



Mount Holly Chat Chat



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

May 27 th	Baked Ham Supper , Benefit Colfax Lodge, Odd Fellows Hall	5:00 pm
1 st	Fire Dept. Business Meeting, Fire Station	7:00 pm
2 nd	<i>Brigham Young, Mormon Leader 1801</i>	
Sat 3 rd	<i>US Citizenship Granted to All American Indian's 1924</i>	
	<i>Sally Priesand, 1st Woman Rabbi in USA 1972</i>	
	<i>Astronaut Edward White 1st American To Walk in Space 1965</i>	
5 th	<i>First Hot-Air Balloon Flight 1783</i>	
6 th	Mt. Holly Community Association Meeting, Library	7:00 pm
7 th	Mason Meeting, Mt. Moriah Lodge, E. Wallingford	8:00 pm
	Mt. Holly PTSA Meeting	3:15 pm
	Mt. Holly School Board Meeting, MH School	6:00 pm
	Union #39 School Board Meeting	6:00 pm
8 th	Fire Dept. Drill, Fire Station	7:00 pm
9 th	<i>US Bill of Rights by James Madison 1789</i>	
Sat 10 th	Free Fishing Day Statewide All Day ~ Large & Smallmouth Bass Catch & Release Ends	
12 th	Rescue Squad Meeting, Rescue Squad Building	7:00 pm
13 th	Community Guild Meeting, IOOF Hall, Belmont	9:00 am
	Selectmen's Meeting, Town Office	7:30 pm
14 th	Fire Dept. Ladies Auxiliary Meeting, Belmont Fire Station	7:00 pm
	ODD Fellows Meeting, IOOF Hall, Belmont	7:30 pm
	<i>US Army Founded 1775</i>	
15 th	Fire Dept. work night, Fire Stations	7:00 pm
Sat 17 th	<i>Pan-Am 1st Airline for Around-The-World Flights 1947</i>	
Sun 18 th	<i>Father's Day ~ Sally Ride 1st US Woman in Space 1983</i>	
19 th	Mount Holly Planning Commission, Town Office	7:00 pm
21 st	Mt. Holly Town Library Meeting, Library, Belmont	6:30 pm
22 nd	Fire Dept. Drill, Fire Station	7:00 pm
	<i>Summer Begins-Summer Solstice</i>	
	<i>Pledge of Allegiance Recognized by Congress 1942</i>	
	<i>GI Bill Signed into Law 1944</i>	
Sat 24 th	Roast Beef Supper , Benefit MHV Fire Dept, Odd Fellows Hall	5:00 pm
Sun 25 th	<i>Korean War Began 1950</i>	
26 th	Rescue Squad Meeting, Rescue Squad Building	7:00 pm
27 th	Community Guild Meeting, IOOF Hall, Belmont	9:00 am
28 th	ODD Fellows Meeting, IOOF Hall, Belmont	7:00 pm
29 th	Fire Dept. work night, Fire Stations	7:00 pm

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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
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June Birthdays: 1st -Torey Surething * Mary Morgan * Walter Surething 4th -Johnathan Davis * Emily Colburn 5th -Diane Perry 6th -Jason Turco 7th -Kristin Veysey 8th -All Labozzo 9th -Barry Gagner * Mary Ann Farley * Molly Gagner 10th -Jennifer Turco * Alex & Beth Lee * Steve Hazelton 11th -Amber Nye 13th -Dylan Pierro * David Crossman * Shannon Labozzo 16th -Timothy Ryan * Zak Delphia 19th -Stephanie Bussino (2000) 20th -Andrea Kilroe 22nd -Roger Garrow 24th -Natalie Brown 29th -Candace Neary * Helen Graham 30th -Ted Garrow



June Anniversaries: 6th -Maurice & Ann Doucette (56th) (1959) 12th -Clinton & Carol Woolley 14th -Mike & Mary Beth Dawley 18th -Bill & Marnie Dassler (50th) 2016 20th -Donald & Jean Gates

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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Doris G. Freeman & William Freeman

The graveside service for Doris Gertrude Freeman, 79, who died Feb. 13, 2017, and her son, William "Bill" Freeman, 60, who died March 1, 2017, was held May 6, in Hortonville Cemetery, 2384 Shunpike Road in Mount Holly, followed by a reception at American Legion Post #36 in Ludlow.

Carl Kavanaugh



"Captain" Carl Kavanaugh was called to his heavenly resting place by his Savior, Jesus Christ, on April 22, 2017.

Carl was a well-known and respected pillar of the community and a longtime resident of Shrewsbury. He was known for his great sense of humor, generosity, his love for life, music, many friends and all of God's creation. He was a treasured husband, father, grandfather, brother and uncle. Carl was a quiet and gentle soul, loved by all, and will be dearly missed.

Carl was born in New Brunswick, Canada, May 11, 1932, the son of Patrick and Anita (Gallivan) Kavanaugh.

In 1951, he was married to the love of his life, Nancy Bell (Javery) Kavanaugh. Carl is survived by his wife of 65 years, Nancy; a son, Kevin Kavanaugh Sr., of Shrewsbury; three daughters, Marcia Woods and her husband, Orville, of Shrewsbury, Betty Ann Dion and her husband, Rodney, of Belmont, NH, and Leanne Hamel, of Clarendon; a brother, Patrick Kavanaugh and his wife, Lorraine, of Ontario, Canada; and many nieces and nephews. His eight grandchildren and two great-grandchildren was the apple of his eye. He was predeceased by nine siblings.

Visiting hours were held at Clifford Funeral Home in Rutland on Friday, April 28, 2017.

A reception and celebration of life was held in the lower level of the Village Baptist Church in Belmont, directly followed by the funeral service. Rev. Glen Davis, pastor of the Village Baptist Church officiated the service. Private burial services were held in the Green Hill Cemetery in Wallingford.

David C. Hoeh Celebration of Life -- Family and friends are invited to gather to remember David on Sunday, August 13, 2017 at 11:00 A.M. Details will be provided in the August Chit Chat.

Mount Holly School Notes

May 25th: Spring Concert 6:00 pm with Dress Rehearsal @ 1:30 pm Miss Pawlikowski is encouraging students to wear Hawaiian themed clothing for the concert. It is not necessary that you purchase something—find something bright, colorful or floral in your closet.

May 29th : No School (Memorial Day)

June 2nd : Last Day of After School Program

June 5th —8th : Parent—Teacher Transition Conferences

June 9th : 6th Grade Play

June 15th : 6th Grade Graduation 6:00 p.m.

June 19th : Last day of school = 1/2 day (12:00 p.m. Dismissal)

Join Bone Builders

Monday, Wednesday & Friday Mornings
9:00 am

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

Mt. Holly School Board Meeting

The Mt. Holly school board met on Wednesday, May 3 at the Ludlow Elementary School Library. The board approved the agenda for this meeting and the minutes from the last meetings. The board discussed appointing someone to the U39 board, recognizing that there are two people interested in appointment, but only 3 of the 5 MHS board members present that evening.

The board discussed the May 30 vote on whether or not to join the MRUUSD and dissolve the U39 agreement. They also discussed some of the work that the BRAIN group is doing. The board also discussed small team numbers requiring some younger players to play up a level. The board discussed the work of the Article 721 PR Committee. They also developed a collaborative letter to the voters in each town that would give them the facts as they are known.

The next meeting will be the annual school meeting on Wednesday, June 7 at MHS.



A School-wide Showcase

Wednesday May 24th

1:15pm Underclassmen Awards Ceremony

2-3pm A School-wide Showcase of
Student Work and Projects.

3-5pm Science Fair (Judges Welcome!)

Suppers For Mount Holly Organizations



Settings Start 5:00 pm

At

The Odd Fellows Hall, Belmont

All You Can Eat - Served Home Style

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



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



Take Outs Available With All Dinners
More Info Call 802-259-2460

Green Up Day Collection

Healdville & Branch Brook Roads

Welcome to my world, and why I pick up trash several days a week when I walk.

To the moron who threw this can out and is one of the ones responsible for most of the trash along Healdville and Branch Brook Roads, congrats on an advanced degree in idiocy!

To all the Green-Up folks, and to my fellow road walkers who also pick up trash, many thanks! Together, we'll keep Mount Holly looking fine! Photo By Jennifer Matthews

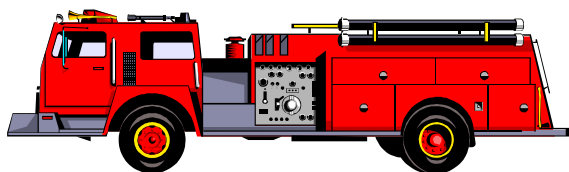
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Mt. Holly Volunteer Fire Department AUCTION



Saturday, July 22nd, 10am
Belmont Station

Refreshment served by The Ladies Auxiliary
Bring a comfortable chair
We are accepting donation, call 259-2060
Or contact any firefighter

Green Up Day Thanks

There was a record turnout for Green Up Day in spite of the rainy weather.

Thank You to the many volunteers who helped clean up our beautiful town.

David Radican, Mount Holly Elementary School Student, won the basket of summer fun!

He and his sister Gracie along with Mom and Dad cleaned up Belmont Road all the way for the Straight Road to Gates Road. A challenging stretch!!

Also thanks to the Plew Farm for donating a dozen eggs to every family that volunteered. Well Done Mount Holly!!! Lynne Herbst

May 2017, Trestleboard

Next Meeting Tuesday 6/06th 8:00 PM

For those of you who have not heard, Most Worshipful PGM and PGS Cedric L. Smith passed away on April 23, 2017. Memorial contributions may be made to the Masonic Charities of Vermont, 49 East Road, Barre, Vt. 05641. Cards may be sent to Charlotte Barber (niece) at 10 Cliff Dr. Plainville, Massachusetts 02762.

The Annual Communication is in June and will be here before you know it, as well as our fund raising supper in July. Stay tuned for those two events in our next Trestleboard.

Our Most Worshipful Grand Master, George Deblon, may be attending this meeting to present a 55-year pin to Worshipful Master, Bob Blaisdell and another one to Bill Gordon, if he has returned from Florida.

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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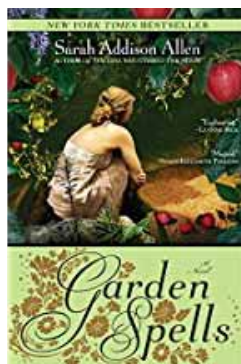
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Mount Holly Library Reading Discussion Group

The Mount Holly Library Reading Discussion Group will meet at 6:00 on June 14, 2017 at Jane Hill's in Belmont. We have been reading Sarah Addison Allen novels, and have continued with two more this past month, The Peach Keeper and Garden Spells. We will swap copies at the meeting. If you need further info or would like copies please call Minga at 259-2471. Thank you to the Mount Holly Library for their on-going sponsorship. We are very grateful.



One Bottle of Pop

Did you get out and get your exercise on Green Up Day this year? My wife and I end up doing it almost year round on our walks. This year we once again asked the question as we picked up McTrash, beverage containers and even hypodermic needles, what ails people? It is astonishing how much "stuff" folks throw out their car windows! Litter cleanup in America the Beautiful costs upwards of \$11.5 billion annually. Do you realize what we could be doing with that money if we weren't throwing it away?

I sure am proud of our little state in that we were the first among the Fifty to designate a day to clean up the entire state. Thanks to our 74th governor, Deane C. Davis, April 18th, 1970 was the kick-off for a "litterally terra-ific" idea. Today Agency of Transportation crews clean up the 2,700 miles of state highways and Green Up Day picks up the 8,300 miles of town roads. Over 50,000 bags of trash (300 tons), plus 5,000 tires are collected annually. Did you realize that only 10 states have bottle bills and there has been recent debate about whether to eliminate ours here in VT? Seriously? If you don't want to return that soda can for a nickel- I'd be glad to do it for you. Talk about an incentive for walks.



