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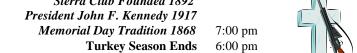
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Burn Permits: Call Fire Warden ~ Jim Seward 786-3408 or 259-2211

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	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Fire Dept. Business Meeting, Belmont Fire Station	National Day of Prayer	7:00 pm
Sat	$4^{th}$	Turkey Supper, Benefit MHVF Ladies Auxiliary,		5:00 pm
		Wal	leye Season Begins ~ National Teacher Day	•
Sun	$5^{th}$		Cinco de Mayo ~ Loyalty Day	
	$6^{th}$		National Nurses Day	
	$7^{th}$	Mt. Holly Community Association Meeting, Librar	ry Robert Browning 1812	7:00 pm
		MH Snow Flyers, Meeting		6:30 pm
	$8^{th}$	LMHUUS Meeting, MH School	World Red Cross Day	6:00 pm
		Fire Dept. Ladies Auxiliary Meeting, Belmont Fire		7:00 pm
		ODD Fellows Meeting, IOOF Hall, Belmont	President Harry S. Truman 1884	7:00 pm
	$9^{th}$		Transcontinental Railroad Completed 1869	7:00 pm
Sat	$11^{th}$	Fishing Derby, Rod & Gun Club, Ludlow	•	9:00 am
Sun	$12^{th}$	-	Mother's Day ~ Florence Nightingale 1820	
	$13^{th}$	Rescue Squad Meeting, Rescue Squad Building		7:00 pm
		Kindergarten Registration, MHS	3:15	- 4:15 pm
	$14^{th}$	Mt. Holly PTSA Meeting, MH School	Lewis & Clark Expedition 1804	4:30 pm
		Community Guild Meeting, IOOF Hall, Belmont	_	9:00 am
		Selectmen's Meeting, Town Office		6:00 pm
		Mason Meeting, Mt. Moriah Lodge, E. Wallingfor	d	8:00 pm
	$15^{th}$	Mt. Holly Town Library Meeting, Library, Belmon	t Peace Officers Memorial Day	6:30 pm
		Preschool Registration (By Appointment 259-2392	2)	
	$16^{th}$	Fire Dept. work night, Fire Stations		7:00 pm
	$17^{th}$		New York Stock Exchange Est. 1792	
Sat	$18^{th}$	Armed F	orces Day ~ Mount St. Helens Erupted 1980	
	$19^{th}$		National EMS Week 19th-25th	
	$20^{th}$	Mount Holly Planning Commission, Town Office		7:00 pm
	$21^{st}$	America	n Red Cross Founded by Clara Barton 1881	
	$22^{nd}$	ODD Fellows Meeting, IOOF Hall, Belmont	National Maritime Day 1933	7:00 pm
			United Spinal Asso. Founded 1946	
	$23^{rd}$	Fire Dept. Drill, Fire Station		7:00 pm
Sat	$25^{th}$	Roast Ham Supper, Benefit Colfax Lodge, IOOF	Hall	5:00 pm
			1 <sup>st</sup> Helicopter Inventor Igor Sikorsky b 1889	
Sun	$26^{th}$		Voting Rights Bill of 1965	
	$27^{th}$	Rescue Squad Meeting, Rescue Squad Building	Memorial Day Observed	7:00 pm
			Wild Bill Hickok b. 1837	
	$28^{th}$	Community Guild Meeting, IOOF Hall, Belmont	Jim Thorpe Olympic Gold Medalist 1888	9:00 am
	_		Sierra Club Founded 1892	
	29 <sup>th</sup>		President John F. Kennedy 1917	
	$30^{th}$	Fire Dept. work night, Fire Stations	Memorial Day Tradition 1868	7:00 pm
		MHS Spring Concert, MHS Gym	Turkey Season Ends	6:00 pm



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Mount Holly Fire Dept.	259-2700 or	911	Poison Control	(802) 658-3456
Mount Holly Fire Warden ~ Jim Seward	d 786-3408	259-2211	American Red Cross	802-773-9159
Mount Holly Rescue Squad	775-3133 or	911	Game Warden – Tim Carey	802-773-9101
Mount Holly Constable Paul Faenza		C 802-353-8347	Health Officer - Tim Bickford	779-6429
Animal Control For Mt. Holly		C 802-353-8347	Vermont State Police	773-9101













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May Birthdays: 2<sup>nd</sup> –Dawn Howlett \* 3<sup>rd</sup> -Karl Parsells III \* Lois Miller 5<sup>th</sup> -Debby Bernagozzi \* Olivia Turco 10<sup>th</sup> -Amy Taylor 11th -Carol Venter 12th -Michele Chadburn \* Seneca Landry 16th -Heather Garrow \* Chad Getchell 17th -Hilary SwezeyHurst 19<sup>th</sup> –Allison Bussino (2013) 20<sup>th</sup> –Patrick Chadburn 23<sup>rd</sup> -Raymond Dana (95<sup>th</sup>) 24<sup>th</sup> -Greg Herbst \* Christopher Jacobs \* Jordan Devereux 25th - Marji Graf 26th - Karen Blodgett \* Brigid Sullivan \* Austin Turco \* Amy Turco 30th - Jeffery Columb II \* Linda Guerrera 31st -Tom Veysey \* Beth Hart

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

If you would like to add or remove yours or a family members birthday and or anniversary from the list please send the information to me at the above address or e-mail me at chitchat@vermontel.net or call me at 802-259-2314.

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	&	2:45 pm – 4:45 pm			
	Sat	7:30 am - 10:30 am			
Lobby Hours	Mon – Fri	7:30 am – 4:45 pm			
East Wallingfor	·d	802-259-2829			
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	Sat	7:00 am - 10:00 am			
Lobby Hours	Mon – Fri	7:00 am – 4:45 pm			
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	&	11:30 am -2:30 pm			
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May 2, 1607 - Captain John Smith landed at Jamestown

May 10, 1775 – Ethan Allen & Green Mountain Boys captured the British-held fortress at Fort Ticonderoga, New York

May 20, 1927 – First Solo Trans-Atlantic Flight by Charles Lindbergh

May 20, 1932 – First Solo Trans-Atlantic Flight by a Woman Amelia Earheart

## April 2019, Trestleboard Mt. Moriah Lodge #96 Next meeting Tuesday 05/14th 8PM

This month is our installation of officers for the ensuing year. Ed Wilson will be our installation Master, Bob Blaisdell will be the Marshal and Leney Barclay the Chaplin.

The Sap Bucket Degree was canceled this year for those of you who hadn't heard.

Once again it's time for our annual dues. The Secretary and Treasurer are asking you to please send them in as soon as possible. You can make them out to Mt Moriah Lodge #96 and send them to 4280 Sugar Hill Rd. East Wallingford, Vt. 05742. If you have questions on the amount due, you can reach the secretary at 802-259-9400, or by e-mail at: <a href="mailto:sseward@vermontel.net">sseward@vermontel.net</a>. I have enclosed your dues notice if you receive your Trestleboard by mail. For those of you who receive it by email, the amount of your dues will be on the bottom of your Trestleboard. Some of you who have been a Mason for 50 years or more are exempt from dues.

We are still short of money for the two scholarships we pass out each year because Grand Lodge has stopped giving money to that program. If you would like to donate a sum of money to that program, or the Conservation Camp program, make your check out to the lodge and send it to the same address as above.

YOUR DUES ARE \$40.00 (Please disregard if you have already paid your dues.)

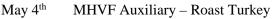
Fraternally, Dave Seward, WM, Buster Seward, Sec'y

## **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 25<sup>th</sup> Colfax Lodge – Baked Ham

June 22<sup>nd</sup> MHVFD - Roast Beef

July 4<sup>th</sup> Odd Fellows - Chicken BBQ 11:30 am Town Parade also that day Step off at 11:00 am

July 20<sup>th</sup> Mt. Moriah Masons - Baked Ham

Aug 10<sup>th</sup> Colfax Lodge - Roast Pork

Aug 31<sup>st</sup> Historical Museum - Baked Ham

Sept. 21st MHV Rescue Squad - Roast Ham

Oct 12th MHCA - Roast Beef

Oct 26<sup>th</sup> Gill Home, IOOF – Baked Ham

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



The PTSA will be hosting a Clean Up Day of the playground and the nature trail at Mount Holly School on May 5th (10:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.) Please bring your favorite tools for spreading wood chips, picking up debris and clearing trails. We'd love to see you there—many hands make light work!

### **Packer Cemetery Work Day**

My name is Nancy Cook Eddy and I am a member of the Packer Cemetery Association. We will be having a work day on May 18, 2019 and in case of rain May 19, 2019. This work day will be overseen by Tom Griffin from the Vermont Old Cemetery Association. We hope to straighten and repair stones that have fallen into disrepair. Our hope is that members of the community who have an interest in old cemeteries or the Packer

cemetery in particular will join us for this informative work day. Sincerely, Nancy Eddy

#### **Got Bees?**

Warmer weather can cause honeybee colonies to divide, swarm and go looking for a new home. If you see a mass of honeybees hanging in the open from your house, tree or shrub limbs, or anyplace else this may be a honeybee swarm. They are not aggressive and should not be disturbed or harmed. Call as soon as you see them and I will come by to collect them from your property, no charge. Call Jim Corven at Fenn Farmstead & Gardens at 802 259-2311.

#### Friends of Fletcher Memorial Library

"Friends of Fletcher Memorial Library" is looking for an in-kind donation or cost not to exceed \$200 for a tent for our Annul Book Sale. We need to have a space 20 X 20 covered as we use @ 20 tables. Tent needs to go up Thursday evening August 15th and the sale will be cleaned up by Saturday, August 17th @ 5. Please call the library if you have ideas or are able to assist. Thanks so much! 228-8291 ask to speak with Jill or Pat.

