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Mount Holly Chit Chat

November 2019

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1 st	Bow & Arrow Deer Season Ends ~ All Saints' Day	
Sat 2 nd	Only Flight of Howard Hughes "Spruce Goose" 1947 ~ All Souls' Day	
Sun 3 rd	Daylight Saving Time Ends	
4 th	Snow Flyer Meeting, Steve Forrest's Home, 299 Greendale Rd. Belmont	Will Rogers Day OK 6:30 pm
5 th	Mt. Holly Community Association Meeting, Library	7:00 pm
7 th	Fire Dept. Business Meeting, Belmont Fire Station	Marie Sklodowska Curie 1867 7:00 pm
Sat 9 th	Deer Hunting Youth Weekend Starts ~ Berlin Wall Opens 1989	
Sun 10 th	Deer Hunting Youth Weekend Ends ~ US Marine Corps Est. 1775	
11 th	Rescue Squad Meeting, Rescue Squad Building	Signing of WWI Armistice 1918 7:00 pm
		Veterans' Day
12 th	Mt. Holly PTSA Meeting, Mt. Holly School	Full Beaver Moon 7:00 pm
	Community Guild Meeting, IOOF Hall, Belmont	9:00 am
	Select Board Meeting, Town Office	6:00 pm
	Mason Meeting, Mt. Moriah Lodge, E. Wallingford	8:00 pm
13 th	LMHUUS Meeting, Mt. Holly School	6:00 pm
	Fire Dept. Ladies Auxiliary Meeting, Belmont Fire Station	Robert Louis Stevenson 1850 7:00 pm
	ODD Fellows Meeting, IOOF Hall, Belmont	7:00 pm
14 th	Fire Dept. Drill, Fire Station	7:00 pm
15 th	Black Bear Hunting Season Ends	
Sat 16 th	Black Bear Late Season & Deer Season Begins	
18 th	Mount Holly Planning Commission, Town Office	7:00 pm
19 th	Discovery of Puerto Rico Day 1493 ~ Gettysburg Address 1863	
20 th	Mt. Holly Town Library Meeting, Library, Belmont	6:30 pm
21 st	Fire Dept. work night, Fire Stations	7:00 pm
22 nd	John F. Kennedy 1917-1963	
Sun 24 th	Black Bear Late Season Ends	
25 th	Rescue Squad Meeting, Rescue Squad Building	7:00 pm
26 th	Community Guild Meeting, IOOF Hall, Belmont	9:00 am
27 th	ODD Fellows Meeting, IOOF Hall, Belmont	7:00 pm
28 th	Happy Thanksgiving	
30 th	Thanksgiving Day	
Sun 12/1 st	Largemouth & Smallmouth Bass Season Ends	
	Deer Season Ends	

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Emergency Services

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

Send ARTICLES to: Diana Garrow, 3379 Shunpike Rd., Mt. Holly, VT 05758 Phone 259-2314 or E-Mail to chitchat@vermontel.netCheck out Mt. Holly Web Site www.mounthollyvt.org

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November Birthdays: 2nd -Amanda Smith Frank * Linda Fitzgibbon 4th -David Davis * Keith Hawkins 5th -Bruce Turco * Victoria Turco * Richard Darling 7th -Bridger Lillard 8th -James Proctor * Dave Venter 12th -Bill Graf 14th -Daniel Fitzgibbon 17th -Matthew Alberty * Catherine Carrara * Candence Taylor 18th - Sally Bussino (1956) * Jason Bussino (2012) 19th -Chad Devereux * Barbara Gerdin 20th -Melinda Dawley-Pearson 23rd -Donna Lee 24th - Josh Bussino (1992) 28th -Jessica Lee 29th -Joe Turco * Jeremiah Johnson * Maryanne Bolalek * Ronald Blanchard (1966) * Jeffrey Bussino Jr (1989)



November Anniversaries: 15th -Wayne & Lori Wheelock 22nd -Cathy & Bernie Wheeler 2nd Yr (2014)