I got to thinking about the lazy, selfish nature that resides within all of us that leads us to think, say and do so many thoughtless things. We all need that perfect Someone who is the only One who can help us to unload all the stuff that clutters up our lives. I'm talking about the junk that loads us down... a barrel-ful of pride, a sack of self pity or bitterness, a green bag of jealousy, a box of fears, an injustice collection we've been accumulating over the years or maybe just some memories that no one would want. All we need do is to ask the Master Gardener to "green up" our life by His power that makes "all things new." Let's not allow the garbage we've left behind to be the legacy of our passing. So all together now!

Don't throw your trash in my backyard, my backyard, my backyard.

Don't throw your trash in my backyard, my backyards full! Pastor Glenn

Mount Holly Library News

The Library will be closed on Monday, May 29 – Memorial Day



UK Duo to Play at the Library Memorial Day Weekend

Sunday, May 28 at 4PM

Hicks & Goulbourn

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. Free and all are welcome. Donations will be gratefully accepted for the band.

Matthias Weiter - Lecture and Q & A on the Middle East

Sunday, June 25 at 4PM

More than six years after the start of the "Arab Rebellion", the perspectives of the population in Western Asian and Northern African

countries have not gotten any better - rather the opposite.

Matthias Weiter lived and travelled in this region over a period of more than 40 years, worked for the German government, international organizations, and as a consultant specialized in water and education. He will give a 20 minute overview about the present situation of the region, talk about his recent trip to Tunisia, and answer questions of the audience. All are welcome to join this free event at the Library.

Take the Library Survey for a Chance to Win \$25 Cash

If you answer all questions completely, including comments and suggestions on how we can improve the library, you will be entered to win \$25 cash. Take the short online survey here: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/MountHollyLibrary>

Summer Reading Programs: The MHTL trustees and staff are very grateful to the



Vermont Country Store and the Vermont Department of Libraries who have both given us grants for our 2017 Summer Reading Programs. We are also very grateful to Suzanne Kennedy, Mount Holly Elementary School Teacher, who has agreed to help us with our programs again this year. The theme this year is "Build a Better World." This year the programs will run on Tuesday mornings at the library (July through August). Children will have a chance to read and participate in fun activities themed around making the world a better place. We will hold a "Mount Holly Read-A-Thon" to help raise money for the library. Stay tuned ... more information coming soon! If you would like to volunteer at the MHTL Summer Reading Program please email mthollylibrary@gmail.com

Donate Your Used Books for our 2017 Book Sales: Please donate your gently used books to our summer/fall book sales. All proceeds from the book sales go to benefit the library. You may donate books at the library during our regular open hours. Please no musty, dusty, moldy, mildew books. No text books, magazines, VCR or cassette tapes. We welcome all other books – especially current fiction!

Our first book sale will take place during the July 4th weekend. We will have a book sale in August and one more during Cider Days Weekend in October. Watch the Chit Chat and the Newsflash for book sale dates.

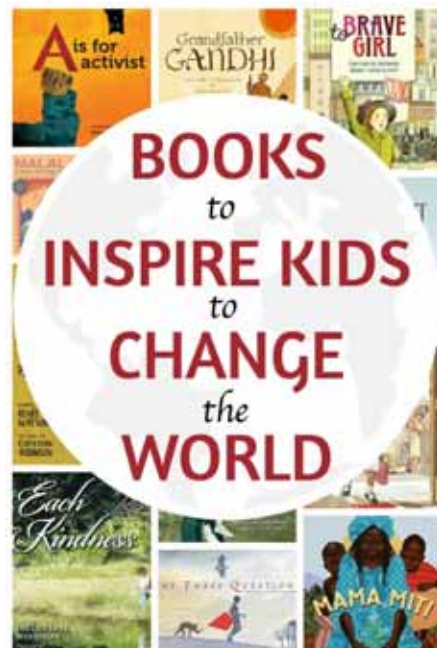
Mount Holly Library Featured on the LPCTV Network: Each month the MHTL will have its own show on the LPCTV network. Check out the latest events at the library! <http://lpctv.org/whats-new-wmtholly-library>

Play Group is Year-Round!

Tuesday 10:00 AM – 11:30 AM

Our Tuesday Play Group is a wonderful support for parents with young children. It is run by an early childhood education expert, Lynn Gould. We begin with free play, have songs, stories, healthy snacks and arts and crafts. This summer children from our Summer Reading Program will be invited to teach the little ones a song or read a story at the Play Group. Free and open to all. Bring your little ones and get ready to have fun and find support.

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A Response to Peter

Peter Smith thinks Mount Holly and Ludlow should send their students to Mill River HS and let Black River HS close its doors forever, but he compares apples to oranges and only notices that they are fruit. Peter refers to the Agency of Education website where the results of *one* year of the state-wide SBAC test results can be found. According to Michael Hock, the agency's director of assessment, "At least three years of test results are needed to analyze trends. He explains that in small schools 1 very bright student or 1 very disadvantaged student can make a big difference.

And this is where the differences between apples and oranges becomes important. Mill River HS uses *alternative assessments* for their special ed students, assessments that guarantee those students will perform better. Black River HS does not. BRHS gives the SBAC test to *every* student, even to the most developmentally delayed. Of course the final average score for BRHS will be lower.

Both Mill River and Black River high schools offer advanced placement courses. Peter says the "course enrollment is 32 percent at Mill River and 16 percent at Black River." Does he think that sending our students down the road will suddenly make them more interested in taking the advanced placement courses? It will still be the same percentage of Mount Holly and Ludlow students taking those courses.

Educators know that family income is the best predictor of SAT scores. While stating that Mill River's average is 200 points higher than Black River's average, Peter never mentions that 52% of Black River's students are economically disadvantaged while only 35% of Mill River students fall into this category. Again, apples and oranges.

As to the NICHE ranking of high schools, Black River may be 47th, but its reading proficiency at 57% outdoes Mill River's 52% proficiency. Interestingly, Peter took his teenagers to Springfield HS which is ranked 57th, 10 spots below Black River. I'm sure Peter wasn't trying to give his kids an inferior education. Rankings don't tell the full story. Besides, no Vermont high school makes it into the NICHE list of the top 100. Maybe we should all move out of state?

Vermont Digger analyzed the latest SBAC data on the VT Agency of Education website and noted that poorly performing schools had more special education students. The best performing schools had 12% or less of their students taking free or reduced price lunch, an indicator of poverty. Peter ignored this factor when he looked at the *U.S. News and World Report* where Mill River is 10th on the list.

Along with the ranking, also based on just the one year of SBAC testing, *U.S. News and World Report* gives the percentage of economically disadvantaged students. With the exception of 2 high schools, the first eight schools ranked

above Mill River had much lower percentages of economically disadvantaged students and the school right above Mill River had the same percentage as Mill River. With only one exception, all ten schools ranked below Mill River had larger percentages of economically disadvantaged students and only the last one on the list had the same percentage as Black River HS.

Sadly, family income influences all of these scores and rankings. Our students are not going to come from wealthier families just because we send them to a wealthier school district. The apples will still be apples and the oranges will still be oranges.

Some folk have attended the planned visits at Mill River HS. Black River HS has invited the public to simply drop in — no planned presentation, just the every day running of a school where kids don't fall through the cracks. MSJ just sent out a notice looking for students and bragging that they have a "unique environment with small student to teacher ratio." That's what Black River has.

If you choose to vote Yes to merge with Mill River because it may help your taxes, so be it, but don't delude yourself that you are doing our students a big favor, supposedly sending them to a much better school. Mill River sends kids to prestigious colleges and Black River also sends kids to prestigious colleges.


But a Yes vote does guarantee that students who take Vo Tech will also take all but one academic course at Rutland HS, not at Mill River.

A Yes vote also guarantees that Mount Holly and Ludlow students will spend 3 to 4 or more hours each day riding on a school bus. Three to four or more hours on a bus — is this the education we want for our students?

There are over 100 towns still looking for a merger that will fit their situation, and the state hasn't finished tweaking the law to solve these problems. We need a merger that keeps our taxes low and also keeps our students off the school bus for that extra hour or more each day. Vote NO. Carol Ballou



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Congratulations Graduates

We would like to congratulate our daughters Alice & Mary who will be graduating from Black River High School on June 17th. Both will be continuing their education in the fall with Alice heading off to New England College and Mary attending St. Michaels. It doesn't seem that long ago that they were entering Kindergarten at Mount Holly Elementary School. To all their teachers near and far we want to say thank you for educating our children, for being good role models and helping them reach their goals.

Thanks to all the participants in Green Up Day!

We had a very successful Green Up weekend with 72 adults and children collecting 1060 lbs. of trash across the town of Mount Holly. Just to give you some perspective that is two full town truck loads that were taken to the Rutland Transfer Station. Thank you to all the folks who took the time to get out and clean up our roads. This is an exciting state-wide effort that is unmatched across our nation.

Congratulations to David Radican who won the basket of summer fun! He and his family did a great job of cleaning up Belmont Road. Thanks to Marianne McGee for agreeing to co-coordinate and helping out Saturday morning with road assignments

and bag distribution. Thanks to Plew Farm for donating a dozen eggs to each volunteer family. And last, but not, least thanks to our town crew for picking up the bags on Monday morning. Lynne Herbst

ALTERNATIVE ENERGY COMMITTEE

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ALTERNATIVE ENERGY INFORMATION OPPORTUNITIES and YOU(U)

There are numerous opportunities available to you to help you evaluate and reduce your ENERGY consumption as well as to reduce the COST of your continued consumption.

There are various sources of ENERGY to meet our daily needs from food to Oxygen to warmth and cooling to light and transportation.

Some of these sources appear to be in jeopardy as they are either not renewable or at a cost that is not affordable. Fortunately SOLAR and WIND are both renewable and can be affordable.

The key to accessing either of those choices and their cost is EDUCATION!!! EDUCATION, in a rapidly changing Market and Consumption based Economy!!!

If you would like to achieve better control over your energy usage and the associated costs, sign up for "Local Alternative Energy Workshops". These "Workshops are taking place in Mt. Holly, Ludlow, and other towns during April, May, & June

To participate call "ALTERNATIVE ENERGY EDUCATION Associates" @ 802 228-1179 and leave a name & phone number in your message.

But do so while the incentives are still available.



It takes a village to raise a child... In recognition of our community and gratitude for their contributions to who Aiyana is today... upon her graduation from Black River High School...

Aiyana Fortin requests your presence at her
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**The Mount Holly Calendar
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For more info: Craig Tomkinson
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Mount Holly Community Association

Mount Holly Community Association Membership Drive 2017 – 2018

Please join to support...Music on the Green-Mount Holly Day-Garden Tour-Square Dance-Cabaret-Photo Contest-Cider Days-Roast Beef Supper-Halloween Party-Christmas in Mount Holly-New Year's Eve at Star Lake-Spring Mud Fling

**And the maintenance of our historic Community Center Building
Please join today!!**

**(Brochures will be mailed in June and will also be available
in the library, the General Store, and the post offices.)**

Membership brochures for the 2017 – 2018 year will be in the mail in the early part of June. Please remember that the major source of revenue for the Mount Holly Community Association is membership! Without it we would not be able to provide you with the 12 outstanding events we sponsor each year, nor would we be able to maintain the lovely historic building at the crossroads in Belmont that is our Library & Community Center. Last year we raised more money in membership than we have ever done before. Please help us maintain this record breaking streak by returning your membership form as soon as you receive it...thanks so much!