## \*\*\* Hall Rental in Belmont \*\*\*

The use of the Hall in Belmont is scheduled by contacting Carol at 259-2791, or at <a href="mailto:tcg2791@yahoo.com">tcg2791@yahoo.com</a>. You may also leave a message with Dennis at 259-2460, or at <a href="mailto:ddevereux@vermontel.net">ddevereux@vermontel.net</a>.



Join Bone Builders

Monday & Thursday Mornings

9:00 am

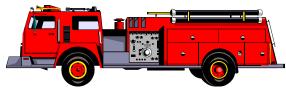
At Mt. Holly Community Center

For Weights and more information

Call Judy Nevin 259-2443

**Mount Holly School Notes** 

# Mt. Holly Volunteer Fire Department Auction



## Saturday, July 20<sup>th</sup>, 10am Belmont Station

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

#### **Mount Holly Community Association**

The Odd Fellows Hall rocked and rolled as a large crowd shook off the mud season blues at the annual **Spring Mud Fling**. *Jeb & Friends*, our very talented local ensemble, opened the show to great enthusiasm. When they turned the stage over to *Axis*, the audience was raring to go and go they did until well after midnight! Many thanks to all those who came to enjoy the music and support the Community Association. And, of course, to all the wonderful musicians for putting on an awesome show. How lucky we are to have such talented people in our community! Lest we forget the coordinator of all of this fun...no way to thank Mary Alberty for putting this all together. We really appreciate it, Mary!

Planning for the **Summer Calendar** for the Mount Holly community is underway and Mary Alberty has asked that all organizations in town email her *no later than May 15<sup>th</sup>* with the dates scheduled for their events for July and August. You can reach her at Mary.Alberty@vermont.gov or 259-2900. **If you do** 

not get the information to her by May 15<sup>th</sup>, it will not make it into the summer calendar, so please do it ASAP! The Summer Calendar will again be included in the membership brochure this year. Thanks for your prompt response!

Our annual **membership drive** will begin with the initial mailing in June of the new membership brochures for the 2019- 2020 MHCA season. Please remember that all of the wonderful events sponsored by the MHCA throughout the year would not be possible without the participation of our community through annual membership. In addition, this is a primary source of revenue for the Association and enables it to provide for the on-going maintenance of our beautiful Library & Community Center building. Once again memberships exceeded the previous year and we are hoping to do that again this year...thank you so much for your support!

**In advance:** our beloved **Music on the Green** series will begin this year on Thursday, July 11<sup>th</sup> (the first Thursday is July 4<sup>th</sup>) and will continue every Thursday throughout July and August. A calendar with all of the musicians scheduled for this summer will be out later in the spring. Please join your neighbors and friends to share balmy evenings and wonderful music on the Green in Belmont.

Spring is here and our thoughts turn to the 13<sup>th</sup> annual **Mount Holly Garden Tour** sponsored by the MHCA to be held on Saturday, July 13<sup>th</sup> from 9:30 am – 4:00 pm. At this time, Linda Miller, the coordinator for the tour, is looking for gardeners "with dirt under their nails" to volunteer their gardens for the tour. Well-groomed and pristine, or wild and rambling, all gardens are sought and variety is welcomed. If you are interested in being one of the exhibitors, please contact Linda Miller at LindamillerDD@aol.com or at 259-3060.

The community event of the summer, **Mount Holly Day**, is going to be held this year on Sunday, July 21<sup>st</sup> from noon to 3:00 pm on the beach at Star Lake. Last year saw a record number of people join together to celebrate this wonderful community. Nearly 30 children were among the participants in the children's games and we hope that many more young people will join us this year. As you know, the barbecue (hamburgers, hot dogs, roast corn) is provided by the MHCA to thank everyone in Mount Holly for supporting all the terrific events that we sponsor throughout the year. The rest of the feast (sides, salads, desserts, etc.) is compliments of...all of you!! Be sure to put Mount Holly Day on your calendar and join us for a wonderful day of food, fun, and

the camaraderie of neighbors and friends! Last but not least: indeed, this has been a very long winter, but we are finally looking forward to beginning the well project, which was postponed from last summer because of permitting delays. However, the permits are in place and we hope to begin work soon. Advance warning: there will be some disruption along Maple Hill Rd., as the trench for the pipe will run through the library parking lot to the Maple Hill Rd. side of the building. While that is being done, access to the library will only be through the front door. We hope to keep this disruption to a minimum, but this is an extremely important project for the Library & Community Center building, so we're going to grin and bear it!! Thanks for your understanding and patience, when the time comes!

## Mount Holly Community Association Membership Drive 2019 ~ 2020

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.)

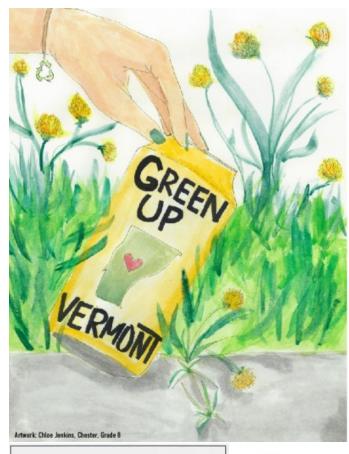
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## Mount Holly Reading Discussion Group

The Mount Holly Reading Discussion Group will meet on Wednesday May 8th at 6:00 pm at the home of Jane Hill. We are reading **Tender is the Night** by F. Scott Fitzgerald.

Please call Donna if you need a copy of the book or for more information at 259-2730. Hope to see your there!

## Green Up Day-Saturday, MAY 4th Vermont's Annual Rite of Spring

Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup> is Green Up Day. Put on your boots, get together with your family, invite some friends and clean up Mount Holly. <u>Come to the Mount Holly Library between 9:00 am and 1 pm</u> to pick up your road assignment and trash bags. After registering at the Library you have Saturday and Sunday to complete trash removal. Leave the bags by the side of the road and the town road crew will pick them up Monday morning. Any child between 3 and 13 who helps collect trash can sign up to win a basket of "summer fun". Free dozen eggs from Plew Farm for any participating family and a serving of lasagna compliments of the Belmont General Store. Please help continue this 48-year tradition. Keep our town GREEN & CLEAN and add to the 50,000 bags of trash cleaned up annually in Vermont.



Would you like to open your garden for the Mount Holly Community Association Garden Tour on Saturday, July 13, 2019?

Show off your garden to friends and neighbors and visitors from afar.

All gardens are welcome...

Humble or grand, groomed or rambling.

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

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







### We're on Our Way to Another Super Season And We're in Need of Some Volunteers Like You!! Volunteer Open House & Orientation Day Saturday, May 11 at 10 a.m.

Remember when you used to see those posters that said "Uncle Sam Needs You!" Well some of you may....depending on when your birthday is. Uncle Sam, read that as the USA, wanted to sign up every Tom, Dick and Jane to serve in the military, but the days of the draft are gone. This year we will be busier than ever and WE NEED YOU! We're looking for some dedicated individuals to Volunteer and help us out at Reinbow Riding Center in Shrewsbury this summer.

What could be better than working with kids and horses? Don't know anything about horses, but always wanted to, no problem, we'll teach you the secrets and more. Like to work with kids, but not quite sure of horses, that's ok too, we have jobs for everyone. Not sure if you can commit for the whole summer, come talk to us, we're flexible. We will work with your schedule.

Volunteer Open House and Orientation is Saturday, May 11 at 10 a.m. at Beaver Meadow Farm, 2579 Eastham Road, Shrewsbury. After a short orientation with coffee and goodies, we jump right in with demonstrations and hands on training in side walking at 11-12 p.m. This is the first level of training. A short break at noon and then more hands on training from 1-2 p.m. that will include horse leading. In order to learn horse leading you must learn side walking first. Come join us for the open house & orientation and see if you would like to be part of

ON OUR WAY!

our therapeutic horsemanship program this season. You can help us bring joy to kids and adults and have fun doing it.

You can check us out on the web at reinbowridingcenter.org; email us at programs@reinbowridingcenter.org; or call 802-236-2483. Volunteer applications and handbooks can be found on



By Appointment

(802) 259-2392

For children who will be 3 years old on or before August 31, 2019

Please bring the following:

- 1. A birth certificate
- 2. All immunization records

Children: Please come explore the classroom.

Parents: Please plan to spend time completing

the registration forms.



our website. We'll also have them available at the open house.



## Highway Safety is Top Priority For All Concerned

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

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

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

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

### **Highway Precautions FOR RIDERS:**



1. Always ride on the

right side of the highway, preferably on the shoulder and be alert.

- 2. Always ride in single file when riding in a group.
- 3. To communicate to motorists that danger exists and they should approach with caution, wave the extended left hand with the palm face down.

#### FOR MOTOR VEHICLE OPERATORS:

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

Bicycles and joggers present a different kind of danger; they are quiet and just appear. Horses do not have vision directly to their rear; as such they have a major blind spot. A horse is a prey animal and their reflexive reaction is "Fight or Flight" when

startled. Cyclist and joggers should speak in a normal tone of voice and ask the rider if it is safe to pass. This serves two purposes; it lets the horse know there is a human behind it and allows the rider time to prepare for what the horse may do.

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

Mount Holly Elementary School

## KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Monday, May 13th, 2019 3:15—4:15 p.m. By Appointment

(802) 259-2392



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## MOUNT HOLLY AWARDED GRANT FOR LAKE NINEVAH MILFOIL MONITORING

The Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) has once again awarded the Town of Mount Holly an Aquatic Nuisance Control grant for the successful milfoil-control program at Lake Ninevah. The 2019 DEC grant of \$7,800 will partially cover the costs of the ongoing program, which has been conducted by the Ninevah Foundation since 2001 and has kept Lake Ninevah free of the invasive Eurasian watermilfoil plant.

