ultimate, the rest of our equine friends, a dedicated staff of instructors and children and adults that know just how cool this program really is.

Come learn about horses and ponies. It's a lot of fun!

For questions or directions to the Center call Mary Jane Osborne, 259-2282 or Janet Upton, 228-5428.

The days are longer, the sun warmer and it's time for warm weather activities to begin. The horses and ponies are shedding their winter coats and Rainbow Riding Center is getting ready for another fun season. Besides a lot of brushing to shed the ponies of their winter coats, we're readying the riding ring, cleaning tack and clearing the trails that wind through forest and field.

Reinbow Riding Center (RRC) is a therapeutic horsemanship center in Shrewsbury, Vermont. Our program is designed to improve the well being of individuals with unique physical, emotional and cognitive challenges through a therapeutic equine experience. In order to do that we need volunteers to

MY SON

What of my son, that little man
Who loves and trusts and worships me
My little lad grown weak and wan
What is his heritage to be!

How can I hide my helplessness
To make his boyish dreams come true
Impossible, and so I guess
I'll tell him only what is true.

I won't tell the fairy tales of old
The glory of riches, fame and might
Let him learn of the wretched ones who sold
Humanity into their slavish plight.

Tell how the strong oppressed the weak
Smearing the laws with their dirty hands
And honest men who dared to speak
Were jailed and hurt by pirate bands.

I'll tell of the hate and greed and lies
That lured youth away across the sea
And I'll tell of the blood and pain and cries
As brother killed brother for democracy.

How blood was spilled and heartbeats stilled
But the pulse of commerce throbbed
And coffers filled as men were killed
And again mankind was robbed.

Robbed of the power to make life fair
By the money barons who held sway
And crushed the hopes of those who dared
To build and plan for a brighter day.

So my child shall know that lust and greed
Go hand in hand in profit's name
And the workers fail and starve and bleed
While some others exploit and gain.
By Author Unknown

How Do We Stop the Burglaries?

YOU'VE SEEN THEM. The pathetic mug shots of junkies who've been caught breaking and entering or holding up the local convenience stores. It gets discouraging to hear that Rutland County has the second highest number of overdose deaths in the state, with 16 drug-related deaths in 2015. Considering how hard it is to overcome opiod or heroin addiction it is pretty easy to see these individuals as statistics or incarceration-bound losers.

But I've seen the faces, too. Smiling. Singing. Testimonies of relationships restored and families healed. Useful citizens. How does this kind of total transformation happen?

A new substance abuse treatment program has recently opened its doors in Rutland, Teen Challenge Vermont; a non-governmental addiction recovery program announced the opening of its new enrollment office with the full support of Eric MaGuire, director of the Dept. of Corrections-Sponsored Sanctuary House. Teen Challenge VT, which operates a year long live-in program in St. Johnsbury, reports long-term success rates of 41 percent, about double the 17-21% success rat of methadone clinics like Rutland's West Side Center. Of the men who complete the program, 84% remain clean from any type of substance abuse.

Mike Bouffard, a director of the group's Rutland office on West

The Pledge's Meaning Is Clear

I would like to print the following in light of the latest controversy of whether to say the Pledge of Allegiance in school or not.

I looked the following up on the American Legion website:

"I pledge allegiance"

(I promise to be true)

"to the flag"

(to the symbol of our country)

"of the United States of America:"

(each state that has joined to make our country)

"for which it stands"

(the flag means the country)

"one Nation"

(a single country)

"Under God"

(the people believe in a supreme being)

"indivisible"

(the country cannot be split into parts)

"with liberty and justice"

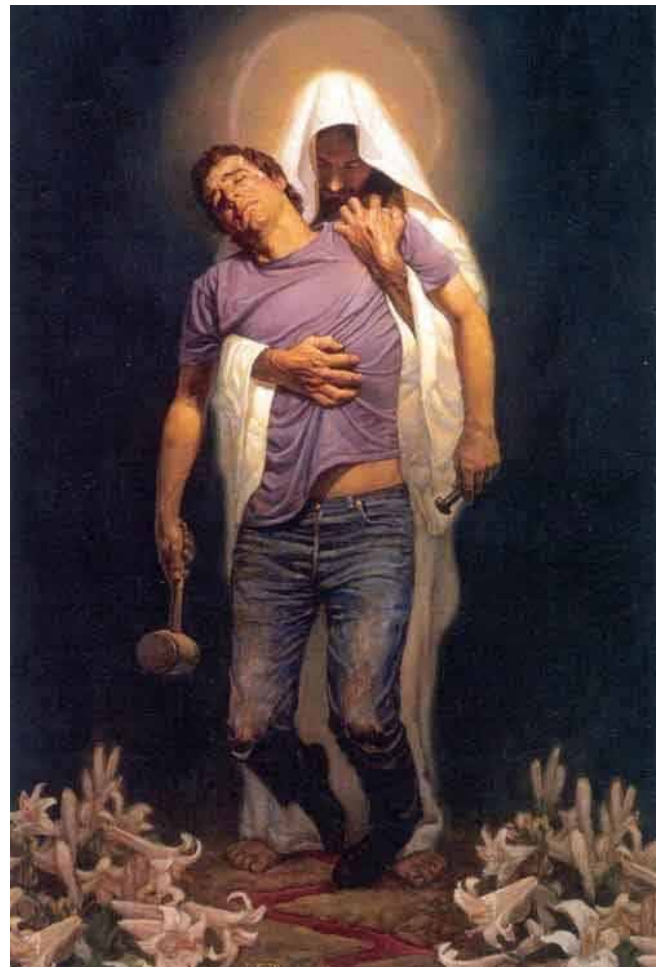
(with freedom and fairness)