Summer Calendar and Annual Calendar of Events: The calendar of summer events will again be included with the membership brochures as it was last year, so *be sure to save it when you receive it!* Also included is the calendar of events that are sponsored by the MHCA for the *entire* year. Both of these

calendars will also appear on the Mount Holly website (www.mounthollyvt.org) and hard copies will be left in the General Store, the post offices, and the library. Thanks for looking out for them in the membership brochure!

The **Community Room** on the lower level of the Library & Community Center building has been incredibly busy this year. Every week it is used for Bone Builders, the children's play group, the Mount Holly Artists' Group, yoga, the Mount Holly Folk Club, community presentations, lectures, art displays, the list seems endless. If there is an activity that you would like to see take place there, or if you would like to rent it for a special party, just contact Carol DeVine (259-2562), Penny Coldwell (259-2760), or our librarian, Amanda Merk (259-3707).

Upcoming events: No one is looking forward to summer more than the residents of Mount Holly! With that in mind, please don't forget to reserve your Thursdays in July and August for the **Music on the Green Series** that will begin on July 6th. Performances will begin at 7:00 pm as always. A calendar with all of the performers for the season will be out later in June. We are all looking forward to some beautiful, balmy evenings with friends and neighbors. See you there!

Also in July, don't miss the **Fourth of July Parade** to be held this year on Tuesday, July 4th! Be sure to look for the MHCA float coming into town at the Belmont crossroads at 11:00 am. Three weeks later, we will have our annual **Garden Tour** on Saturday, July 22nd from 9:30 am – 4:00 pm. It is a wonderful opportunity to explore the varied high altitude gardens in our lovely town and possibly get to know some of your neighbors, whom you may not know well, or may not even have met. If you have children, bring them along to participate in the *Garden Tour Hunt*. It's great fun for them, while you are focusing on the beautiful gardens you are visiting. Again, further information will be in the July Chit Chat.

Mount Holly Day will be at Star Lake this year on Sunday, July 9th. A barbecue picnic will be provided by the MHCA, there will be a plethora of old fashioned children's games, as well as swimming in the lake. Be sure to reserve that Sunday, July 9th from noon to 3:00 pm and join in with your friends and neighbors for a celebration of our great community!

11th Annual Mount Holly Garden Tour
We've been as busy as bees!
Come tour the high altitude gardens
Of real people with dirt under their nails
Saturday, July 22nd
9:30 am – 4:00 pm

Tickets* sold at the
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The Mill River Merger Vote –

it's also about “saving” our Elementary Schools

As I've listened to the discussion back and forth it has focused almost exclusively on the two high schools at issue; the size and quality of each, travel distances, community, etc. But let's not forget about our two Elementary Schools. The merger will also impact them. No, they won't close if a 'YES' vote passes. The law is clear about that. However, what we do need to worry about is attracting and retaining young families with children, for our elementary schools and then their moving up to a top-rated high school. Vermont's student population has been declining for decades, and the Mt. Holly and Ludlow Elementary Schools have faced that same pressure; we still do today. Could a merger help prevent one or both of our Towns from facing the fate that befell Plymouth Elementary School a few years back? Even if you believe that Black River H.S. is as “good” as Mill River H.S., that's not the general consensus, nor what one finds when reviewing several different evaluations. Ask realtors you know what objections they hear from prospective home buyers when they consider Black River H.S. And why do so many families in Mt. Holly move out of town when their children complete the sixth grade? (I don't know Ludlow well enough to comment on its family attrition rate). A merger with Mill River will give our Towns a reputation for some of the best schools in the State, all the way from Pre-K through High School. THAT is a selling point I'd like to make to. Add to that a significantly lower tax bill and we have a winning combination to attract new families with children. So I'm voting 'YES' to save and support our Elementary Schools. This vote is not just about high schools.

Ron Unterman, Mt. Holly resident

Letter To The Editor,

The headline in the Vermont Journal “Strength in Numbers” is absolutely true and the single best reason to vote in favor of merging the Mt. Holly and Ludlow School Districts with the Mill River Unified Union School District (MRUUSD). Black River High School has been affected most by declining enrollments leading to fewer educational opportunities. The merger would mean closing Black River and that is a difficult, but necessary decision.

I graduated from Wallingford High School in 1973 and still remember that it was hard for Wallingford citizens to give up their high school, but they realized they could not solve their issue alone. At that time there were over 200 students, today Black River has 151, which is even less. We need to be honest and realistic with ourselves that we cannot keep the high school going much longer and are we denying today's students of the opportunities they deserve. The citizens of Wallingford made the decision and have not looked back except with pride in making the right decision.

It is also important to know that the Ludlow and Mt. Holly elementary schools will be protected by the merger. When the MRUUSD was formed they wrote that no school could be closed without the unanimous vote of the school board and the affirmative vote of the effected town. This condition is now being considered by other towns as they proceed with their Act 46 merger proposals. Mill River was first with this and it is that kind of forward thinking Mt. Holly and Ludlow should want to become associated with.

We should keep in mind that there will be consequences if this vote is not approved. Although no one can be certain what will happen, we need to abide by the law or the State can take action to merge us wherever. The merger will allow Ludlow and Mt. Holly to continue receiving the Small Schools Block Grants and give the taxpayers the remaining tax rate incentives. Ludlow and Mt. Holly will fully share in all the resources of MRUUSD and will expand the educational opportunities that can be offered our students.

I urge every voter to educate themselves of all the issues involved and cast their vote in favor of the merger. Sincerely, David H. Johnson



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NITKA'S NOTES FROM THE STATE HOUSE

By Senator Alice Nitka

I'm as surprised as anyone to find myself in the State House writing notes on the date of the Corporate Cup Race. Last year we finished our session before the race date occurred and I believed we would this year as well. The 5K race, which had both runners and walkers, started in front of the building and consumed the area. The runners' shirts matched the orange, red and purple colors of the tulips in the flower beds on the lawn. If your car was parked in a legitimate spot but where the race went, you couldn't leave for several hours. The additional hours didn't matter as there was still no resolution to the dilemma in the building around teachers' health care, collective bargaining and where the money saved would be placed. Teachers were and are scheduled to have their health care plans changed by January 1, 2018 due to a provision in the Affordable Care Act and taxation of certain plans. All of this was in place before the Governor and the Legislature wound up getting involved. The possible saving could be up to twenty-six million but there are many variables that could reduce the amount. People are working hard to settle differences in approaching this issue.

In these last waning days there has been time to settle differences between the House and the Senate on bills. Many Conference Committee reports are being accepted by both chambers and sent on to the Governor for his signature. The Governor has the option of signing bills, vetoing them or allowing them to become law without his signature after a certain period of time has passed.

Some bills that have gone to the Governor are: H-238 that reorganizes the states' liquor laws and allows the departments to start work merging with the Lottery; S-22 formerly a bill about Fentanyl, (H-170) and now the marijuana legalization bill that would be effective July 1, 2018; S-34 the rural economic development initiative; S-75 relating to aquatic nuisance species control; S-9 re the preparation of poultry products (not a recipe book); S-112 which was called "Alimony Reform" and is now a task force to address spousal support and maintenance; an Ethics Bill, S-8 as well as others.

Visit the State House, have lunch in the cafeteria and take a tour. 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.



Big Eye Bakery Welcomed Into Ludlow Rotary Club

The Ludlow Rotary Club (LRC) initiated its new business membership policy at its recent luncheon meeting at DJ's Restaurant by welcoming the Big Eye Bakery of Ludlow into the club. This new membership procedure permits area businesses to become members of the Ludlow Rotary and Rotary International so that multiple representatives of the business may participate in the club's activities and luncheon meetings. Business members share essentially the same privileges as individual members. Pictured above, from left to right, are Paul Faenza of Big Eye Bakery; Tesha Buss, club President; Carol Cole, the District Assistant Governor; and Glenn Heitsmith, sponsoring Rotary member as they award Paul the membership certificate to the Ludlow Rotary Club and Rotary International. By virtue of his

new membership, Paul and bakery co-owner and wife, Brigid, will share membership privileges in the Rotary. For more information about the business membership procedure, contact Tesha Buss at teshabuss@gmail.com. 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.

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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.lpcvtv.org. Computers with internet access are available at the Town Library.

Select Board May 9, 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.

The Select Board welcomed Tracie Bickford as the new clerk and are looking forward to working with her.

Additions/Deletions to the agenda: Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination (IDDE) and discussion regarding renewable energy siting maps were added to the

agenda.

Minutes: The minutes of the regular meeting of April 11, 2017 and the minutes of the special meeting held on 4/18/17 were sent out before the meeting for review. Upon motion made and seconded it was voted to approve both minutes. (3-0)

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

Highways: Jeff Teter reported that the town did not receive the grant submitted to pave a mile long portion of Rt. 155

Tractor Purchase: As discussed in the April 11th meeting, Jeff Teter researched and was able to find an acceptable and appropriate used tractor saving the town approximately \$35,000. As was planned a new truck was also purchased.

IDDE: The state is checking communities for illicit discharges and will be visiting stormwater outfall pipes during dry weather as there should be no flow. If there is flow tests will be performed to determine if the discharge is illicit. Mount Holly, because it does not have any municipal systems, will not be responsible if any problems are detected. It will be the homeowners responsibility.

REPORT OF TREASURER: A motion was made and seconded to post pone the treasurer's report as Dave Johnson was involved in another meeting that ran into the regularly scheduled select board meeting.

There will be a special meeting for the purpose of reviewing the monthly income and expense report.

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

is beneficial to participate at this time as the amount of scrapes brought to the transfer station will not warrant the cost to remove them.

Planning Commission: A notice of vacancy for planning commission clerk has been posted. An exciting time for this position as the drafting of a new town plan is occurring. Six renewable energy siting maps have been circulated to each town participating in the RRPC Energy committee. These are drafts and more discussion and review will take place. Copies have been forwarded to the Mount Holly Planning Commission for their review and comment.

Other:

a.) A request for installation of a power line to go under the road opposite the Belmont Fire station was made, and discussion occurred. It was decided that contractor Russ Garrow should bore under the road if possible and install the power line to meet Town Specs. Russ will be responsible for obtaining a copy of town specifications.

b.) A 2% increase with Delta Dental will occur for FY 18. At this time there are no new options that our full time employees are eligible for.

c.) Tracie Bickford is researching a grant opportunity that offers assistance to install security cameras in the Town office, Town garage, both fire stations and the rescue building.

d.) A discussion between the select board members and contractor Aaron Tinsmen concerning the Summit Rd. extension to better access newly purchased property. Property owners would like to upgrade access to their property, which is on a class 4 road. It was determined that Tim and Ron will meet with the homeowner and contractor to do a site visit. Action to be taken by the Select Board during its regular June meeting.

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.

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Transfer station: Jeff Teter reported that a new pad was poured and a new electric pole was placed in preparation for the compactor to be delivered on May 15. A discussion occurred concerning an appropriate shelter for the employees to get out of the weather.

The food scrap program: Although citizens are not required to participate until 2020, the state mandates that a container be made available by July of 2017 for those who wish to participate in this program. Ted proposes to draft a letter stating that we do not feel it

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.

e.) Upon the recommendation of the two current Lister's, a motion was made by Tim, seconded by Ron to appoint Jennifer Mathews, Lister, for the remainder of the term vacated. Vote (3-0)

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by motion made and seconded and approved at 8:12 PM Respectfully submitted, Tracie Bickford

2017

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTIONS

2017

At the MOUNT HOLLY TRANSFER STATION

**Saturday, June 24
8 AM to NOON**

The following items are typical of the household chemicals collected through the Household Hazardous Waste program. These materials may be dropped off at the scheduled event in Mount Holly or delivered to the HHW Depot at the Rutland County Solid Waste District's Gleason Road Transfer Station. The Gleason Road HHW facility is open Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 7:00am to 3:00pm and the first Saturday of the month 7:00am to 3:00 pm.