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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Belmont		802-259-2790
Window	Mon – Fri	7:30 am – 9:30 am
	&	2:45 pm – 4:45 pm
	Sat	8:00 am – 10:45 am
Lobby Hours: Mon – Fri		7:30 am – 4:45 pm
East Wallingford		802-259-2829
Window	Mon – Fri	7:00 am – 11:00 am
	Sat	7:00 am – 10:00 am
Lobby Hours: Mon – Fri		7:00 am – 4:45 pm
Cuttingsville/Shrewsbury		802-492-3585
Window Hours	Mon – Fri	7:30 am – 10:30 am
	&	11:30 am – 2:30 pm
	Sat	8:00 am – 11:00 am
Lobby Hours: Mon – Fri		7:30 am – 5:00 pm
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Ludlow		802-228-7436
Post Master: Dawn Howlett		
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	Sat	6:30 am – 11:00 am
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	Sat	8:30 am – 10:30 am

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Vincenzo C. Pallotta

Vincenzo Celestine "Vinny" Pallotta, 92, of Ludlow and Belmont, passed away Oct. 2, 2019, in the comfort of the Vermont Veteran's Home in Bennington. He was born in Ludlow, Sept. 15, 1927, the son of James and Donata (Petralia) Pallotta. Vincent was a graduate of Dracut, MA, High School where he was captain of the football team. He joined the U.S. Army during World War II, serving in Japan. He was employed as a methods planner at General Electric Co. in Ludlow and later, in Rutland for 36 years, retiring at the age of 60. Vinny enjoyed many pursuits, including hunting, fishing, gardening, dancing, carpentry, playing the harmonica and spoons, and cooking his famous spaghetti sauce. There was almost nothing he could not do, having built his own house and barn. He

won many ribbons in harness racing with his Morgan horse, Nate. He was a member of the American Legion Post #36, Church of the Annunciation in Ludlow and the Black River Rod and Gun Club. Surviving are his wife of 39 years, Barbara (Ellis) Pallotta, of Belmont; his former wife, Pauline Warren, son Michael Vincent Pallotta (wife Alicia), of Jasper, NH; stepsons Christopher Colm, of Belmont, and Greg Colm, of Poultney; two stepdaughters Leslie Colm, of Claremont, NH, and Susan Colm (husband Carlos Greene), of Thetford Center; twin brother Valentino Pallotta, of Somerset, MA; sister Irene Darrin, of Dracut, MA; seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Funeral services were held Friday, Oct. 11, 2019, at 11 a.m. at The Church of the Annunciation in Ludlow. Officiating was Father Thomas Mosher and Pastor Eleanor Richardson, his niece. Burial with military honors followed in Pleasant View Cemetery in Ludlow. A reception followed at the Ludlow American Legion Post #36. Arrangements are under the direction of Clifford Funeral Home in Rutland. Contributions may be made to Vermont Alzheimer's Assn., 300 Cornerstone Drive, Williston, VT 05495.



Stacy L. Johnson

Stacy L. Johnson, 37, died Oct. 7, 2019, at Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center. She was born Dec. 23, 1981, in Rutland, the daughter of Jeff and Irene (Sheldon) Johnson of Mount Holly. She graduated from Black River High School in Ludlow. Mrs. Johnson was employed at Walmart, Big Lots and Dollar Tree. She enjoyed fishing, camping, kayaking and hiking. Survivors include her husband, Dan Johnson, her parents, Jeff and Irene Johnson of Mount Holly, her grandmother, Agnes Johnson, a son, Remington Johnson, and a brother, Jeremiah Johnson, all of Rutland; a sister, Sherri Watkins, of Pittsford; nieces, nephews, aunts and uncles. A celebration of life was held from 1 to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 12, at the Clarendon Grange. Arrangements are by Clifford Funeral Home.