The Foundation employs greeters at the Lake Ninevah fishing access who check incoming boats to ensure that no invasive plants are clinging to propellers or anchors. The Ninevah Foundation also

schedules and funds trained divers to survey the lake periodically throughout the summer, looking for the invasive milfoil.

This year, grant funds will also support efforts by the Ninevah Foundation around public education of the findings from the first ever Lake Ninevah aquatic inventory completed in 2018. This inventory was conducted by Arrowwood Environmental through the Ninevah Foundation as part of a recommendation by the DEC's Lakes and Ponds Division and supported by last year's grant funding.

"As always, we are very grateful to have this financial contribution from DEC to support the ongoing efforts of our monitoring and education program for aquatic invasive species control at Lake Ninevah. Not only do these funds help to keep the lake milfoil-free, they also support further learning and exploration of the aquatic plant communities that call Lake Ninevah their home." Says Kelly Beerman, Conservation Director for both the Ninevah Foundation and Farm & Wilderness Camps. "We also very much appreciate the partnership we have with the Mount Holly Selectboard and Town office in their assistance in submitting this grant each year."

To see a video about the milfoil control program at Lake Ninevah, go to <a href="http://lpctv.org/ninevah-foundation-milfoil-eradication">http://lpctv.org/ninevah-foundation-milfoil-eradication</a>.

The Ninevah Foundation and the Farm and Wilderness Foundation officially joined forces this past year to conserve Lake Ninevah and the surrounding land. Much of the 4,800 acres of conserved land is open to the public for at least part of the year for hiking, skiing, and snowshoeing.

For more information, please Visit the Ninevah Foundation website at <a href="www.ninevahfoundatuon.org">www.ninevahfoundatuon.org</a> or you can contact Kelly Beerman at <a href="Kelly@farmandwilderness.org">Kelly@farmandwilderness.org</a> or by calling 802-422-2068.



#### **Event: Vermont Lakes Presentation: Aquatic Invasives & Citizen Science**

**Date:** Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup> **Time:** 1:30PM-2:30PM

**Location:** Tamarack Farmhouse at Farm and Wilderness Camps – 401 Farm and Wilderness Road Plymouth, VT 05056 **Hosts:** Farm & Wilderness Camps and Ninevah Foundation **Details:** Free and open to the public **Event Description:** 

Do you love fishing, swimming, boating, and exploration of the beautiful lakes right here in Vermont? Always wondering about the aquatic plants you see when you're out exploring on the water? Then come join us at Farm and Wilderness as we welcome special guest, Kimberly Jensen an Environmental Scientist with the Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation Lakes and Ponds Program, to talk more about plant communities in our Vermont lakes.

Kimberly will present the status of Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) in Vermont and how local citizens can be involved to reduce

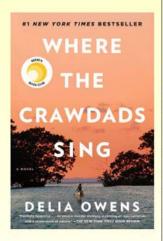


their threat. The audience will visually "dive in" to the benefits of aquatic plants, and we'll discuss the philosophy of healthy waters and citizen science programs that are available for Woodward Reservoir and all waterbodies in Vermont.

The program will be held at the Tamarack Farmhouse of Farm and Wilderness located off of rt. 100 in Plymouth along the Woodward Reservoir. Use the entrance by the large Farm & Wilderness sign located next to the Woodward Reservoir public boat access. There will be signage to guide you to the farmhouse once you have turned onto Farm & Wilderness Road.

This is a family friendly event and light refreshments will be served. Looking forward to seeing you!

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## Where the Crawdads Sing By Delia Owens

## Thurs., May 23rd @ 7PM

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I hope they come in and
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If on the morrow

On the field I must die

Grant me forgiveness, oh

Lord,

And give me your peace.

And give me your peace. Let those who care remember.

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## Mount Holly Community Association Summer Calendar

Deadline for submitting dates for July & August May 15, 2019

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October 2018 proclamation he stated that: "Re-imaging Columbus Day is an opportunity to celebrate indigenous heritage and resiliency and to recognize and honor the historic, cultural, and contemporary significance of Indigenous Peoples of the lands that also became known as the Americas".

Vermont is not alone in making this change. Since 1992, over 60 cities and towns nationwide have taken this step. Several other states (Oregon, North Carolina and Iowa) have also had annual Governor's Proclamations issued, and bills to this effect are under consideration right now in the legislatures of New Mexico, Montana, and Maine. Alaska, which does observe Indigenous Peoples' Day on that day, never did observe Columbus Day, similar to Hawaii, which observes Discoverers' Day (referring to the original Polynesian voyagers) on the same day, although it is not an official state holiday. South Dakota recognizes Native Americans' Day.

### Senator Alison Clarkson's Legislative Update

One of the aspects of serving in the Vermont Legislature I treasure is the range of work we do. Every day we focus on different issues. In Senate Government Operations, we have been dealing with a wide range of issues, from Burn Pits and their health effects on our National Guard to proposed Constitutional Amendments to elections and an experiment in Municipal Self-Governance. One issue which has surfaced for a number of years from several Vermont Towns (Brattleboro, Hartford and Marlboro) and our Abenaki Vermonters has been to make the change from a recognition of Columbus Day to Indigenous People's Day. For the last 3 years 2 different Vermont Governors have proclaimed the second Monday in October Indigenous People's Day. In Governor Scott's

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While our Legislature has explored this change for a number of years, this year seemed different. As we work to dismantle implicit bias and systemic racism in Vermont, we felt this year in particular, we needed to align our holidays with our values. I believe that we feel that in making this change we are completing history NOT erasing history. We listened to compelling testimony encouraging us to view this holiday differently – that it needs to be for the living – recognizing the dignity of all our indigenous people living here.

The anniversary of Columbus's landing in the Bahamas on Oct. 12, 1492 was first observed as an unofficial patriotic holiday, similar to the Fourth of July. The first official Columbus Day per se was declared in Colorado in 1907. Several other states followed suit. After intense lobbying by the Knights of Columbus, a Roman Catholic fraternal organization, Franklin Delano Roosevelt and Congress made it a Federal holiday in 1937. In an effort to standardize the observance it was moved to a Monday to create a 3 day weekend in 1971.

Rich Holschuh, a Commissioner on Vermont's Commission on Native American Affairs says it well: "I do not support the idea of



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2450 Lincoln Hill 802-492-2151 www.smithmaplecrest farm.com removing from our histories those events or persons that we, with hindsight, now find less palatable or honorable. We need to know these things. This is the value of "learning the lessons of history." By exploring a more complete narrative, with the inclusion of all the voices involved, we can listen, understand, and resolve to do better. We now know that Columbus was not the idealistic, magnanimous, inspirational figure we were told years ago. He is not the one to be set on a pedestal and honored for his great, and often fictional, accomplishments. The heroic myth was created in service to a set of divisive ideologies of separation and entitlement, which left those outside its walls denied, dispossessed, and/or dead. Not to be ignored is the fact that a version of these attitudes has played out all over the planet, with the indigenous people of each place at the receiving end of exploitation, disenfranchisement, and dismissal, often paying the ultimate price. This is the more complete story that we should learn, and understand. And then work to honor and celebrate the resilience of the human spirit, its creativity, persistence, and adaptability. There is much to be done - and undone - in order to provide for the future generations and the world they will inherit."

As President Obama said in his last proclamation of Columbus Day: "As we reflect on the adventurers throughout history who charted new courses and sought new heights, let us remember the communities who suffered, and let us pay tribute to our heritage and embrace the multiculturalism that defines the American experience."

I appreciate hearing from you. I can be reached by email: <a href="mailto:aclarkson@leg.state.vt.us">aclarkson@leg.state.vt.us</a> or by phone at the Statehouse (Tues-Fri) 828-2228 or at home (Sat-Mon) 457-4627. To get more information on the Vermont Legislature, and the bills which have been proposed and passed, visit the legislative website: <a href="legislature.vermont.gov">legislature.vermont.gov</a>

#### NITKA'S NOTES FROM THE STATE HOUSE

By: Senator Alice Nitka

There is much sadness in the State House at the loss of Representative Bob Forguites who died unexpectedly last week. Bob was very well respected in the building by his colleagues from all political parties. He was a dedicated, conscientious member and always a gentleman. He cared deeply about the people of Springfield and the town. He was humble and proud to be representing them. I too, will certainly miss him.

Can the VT Department of Forests Parks and Recreation find 400 seasonal workers for the summer? This is the number needed to fill staff positions at the fifty-five developed State Parks around the state. Half of the parks have water sites and Burton Island is the most popular park of all but with limited septic, the number of sites is also limited. Last year the parks had 1.9 million visitors. This was an increase from 95,000 visitors in 2017. Recreational use of the parks is growing and as this happens more maintenance is needed as are infrastructure improvements. As it turns out the Parks Special Fund contributes 52% of the Department's overall budget or \$13.7 million. This money comes from day use fees, overnight camping, boat rentals, firewood sales, food and retail. The budget anticipates raising these rates by small amounts such as \$1.00 more for tent camping to bring in \$200,000 additional dollars. Lean-tos and cabins per night by \$3.00 for \$140,000 and some other small increases. The day use fee will remain the same. A day use per person fee is proposed for Lowell Lake in Londonderry of \$2.00-4.00 and for Waterbury Reservoir Camping, \$5.00 per person. Presently there are no fees at these locations. An ongoing cost for all the parks and lands are the 600 miles of roads that require maintenance.



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Timber sales on Forests and Parks land brings in around \$400,000. Loggers are pre-approved and then bid on projects. A little more than 1000 acres of trees are harvested per year. About one in every four trees in our forests are maples. Threats to our forests and town trees are the Emerald Ash Borer and the Asian Longhorn Beetle.