Kitchen/Bathroom

Aerosol Cans
Bug Sprays
Floor Care Products
Metal Polish
Furniture Polish
Oven Cleaners
Drain Cleaners
Bathroom Cleaners
Tile Cleaners
Disinfectants
Toilet Bowl Cleaners
Nail Polish Remover

Garage Workshop

Waste Oil
Antifreeze
Gasoline
Brake Fluid
Roofing Tar
Auto Body Repair Pro.
Automatic Trans. Fluid
Other Oils/Cleaners
Paint (Lead & Oil Based)
Paint Thinner
Paint Stripper
Varnish
Fluorescent Light Bulbs

Garden/Miscellaneous

Chemical Fertilizer
Fungicides
Herbicides
Rat Poison
Insecticides/Pesticides
Artists' Paints, Mediums
Dry Cleaning Solvents
Fiberglass Epoxy
Gun Cleaning Solvents
Moth Balls
Household Batteries
Photographic Chemicals
Pool Chemicals

Town of Mount Holly Planning Commission Clerk

The Town of Mount Holly seeks to hire a Clerk to assist the Planning Commission to carry out their duties and responsibilities. This is a part time position, up to approximately 20 hours per month, some evening hours required. Pay range is \$10-\$15 per hour, commensurate with experience. Interested parties should contact Bill McGrath, Planning Commission Chair, at [802-259-2724](tel:802-259-2724) or email at twigg16@vermontel.net. A resume may be sent to the email address, or the town office at Town of Mount Holly, PO Box 248, Mount Holly, VT 05758. Equal Opportunity Employer.

Job duties for the position include:

- Assist the Planning Commission to carry out their duties and responsibilities
- Prepare and post agendas for all Planning Commission meetings as required by the Open Meeting Law
- Attend and take minutes at all Planning Commission meetings. Post minutes as required by the Open Meeting Law
- Prepare and publish legal notices in the Town's paper of record and special notices/information in the Chit Chat or other publications as determined by the Planning Commission
- Review all Planning Commission mail/email. Respond to general inquiries that do not require Planning Commission attention and forward all other correspondence to the Planning Commission for their action.
- Maintain a filing system for all correspondence, articles, documents, etc. that pertain to the Planning Commission.
- Perform other duties as requested by the Planning Commission.



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Spotlight on Success: Annual Wallingford Bike Safety Day

95 Helmets Later ~ It's a Wrap Until Next Year!

On Saturday, May 13th, from 10:00 AM - 12:30 PM, The Wallingford Community Bike Safety Day, hosted it's **19th. Annual** event, at the Wallingford Elementary School. This fun, interactive and collaboratively sponsored event always has something for all ages; and this year was no exception. For many over the years, this event has become a tradition...Perhaps a right of passage, even. This year, among all the other valuable offerings, including a Bike Safety assembly offered at the Wallingford Elementary School; 95 new helmets were all fit and adjusted for each child. Hurray Wallingford! For more information, to make a donation, or to get involved in 2018 as a volunteer, contact Rotarian Co-Chair, Adrian Eisler (802.446.7011).

Wrap Up ON Winners (Please excuse any misspellings):

Bicycle Sizes for Girls 12 inch, 20 inch 24 inch and for Boys 20 inch, 26 inch

12 inch girls – Faith Bromley 20 inch girls – Emma Baker 20 inch boys – Eliza Sharron
24 inch girls – Dylan Collins 26 inch boys – Brynn Pohl-Moore

Bonus Raffle!

Donna Wilkins Photography – Angie Sharron * Cabot Cheese – Kevin Vaughn * Hartsboro Pottery – Tabitha Davis * Elfin Lake Season Pass – Josh Munukka * The Village Community Acupuncture Gift Certificate – Kyle Stockard * The Village Community Acupuncture Gift Certificate – Gene Reinhert

Dr. Baasch Dental Care Kit – Laura Daubenspeck * Sal's Pizza - Matthew Philips * Wallingford Country Store Gift Certificate – Carolyn Behrendt * Victorian Inn Gift Certificate – Ricky Davis * Windrush Design Gift Certificate – Andrew Bushee * Circle "F" Horseback Riding Lesson Gift Certificate – John Thompson * Thrive Center of the Green Mountains Gift Certificate – Mary Snow * All Star Day Care ~ \$25 "Cold Hard" Cash! – Gabriel Galle * MRUSSD Week of Bike Camp Gift Certificate – Max Roundy

Therapydia \$100 - 10 YOGA class - Punch Card – Heather Cote * Steve's Market Baker's Dozen - Egg Rolls Gift Certificate – Kaleb Sprague * Elfin Lake Season Pass – Izzy Smith * Hands for Hope Gift Certificate – Chloe Kennedy * Bianca Hair Gift Certificate – Tracey Tinsley * Stonehedge Golf Soccer/ Tinmouth Snack Bar Gift Certificates – Anna Thompson * Flipside Skate Park / Tinmouth Snack Bar Gift Certificates – Olivia Sheldon * Flipside Skate Park / Tinmouth Snack Bar Gift Certificates – Matt Boulger

Lowell Klock Photogrpghy – Carol Griffen * Tinmouth Snack Bar Gift Certificates – Paula Reynolds

And last, but not least ~ A Heartfelt Thank you to our Donors, Volunteers & Supporters:

All Star Day Care * Baasch Dental * Bianca's Hair Salon * Black Rhino Foods * Cabot Creamery * Circle F Stables * Donna Wilkins Photograpy * Eddie Miller * **Eric Williams** * General Electric Volunteers * Hands for Hope * Hartsboro Pottery * Kevin Burke & Family * Klockworks Photography * Laura Daubenspeck * Maple Leaf Center * Maple Leaf Clinic * MRUHS Key Club Volunteers * MRUSSD ~ Summer Enrichment Camp * Paula Reynolds * Roundy Round Up * Rutland Recreation & Parks Department * Sal's Restaurant * Sentinel Pines Orchard * Steve's Country Market * Stonehedge Golf * Tim Parent ~ Holden House * Tinmouth Snack Bar * Therapydia * Thrive Center of the Green Mountains / Donohue's * The Victorian Inn * The Village Community Acupuncture * Town of Wallingford * Tracey Tinsley * Tygart Mountain Sports / Patrick Ross & Staff * Wallingford Country Store * Wallingford Elementary School * Wallingford Locker * Wallingford Rescue Squad * Wallingford Rotary * Wallingford Volunteer Fire Department * Westminster Cracker Company * Wilcox Ice Cream * Williams Family / Micro Farm / E. Toth * Windrush Design * **Submitted In Service, L.M. Donohue**



Call for Nominations to LPCTV Board of Directors

Annual Meeting & Elections Held June 22nd

Do you know someone who might be a good fit for helping non profit, independent, & local media grow and thrive? Perhaps a family member, friend, neighbor, or colleague?

LPCTV is seeking nominations for its annual Board of Directors elections. Anyone who is 18 or over and lives in Mount Holly, Ludlow, Andover, Plymouth, Cavendish, or Reading (the Towns comprising LPCTV's designated service area) is eligible to

serve on the Board. LPCTV is the community television station and media center for the Black River Valley & Okemo region, operating two cable TV channels (Comcast channels 8 & 10 in Ludlow, Plymouth, & Cavendish; Comcast channels 20 & 21 in Mount Holly; and on VTel, system-wide on channels 166 & 167). LPCTV also operates a website (LPCTV.org) with video-on-demand, and offers equipment, training, and use of its facilities to community members and organizations.

Elections will be held during LPCTV's Annual Membership and Organizational Meeting on Thursday, June 22nd at 6 PM. Directors hold volunteer positions on the Board, whose primary responsibility is to govern the organization and help it grow, establishing it as a vital community resource. The Board of Directors also manages finances and oversees the work of the Executive Director.

Any interested candidates or anyone wishing to nominate someone they know should contact Executive Director Patrick Cody, by email at pcody@lpctv.org or by mailing to LPCTV (37C Main St., Ludlow, VT 05149). Nominations must be received by Friday, June 9th. For more information, visit LPCTV online at LPCTV.org or call 228-8808.





LPCTV Board member Jamie Ward (Left) presents award to longtime volunteer producer Ralph Pace

LPCTV Community Service Award Presented to Ralph Pace

A longtime volunteer producer and host of community TV programs Ralph Pace has received LPCTV's new "Community Service Award". The award, which will be given annually, was presented to Ralph Pace during LPCTV's annual Kentucky Derby Gala fundraiser event at Willie Dunn's Grille at the Okemo Valley Golf Club on May 6th. The LPCTV Community Service Award has been established as a means to recognize valuable service that a volunteer or member of LPCTV has provided to the community. The Ludlow-based organization is a local access television station and media center serving the Black River Valley & Okemo region, operating 2 cable TV channels (on Comcast and VTel) & website with video-on-demand, and offering equipment, training, classes, and other media services to community members and organizations. The purpose is to provide a media platform for people in the community to connect with one another, sharing news, information, entertainment, and ideas.

Mr. Pace founded the local news and public affairs show "That Was the Week That Was", which ran on LPCTV for 10 years until its recent end. Through this show, Ralph played a vital role by bringing "hyper-local" news and information to the community on a regular basis; he also gave a voice and a platform to numerous community organizations, artists, and concerned citizens. He produced and hosted more than 300 shows over its 10-year span. As many in the Ludlow area know, Ralph is involved with many other causes, most recently dedicating much of his time to coordinating events, film screenings, and performances in Ludlow Town Hall auditorium, through the non profit organization Friends of Ludlow Auditorium (FOLA). Although Pace ended production of "That Was the Week That Was" with a series finale in March, he has already begun a new monthly series, "FOLA Presents", on behalf of FOLA, along with co-host Jim Alic

The award was presented during the Derby Gala by Jamie Ward, on behalf of the LPCTV Board of Directors. Mr. Ward joked about Pace's inability to stay away from community service. He told the crowd at Willie Dunn's, "my favorite part is that Ralph told us he wanted to quit (That Was the Week That Was) on his own terms before he had to be carried out....and then he started a new show."

Courcelle Scholarship Winners Announced Two Rutland county seniors awarded \$2000 from PEGTV

The Rutland PEGTV Scholarship Committee is pleased to announce that Ariana Cook of Fair Haven, and Harrison Steever of Wallingford are the nineteenth annual recipients of the two thousand dollar (\$2000) Courcelle Scholarships. Ariana is a senior at Fair Haven Union High School and has been attending the Digital Arts Program at Stafford Technical Center. Ariana will be studying at Champlain College in the Fall with a concentration on Game Design. Ariana is the Daughter of Michelle Cook.

Harrison is a senior at Mill River Union High School and a member of the Stafford Technical Center Video/Multimedia Production Program. Harrison has spent the last year working towards his goal of someday becoming a film director and will be attending Castleton University in the fall. Harrison is the Son of Jon Steever and Karen Steever.

The Courcelle Scholarship is awarded annually to a Rutland County high school senior who has exhibited a high level of proficiency and interest in the video arts and intends to pursue study in the communications field at an accredited college, university or



trade school.

The Rutland PEGTV Courcelle Scholarship honors the memory of Joe Courcelle for his pioneering work for local public access television. Joe Courcelle was an active member of the original board of directors, a dedicated independent producer and an integral part of the establishment of Rutland PEGTV. **Media Contact:** Amber Dumas, Marketing/Communications Coordinator, (802) 747-0151; adumas@pegvtv.com

Attached: Photos of each winner

Photo Left: Channel 20 Program Coordinator Bryn Williams (R) stands with Harrison Steever, of Wallingford, one of PEGTV's recipients of the 2017 Courcelle Scholarships.