Richard M. Shattuck & Mary L. Shattuck

A graveside service for Richard and Mary will be held on Oct. 26 at 12 noon in Pleasant View Cemetery in Ludlow. Margo Marrone will officiate. The American Legion color guard will be giving Richard full military honors. Reception will be immediately following at The American Legion in Ludlow. Richard and Mary are survived by their daughter, Michelle Pingree and husband Justus Pingree. Richard has two surviving sisters Linda Kobus, of Chicopee, MA, and Pat Wyman, of Cavendish. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to any charitable military veteran's cause.

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Puerto Rico celebrates Discovery of Puerto Rico Day

Puerto Rico celebrates Discovery of Puerto Rico Day every 19 November to remember the day in 1493 when Christopher Columbus caught sight of, and landed on, an island he named San Juan Bautista (Saint John the Baptist). In the 1520's, the island became known as Puerto Rico instead.

When the Spanish first settled in Puerto Rico, it was inhabited by as many as 50,000 Taino Indians. The Taino did not realize the danger they were in and how they would later be overcome by the newcomers. Therefore, they were not shy about showing off golden nuggets in a river, which led to the Spaniards choosing that site for a colony and naming it Puerto Rico (Rich Port). Later, the city took the original name of the island (San Juan).

Due in part to efforts of the famed Spanish conquistador Juan Ponce de Leon, who sailed with Columbus and later became Puerto Rico's first governor, San Juan was developed into Spain's most valuable military base in the whole Caribbean. Juan Ponce de Leon's remains are still in Puerto Rico to this day, kept in the Cathedral in San Juan that bears his name.

After four long centuries of being a Spanish colony, in 1898, U.S. forces landed on the island to liberate it, or occupy it, depending on your point of view. The hundred years or so of association with the United States have greatly influenced the island, but the culture is still today more grounded in its 400-year-old Spanish roots.

Every year, Discovery of Puerto Rico Day is celebrated with fairs, cultural activities, and a grand parade. It also is the traditional beginning, in Puerto Rico, of the Christmas season, so you will see Christmas trees put up, decorations put out on private and public buildings, and stores getting ready with Christmas inventory and sales.

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Mount Holly Volunteer Rescue Squad Thank You

Everyone on the Mount Holly Volunteer Rescue Squad would like to thank the community for their show of support at our annual fundraising dinner at the Odd Fellows in Belmont on September 21. It was a beautiful fall day, perfect weather, and a wonderful turnout. Vicki Seward, with the help of Tony Falco, did a great job cooking for the first time - she knocked it out of the park, according to many community members. We served over 160 and for those of you that missed it - come out next year to try Vicki's delicious ham and fixings! We had a lot of help from several people outside our organization and a huge thank you to all of them as well. The first photo is that of the community members enjoying the dinner.

The second photo is that of the MHVRS crew: (L to R) Colton Slivka, John Wood, Denise Young, Terri Isidro, Mike Harris, Kristin Veysey, Vicki Seward, Sue Poirier, and Dennis Deiters.



Dear Mount Holly Citizens,

The Mount Holly Volunteer Rescue Squad (MHVRS) is beginning its Annual Membership Drive. The Membership Drive is a way to support your local volunteer rescue squad and cover costs that your insurance company does not. By becoming a member, you and others living with you will never receive a bill, in the unfortunate event that you may need to call upon



MHVRS for emergency services. In the rare situation that MHVRS is unable to transport you for emergency care to the hospital, costs incurred by the transporting ambulance would not be covered under MHVRS's membership.

Membership details:

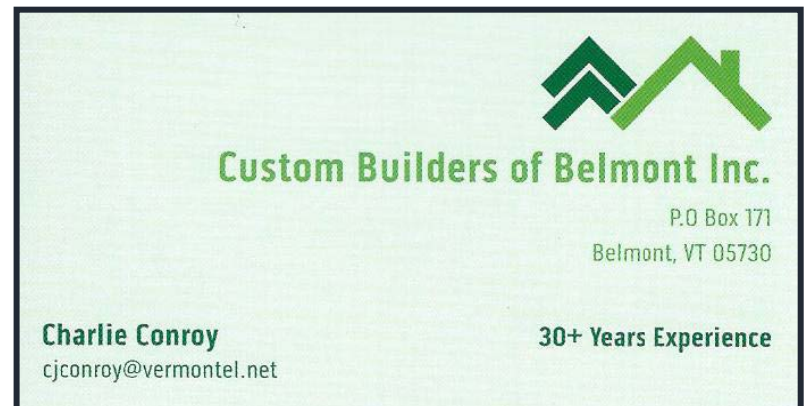
- Membership is available to anyone living in our coverage area (Mount Holly, Belmont, East Wallingford)
- Membership costs \$40.00
- Membership includes the subscriber and all persons listed as dependents on your most recent Federal Tax Return
- Mt. Holly Volunteer Rescue Squad's billing company will