Sugar makers are also using our state forests and currently there are under ten contracts with a total of 15,000 taps. The taps are undervalued and rent for .75 cents per tap with a contract generally for ten years. The state has additional requirements they impose so feel the lower rent price is appropriate. In these plots there are reserved timber quality trees that are marked to not be tapped. No one wants holes in these quality trees.

Seven ski areas in VT have leases on state land with the department. The leases generate about \$3 million per year that goes into the Parks Special Fund. Although the leases vary some, generally 5% of gross ticket sales adjusted by the portion of lifts on state land and 2 ½ % of retail sales on goods is paid to the state. There is much more to this department including administering the Current Use Program, the Payment in Lieu of Taxes Program, managing thousands of acres of land and working with private landowners. The total budget for the Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation is \$26,070,000.

Consider visiting your State House and listen to testimony in the committees. Contact me at home at 802-228-8432 or the State House at 1-800-322-5616 or <a href="mailto:anitka@leg.state.vt.us">anitka@leg.state.vt.us</a> I am able to read all of your e-mails and appreciate you sending them, however the volume received makes it impossible to respond to all of them.

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#### **Mount Holly Town News**

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

#### MOUNT HOLLY SELECT BOARD MEETING APRIL 9. **2019 MINUTES**

In Attendance: Mark Turco, Ron Tarbell, Jennifer Matthews, David Johnson, Susan Covalla, Clinton Woolley, Carol Garrow-Woolley, Don Richardson, Lester Lampert, Paul Barton, Mary Surething, Jon McCann, Joe Fitzgerald, Jaime M. Fitzgerald, Annette Lynch, Candace Neary, Ron Unterman, Jo Bania, Russ Garrow, Peter Perrino, Craig Hutt Vater, Sara C. McMillan

Regular Select Board meetings are held on the second Tuesday of the month at 6:00 pm in the Town Office. Items to be included on the Agenda are due by Noon the Thursday before the meeting.

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- 1. The Meeting was called to order by Mark Turco (chair) at 6:00 p.m.
- 2. All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.
- 3. Agenda changes, additions, removals:

Joe Fitzgerald asked about Town support for the formation of a Neighborhood Watch Program in response to three "hot spots" of criminal

and/or drug activity identified by the State Police here in town. During a discussion, it was clear the proposal had general support with many suggestions about a community meeting, other public information dissemination, recruiting volunteers, and working with the town constable, Ludlow & State Police. Joe Fitzgerald volunteered to lead the effort and others present, including Jo Bania and Don Richardson, volunteered to help. A notice will go in the Chit Chat to form a committee which will look into options to best address increasing drug & criminal activity in town. The Select Board thanked Mr. Fitzgerald for his efforts.

### Minutes of Select Board meeting March 12, 2019

David Johnson made the correction that the Treasurer is authorized to put on the orders and pay only certain items: payroll taxes and withholding payments, regular wages, postage, property tax refunds and school advances per schedule reviewed annually; not, as implied, any orders to

be paid on his - the Treasurer's - whim.

## **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

Jennifer Matthews added two names to the attendees at the meeting: Candace Neary and Manuela Weiter.

Jennifer Matthews corrected some misinformation concerning the Town Attorney. The law firm is Caroll, Boe & Pell with offices in Middlebury only, no office in Rutland. Also, the Town does not have a contract with the firm only an agreement that can be terminated in writing at any time.

Jennifer Matthews noted that the motion she introduced, and which

was passed unanimously, that the Select Board use gender neutral language in all aspects of local governing and use of the term Select Board member rather than Selectman, had not been included in the minutes.

Ron Tarbell made a motion, seconded by Jennifer Matthews, that the minutes be approved with the noted changes. Motion passed unanimously.

- Reports
- a. Highways: Clinton Woolley reported: i) the sweeper is to be

dropped

off: ii) the

## ATTENTION ALL DOG OWNERS

If you own a dog and have not yet registered with the Town of Mount Holly you must do so as soon as possible - IT IS THE STATE LAW

You will need a current Rabies Certificate.

Neutered \$13.00 Unneutered \$19.00

(If you just got the dog or is a puppy that just received it's Rabies shot let me know)

shoulder work on Tarbellville Road will be done in one to two weeks, but still working on the price; iii) the Transportation Advisory Council meeting worked on the road and bridge standards draft and discussed available grants; iv) repairs are needed for a leak in the one-ton truck's booster pump at a cost of about \$1400.00.

#### **Treasurer - David Johnson**

HRA FY19 Funding – no funding needed for FY19

Community Bank - looking for new municipal customers, but no information yet

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TO ATTEND

TOWN CLERK AND TREASURER'S CLASSES

- iii. Financials update: past due property tax payments continue to come in; stronger language for unpaid property taxes included in April notices; \$2000 Current Use withdrawal penalty received, not in budget; interest received now double what included in budget; solid waste sticker sales continue to be strong; waste disposal costs continue to be within budget; vehicle equipment repair costs are under budget but close; winter road materials came in at lower costs than last year.
- c. Migratory Birds Permit: Ron Unterman spoke about the permit that allows up to four Canada Geese to be shot out-of-season in order to control their population and droppings on the beach at Star Lake, and he wanted to answer questions raised at the March Select Board meeting. Mr. Unterman noted that this is a Town program on which he and his wife, Dottie Finnerty, do most of the volunteer work. Many methods have been tried dogs, air horn, signs, natural sprays over the past eight years, to no avail. There was discussion about killing the geese vs. other methods of control. By Federal law, the birds, once killed, must be burned or buried. Paul Barton was encouraged to bring his fox head signs to the beach to assist in control efforts.

#### 6. Old Business

### a. Appointments

#### **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.

## **SWAP SHED NEEDED**

### @ Transfer Station

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1. Select Board Clerk: Jennifer Matthews stated that she had attended the Select Board training given by Vermont League of Cities and Towns (VLCT). She noted that "select board clerk" is a position that is filled by a member of the Select Board (a Select Board may also have a separate "administrative assistant" position staffed by a member of the public). How this Board deals with that position could be defined by the Board's "Rules of Procedure" which Ms. Matthews offered to draw up using VLCT's model. She also noted the Board needed to adopt a "Conflict of Interest Policy" by July first. Mark Turco said that the latter policy exits, as the former chair of the Select Board, Ted Crawford, had put a lot of effort

in to creating said policy. Ms. Matthews said she would look for the document.

- Lister: Mary Surething read her letter of interest for the vacant position on the Board of Listers. Jennifer Matthews made a motion, seconded by Ron Tarbell, to appoint Ms. Surething to the Board of Listers. Motion passed unanimously.
   3, 4 Jon McCann and Don Richardson each read letters of interest for the position of Town Representative to the Rutland Regional Planning Commission, and in Mr. Richardson's case, to the Transportation Advisory Council as well. The Select Board decided to consider the appointments in Executive Session.
- **b.** Tax Sale Attorney: Peter Perrino spoke to the amount charged by the Middlebury attorneys to make the trip to Mount Holly for a tax sale and the cost of the hourly rate vs. 15%. Mr. Perrino said he would look for a local attorney to do the sales, start-to-finish, for 15%. The Select Board concurred.
- c. Other dealt with above: Rules of Procedure/Conflict of Interest
- 7. New Business
  - **a. Town Office Exterior Maintenance:** Sue Covalla, Town Clerk, spoke to the need for painting and some trim board repair. Funds are in the budget. It was decided to put a notice in the Chit Chat for quotes.
- b. Local Emergency Operations Plan (LEOP): Russ Garrow, the town's Emergency Management Coordinator, said the annual plan update was complete. It was asked if residents could have access to the plan, especially the list of contacts and emergency centers. There were many suggestions as to how to disseminate the information: Newsflash, town website (if operational), bulletin boards, Annual Town Report. A motion to accept LEOP was made by Ron Tarbell, seconded by Jennifer Matthews, passed unanimously.
- c. Swap Shed @ Transfer Station: Jennifer Matthews spoke of many residents' desire to see the return of the Swap Shed. She spoke with Kevin Stillwell at the transfer station who expressed support for the shed's return. The Treasurer indicated that there may be some surplus funds in the budget that could be applied to the purchase of a shed. There was discussion about proper management, insistence on usable goods only and not as a way to dispose of junk, which would cost the town (and tax-payers) money. Don Richardson offered to draw up floor and construction plans and to try to obtain building materials. It was suggested to advertise in the Chit Chat and on the Newsflash

#### 8. Announcements:

- Transfer Station hours are now Saturdays 8 to 12 and Wednesdays 4 to 7.
- Dog registration is on-going. You are required, by law, to register your dog.
- Route 103 surfacing meeting was held in Ludlow. The 20 miles from Chester to Clarendon are to be paved, starting in mid-April and finishing by July first. Joe Fitzgerald noted that a flagger was needed at the flashing light on Rte. 103 to reduce delay for students and school staff in the morning.
- 9. Orders Signed

## The Town Office Needs a Paint Job!

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Any questions, please call the town office @ 259-2391. Thanks!

Meeting adjourned at 7:42 pm. Respectfully Submitted By Jennifer Matthews

## A CAPELLA GROUP SINGS OUT IN PROCTORSVILLE

If you like the idea of a musical cup of coffee, you'll find it on Sunday April 28 when the popular a capella group House Blend performs at the Raise the Roof concert series in Proctorsville. House Blend is an assemblage of twelve performers who are self-described singing addicts with a musical repertoire that includes American gospel, Eastern European village songs, Renaissance madrigals, Bach and quirky contemporary pieces--all of it spiced with humor, energy and passion for singing. The crisp acoustics of the 1890 Gethsemane Episcopal Church, combined with their powerful voices, will create an eclectic, infectious, harmonious brew of music that will raise the roof and fill your cup to the brim. The concert begins at 4 p.m. at the church on 89 Depot St. in Proctorsville (next to Crows Cafe). Admission is \$10 at the door. For further information call 802-226-7497.