Photo Right & Above: Channel 20 Program Coordinator Bryn Williams (R) awards Ariana Cook, of Fair Haven, the 2017 Courcelle Scholarship.



Okemo Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce



The Okemo Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce held their Annual Meeting at Sams Steakhouse on Wednesday, May 17th. Luke Stafford of Mondo Mediaworks in Brattleboro was our speaker.

We welcomed 2 new members to the Board. Susan Chadwick, Fletcher Farm School for the Arts & Crafts; and Jennifer McBride, Brook Farm Vineyards.

Returning directors are Terry Bane, Imerys; Emmett Dunbar, Anjali Farm; Kevin Marvelli, The Vermont Country Store; Duane Kish, Okemo Mountain Resort; Margaret Vincent, Vermont T's; Kevin Theissen, Skygate Financial; Tom Gianola, Echo Lake Inn; Gail Beardmore, Engel & Volkers; Justin Hyjek, Homestyle Hostel; Matt Lamb, Slopeside Okemo.

We

thanked the following people for their service on the board over the past 4 years:

William Jenney, President Calvin Coolidge State Historic Site; Secretary, Marilee Spanjian, Inn at Weathersfield; President Julie Lynn Wood, Golden Stage Inn who will now be Past President and Joe Evans, Table 19.

We congratulated Bob & Linda Aldrich from the Inn at Weston for being chosen Members of the Year by your peers for all they do in the community and for their support of the chamber.

We would also like to thank lpctv for taping our annual meeting.



Okemo Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce May Chamber Corner By Marji Graf, CEO

We have a busy summer lined up.

June 9 is a FREE Hands-On workshop to learn how to sell your products online on the Chambers Mall. Everyone is invited to drop in to Newsbank Conference Center in Chester on Friday June 9 from 10-4pm. Bring your computer.

Our next chamber mixer is at Engel & Volkers in Ludlow from 5:30-7:30pm.

We are having a new event this year called Restaurant Week(s). Buy your pass for \$10 at the chamber office and it will allow you to visit the following restaurants and experience a 3 course meal for \$25.00

SU 6/18 Hartness House

M 6/19 Mr. Darcy's

TU 6/20 Coleman Brook Tavern

W 6/21 Homestyle Hostel

TH 6/22 Stone Hearth Inn

SU 6/25 The Chophouse

M 6/26 Fullerton Inn

TU 6/27 Inn at Weston

W 6/28 The Killarney

TH 6/29 Echo Lake Inn

July 8 & 9 is our BUY LOCAL/EAT LOCAL FESTIVAL in the field next to Mr. Darcy's on Route 103 in Ludlow. Free and open to the public. Still looking for vendors.

Call the Chamber office if you would like to be a vendor. Satin & Steel band will be playing on Saturday from 12-3 and Jamie Ward on Sunday from 12-3pm.

August 25 is our Okemo Valley Cruise in at Benson's Chevrolet in Ludlow from 5-8pm. Music, food, early registration sign ups will be available.

August 26 Okemo Valley Antique & Classic Car/Truck Show at Fletcher Farm School for the Arts and Crafts, sponsored by Springfield Buick GMC and Weston VT.

Show is Saturday from 10-3 followed by a parade to Weston. In Weston you will be able to see the cars, shop, eat, and see a play at the Weston Playhouse.

On Sunday, August 27 the show is 10-2 with Awards presentation at 2pm.

Golfers: Save the date: **September 12** is our golf tournament at Okemo Valley Golf Club and all are welcomed to play.

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Letter to the Editor:

It takes a community to raise a child. Ludlow has been that community for generations. When my daughter began thinking about high school, Black River was her first choice even though we live in Springfield. Black River is a school that her grandparents, parents, aunts, uncles, and cousins have attended. She visited for a day, and was warmly welcomed by students, teachers, and administrative staff. She is often very quiet, but on our ride home after that visit, I heard about all of

the wonderful things she saw, heard, and experienced in her one day at Black River, and her choice was made. Over the summer, she played summer soccer and quickly made lasting friendships that would make her first day as a freshman in a new school less scary. The transition that we worried about was seamless. She was accepted immediately.

Black River is a school rich in heritage. Graduates have succeeded academically and have enjoyed great success in athletics as well. I was amazed when I attended my first Invitational Soccer Tournament this fall. The community was there. It wasn't just grandparents, parents, and siblings. It was school board members, town officials, business owners and residents that didn't even have children participating. The stands and sidelines were full. It was a community supporting their local school.

If Black River High School and Middle School closes, and children attend Mill River, that sense of community will be lost. Many children will not be able to participate in sports or after school activities merely because of the distance to their new school. Students may not be able to hold jobs in local businesses. Young families may decide to move closer to Rutland. New families may not consider moving to the Ludlow, Mt Holly area at all, due to a lack of local high school. These are just a few of the adverse effects of closing the school.

The cost of educating youth in Vermont is high statewide. It will be high whether they are in a local high school or in one over 20 miles away. I think you need to also look at the cost to your community if there is no longer a high school and middle school in Ludlow. That cost may not be seen immediately, but the loss of community will resonate loudly for decades to come. Kathy Benson, Springfield

Shambo Chosen for 2017 PEGTV Romeo Award

Every year at PEGTV's annual meeting, they give out what they call a Romeo Award. The award is named after a Labrador puppy that was being trained by then executive director, Michael Valentine to be a seeing-eye dog. When PEGTV decided to start presenting this award it seemed like the perfect name for it. It represents outstanding contributions to public access television.

This year, the award was given to Pamela Shambo, development director at BROCC Community Action for work on her show BROCC Talk which airs on Channel 15. "I was totally taken by surprise to be chosen, but I am immensely honored to receive a Romeo", said Shambo. "As Tommy Leypoldt joked when he was presenting, I have been doing shows so long my first episode was in black and white! That's not quite true, but I have been taping for many years and love having different guests on the show to talk about programs, partnerships, events and anything else they want to talk about. I don't use a script. I like it to be more spontaneous; just having a conversation."

Tom Leypoldt PEGTV's executive director said, "One of my favorite things about working at PEGTV is I feel like my job and the things we do at PEGTV make a big difference in the community. Many times you see immediate gratification; you're walking into the supermarket and someone says they saw information on a program that really helped them out in life. One of those programs is called BROCC Talk."

BROCC Talk can be seen Sunday at 4:30PM, Monday at 8:30PM and Thursday at 9:30AM or at pegvtv.com, video on demand, under talk shows. For more information about BROCC Community Action visit brocc.org or like them on Facebook. Pam Pamela A. Shambo



Letter To The Editor

THE KIDS ARE ALRIGHT!

This letter is for the parents of students that would be impacted by the Section 721 Merger vote.

As you may know, there has been a lot of noise out there about Act 46, Section 721 and the upcoming vote for Ludlow and Mt Holly on May 30 to decide whether or not to close Black River MS/HS and to merge with Mill River Union High School. There has been countless meetings, postings, letters to the editors with all the 'facts' of Act 46, Section 721 and what this merger would mean for our students and for our taxpayers. I won't get into that, as there is already way too much fear and confusion out there. So I just wanted to encourage people to be calm.

There is a small but powerful group out there that are whipping up a lot of scary 'statistics' and 'facts' about what will happen if we don't vote to close Black River. One mailing that went out from the Mt. Holly School Board (NOT the Ludlow School Board, mind you, Ludlow residents got a different 'fact' list) with a lot of **bold** and CAPITALIZED information. I get it. They are scared. They are protecting the future of their school. I appreciate their passion to protect our children. But I worry that in their panic, they are using fear and threats to get people to vote to close Black River. The state will make our decisions for us! Our taxes will go through the roof! We will lose our small schools grant! Our kids will not succeed! All not facts. Possibilities? Maybe (except for that last one- out kids will be phenomenal regardless). But please don't panic. Keep your frontal lobe engaged! Do your own research and vote for what is best for your student. Check out <http://legislature.vermont.gov/committee/document/2018/10/Date/4-4-2017> if you want to learn the facts!

The Superintendent of Mill River has been at many informational meetings. Mr. Younce is a very nice guy who would like to have our students, as Mill River, like every other school in the state, needs to worry about declining enrollments. He talks about an amazing school. Yes, it is bigger, yes, they have more courses, yes they have more sports. Mr. Younce has sponsored field trips to come check out the school, and I heard they put on an impressive presentation. But it is just a school. They have their problems too. And it may not be a good fit for some students.

Black River is an incredible school as well! Individualized learning, flexible graduation paths, strong teams that wrap around all their students, and smaller numbers in classrooms and teams, so anyone interested gets to participate. And Black River will have its presentation as well on May 24th at the School Wide Showcase at 2pm. Go check it out! Award winning students, teachers, sports teams, leadership teams, and presidents have been coming from Black River for years- and will for years to come. And is it a great fit for all students? Of course not. No school is.

I encourage all parents of students that will be affected to use your parent power to make the best decision on May 30 for you and your family. Talk to your kids, think about their learning styles and needs. Do they embrace change and new challenges? Do they struggle with transitions or new people? Will they flourish in a larger school? Do they need more guidance and close teacher relationships? Will transportation times and directions be a major or a minor change for you? Go visit Mill River on a regular school day. You know your child better than anyone else. You and you alone need to vote for what your family needs. Please sift through all the drama, and vote for the best decision for you and your family.

Please keep in mind. No matter what happens, children are resilient and they will adjust. Young people usually do this much better than us old folks, so I have every belief that whatever happens May 30th, the sun will rise on the 31st, and we will start planning for whatever we need to. And even though it may be difficult, we will help our children through whatever happens and they will be okay. PLEASE VOTE MAY 30th! Deb Harrison Cavendish

Letter to the Editor:

After attending private elementary school and being home schooled for their middle school years, my two grandchildren and their parents have been on a year long, state wide search for the best overall high school. They have personally visited 7 high schools – at each they have spoken with administrators, teachers, and reviewed school mission statements, websites and curriculum offerings. The children then each did a day of "shadowing" a student from each of their "top 3" picks. Finally, and without much deliberating, BOTH independently chose Mill River. (Remarkably, getting 2 teens to both agree on a single choice of school was NOT a problem!)

The family is currently relocating so that both youths can attend Mill River in the fall of 2017. After visiting and experiencing time with students and faculty at Mill River, they are very excited about all that Mill River has to offer!

I urge you to vote YES to give all our youth the advantages that Mill River has to offer!" Kathleen Leber, Mt. Holly



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Letter To The Editor,

Closing schools is never easy. As I know some of you have heard me say previously, my grand mother grew up in the tiny hamlet of Centerville up above East Wallingford and then attended Black River Academy where she graduated a year or two before Calvin Coolidge. From the Academy she attended Castleton Normal School before returning to teach in the little one room Centerville school she attended as a student. What were her thoughts when the Centerville School and the Academy closed? What were the feelings of townspeople living in any one of the 14 small one room school districts in Mount Holly when their school closed? I know when the last 3 or 4 of those closed, the Belmont School, Crowley School, Mount Holly School and Tarbellville School prior to building the Mount Holly Central School, there was a lot of concern and discussion in town leading up to the vote. It is never easy. We are all attached to the schools we attended, but at the same time, our world changes and we have to provide, most importantly, the best education possible for our children, but also an economical situation for tax payers. That brings us to today.

Mount Holly and Ludlow have a very important decision to make when the voters in each town vote on May 30. Will we vote to provide more opportunities for our students and lower taxes for the tax payers by voting to dissolve Union 39 and join with the Mill River Unified Union District or not? To look at the two possibilities it is necessary to look at the educational rankings of the schools involved and at the same time look at the tax rates of the two districts.