bill your insurance company, and you will not be responsible for any deductibles or co-pays

- Medicaid patients are already covered for these services

Our mission is to provide emergency services to our community 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. We also are trying to maintain a low tax rate while providing those services. The Membership Drive helps us accomplish both of these goals. Last year we raised over \$10,000 during the Membership Drive. Your support "Helps Us to Help You".

Please feel confident that your membership status does not in any way affect the care and services you will be provided. It is simply a way to raise funds and provide you with a little extra protection. Your information and membership status is strictly CONFIDENTIAL. If you have any questions, please feel free to talk to any MHVRS volunteer or call the squad building at 259-6001.



Thank you in advance for your consideration. To join, please fill out the enclosed application and mail back to the Mount Holly Volunteer Rescue Squad in the provided envelope. Thank you, Kristin Veysey, Squad President

Mount Holly Community Association

Hello Everyone
Who helped us have a successful Roast beef supper.

From shopper to preparation folks, to organizers to actual dinner help, and to our chef Michael and Sara. To our dish washers and to my beautiful daughter Katie. Thank you. I'd like to give a special shout out to all our younger volunteers, you all stepped up and worked through a lot of intensity. You did it without a complaint, and you did it with style. You guys rocked the house. Everyone did! Thank you, thank you, and thank you. Robin Nelson and Jennifer Burrows

October 2019, Trestleboard Mt. Moriah Lodge #96

Next meeting Tuesday 11/12th 8PM - Grand Lodge Saturday 10/26th 9AM

Grand Lodge will hold their special session on Saturday 10/26/19 at the Lake Morey Resort, beginning at 9am to 3:15pm. Coffee and donuts and lunch will be served. All brethren are encouraged to attend.

Please keep your dues monies coming in and, if you disagree with the amounts you are said to owe... let the secretary know by contacting him at 802-259-9400, by email at: sseward@vermontel.net or mail it to: 4280 Sugar Hill Rd East Wallingford, VT 05742

Brother Dave Seward and WM Earl Miller conducted the funeral service this past Saturday in Londonderry, for Brother Bill

Gordon, who passed away on September 18th. Fraternally, Earl Miller, WM & Buster Seward Sec'y

20th ANNUAL HOLIDAY SILENT AUCTION

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Watch for Details!

FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS SILENT AUCTION

The Mount Holly Community Historical Museum's annual Festival of Lights fundraiser will take place Sunday, December 8th from 5:00-7:00 pm at the Odd Fellows Hall in Belmont. Wreaths decorated by Local Artists, Restaurant and Area Business Gift Certificates, Special Donations of Artwork, Crafts and Gift Baskets are some of the items featured in the Silent Auction. For adults, this popular event includes Wine Basket Raffles and Door Prizes. Wines, punch, cheeses and hors d'oeuvres will be served. The admission charge is waived in honor of your attending. Please join us for an evening of fellowship and fun to support our Museum's Projects and Activities.



Mount Holly Snow Flyer

With Cider Days behind us - we again (for the 23rd year) will be presenting New Year's Eve Firework's over Star Lake. We'd like to "Thank Everyone" who donated baskets / items for the raffle - along with "Thanking" those that purchased raffle tickets. Once again the "Patriot's tickets" "Bruin tickets", "The Paint / Tool Bucket" & "The Money box" were the biggest prizes - a special "Thanks" to those who donated those items.