## FOLA Film Screenings for May – Being There and The Assassination of Jesse James

FOLA's annual Film Series highlighting the movies of Peter Sellers will finish up with a screening of "Being There" on Saturday May 11 at 7pm in the Heald Auditorium at Ludlow Town Hall. Later in the month FOLA will feature a Western, "The Assassination of Jesse James by the Coward Robert Ford", starring Brad Pitt and Casey Affleck, which starts at 7pm on Saturday May 25 at the Ludlow Town Hall.

In one of his last movies, "Being There (1979), Sellers plays

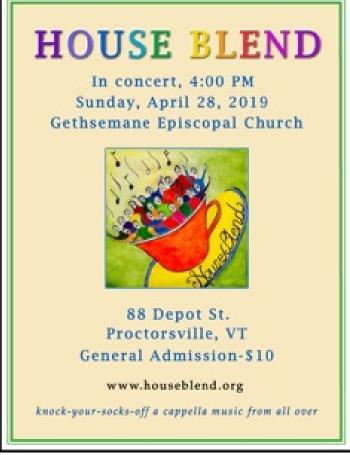
Chance, a gardener, who is forced into the world when his employer dies in this satire of television and politics. It is rated PG and runs two hours and ten minutes. This movie is sponsored by Marylou Scofield, Attorney at Law and Ludlow Rotary.

The names ricochet through Western lore. Jesse James (Brad Pitt) was the most notorious outlaw of his time, wanted by the law in ten states yet celebrated as a Robin Hood in newspapers and dime novels. Teenaged Robert Ford (Casey Affleck) idolized Jesse, sought his friendship, rode with him. It wasn't enough. The up-and-comer wanted his shot at fame. And when he got it, he took it. Pitt gives a volcanic, charismatic performance as Jesse in this saga of celebrity and obsession adapted from Ron Hansen's historical novel by director Andrew Dominik (Chopper). "They're all lies," Jesse says of the stories surrounding him. A deeper, more human truth awaits in this ambitious and stirring epic film. "The Assassination of Jesse James by the Coward Robert Ford" runs two hours and forty minutes and it is rated R.

Please join us this May for these very different looks at the American Experience. "Being There" will screen on May 11. "The Assassination of Jesse James by the Coward Robert Ford" will screen on May 25. All movies start at 7pm.

These movies are open to everyone and is free (donations are appreciated). Berkshire Bank will provide the popcorn with FOLA supplying water. "Being There" has been specifically sponsored by Ludlow Rotary and Marylou Scofield, Attorney at Law. For information, call 802-228-7239 or visit FOLA's web site at www.fola.us.

10. Executive Session: Motion made by Jennifer Matthews, seconded by Ron Tarbell, to enter Executive Session to discuss appointments and road crew personnel, with Clinton Woolley invited. Entered at 7:10 pm. Exited at 7:40. A motion was made by Ron Tarbell and seconded by Jennifer Matthews to appoint Jon McCann as the Representative to the Rutland Regional Planning Commission, with Jennifer Matthews as Alternate, and to appoint Don Richardson as the Alternate to the Transportation Advisory Council (TAC). Clinton Woolley will continue to serve as our TAC Representative as part of his employment as Interim Road Foreman. Motions passed unanimously.





## Springfield Hospital CEO Speaks to Ludlow Rotary Club

Jim Halstad, the interim CEO of Springfield Hospital, addressed the latest meeting of the Ludlow Rotary club (LRC) about the current condition of the Hospital and medical center. Referring to numerous media articles about its financial status, he noted that the financial problems of the hospital were a national problem for many small, regional hospitals. Halstad emphasized that Springfield Hospital had financial problems but it was the intention of the facility to make all necessary changes to ensure that it had a sustainable financial future. He cited the recent decision to eliminate the birthing clinic as an example of how the hospital is addressing the problem. He stressed that the hospital would still provide quality emergency services to pregnant

women.

Halstad indicated that the emergency ward was being transferred to a new unit as another step in reducing costs. Staff reductions and modest pay decreases were also part of the solution. When asked about the future of the hospitals outlying medical and dental facilities, he said that they all represented very solvent and successful operations. He noted that the Chester dental unit was adding "a second chair" to satisfy the demands for its services.

Pictured above, from left to right, are Jim Halstad and Jim Rumrill, LRC Rotarian.

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 fun and fellowship of others, please contact any Rotarian or drop a note to Ludlow Rotary, PO Box 216, Ludlow Vermont. Ralph Pace

## Wallingford Town Hall Concert Series Wednesday, May 1st, 2019

The Sky Blue Boys, a duo comprised of Willy and Dan Lidner, will perform at Wallingford Town Hall at 75 School Street in Wallingford on Wednesday, May 1st at 7:00 p.m. The duo has built up a large repertoire of wonderful old ballads, parlor songs, heart songs and sacred numbers. The Sky Blue Boys have expanded the accompaniment to include a variety of acoustic instruments

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and added many newer songs including several of their own compositions.

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decades and perform all over the Northeast, including many engagements at Topnotch in Stowe. They formed the celebrated Vermont bluegrass band *Banjo Dan and the Mid-nite Plowboys* in 1972 and have toured and recorded extensively in that context, as well as sitting in on shows and recording sessions for many of the region's top acoustic musicians. Suggested donations of \$10 to \$15 per person at the door. A nonprofit group will host a bake sale. For more information, call the Town Administrator at (802)446-2872. Thank you for your continued support of local live music.



### **Okemo Valley TV is Under Renovation**

Community TV station announces temporary new hours



Okemo Valley TV, the community access television station and media education center, has begun a new phase of its multi-part renovations within its facility in the Town of Ludlow's



Community Center complex. Thanks to financial support through grants, private donations, and internal budgeting for the project, the organization was able to move forward with this long-planned phase. It includes the build-out of a digital literacy classroom, training, and control rooms.

"We are thrilled to be able to expand on our services", says Executive Director Patrick Cody. "Soon we'll be able to offer dedicated spaces for a wider spectrum of activities – to enhance what we already have and have been doing for a long time. These improvements are a definite upgrade and we can't wait to show it off."

The construction is being managed by Wright Construction of Mount Holly and is expected to last until approximately April 19<sup>th</sup>. As such, Okemo Valley TV's regular office hours have been modified, and its in house offerings will be somewhat limited during this time. For the time being, the facility will be open Mondays – Thursdays from 4 – 9PM and Fridays 4 – 8PM. It will also be open Saturday, April 6 from 10AM – 4PM and otherwise by appointment. "All you have to do is call; most likely, you'll need to leave a message, but we'll be checking them and getting back to people quickly", said Cody. He added that the staff at Okemo Valley TV is being as flexible as possible and stands by ready and willing to help those who are interested in borrowing equipment, getting support, submitting videos or information for the calendar, or having any other needs addressed. The station's number is 228-8808.

For more information on Okemo Valley TV's building project, visit its website at www.okemovalley.tv.

Contact: Patrick Cody, Executive Director (802) 228-8808; pcody@okemovalley.tv

#### Weston Playhouse & Okemo Valley TV Award

Last year, staff from Weston Playhouse Theater Company and Okemo Valley TV teamed up to produce a short video tour of the Playhouse's brand new Walker Farm facility, The video featured an interview with Steve Stettler, the longtime Artistic Producing Director, who has since retired. The video received recognition from the Northeastern region of the Alliance for Community Media, the trade association for community TV stations and media organizations, at its annual "Nor'easter Awards" in November. It earned 2nd place in the "PSA / Short Program" category.

Just last week, Okemo Valley TV went back to Walker Farm to record a follow-up to that video. Francis DeVine, who is on both the Okemo Valley TV and Weston Playhouse Board of Directors, interviewed new Executive Artistic Director Susanna Gellert. The 10-minute video covers a short variety of topics: how the Walker Farm facility is being used, Susanna's background and vision, and a preview of the plays she is bringing to the Playhouse during the upcoming season.

Both videos of Walker Farm can be viewed on Okemo Valley TV's community access channel during the coming weeks at various times, as well as its website (<a href="www.okemovalley.tv/videos">www.okemovalley.tv/videos</a>). and You Tube channel. "Yes,



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we're in the business of making TV, and helping others to make TV, but above all, we're at our best through partnerships like this", said Patrick Cody, Okemo Valley TV's Executive Director. "We're in this small rural community, but there's still so many people and organizations doing important work, and those stories should be told."

(photo: Francis DeVine and Susanna Gellert hold the Okemo Valley TV & Weston Playhouse's "Nor'easter" Award)



## LUDLOW ROTARY CLUB 63rd Annual Penny Sale

Saturday, April 27, 2019 \*\* 6:00 p.m. \*\* **BRHS Gymnasium** 



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## **Peter Sellers Film Series Continues with The Return of** the Pink Panther on April 27

annual Film highlighting the movies of Peter Sellers continues with a screening of "The Return of the Pink Panther" on Saturday April 27 at 7pm in the Heald Auditorium at Ludlow Town Hall. Sellers reprises his role as the famously inept Inspector Clouseau, who is called in once again to catch the thief who has stolen the famous diamond, the Pink Panther.



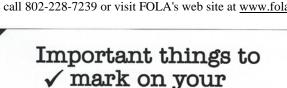
FOLA would say thanks to our generous sponsors for this year's film series: Big Eyes Baker, Ludlow Rotary, Marylou Scofield, Attorney at Law, and The Book Nook.