I am not a great proponent of standardized testing but that is one criterion we need to look at as well as others. When different ranking systems arrive at essentially the same point using different criteria, we need to give them serious consideration. In this case, according to the Vermont Agency of Education ranking for 11th grade math students, Black River High School is the lowest performing high School in Windsor County, well below the State average. By comparison Mill River is well above the State average. Mill River, according the Vermont AOE has a drop out rate of 2.48 percent. At Black River it is 4.35 percent.

Reference has been made at times to the NICHE ranking of schools. This is a ranking system based on US Department of Education data.

Among 60 high schools in Vermont, Mill River ranks 17th. Black River is 47

College SAT scores, Mill River's average is 1170 while Black Rivers is 970.

Advanced Placement Course enrollment is 32 percent at Mill River and 16 at Black River.

STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) Ranking Mill River is 14th out of 56 and Black River is 49th out of 56.

In terms of athletics, Mill River ranks 10th out of 39. Black River is not ranked.

Finally the U.S. News and World Report for 2017 ranks Mill River 10th in Vermont. Math and English proficiency in the two schools are similar to those of the other two ranking systems. Black River is not ranked in this report.

Clearly these are significant differences. Clearly our students attending Mill River High School would have a much wider range of both academic and extracurricular offerings. There is a multi-page document that many of you may have seen which lists the offerings at each school. It is too long for this letter, but the various schools doubtless have copies of it or I can email you a copy: pbsmith@vermontel.net.

In today's world, students need the best education, the best preparation, they can get whether furthering their education in college or going directly into the work force. Mill River can provide that. Unfortunately today, Black River cannot, and with declining enrollment and increasing expense, is unlikely to be able to in the future.

The educational property tax has come in for a lot of discussion recently starting at the state level with attempts ranging from changes in the tax rate for various real estate categories to teacher negotiations and the retirement fund. However those all play out, there is a significant difference in tax rates between towns and school districts. For example in fiscal year 2017 a homestead valued at \$150,000. in Mount Holly would have paid about \$290. less in taxes if Mount Holly was part of the Mill River Unified Union District than part of Union 39. For a homestead valued at \$300,000. the saving would be about \$580. Obviously savings in future years are just estimates, but the projections for fiscal year 2020 are approximately \$590. and \$1,190. respectively for the same homesteads. What the comparable savings would be for Ludlow taxpayers, I have not calculated, but clearly they would be substantial.

What this boils down to is that for significantly less tax payer expense, the students of Mount Holly and Ludlow can have many more educational opportunities which, again, in today's world can only work to their advantage as they face the future.

In spite of the emotional attachment we all have to the schools we attended, I hope the voters of both Mount Holly and Ludlow will vote May 30th with the best interests of our students and tax payers and vote to approve merging with the Mill River Unified Union District. Peter B. Smith

VOTE YES TO JOIN MILL RIVER

Ranked Number 10 in Vermont

- **The BEST EDUCATION
for our Students**
- **Significantly LOWER TAXES
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donors.”

The Rutland County Parent Child Center, one of 15 parent-child centers located throughout Vermont, is a community based, private 501 (c) 3 non-profit organization dedicated to supporting and meeting the needs of children, youth and families. Will Gormly, 802-779-1834 will@mountaincider.com

Vocal Recital to Benefit The Disabled American Veterans Fund

Last year I sent in some information about a Vocal Recital to benefit the Disabled American Veterans Fund and we are having another one this year on Sunday, May 28th at 3:00pm at the Castleton Federated Church (in Castleton). I was wondering if you would want to run another release about it. Attached is a flyer and a couple other photos from the photo shoot we did for the recital! We are trying to generate more interest and beat \$500, which is what we raised last year. Also, this year it's going to be myself Kathleen Thompson, and Ryan Mangan (of Rutland) who are teaming up to put on the recital.

We have the following listed on our Facebook event page:

It's going to be an afternoon of exciting vocal music ranging from the 17th century to the 21st century. Local Soprano Kathleen Thompson and Tenor, Ryan Mangan will perform works by Purcell, Menotti, Bernstein, Faure, Schumann, and many more! With Piano accompaniment by Dr. Charles Madsen

Admission will be a donation of choice! If you would like to donate but can not attend, please email Kathleen at kathleen.a.thompson15@gmail.com Thank you, Kathleen Thompson

See Photo Shoot in the Ad bottom next page.

Rutland County Parent Child Center Announces New Executive Director

The Board of Directors for the Rutland County Parent Child Center (RCPCC) is pleased to announce that Mary Zigman, M.S. Ed., has been named the new Executive Director, effective June 1, 2017. Zigman succeeds Caprice Hover who was recently appointed Executive Director of United Way of Rutland County. Hover had been Executive Director of RCPCC for the past seven years.

“After a national search, and extensively interviewing local and regional candidates, the Board and staff are excited to stand behind Mary in her new role,” said Will Gormly, President of the Board for RCPCC. “Mary will bring leadership and creativity to RCPCC’s programs, along with a deep sense of commitment to the children and families we serve.”

Zigman has worked for several years as a non-profit leader and has a proven track record for growth, business development and donor cultivation. Her more recent work includes the Impact Program, a 2Gen initiative in Sarasota County, Florida, which supports children and their parents through education and community building initiatives designed to break the cycle of poverty.

“I am looking forward to this chapter in my life,” says Zigman. “My whole working career and education has been leading up to this point. The staff and Board are so dedicated to the overall care of the organization. I’m excited to continue moving programs forward, and developing new relationships with other partnering agencies and



**Saturday
June 24th, 2017
Hill Climb**

At Okemo Mountain Resort @ Jackson Gore Inn:

Located on Vermont Route 103 approximately 2 miles west of town.
111 Jackson Gore Road,
Ludlow, VT 05149

Registration:

- Number pick-up and rider registration open at Jackson Gore Inn, Ice House Bldg. Friday, June 23: 5-7 PM
- Event Day: 8 AM - 10 AM

Registration Fee:

- \$50.00 until midnight Friday 6/2
- \$65.00 until midnight Wednesday 6/21 (on-line reg. closes @ midnight)
- \$75.00 @ race-site / day of race
- \$15.00 registration fee for all participants under age of 19

Start time is set at 10:30 AM on Saturday June 24th, 2017



Visit : www.bikereg.com for Details

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Mill River is Best Choice

As a Ludlow resident and parent of two children currently attending Ludlow Elementary School, I began attending Act 46 meetings last summer when I realized the massive impact on our community. I have asked many questions and received informed answers, so I want to share what I have learned along the way.

Growing up in Plymouth, I had school choice for high school. Black River was significantly closer geographically, but the many educational opportunities, exceptional athletic programs and diversity of students from seven different towns made attending Woodstock Union High School the better option for me. I take tremendous pride in my high school, and I didn't find the 30-minute bus ride a hindrance. To this day, some of my closest friends are those from middle and high school.

Reflecting back, I believe that Acts 60 and 68 have negatively impacted our education system in Ludlow because it deprived our small town of educational tax dollars needed to stay current, promote growth and attract full-time families to our area. Although restrictive and harsh, Act 46 has required us to critically examine our current situation and develop ways to improve the education we are providing our children.

Initially, I had hoped building a new school centrally located was achievable because I liked the idea of keeping our current supervisory union together. It saddens me that my children will be deprived of attending high school with close friends in Cavendish. I feel strongly that Ludlow and Mount Holly students should remain together since both towns have collaborated for decades and share sports teams.

I diligently explored many educational options including K-12 school models, privatizing to create a Black River Academy and school choice. Although school choice is appealing, there are many barriers, such as a very high projected tax rate, no straightforward plan for elementary school protection and no transportation options. I have continued to attend meetings and have become convinced that Mill River is very well organized and will help us move our local education in a very positive direction, plus keeping our elementary school intact.

I intend no disrespect to Black River and the administrators and teachers who work hard for our students every day. Black River ranks 56 out of 59 schools on the School Digger scale, which is alarming. Another website called Niche rates college readiness and positions Black River at 49 of 60, while Mill River is rated 16 out of 60. Evaluation needs to be more than test scores, and although our existing small school structure has been positive for some students, others have reported that were poorly prepared upon graduation.

I have visited the Green Mountain, Black River and Mill River campuses. Through comparison, I believe that Mill River is the only logical option at this time. In discussing educational goals and vision, Mill River seemed to be better organized and interested in innovative approaches to learning. They have proficiency-based learning with well-defined implementation plans and projected tax numbers that are well suited for Ludlow and Mount Holly. The Mill River supervisory union shows economic responsibility by housing their supervisory union offices within the high school building. While there is no perfect solution, I believe Mill River is the best option.

I know change is difficult, but I think that the Mill River district has demonstrated motivation, dedication and commitment to progressive education. I appreciate the hard work of our school board and respect the plan they have put forth. Concerning the

sense of community, I encourage people to get involved. Our impressive elementary school thrives on the support of local family members and friends. In an effort to keep this process from driving us apart, please learn all you can, then vote wisely on May 30. Let's choose to come together as a community for our students and their education. *Melissa Perrino is a resident of Ludlow.*
Rutland Herald
April 26, 2017



Ryan Mangan & Kathleen Thompson
A Vocal Recital to benefit the Disabled American Veterans Fund
Sunday, May 28th
3:00 PM
at the Castleton Federated Church
504 Main St. Castleton, VT
Admission upon
Donation of Choice
If you would like to make a donation, but
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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

TRAVEL TIMES & DISTANCES

<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Distance (Miles)</u>	<u>Time (Min)</u>
Mount Holly School	Black River High School	10	15
Mount Holly School	Mill River High School	12	18
Black River High School	Mill River High School	21	28
Black River High School	Springfield Tech Center	17	26
Mount Holly School	Springfield Tech Center	27	40
Mount Holly School	Stafford Tech Center	16	26
Black River High School	Stafford Tech Center	25	36

SUMMARY:

- Mount Holly Students will travel 2 miles/3 minutes longer to Mill River than to Black River.
- Ludlow Students will travel 21 miles/28 minutes longer to Mill River than to Black River.
- Mount Holly Students will travel 9 miles/14 minutes less to Rutland than to Springfield.
- Ludlow students will travel 8 miles/10 minutes longer to Rutland than to Springfield.