We have trail work scheduled for this Saturday, October 19th, we'll meet up at the Green in Belmont for some morning munchies before we head out.

There are a couple announcements from the last meeting:

1) **Club Meetings** - The November 4th & December 2nd meeting will be at Steve Forrest's house, 299 Greendale Rd in Mt. Holly at 6:30pm.

The January 5th meeting will be at the Belmont Fire Station at 8:30am - we're trying this to see if we can get more participation / interest in the club.

2) **Officer Nominations are as follows** - Steve Forrest – President, Dale Sutherland - V.P., Claire Poulin – Treasure, Mike McAtee – Secretary, Brad Southworth - Trail Master

3) **The Defender & Drag are going to be sold**- Questions / Concerns will be addressed at the next meeting.

Mount Holly Snow Flyers www.mounthollysnowflyers.org

Note From Your Mail Carrier

Recently you received this orange envelope in the mail. It is for you to order postage stamps through your mail carrier. Vickie has stamps in books and rolls with her on the route so your order can be filled that day. However if Brian the relief carrier is doing that days delivery he will bring your order back to the post office to be filled and delivered to you the next day as he doesn't carry postage with him. Thank You, Vickie Seward

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Roll of 100-55¢ Stamps	\$ 55.00			\$
Book of 20-55¢ Stamps	11.00			
55¢ Plain Stamped Envelope	0.69			
55¢ First-Class™ Stamp	0.55			
35¢ Postcard Stamp	0.35			
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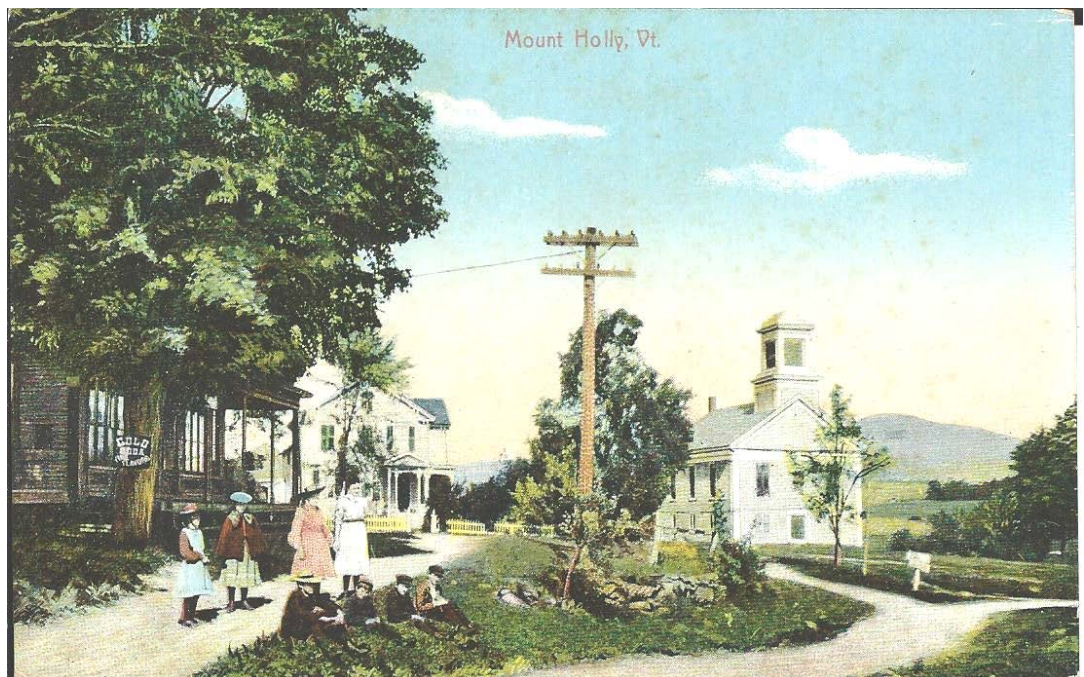
Remember This Photo From Last Month's Chit Chat?