"The Return of the Pink Panther" is the third movie in the Pink Panther series (over ten years since the second one, "The Shot in the Dark", had been released). Peter Sellers once again plays the idiotic Inspector Clouseau, who despite having been temporarily demoted to a cop on the beat is once again tasked with catching the thief who has taken the Pink Panther diamond. Unbeknownst to Clouseau, his boss, Chief Inspector Charles Dreyfus (played by Herbert Lom) has become so exasperated with Clouseau that he is trying to kill him. The bumbling detective travels to exotic locales all over Europe in pursuit of the jewel thief, Sir Charles Litton aka the Phantom (played by Christopher Plummer). It's a slapstick comedy and a crime thriller wrapped into one hilarious movie. Don't miss the post-credits scene to find out what happens to Chief Inspector

Drevfus.

Please join us this spring for a set of wild and hilariously Peter Sellers movies. "The Return of the Pink Panther" on Saturday April 27, and "Being There" on May 11. All movies start at 7pm.

"The Return of the Pink Panther" is open to everyone and is free (donations are appreciated). The movie is rated G and runs one hour and fifty-three minutes. Berkshire Bank will provide the popcorn with FOLA supplying water. This movie has been specifically sponsored by Big Eyes Bakery and Ludlow Rotary. For information, call 802-228-7239 or visit FOLA's web site at www.fola.us.



✓ Entry forms for this year's photo/calendar competition will be available in July (maybe earlier).

(Mount Holly) calendar:

✓ The 2020 Mount Holly Calendars go on sale in July. Do your holiday shopping (really) early.



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#### NITKA'S NOTES FROM THE STATE HOUSE

By: Senator Alice Nitka

Spring has arrived at the State House with the ice rink being disassembled and the daffodils showing their buds. Also arriving are tourists from near and far who are welcome to sign our visitors' book or not. They wander about with hand held information devices or use their smart phones to get the history of the building, etc. In just three days this week, there were tourists from: The District of Columbia, California, Redding, CT, Reading, PA, Ashland, MA, London, U.K. (I wanted to ask them about Brexit but didn't want to ruin their visit), the Republics of Uganda and Namibia, Kennebunkport, ME, Tanzania, Topeka, KS, Ontario, Canada, Ohio, Springfield, VT, Liberia and so many other places.

The diversity of bills moving around are as wide ranging as the tourists. Some are H-278, Acknowledgement or Denial of Parentage which clarifies some parts from a previously passed bill. H-321, Aggravated Murder for Killing a Firefighter or Emergency Medical Provider which enhances penalty to life without parole. H-512, Miscellaneous Court and Judiciary Amendments which includes alimony and privacy of certain Probate Court Records. H-82, Changes to Taxation of Timber Harvesting Equipment. H-133, Miscellaneous Energy Subjects including small hydro projects, self-generation and net metering, telecommunications and connectivity, excavation activities, thermal energy funds, rate schedules and hearings. S-162, Promoting Economic Development including new worker relocation and Vermont Employment Growth Incentive study. S-20, Bank Robbery which speaks for itself plus education bills, the Budget bill, the Tax bill, the Capitol bill, which speaks to bricks, mortar and the like. There are government operations bills, Climate Change bills, agriculture related bills and the big transportation bill plus almost 800 more that have been introduced. There are also several Constitutional Amendments awaiting action. A majority of the bills won't pass this year or next year, although some will be amended onto other bills that are likely to pass. To attach an amendment, the subject matter needs to be germane to the bill. That determination is made by the Speaker of the House, Mitzie Johnson or if in the Senate by the President of the Senate, Lt. Governor, David Zuckerman. There's a lot of activity here.

Consider visiting your State House and listen to testimony in the committees. Contact me at home at 802-228-8432 or the State House at 1-800-322-5616 or <a href="mailto:anitka@leg.state.vt.us">anitka@leg.state.vt.us</a> 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.



### **Iron Adventure Rally Comes To Ludlow**

The Ludlow Vermont Township will once again host the Iron Adventure Rally 2019 from July  $18^{th}-20^{th}$ . Every year the Harley Owners Group promotes a motorcycle rally in the New England area. The attendees of the rally spend three days riding, eating, shopping and experiencing the local culture. This year we are pleased to be back in Ludlow Vermont.

According to the Okemo Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce, this three-day event will be held at Okemo Mountain Resort and can attract up to 1,000 + attendees per day and result in an estimated direct impact of \$1.5 - \$2 million in local spending. Local businesses are encouraged

to participate in the event. Every time we have been in Ludlow all the local restaurants and retail stores have been of great assistance. This can be done by becoming a location for our scavenger hunt event, or advertising in our rally book. Many of the local businesses have done both in the past, and we thank everyone for their past support.

Carol Lighthall from the Okemo Valley Regional Chamber of commerce said. "We are excited to be the host community, this event will not only bring a strong financial impact to our area hotels and businesses, but more importantly it will introduce the Ludlow area as a return vacation destination to thousands of people across the country,"

While a majority of the event is being held for the benefit of registered H.O.G. members, there will be opportunities for the public to participate in festivities. We will have a parade of flags that goes directly through Ludlow, a sight to see!

"The attraction is the great roads that just wind on forever coupled with sensational mountains and gorges in Vermont. These make the perfect recipe for motorcycle rides", says Bruce Motta, H.O.G. regional Manager. "Combined with the beautiful scenery

and welcoming people, it's a perfect setting for a rally. We are so excited to bring this event back to the area."

"We have held several Rallies here going back to 2013. Corey Zahares is the returning Rally Coordinator for 2019, I am looking forward to the great hospitality that was shown by the town and residents in past years. H.O.G. is all about riding and having fun. Ludlow and the surrounding towns are one of the greatest riding areas in New England. Picture perfect is the best way to describe the riding."

Facebook; The Iron Adventure Run of New England. For further information contact, Dan Barnette, Marketing & Public Relations, Iron Adventure Run 401-521-9044 <a href="mailto:dan.barnette@verizon.net">dan.barnette@verizon.net</a>





## MSJ Rocks! Live from The Mount, its Mr. P. and the **Green Wave**

Mr. P and the Green Wave (from back left), Grant Thurston, Steven Wilson, Avery Thurston, Mary Babb, Music Teacher Tom Peppard, and Payton Thurston.

Steven Wilson was the Beatles guy in school - that was just his thing. Mary Babb's love for singing began with her mother and she became known as her school's singer. That's how the music found them.

From there, the musicians found one another. At Mount St. Joseph Academy it happened through band class. After several iterations, MSJ's rock band, Mr. P and the Green Wave, continues to

Mary and Steven, along with Avery Thurston, Grant Thurston, Payton Thurston, and Music Teacher Tom Peppard, make up the band.

Every member of the band plays a key role, some more than one: Mary is the lead vocalist, with Steven and Avery sometimes taking

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the lead, and all members contributing on backup; Avery is primarily the rhythm guitarist and sometimes plays lead guitar; Grant plays bass guitar; Payton plays drums and does vocals; Steven is lead guitarist and sometimes plays rhythm; Steven and Payton also play harmonica; and Mr. Peppard plays keyboard and offers moral support.

"Payton is the drummer, but he's also a great singer," Mary said.

The band is focused on the sort of classic rock hits that everyone knows. The current repertoire includes "Sweet Child o' Mine," "Don't Stop Believin'," "You Give Love a Bad Name," and "Summer of '69."

Mary said they have worked on a lot of new songs this year. There's always more in the works. "Come Together" is starting to come together pretty well," Steven said.

They are also working on original songs and plan to put together an album.

The group has their own process for selecting songs. First and foremost, Mary says, the song has to be clean.

"We choose pretty clean songs to begin with. Anything else isn't happening at MSJ," Mary said.

Steven also spoke to the process: "We just throw out some of our favorite songs and then if everyone is like 'yeah that sounds cool, let's

give it a shot.' It either makes it or doesn't."

The band has had quite a performances

over the years,

including appearing at the Brandon Carnival two years in a row, all of the MSJ concerts, and playing a recent MSJ Open House.

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"November was a big month for us. We had three shows, headlined the coffee house and played at Castleton," Mary said.

They are practicing for a show on May 5th that will be an MTV Unplugged style show. They inviting the original Mr. P., former music teacher Mr. Piwowarski and former band member Emily Rappeno back to perform with the band. That will get the four original members back together for a show.

"Growing up on classic rock - that's how I was shaped into a musician. I grew up listening to the Beatles, Tom Petty, George Harrison. Every guitarist has that one or two guitarists that they look up to, and they were it for me. They were my inspiration," Steven said.

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#### Hello Mount Holly,

We don't know exactly when the session will end for the year but the returning members suspect it will be 3-4 more weeks. My committee seems to have an especially long list of bills that the House leadership is expecting us to act on before that end though so I suspect to continue to have long if not even longer days ahead. Next January we pick up wherever we leave off this May and I feel like I know how to prepare for next year now. I know the work that needs to go into getting legislation through and now I know the members to work with on the different issues that continue to be important to me.

Over the past few weeks my committee spent a lot of time working on S.86, which would raise the age to purchase and use tobacco to 21. As I've said before we view this as part of a three-pronged approach to addressing the prevalence of e-cigarettes in our high schools and middle schools and after all the testimony, discussion and amendments, I'm happy to say the bill has my full support and came out of my committee a unanimous, quadri-partisan 11-0. That bill will now be on the floor this week before it goes back to the Senate.

We also spent a lot of time the last few weeks on a number of bills to address substance use disorder, H.162, S.43 and S.146. They focus on improving access to treatment and improving the state's drug prevention programs, and I hope they are able to pass in conjunction with the cannabis tax and regulate bill, S.54, which also has some very important therapeutic and prevention components. These issues are very important to me and some may remember them and drug policy more broadly as a main theme of my campaign. I don't think we will go as far as I would like to this year, but I know that we are making progress. In my time in the legislature thus far I have learned a lot more about the programs we have in place and what is and is not working, and it has been very rewarding to help form the programs for tomorrow. My hope is to get these programs passed this year and come back with even better legislation next year that did not get through on time this year.