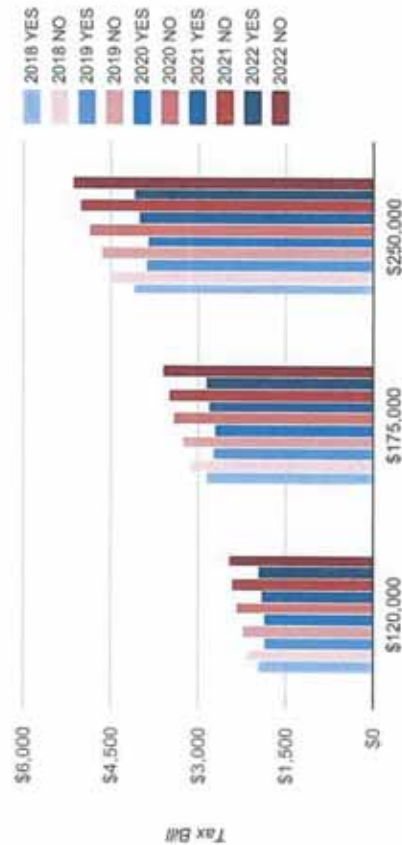
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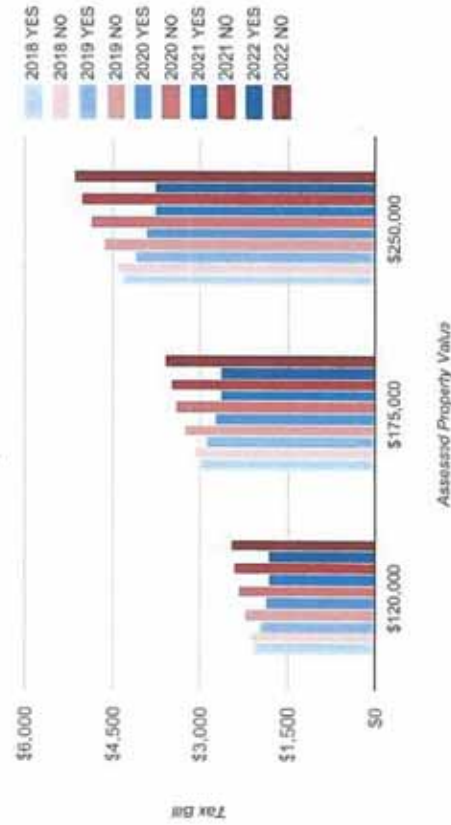
TAX PROJECTIONS for LUDLOW & MT. HOLLY

Mt. Holly		2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
YES VOTE Join Mill River	Tax Rate (\$)	1.6441	1.5619	1.5515	1.6069	1.6432
	Tax Rate (\$)	1.8087	1.8666	1.9475	2.0066	2.0674
NO VOTE Remain U39						
Ludlow		2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
YES VOTE Join Mill River	Tax Rate (\$)	1.7336	1.6469	1.5646	1.5029	1.5029
	Tax Rate (\$)	1.7735	1.8666	1.9475	2.0066	2.0674
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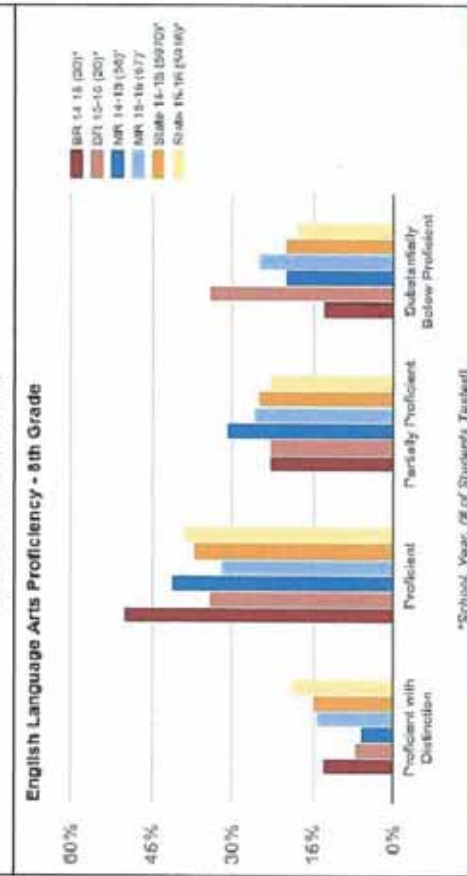
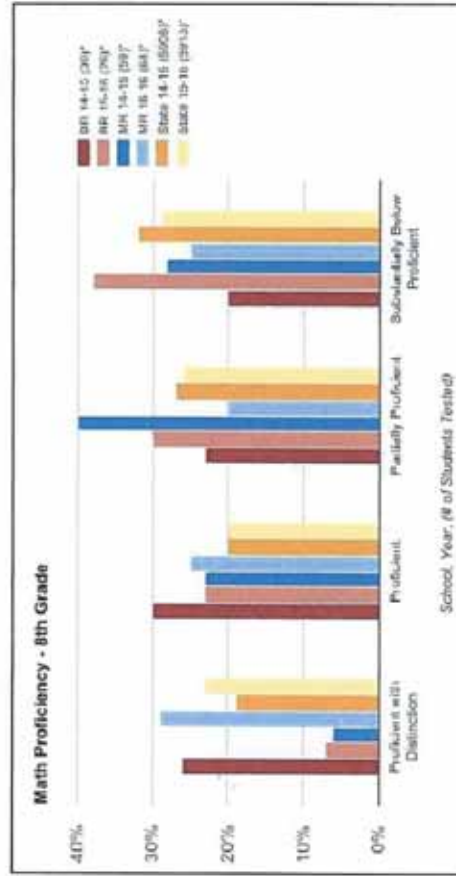
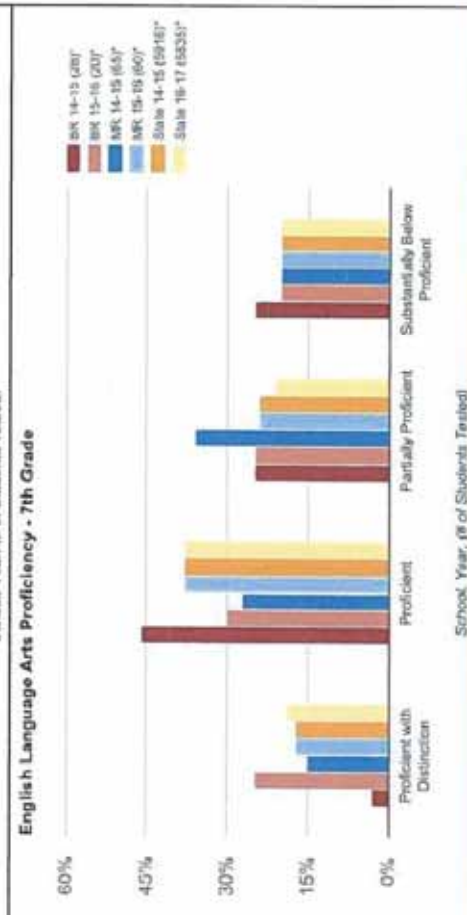
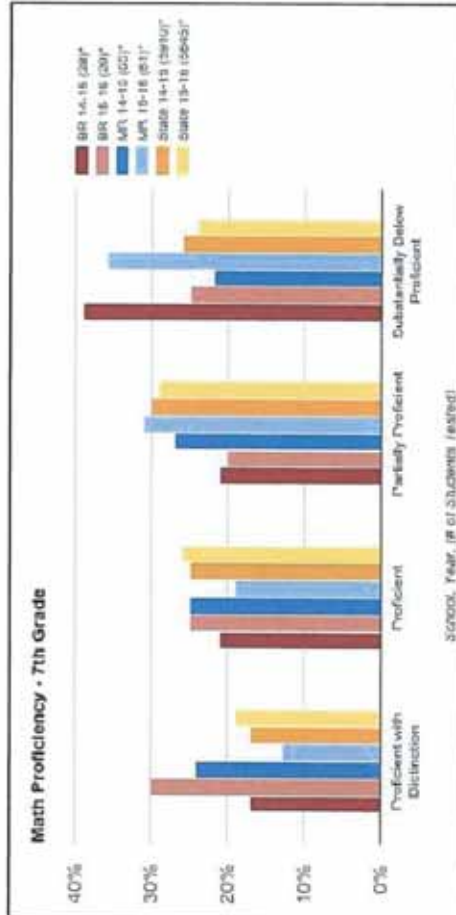
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Sources: TRSU and MRUUSD tax projection documents

MATH & ENGLISH PROFICIENCY: Middle School

Smarter Balanced Assessment (SBAC) Results for 2014-15 & 2015-16
The SBAC has only been administered since 2014-15 and results from 2016-17 are not yet available.



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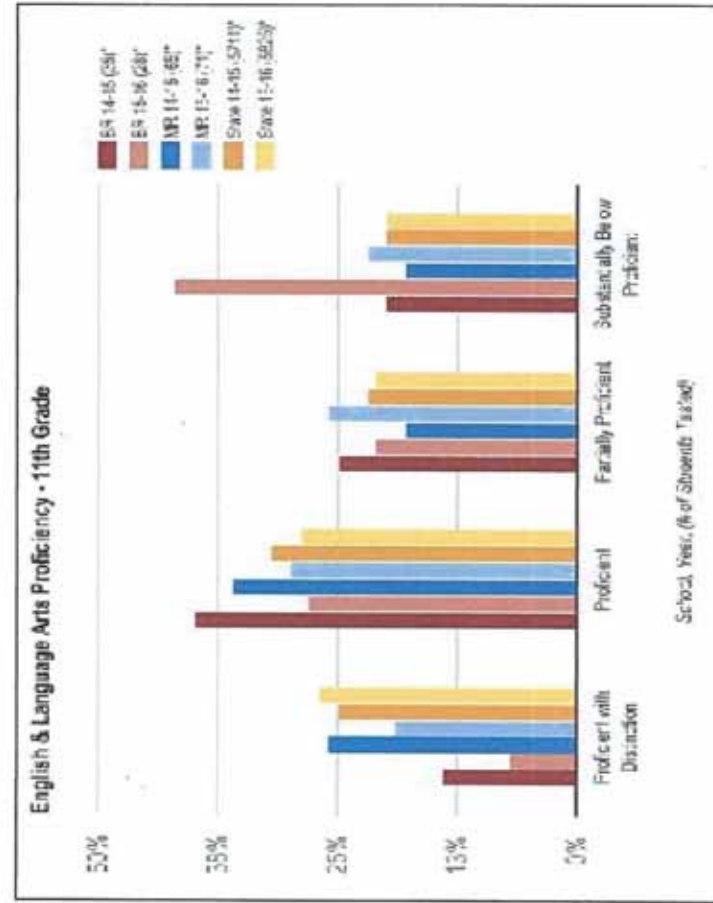
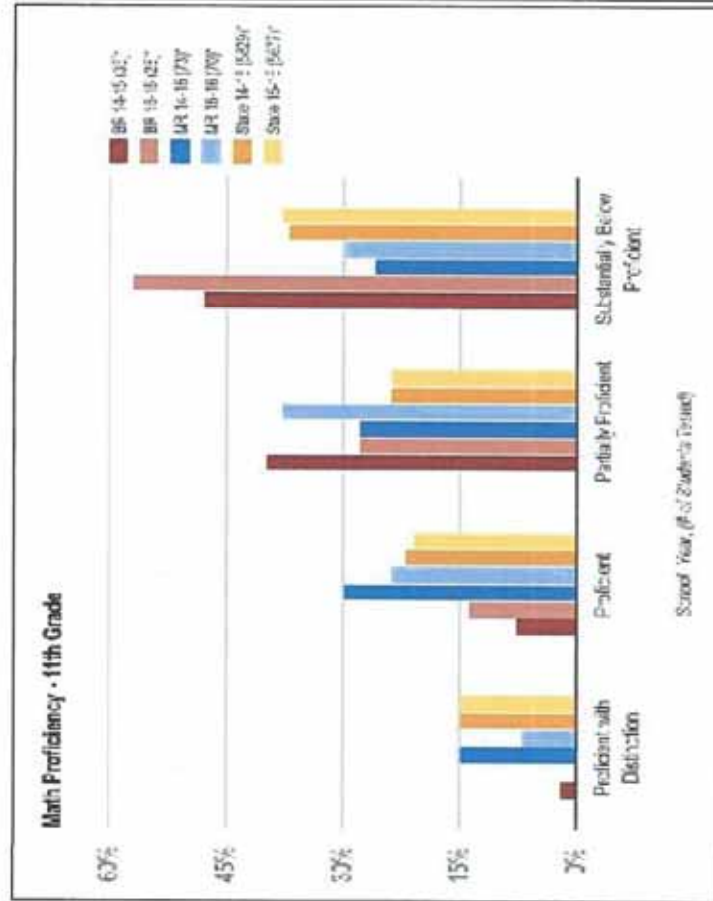
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MATH & ENGLISH PROFICIENCY: High School

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ATHLETIC OPPORTUNITY & PARTICIPATION