The photo in the October issue is near the intersection of Turnpike and Hortonville Road. The area was known as North Mount Holly. The picture post card was produced by Howland Marshall and is dated from about 1925 from the electric pole in the center. Electricity was installed in Belmont Village in 1920, and soon after was brought down to the Mount Holly railroad station and this area.

The Baptist Church on the right burned in 1990. The building on the left side is the storefront of the residence of William Russell. His daughter, Lindley, was an early telephone operator who ran the switchboard from their home for more than 40 years.

The other building has more recently been called the Hortonville Inn, and was the home for many years of Rollin and Myrtle Baldwin. It was used as an early tavern on the original Turnpike.

Not shown, but located to the right, was the north side town meeting building that was used in alternate years from 1852 until the early 1920s. The original meeting building was in Belmont Village. The churches wanted the profit from providing the town meeting day meal. Dennis Devereux





What can you tell us about this picture? Please send email to chitchat@vermontel.net and let us know what you know. Next month we will have another photo to share with you and then share with you what we know about this picture. Thanks to Dennis Devereux for sharing what he knew about last months photo.



Senior Luncheons

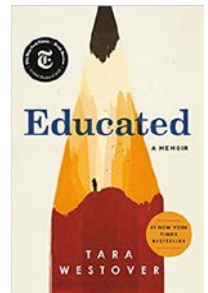
Harry's Cafe will once again host the Senior Stars luncheons beginning in December. It will be the second Thursday, December 12th, at noon.

There is still room for more people to attend so reserve your place by calling Carol Ballou at 259 2333. For December the cost of \$5.00 can be paid at the door. To reserve a place for the January luncheon, bring that \$5.00 with you in December.

Looking forward to a delicious meal and good company!

Mount Holly Reading Group

The reading group will meet on Wednesday, November 6th at 6:00 pm at the home of Susie Hamilton. We will be discussing **Education: a Memoir** by Tara Westover. Books are available at the library. Call Donna at 259-2730 for further details.



Reinbow Riding Wraps Up Another Season

Jet and Johnny getting ready for trick or treating on Halloween.

It's been a great year at Reinbow Riding Center. What fun we had! And the weather was pretty darn good too!



We began the season with a wonderful group of dedicated volunteers that allowed us to expand our program to include groups of riders from four area schools as well as offer a program for kids from military families who often have to deal with the absence of a parent. And we continued our programs for other children and adults that could benefit from a therapeutic horsemanship experience. A grant from the United Way of Rutland helped us fund several of the school programs, a grant from Carris Reels helped fund the military program and a grant from the Congregation of Notre Dame also helped fund a school program. We thank them all for their generosity.

We really grew this year. Not only did Reinbow Riding expand the numbers of riders in our programs, but also, with a grant that was obtained from the District Rotary by our local Ludlow Rotary, we were able to increase the tools we can use to give riders a unique experience by expanding our Sensory Trail. This trail is designed to be a learning experience engaging the rider's senses, mind and body. It uses both the natural environment and man-made stations to challenge and engage riders often requiring them to use problem-solving skills.

Of course we wouldn't be able to do our work without all of our community friends who offer support in various ways that are too many to list, but include It's attending our annual Summer Palooza event. We are extremely grateful for your assistance to our organization. A special thank you to Ludy Biddle for letting us use Beaver Meadow Farm each season, Orville Woods for his assistance all summer and other property owners who allow us to ride their forest trails. What a wonderful setting for

our program.

As we wrap up the season we would like to remind anyone interested in next year's riding sessions to give us a call, 802-236-2483, email: programs@reinbowridingcenter.org or download the riding application from our website: reinbowridingcenter.org. Anyone that might like to join our group of volunteers can find volunteer applications on the website also, and watch for our Volunteer Orientation Open House in early May.

Library News

Coming in November to MHTL!

New Books on CD!