Just this last week my committee also amended and passed S.40, the lead in schools and childcare facilities testing and remediation bill. We are urging the House to pass the bill with full funding for testing and remediation but because of that spending component it will still go to House Appropriations so they may amend that language further, and then it will have to go back to Senate again as well.

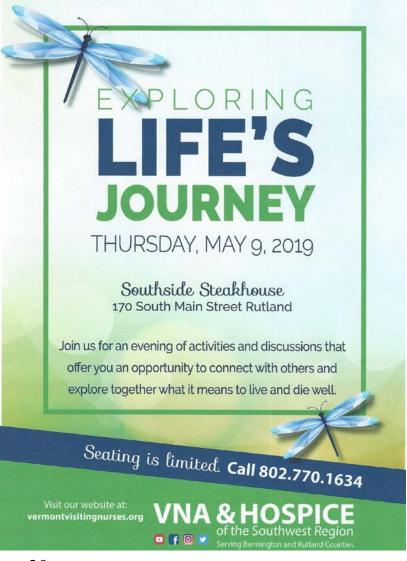
Most of the work I've been involved with this year has been on unanimous or near-unanimous votes but there have been a few controversial topics, and I strongly urge you to continue to reach out with your comments and complaints if you have them. This week there were a few.

Most are probably aware that for a few weeks now my committee has been taking testimony and discussing a proposed constitutional amendment to protect abortion rights, which included a public hearing at the state house this past week. That proposal passed the Senate 28-2 earlier this month, and if it passes the House this year, still has to pass the House and Senate again next biennium, after the next

election, at which point it would go to a statewide majority vote in November 2022 before being approved. We have not finished hearing testimony on that proposal but so far I am in favor of the language, if for no other reason than because in my mind the whole state should get to weigh in on this decision.

The other somewhat controversial bill this past week was non-citizen voting in Montpelier. I struggled with that vote. Ultimately I supported the bill because it was really to just approve Montpelier's decision to amend their charter, and Montpelier voted 2857 to 1488 in favor of the measure. I didn't think it was our place to deny their decision that will only effect their city. I do want to clarify this change only allows non-citizens to vote in Montpelier, in city elections on city matters, not for statewide races or school board races or budgets. I know there was some confusion about the scope of that bill and there are some that are probably upset about it even with the facts. And as always if you have questions or concerns do continue to reach out and I will answer them as best I can.

It seems like years ago at this point but earlier this month the house also passed a bill, H.439, to increase the tax on certain fuels to increase funding for the weatherization program run by local Community Action organizations (SEVCA/BROC for us). I got some comments and concerns about that bill and so I do want to address it briefly, and as always call/email me or stop by a coffee hour if you want to discuss it further. First, I voted for and strongly support that bill. The conversation and controversy around the bill was mildly frustrating to me because I think the news/media coverage far exceeded the bill's impact. The price of the fuels subject to this tax already vary wildly, and some have, in just the past week, dropped 5 cents, which did not any news coverage comparable to the 2 cent tax increase. Those prices often fluctuate up or down 10 cents week-to-week and most people probably don't notice because your monthly bill only changes by a few dollars. But the program funded by



this tax increase is a great one, it has very little overhead so the full tax increase will go back to the low-income Vermonters to help with weatherization, and for all the controversy everyone agreed we should find more money for that program, and ultimately it did pass the house nearly 2-1.

Given the already wild fluctuations in these prices I don't think most people would have even noticed this change without that coverage. I should clarify that I don't think anyone intended to do this quietly, but I wish there was more emphasis on issues and that will have a larger impact. The same week we passed H.439 we also passed H.513, H.531, H.533, H.541 and H.542. Those five bills passed 139-2, 133-0, 124-0, 116-22 and 139-1. Obviously those votes underscore broad multi-partisan support for non-partisan efforts in drafting legislation. I assume because of the lack of "controversy" or disagreement around those bills they did not get the coverage they deserved. But each one of those bills makes significant changes that will affect the lives of all Vermonters and each one deserves your attention.

H.513 makes significant investments in deploying modern internet access to the currently underserved corners of the state, and "last mile" areas that exist in every Vermont community. It also redefines what is considered "high-speed internet" to make that term more accurate given the current technological realities.

H.531 fundamentally changes our childcare system and is a bill I personally helped to craft with the other ten Representatives on the House Human Services Committee. I am very proud of that legislation. It makes sweeping changes to our childcare system that will greatly improve access to childcare around the state and improve support for middle-income families to be able to afford childcare.

H.533 makes significant changes to our workforce development and will help Vermonters get access to the technical and workforce training they need to be able to do the jobs that we have in the state and will have in the future.

H.541 is the "revenue bill" and restructures our tax code in various ways, most notably with regards to capital gains and the estate tax to increase the level that is exempt in an attempt to exclude middle-income Vermonters from those taxes. It also increases eligibility and amounts for downtown tax credits in a further attempt to assist growth in our downtowns.

H.542 is the budget. There are at least 10 things I don't like in the budget but were identified by the governor as priorities, there are also at least 10 things the governor does not like that I think are great programs that I hope survive the process. This bill deserves a lot more of your attention and I would love to talk to you about, because it will affect Vermont in very large ways and yet it passed the House 139-1.

I am going to start changing up my coffee hours in Ludlow this month. Shrewsbury and Mount Holly will stay the same for now but in Ludlow I am going to change the coffee shop to visit with different crowds, so my next Ludlow coffee hour will be at Java Baba's, then Big Eyes Bakery.

Monday, April 29th 730-10am at Pierce's Store

Monday, May 13<sup>th</sup> 6-9am at Java Baba's

Monday, May 27<sup>th</sup> 7-10am at the Belmont General Store

Monday, May 6<sup>th</sup> 7-10am at the Belmont General Store

Monday, May 20th 730-10 at Pierce's Store

Monday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> 6-9am at Big Eye's Bakery

Hope to see you soon! Logan Nicoll, State Representative, Ludlow, Mount Holly, Shrewsbury, Inicoll@leg.state.vt.us 802-345-8430

## Annual Wallingford Bike Safety Day: Rides Again On May 11th, 2019

On Saturday, May 11th, from 10:00 AM - 12:30 PM, The Wallingford Community Bike Safety Day, will host its **21st. Annual** event, at the Wallingford Elementary School. This fun, interactive and collaboratively sponsored event always has something for all ages; from free helmet fitting to an obstacle course, and from bike safety inspections to 911 rescue vehicle / law enforcement interactions, Etc. In addition, (as a tradition), there are always terrific prize give-a-ways, face painting, refreshments and much more; because of the generous support of sponsors & volunteers.

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

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

**Contact Persons / Co-Chairs:** 

Wallingford Rotary Club: Adrian Eisler <a href="mailto:sadrianeisler1@gmail.com"><a href="mailto:sadrianeisler1@gmailto:sadrianeisler1@gmailto:sadrianeisler1@gmailto:sadrianeisler1@gmailto:sadrianeisler1@gmailto:sadrianeisler1@gmailto:sadri

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#### "Kids Food Place"

"Kids Food Place", a new section of Black River Good Neighbor Services food shelf, offers students a wide variety of products, including items like cereal, canned soups, fruits, drinks, and other snacks. Food shelf staff make it a point to include items that meet students' dietary restrictions as well as a few fresh items each week, such as apples and carrots for snacking.

Favorite items so far have been apples, granola bars, canned fruit, fresh produce and mac and cheese. "The kids love coming to Kids Food Place, it's heartwarming to see", says Program Administrator, Krey Kellington. "Many parents have told us that their kids are proud of the food they've chosen, and some have been inspired to try cooking at home".

The new food section is available to area students Monday-Friday, 10 am -3 pm.



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## **Community Health Clinics**

### **May Blood Pressure/Foot Care Clinics**

Wednesday, 05/01/2019,	Wallingford, Wallingford House,	10:30am
Thursday, 05/02/2019,	Rutland, Parker House,	10am
Wednesday, 05/08/2019,	Rutland, Templewood Court,	10am
Wednesday, 05/15/2019,	Rutland, Sheldon Towers,	9am
Wednesday, 05/15/2019,	Rutland, Linden Terrace,	11am
Thursday, 05/16/2019,	Rutland, Maple Village,	10am
Wednesday, 05/29/2019,	Rutland, Godnick Adult Center,	12:30pm
Thursday, 05/30/2019,	Clarendon, North Clarendon Community Center,	12:30pm

The cost of the foot clinic is \$10. Please contact 802.770.1536 to find a clinic near you. No appointment necessary.

Cholesterol Screening: Wednesday, 05/01/2018, Rutland, Rutland office of VNAHSR, 8:30am.

The cost is \$30. Call 802.770.1536 for more information.

Bereavement Support Meetings: Rutland - Every Tuesday at 6pm at Grace Congregational Church. The Reverend Andrew Carlson, office chaplain for the Rutland VNAHSR office, will facilitate. Call 802.770.1613 for more information.

Bereavement support meetings are free and open to the public.

Ostomy Support Meeting: The Vermont Ostomy support meeting will be held Saturday, May 11th from 10:30am - noon at the VNA & Hospice of the Southwest Region, 7 Albert Cree Drive, Rutland. For more information contact Kate Lawrence, MSN, RN, CWOCN, ET/WOC NURSE at 802.770.1682 or email kate.lawrence@vnahsr.org.