"for all"

(for each person in the country – you and me!)

The pledge says you are promising to be true to the United States of America.

Perhaps some people are confused as to what the pledge says and means. By Jeanie Petraska, Andover



Street, is a graduate of the Teen Challenge program. "In 2006, I was living out of my

1998 Dodge Shadow. You might say I was dying in the "shadow" of hopeless addiction... Now I'm here walkin' the talk on Rutland's streets and helping other break free."

Teen Challenge has 1,200 campuses worldwide, with programs for men, women and young teens. Bouffard and the rest of Teen Challenge insist that their high success rate is due to the faith emphasized in the program. However, men who enter the program do not have to be Christian, and non-religious groups are anxious to partner with the newcomers because the goal is the same. Actually, Teen Challenge has been helping people in New England for over 50 years.

This past summer, a multi-aged collection of these former drug and alcohol addicts sang with radiant faces on the church green in Belmont. To listen to the miraculous stories about their horrific struggles to escape addiction was riveting. But then it was a sheer delight to hear how now, through an encounter with God and the rigors of the Teen Challenge approach, their lives have been totally changed. These were the former faces of criminals desperately trying to get enough money to buy their next "high". As one young man put it, "There is no high to compare with the permanent elation I find in Jesus and knowing that I'm clean." Methadone and Suboxone may have their place, but *this* sure sounds like one of the best ways to stop the crime epidemic in our city and communities. It gives these guys a purpose in helping others stop *their* cycle of addiction. That same young fellow humbly stated, "I'm not yet where I want to be, but I'm sure not what I *used* to be. The verse I'm standing on is 2 Corinthians 5:17, 'Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come.'"

MOUNT HOLLY INDEPENDENCE DAY PARADE

Tuesday July 4th, 2017

Parade starts at 11:00 AM

THEME: A Family 4th of July (floats, wagons, kids, pets)



CHICKEN BAR B-Q @ Odd Fellows Hall starting at 11:30

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND!!



Bessie the cow will be depositing.....the winning "PLOP" between 11:30 to 1:00 PM

Act 46

We have an Act 46 vote coming up on May 30, a vote that may dramatically change lives, so I did a little basic research by checking out MapQuest on the internet.

Using the Belmont General Store as my starting place, Green Mountain Union HS would be 22.8 miles. That was deemed too far to travel by our Act 46 committee. I don't know which route the bus would take to get to Mill River Union HS, but starting at the Belmont General Store and taking Route 155 followed by Route 140 over the hill would be 16.3 miles while traveling along Route 103 to Route 7 would be 14.3 miles. From the Belmont General Store to Black River HS is 9.8 miles.

None of those distances is terrible if you are hopping into your car and going directly to school. Unfortunately for kids who ride the bus, they first get to tour the town as they pick up other students along the way. Once they get their driver's license, touring the town versus sleeping an extra hour becomes an easy choice. When we vote, we need to not only consider the time it will take to get our school bus to Mill River HS, but also the routes our kids will be driving and the road conditions they will face, such as the curves on Route 140 and the ice that tends to develop on the road through Cuttingsville.

Our weather is different from that of Rutland. I still had 4 inches of snow on my lawn when green grass was showing elsewhere. Ludlow and Mount Holly cancel school at times when those in the Rutland area don't. How might weather and road conditions impact the days our students miss school?

According to MapQuest, driving a car to Mill River HS will cost \$1.58 to go over the hill or \$1.39 to follow Route 103. To get to Black River HS is 94¢. I'm not looking at these figures as the actual cost of fuel for the school bus, but as a relative comparison. The cost of gasoline isn't likely to decrease, especially if the state adds a carbon tax. Traveling to Mill River HS will cost more. Some of that cost will be carried by the taxpayers and some by individual drivers. For those who are concerned about global warming though, that cost may be seen in a different light.