Adult Fiction: "Wild Card" by Stuart Woods, "The Fallen" by David Baldacci

Children's Fiction: "The Book Thief" by Marcus Zusak

New Adult Fiction: "Agent Running in the Field" by John LeCarre, "Blue Moon" by Lee Child, "The Captain and the Glory" by Dave Eggers, "The Confession Club" by Elizabeth Berg, "The Deserter" by Nelson DeMille, "The Girl Who Lived Twice" by David Lagercrantz, "The Girl Who Takes an Eye for an Eye" by David Lagercrantz, "A Minute to Midnight" by David Baldacci, "The Night Fire" by Michael Connelly, "The Starless Sea" by Erin Morgenstern, "Code of Honor" by Tom Clancy, "The Water Dancer" by Ta-Nehisi Coates, "Convenience Store Woman" by Sayaka Murata, "Spy Master" by Brad Thor

New DVDs



New Adult Non Fiction: "Talking to Strangers: What we should know about the people we don't know" by Malcolm Gladwell

New Picture Books: "Happy Right Now" by Julie Berry, "Penny and her Sled" by Kevin Henkes, "Rot, the Cutest in the World!" by Ben Clanton

New Children's Fiction: "Disaster on the Titanic" by Kate Messner, "The Fowl Twins" by Eoin Colfer, "Nick and Tesla's Robot Army Rampage" by Bob Pflugfelder, "Strike Zone" by Mike Lupica, "Unicorn Academy #3: Ava and Star" by Julie Sykes, "Unicorn Academy #4: Isabel and Cloud" by Julie Sykes, "Wrecking Ball" by Jeff Kinney

New Children's Non Fiction: "Charles Darwin's on the Origin of Species" by Sabina Radeva, "Titan and the Wild Boars" by Susan Hood, "The Brilliant Deep" by Kate Messner

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Book Donations are CLOSED! The Mount Holly Town Library will no longer be accepting book donations for the winter months. We will begin accepting donations again in the spring. Please do not put donations in the Book Drop or in the Community Room. Thank you for your support!

The Mount Holly Town Library would like to thank all the donors who generously gave an item or gift certificate for our silent auction on Cider Days weekend. Thank you!

Sue Covalla, Kathy Stone, Barbara Pallotta, Pat LaBella, Northern Ski Works, Cheryl Gantkin, Cindy Hinchliss, Dennis Devereaux, Ed Smith, Madeleine Fay, Alistair McCallum, Nancy McKeegan, Leslie Stewart, Tom Johnson, Spring Lake Ranch, the Weston Playhouse, Plew Farm, Crowley Cheese, Beth Chase, Bill & Linda McGrath, Vermont Country Store, Paul Tesik, the Balsam Barn, Big Eyes Bakery, Java Baba's, Gene Jennings, the

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Rustic Rooster, Mary Gorman, Donna McDonald, Rick & Alison Weintraub, Laughing River Yoga, Barb & Rick Ludwig and Sandy Diamond. Thank you to the Mount Holly Volunteer Fire Department for letting us borrow their tent and for setting it up too!

Library Hours

The Mount Holly Town Library is open: Mondays 10:00am – 6:00pm, Tuesdays 9:00am – 1:00pm, Wednesdays 2:00pm – 6:00pm, Saturdays 9:00am – 1:00pm and Sundays 2:00pm – 4:00pm.

Nursery Pot Collection Suspended

Collection of good used nursery pots at the Mount Holly Transfer Station will be suspended for the winter. The Rutland County chapter of the Extension Master Gardeners will pick up the last batch on Saturday October 26. Any pots left after that date will be crushed and sent to the landfill. If you have room, please store your used pots over the winter and plan to bring them in late April when collection will be resumed. Thank you to all who have responded to this initiative and donated many good pots for re-use.



Mount Holly Community Association

Cider Days Review...what an amazing weekend it was!! Except for a couple of overcast hours in the morning on Saturday, the weather was picture perfect and the foliage cooperated in a stunning manner! Hundreds of people made their way to the Green in Belmont to celebrate all things apple with friends, neighbors, family, and visitors from afar. Just to show you how many people arrived, the MHCA used nearly 1000 cups in the Gazebo over the weekend! All of the pie and apple crisp was sold out by 2:00 pm on Saturday and every drop of cider was sold. The roast beef supper served about 250 dinners and it was reportedly the best meal of the season. It was truly a successful weekend!