SPORTS OFFERED		A NOTE ON NUMBERS <i>Declining student enrollment is impacting both Mill River and Black River sports.</i>	
Black River <i>Fall</i> Cross Country* Boys Soccer Girls Soccer <i>Winter</i> Boys Basketball Girls Basketball Downhill Skiing* Snowboarding* <i>Spring</i> Golf* Baseball Softball * Girls & Boys	Mill River <i>Fall</i> Cheerleading* Cross Country* Football Boys Soccer Girls Soccer <i>Winter</i> Boys Basketball Girls Basketball Ski/Snowboard* Wrestling* <i>Spring</i> Golf* Baseball Softball Track & Field* Unified Basketball*	Mill River 2016-17 No JV boys soccer, JV baseball, JV softball, or golf. Total of 5 students "cut" in 2016-17. Middle school teams are combined 7th & 8th grade. With more players, the AD predicts having separate 7th & 8th grade teams. No "cuts" in middle school. "I feel with the numbers we could potentially get, it would help grow & establish our sports teams & the athletes themselves. Without having JV teams we currently have freshman on Varsity teams when they should be on a JV team gaining the experience that some need before jumping right into the varsity level." - Mill River Athletic Director	Black River 2016-17 No JV boys or girls soccer, JV girls basketball, or JV softball. Middle school (MS) students played Varsity basketball & baseball due to lack of high school players. 2016 coed MS soccer due to low numbers 2017 Anticipated loss of Varsity girls soccer; girls will likely have to play for another school.
	NICHE Best High Schools for Athletes in VT Mill River - ranked 10th in Vermont Black River - not ranked		
TITLES & CHAMPIONSHIPS		Mill River (2014 - present) Girls Soccer MVL Champions (the last 4 yrs) Girls Basketball MVL Champions (the last 3 yrs) 2014 Baseball MVL Champions 2014 Baseball State Champions 2015 Girls Basketball State Champions 2015 Wrestling State Champion 2015 Ind. Boy Golf State Champion 2015 Baseball MVL Champions 2015 Baseball MVL Coach of the Year 2016 Girls Basketball State Runners-up 2016 Cheerleading State Champions	
Black River (2014 - present) 2014 Girls Snowboarding State Champions 2014 Softball State Champions 2014 Softball Coach of the Year 2015 Ind. Girl Snowboarding State Champion 2015 Girls Golf Southern Conf. Champions 2015 Girls Golf State Champions 2015 Baseball Finalist 2017 Ind. Girl Snowboarding State Champion		2016 Girls Basketball MVL Coach of the Year 2016 Girls 4X100M Relay State Champions 2016 Ind. Girl 100 & 200M State Champion 2016 & 2017 Cheerleading CVCC & VCCA Champs 2017 Girls Basketball State Runners-up 2017 Cheerleading State Runners-up 2017 Boys Basketball MVL Champions 2017 Boys Basketball MVL Coach of the Year 2017 Boys Basketball Div 2 Coach of the Year Boy Basketball Player scored over 1000 pts Girls Soccer Player score 50 plus goals	

Sources: Sport offerings from school websites. BR numbers, titles & championships from BR Booster Club, Parks & Rec. BR athletic director. and <https://sites.google.com/site/vermonthighschoolsnowboarding>
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15th Annual Music in the Meadow

Fresh off the most successful Music in the Meadow concert weekend in its 14 year history, the committee is already planning ahead for the 15th annual fundraising concert for the Vermont-New Hampshire Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure. This year's concert will be held on Saturday and Sunday June 24 & 25, 2017 at the Motel in the Meadow, Rte. 11 West, Chester, VT. Event times will be 12:30-7:00 p.m. with the gates opening at noon on Saturday and then 12:00-4:00 p.m. on Sunday. **Mark your calendars now!**

We are hoping to surpass last year's record for donations of **\$9,474.00** which takes the grand total raised in 14 years to nearly \$60,000! All

proceeds collected go to the Komen Race for the Cure to hopefully find a cure for breast cancer. There are no deductions taken out for expenses. All monies raised go to Race for the Cure.

Back for 2017 will be the very popular raffle, silent auction, and as always, entertainment performed by local musicians who donate their time and talent. Also returning will be the horseshoe tournament which is rapidly gaining in popularity. As always, food will be available for purchase both days.

New for 2017 will be a Family Oriented Day on Sunday with music, games and special events for the whole family to enjoy. More information to come as we get closer to Spring.

We are always looking for volunteers and musical talent to join us in our efforts to put these concerts on. Should you like to become a volunteer, or you have a musical act that may be interested in performing, please contact Brian Waldo with information at musicinmeadow2017@gmail.com.

Hope to see you there!

Guild Bazaar

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. The raffle items are a full sized quilt made by Florence Flike, borders by June Santorufu, quilted by Claire Poulin, a basket made by Judy Nevin, a watercolor painting by Cindy Hinchliff, and a massage by Robin Nelson of Body and Soul.

Education Tax Comparisons

FY 2018 Tax Rate

Property Value=	\$100,000	\$200,000	\$300,000
Black River 1.8087	\$1808.	\$3617.	\$5426.
Mill River 1.6441	\$1644.	\$3288.	\$4932.
SAVINGS	\$165.	\$329.	\$494.

FY 2020

Estimate Tax Rate

Property Value=	\$100,000	\$200,000	\$300,000
Black River 1.9475	\$1947.	\$3,895.	\$5,843.
Mill River 1.5515	\$1551.	\$3,103.	\$4,655.
SAVINGS	\$594.	\$792.	\$1,188.

WESTON ANNOUNCES 2017 SUMMER SEASON

Broadway Hits, Vermont Premieres, and the opening of a new Second Stage

Vermont's award-winning **Weston Playhouse Theatre Company** announces a blockbuster line-up for its 81st summer season, continuing its tradition of "celebrating the classics and nurturing the new." Highlights include a 4-play MainStage season of Tony Award winners, 3 prestigious Vermont Premieres, and the long-awaited opening of its new second stage.

"We have pulled out all the stops to continue to celebrate our eight decades of professional theatre," notes Producing Artistic Director Steve Stettler. "Weston favorites will join newcomers of national standing as we bring to life some of the greatest plays and musicals both old and new." The season will be capped by the opening of Weston's new second stage, an intimate and flexible space that will enable the company to expand its future seasons and offer year-round programs.

Opening the company's Main Stage season at the Weston Playhouse is the Vermont Premiere of the 2012 Tony Award-winning musical, **ONCE**. Featuring a multi-talented ensemble of actor/singer/musicians, **ONCE** is set in Dublin and chronicles the chance meeting of an Irish street musician and a young Czech woman. Based on the Oscar-winning film of the same name and including the Academy Award-winning song "Falling Softly," **ONCE** is a soaring modern musical tale about finding love in unexpected places, pursuing your dreams, and the power of music to connect us all. Performances run June 27 to July 15.

Next on the Main Stage is Neil Simon's Pulitzer Prize-winning play **LOST IN YONKERS**. After the death of his wife, ne'er-do-well Eddie deposits his two young sons on his mother's doorstep to contend with their stern Grandma, flighty aunt Bella and her secret romance, and their uncle Louie, a small-time hooligan. Set in 1942, **LOST IN YONKERS** is a heartfelt coming-of-age story by one of America's greatest comic playwrights. Performances run July 20 to July 29.

Then, for three packed weeks, the Playhouse will echo with "Seventy-Six Trombones" as Meredith Willson's Tony Award-winning **THE MUSIC MAN** returns to the Weston MainStage. The beloved musical follows fast-talking traveling salesman Harold Hill as he cons the townspeople of River City, Iowa into paying for a boys' band that he has no idea or intention how to organize. But when he falls for Marian, the librarian, his plans to skip town with the cash are foiled and a town is transformed. With a score of favorites such as "Till There Was You" and "Lida Rose," this Grammy-winning classic continues to delight audiences of all ages. Performances run August 3 to 19.

Closing out the MainStage Season is Weston's third annual American Masters production: Eugene O'Neill's masterwork, **LONG DAY'S JOURNEY INTO NIGHT**. Following an ordinary summer's day with extraordinary consequences, this Pulitzer Prize-winning drama draws heavily from O'Neill's personal life, so much so that it was only produced after his death. Recently revived on Broadway, the story of the Tyrone family and their battle to uncover—and bury—a lifetime of secrets continues to prove itself as one of the most profound and powerful plays ever brought to the stage.

Performances run August 24 to September 3, followed by a week of special school matinees.

Opening the company's popular OtherStages series at the Weston Rod and Gun Club, Weston's talented Young Company of musical theatre undergrads performs **REALLY ROSIE**, based on Maurice Sendak's timeless children's books with a score by Carole King (Broadway's **BEAUTIFUL**). In this up-beat and imaginative musical, Rosie, the self-proclaimed sassiest kid on the block, entertains her friends by producing an imaginary movie based on the exciting, dramatic, funny (and slightly exaggerated) story of her life. A one-hour show performed at family-friendly times and prices, **REALLY ROSIE** plays from June 22 to July 9.

Next on Weston's OtherStages is the Vermont Premiere of **TENDERLY**. Beloved actress/singer Rosemary Clooney delighted America for nearly five decades. Her story comes to life in **TENDERLY**, an inspiring new musical that begins with her simple Maysville, Kentucky childhood and follows her rise to Hollywood stardom, her struggles with depression and addiction, and her triumphant resurgence. Featuring signature songs such as "Come On-A My House," "Botcha-Me," and "Mambo Italiano," **TENDERLY** shows us the star we knew, and the woman we didn't. Performances run July 13 to August 5.

The OtherStages season closes with the Vermont Premiere of **BUYER AND CELLAR** which the *New York Times* dubbed "the most talked-about new comedy of the season." The Off Broadway hit is the fictional account of struggling L.A. actor Alex More, who takes a day job as the lone sales clerk for Barbra Streisand. Working in the superstar's personal mall in the basement of her Malibu mansion, Alex gains insight into the cost of fame, the price of things, and the oddest of odd jobs. A one-man tour de force, **BUYER AND CELLAR** is quickly becoming a favorite of regional theaters nationwide. Performances run August 10 to September 3.

Throughout the summer, audiences can enjoy pre-show dinner in the theatre's popular restaurant, the **West Town Eatery**, under the continued management of Rogan and Abby Lechthaler of the acclaimed Downtown Grocery in nearby Ludlow. And they can round off the evening with Weston's legendary **Cabaret**, dubbed "best spot for a nightcap" by *Yankee* magazine. The zany hour-long music and comedy revue is performed in the theatre's licensed lounge nightly through late August.

The season will conclude with the opening of the company's new second stage on the Walker Farm property in Weston, a project ten years in the making. "We're planning a series of events in late September and October to celebrate this exciting achievement," promises Stettler. "Watch our web site for details of a ribbon-cutting, tours of the facility, and a special inaugural performance."

Gift certificates for the Weston 2017 season can be purchased online 24/7 at westonplayhouse.org. Subscription sales will be available online starting spring 2017, and subscription and single ticket sales will be available by calling the Weston box office at 802-824-5288 beginning May 1st.

The Weston Playhouse Theatre Company is a non-profit organization supported in part by funds from the Vermont Arts Council, the National Endowment for the Arts and an ever growing family of individuals who believe in the impact that the performing arts can have on its community.



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June Blood Pressure/Foot Care Clinics

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Thursday, 06/01/2017,	Rutland, Bardwell House,	12:30am
Wednesday, 06/07/2017,	Wallingford, Wallingford House,	10:30am
Thursday, 06/15/2017,	Rutland, Maple Village,	10am
Wednesday, 06/28/2017,	Rutland, Godnick Adult 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.

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Thank You for your help. Diana Garrow