Vermont has changed the car inspection method which will move older cars off the road when they can't pass the stricter standards. This will economically impact lower income families and make it more difficult to afford that extra car for a teenager. How will those students manage to get to sports and other extra-curricular activities when their parents are working? This won't create a hardship for everyone, but it will hurt some.

I also read a Vermont Digger article about changes being made to Act 46. Apparently S.122 provides for 3 new regional education district merger options, one specifically to deal with geographic isolation and another to help when districts don't align in the grades they operate or tuition. This bill also extends the timeline if voters turn down a merger proposal. The article indicated that we have 1 1/2 years to go. Alternative proposals can be approved by the state on or before November 30, 2018.

Previously the Act 46 committee was looking to combine with Proctor, West Rutland and Poultney which would allow Ludlow and Mount Holly to remain a preK through 12 district and **not close** any of our schools. Apparently Wells was also in the mix and voted against the merger by 1 vote, so our committee turned to the Mill River option. But Wells had their second vote and **The Quarry Valley District does now exist!** If we vote to join Mill River HS, we lose this other option.

I like having choices when I vote. Even when there is only one candidate running for a town office, at least there is also a write-in space. The way our school merger vote is being presented, there is no choice between options. That may not bother some people, but it bothers me.

For those families who really, really want to go to Mill River HS, they can do that now. Vermont provides for school choice. If we vote to merge with Mill River HS, there will be no choice for families who would like to stay at Black River because that high school won't exist.

At Black River HS any student who wants to play a sport, or play every sport, can do it and everyone ends up playing in the competition games. It's the story of the big fish in the little pond. At Mill River HS our students suddenly become the little fish in the big pond. In some ways the opportunities diminish. The same idea relates to academics.

Is merging with Mill River Union HS really the best we can do? I think of the students who were in tears when Mt Holly's Act 46 committee

voted for this proposal and I'm not convinced that this is their best option. At the very least Mill River and Quarry Valley District need to be listed together as choices for the voters of this town. Carol Ballou

The American Eagle

When God made the clam

He guaranteed him absolute economical and social security.

He built the clam a house, a shell, to protect him from his enemies.

When hungry, the clam simply opens his shell and food rushes in for him.

He has no worries.

He doesn't fight anybody.

He's not going anywhere

But, when God made the eagle,

He gave him the sky as a domain.

The eagle then nested on the highest crag,

Where the storms threaten every day

For food he flies through miles of rain, snow, sleet and wind.

He screams his defiance at the elements,

And goes about his own business,

Building his own life.

When aroused, he's a vicious foe for his enemies. /The eagle, not the clam, is

The emblem of America!

By Author Unknown





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Community Health Clinics – May 2017

May Blood Pressure/Foot Care Clinics

Wednesday, 05/03/2017,	Wallingford, Wallingford House,	10:30am
Thursday, 05/04/2017,	Rutland, Parker House,	10 am
Wednesday, 05/10/2017,	Rutland, Templewood Court,	10am
Wednesday, 05/17/2017,	Rutland, Sheldon Towers,	9am
Wednesday, 05/17/2017,	Rutland, Linden Terrace,	11am
Thursday, 05/18/2017,	Rutland, Maple Village,	10am
Thursday, 05/25/2017,	N. Clarendon, N. Clarendon Com. Center,	12:30pm
Wednesday, 05/31/2017,	Rutland, Godnick Center,	12:30pm



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

VNAHSR 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.

One would almost think that this poignant poem was inspired by the war, so eloquently does it depict the feeling of a mother's heart in these days of storm and stress. Year 1918

THE MOTHER

By Padraic H. Pearse

I do not grudge them: Lord, I do not grudge
My two strong sons that I have seen go out
To break their strength and die, they and a few.
In bloody protest for a glorious thing,
They shall be spoken of among their people,
The generations shall remember them,
And call them blessed;
But I will speak their names to my own heart
In the long nights;
The little names that were familiar once
Round my dead hearth.
Lord, thou art, hard on mothers:
We suffer in their coming and their going;
And tho I grudge them not, I weary, weary
Of the long sorrow—and yet I have my joy:
My sons were faithful, and they fought.

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 VNAHSR's Travel Health Clinic: VNAHSR 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: VNAHSR's monthly bereavement group is held Tuesdays at 6pm at Grace Congregational Church in Rutland with Rutland office chaplain, Andrew Carlson, 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, May 13 from 10:30am – noon at the Rutland location on 7 Albert Cree Drive. There is no charge to attend the group. For more information please contact Kate at 802.236.0500.



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

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

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Thank You for your help. Diana Garrow