### RSVP Bone Builders Will Train Volunteer Instructors on Wednesday May 15, 2019

RSVP Bone Builders has scheduled an all-day workshop to qualify volunteer trainers for the osteoporosis exercise program. The qualifying workshop will take place on Wednesday May 15, 2019. Attending the workshop fulfills all requirements to become a trainer. This free workshop will start at 9 a.m. and end at 2:30 p.m. Lunch is included. It

will be Held in Engle Hall at Christ the King Church, 66 South Main St. Rutland, VT.

Anyone who wishes to take the training and become a volunteer instructor should call 775-8220 Ext. 102 to reserve a place in the workshop or to get information about Bone Builders.

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## Life On Star Lake!









Living on Star Lake is something special. The wildlife viewing includes moose, deer, eagles, otters, loons, geese and a wide variety of water fowl. It's a new view everyday. This 2 bedroom, 3 bath home has much to offer in the 1800+ square feet. Open Concept living with a big view plus a barn and attached 2-car, heated and cooled garage. Cherry flooring throughout the main living area, slate floors in the master bedroom - all with cozy radiant heat. The brick fireplace with Bluestone mantel has a very efficient wood insert that will burn nearly all night! The master suite, with dramatic cathedral ceiling and big views to the lake has built-in dressers and a built-in office. The home has AC throughout and custom insulated drapes and roman shades. The upstairs suite is carpeted and has a full bath with tile floors and granite vanity top. The Anderson windows and french doors lead out to the large multi-level deck and the Jacuzzi Hot Tub - amazing star watching! All of this is located just a short walk to the Village of Belmont and a 12 minute drive to Okemo. This home is owned by a licensed Real Estate Broker.

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Gail Beardmore Broker, Owner



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Pat McLaughlin Real Estate Advisor



Uli Donohue Real Estate Advisor



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## Who's Got It Locally?

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Artists & Architects			Frost Hill Farm Seasonal Peony Wedding Flowers	259-2716
Spectrum Photography – John Miller	259-3060		Jeb Porter Landscaping rocker@vermontel.net	259-3058
Bakeries - Catering - Restaurants - Stores	207 2000		Kevin Smith, Garden Service & Lawn Mowing	259-3964
Big Eyes Bakery – Brigid Faenza www.bigeyesbakery.com	229 2400			
	228-2400		Noreen's Petals & Greens	236-8188
Harry's Café, Trip & Deb Pearce III	228-2996		Salt Ash Nursery - The Balsam Barn - Scott Crawford	259-2146
Mojo Café – John & Jodi Seward <u>mojocafevt@yahoo.com</u>	228-6656		Health Care Providers	
The Rustic Rooster – Donna & Greg Ganzer	492-3433		Dr. Joseph P. Donohue - Chiropractic Care, Thrive Center	446-2499
www.vtrusticrooster.com			Massage Therapy/Bodywork, Thrive Center of Green Mtns	446-2499
Bed & Breakfast			Lisa Donohue MA, LMT ~ Linda O'Brien MT	446-2499
Clifford Country Bed & Breakfast www.cliffordcountry.com	259-2269		Home Management Services	110 2100
	239-2209			250 2264
Building & Repairs - General Work			Belmont Country Gardens Property Management	259-2364
AW Carpentry-Remodeling*Building*Portable Sawmilling	259-3699		Mowing & Plowing Jon Lienhard	
Cutting Edge Carpentry – Curt Marechaux Cell	236-5559		Country Home Management, Richardson/Rivers 259-3662	228-7086
Earl (Tersh) Runner Carpentry – Superior Woodworking	492-3388		Jenkins Builders <u>brandon@jenkinsbuild.com</u>	952-9722
G & H Masonry – Jay Goraj ghmasonryvermont@yahoo.com	259-2625		Seiple's Property Management 802-	236-8104
www.facebook.com/ghmasonry			Yankee Home Management, Keith Hawkins	259-3064
Grey Goose Chimney Sweeps	492-3549		Interior Design	237 3001
				214 2011
Jenkins Builders – General Contractor <u>brandon@jenkinsbuild.com</u>			Rose of Sharon Designs – Sharon Napier Design Consultant 860	- 214-3911
Radican Construction Co – Home Improvement & Remodel	345-9619		Manufacturing & UPS Outlet	
www.Radicanconstruction.com			DECO Manufacture Machine Job Shop	259-2477
RDS Contracting – General Contractor	259-3383		Maple Syrup	
New/Remodel Decks, Roofing			Green Mtn. Sugar House	228-7151
Ted Stryhas Builder	228-7327		Plew Farm 1966 Healdville Rd, Mt. Holly www.plewfarm.com	
Wright Construction – Brett Wright	259-2094		Tiew runn 1900 fleute vine Rei, iste. Hony www.piewieniecom	237 2230
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<u>Church Listings</u>			Smith Maple Crest Farm <u>www.Smithmaplecrestfarm.com</u>	492-2151
Annunciation, Ludlow, Mass Sat 4:30 pm, Sun 8 an & 11 am			Marketing & Promotional Services	
Holy Name of Mary, Proctorsville, Mass Sun 9:30 am			Express Copy Inc., Don Reiser H 259-2722	362-0501
Rev Thomas Mosher	228-3451		print@expresscopyinc.com	
Belmont Village Baptist Church-Worship 9:30am, Coffee Hour 10	):30		Metal Fabrication	
Pastor Glenn Davis vbch.weebly.com	259-2440		Wayne Jones Metal www.waynejonesmetal.com	259-2521
	239-2440			239-2321
E. Wallingford Baptist – SS 10 am, Worship 11 am, 6:30 pm			Mount Holly Email	
Pastor Kevin Miner <u>www.ewbaptist.com</u>	259-2831		Randy Bixby – mhnewsflash1@gmail.com mhnewsflash@gmail.	com
First Baptist Church, Wallingford, SS 11am Prayer Meeting Wed	7 pm		http://www.mhnewsflash.blogspot.com/	
Pastor Dave Bentley	446-2020		Painters	
Lighthouse Independent Baptist Church, Rutland SS 11am & 3pm	1		MRS Unlimited Visions LLC Interior/Exterior Painting –Melissa	259-3989
Until May 11am & 6pm	779-0300		Personal Services	
	117-0300		Paneless Window Cleaning- Insured, Free Estimates	259-2786
Ludlow Baptist Church, 9:30 am SS, 10:30 am Music Fellowship,				
11 am WS, 6:30 pm Evening PS, Wed 6:30 pm PM & BS			Pet Sitter – Barbara Pallotta	259-2856
,	-439-0803		Plumbing & Heating	
St. Patrick's, Wallingford, Mass Sat 4 pm, Sun 10 am			Master Plumbing & Heating Inc. 802	-975-0369
Rev Msgr Bernard Bourgeois christthekingprsh@gmail.com	446-2161		masterplumbingheating@gmail.com	
Wilderness Friends Meeting (Quaker) Sundays 10 am				2-417-1647
Shrewsbury Library, Cuttingsville	259-2803		Real Estate Sales	2 117 1017
	239-2003			220 5770
Cleaning Services			Coldwell Banker Watson Realty, frank_ellison@cbwatson.net	228-5678
2	-855-3453		Frank Ellison Real Estate H 228-4011 - Cell 802	
<u>HomeCleanHome802@gmail.com</u>			Engel & Volkers, Okemo - Woodstock Gail Beardmore 802	-975-0338
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Equipment For Hire & Snow Moving			Kelley Real Estate, Don Eatmon, Broker/Owner H 259-2646	228-5333
Beardmore Excavating beardmoreexc@gmail.com	342-3507		Don@KelleyRealEstate.com	220 3333
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Devereux Earth & Snow Moving	259-2809		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	2-345-7886
Norton's Property Management - Logging*Land Clearing*Snowp	lowing		Lisa Kelley Lisa@KelleyRealEstate.com H 259-3112 Cell 802	
*Brush Hogging*Mowing & Care Taking 802-353-6289 Cell	259-3108		Ty Murray Ty@KelleyRealEstate.com H 259-3014 Cell 802	-777-8047
Russ Garrow -Lawn Mowing*Brush Hogging*Garden Tilling*Sne	ow Plowing		Fax 802-228-5343 www.KelleyRealEstate.com www.OkemoVall	ey.com
*Care Taking	259-3167		Roofing	Ť
Farm Fresh Products			Buddy System Roofing Contct Buddy	259-3989
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1966 Healdville Rd, Mt. Holly			Security	
Smith Maple Crest Farm, Grass-Fed Beef Cuts Fresh/Frozen	492-2151		Countryside Alarms – Mike Blais <u>www.countrysidealarms.com</u>	259-2213
www.Smithmaplecrestfarm.com			Septic System Design	
Food Shelf			Krueger Engineering – Arthur G. Krueger, P.E.	492-3653
Black River Good Neighbor Services – Krey Kellington	228-3663		Therapeutic Riding	
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Funeral Homes	772 2010		· ·	+74-4440
Clifford Funeral Home	773-3010		Tree Services	
Garage, Repair & Wrecking			G.M. Tree Tech & Landscaping, Greg McKirryher	259-8733
Belmont Motor Works LLC - Harley-Davidson, Small Engine	259-3178		Volunteer Services	
Snowmobile, ATV, Aluminum Welding & Metal Fabrication			Belmont/Mt. Holly Food Co-op, Tanger H 259-2344 W	259-2899
Joe's Garage – ATV's, Snowmobiles, Motorcycles	259-2688		Black River Good Neighbor Service	228-3663
Joesgaragellc@hotmail.com			Woodworking, Cabinets & Furniture	
	775 (950			250 2222
Miller's Garage – Cold River Rd. Rutland	775-6852	0	Chesters Custom Woodworking <u>ccw@vermontel.net</u>	259-3232
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Belmont Country Gardens Quality Custom Stonework & More	259-2364		Stone Creek Workshops <u>www.stonecreekworkshops.com</u>	259-2254
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