Of course, this could not happen without the legions of people who volunteer to do everything from pressing cider to washing dishes. The MHCA had more than 120 volunteers to help make everything happen and as we reported last year, there were also numerous volunteers

who worked to support *all of the other wonderful organizations* in town...the library, the museum, the Guild, the school (SouperKids), Rainbow Riding Center, the Mount Holly Conservation Trust and the Mount Holly Barn Preservation Association. ***Just imagine...in this very small town, there were close to 200 people who came out to lend a hand to the various organizations that make it so worthwhile to live in this community.*** The MHCA is thrilled with this level of participation and extends its gratitude to all who volunteered and to all who attended Cider Days 2019!

There are really too many volunteers to thank, but a special mention should be made of the **two new Co-Presidents of the MHCA**, Jennifer Burrows and Linda Miller, who took over the Cider Days reins from Carol DeVine to run the smoothest Cider Days weekend ever! Also, we need to acknowledge the "power behind the press", Penny Coldwell, who has seen to it that there has been fresh pressed cider for as long as there has been a Cider Days. Thank you ladies for all you have done for the MHCA and this community on this amazing weekend!

Upcoming: the **Halloween Party for Children**, now coordinated by the Mount Holly School PTSA, will be held on Friday, Oct. 25th at 4:00 pm. Be sure to make your way to the center of the village in Belmont for an afternoon of trick or treating and endless Halloween fun!

Well Project: IT'S FINISHED!!!!!! The MHCA Board is delighted to report that the Library & Community Center building now has a permanent and reliable source of water! It has been a long haul, but we have finally arrived at the moment when we can turn on a faucet or flush a toilet and, voila, water will be there. Special thanks goes to Kevin Hollebeek, who shepherded this project through its final stages...it meant so much to have his expertise in

finally bringing this to a conclusion! Thank you, Kevin!! And of course, a very big thank you to Lisa and Chris Kelley, who granted us the right to dig a well on their property...this would not have happened without you!

Membership in the MHCA is at an all-time high for this time of year, but there are still quite a few of you who have not yet sent in your membership form and dues for the 2019 – 2020 year. A reminder will be sent out shortly, so if you haven't signed up as yet, we hope you will respond quickly when you receive your notice. ***Please remember that all of the events we sponsor (like Cider Days!), many of which are free to the community, are driven primarily by the revenue that we receive from our memberships.*** Membership forms can always be obtained in the Library, or in the Belmont Store should you misplace your form. Thank you!

The 2020 **Mount Holly Photo Calendar** is going like hot cakes, so be sure to pick yours up today. Believe it or not, the holidays are coming, so get some of your shopping done early...the calendars make wonderful gifts for everyone. They can be purchased in the Mount Holly Library, the Belmont General Store, the Mount Holly Town Office, at Plew Farm, or at the Crowley Cheese Factory.

Save-the-dates: November is a quiet month for the MHCA, but please reserve Saturday, December 14th for **Christmas in Mount Holly** and Tuesday, December 31st for **New Year's Eve on Star Lake**, co-sponsored with the Snow Flyers.

All of us on the Board of Directors of the MHCA wish all of you a very **Happy Thanksgiving!!**

January 2019 Mount Holly Chit Chat Inc.

Mount Holly Community Association

Membership Drive

2019 – 2020

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Blue Sky Trading Post	Book Nook	Café At Delight
Clear Lake Furniture	Computer Tune Up	The Cookster
Du Jour VT Restaurant	Fox Meadow Farm	George Butts – Hand Tied Insects
Goodman's American Pie	Grafton Village Cheese donated by Dennis Devereux	
Green Mountain Sugar House	Harry's	The Hatchery
Johnny Boys Pancake House	The Killarney	La Valley's Building Supply
Lisais Market	Loretta's Good Food Deli	Ludlow Village Pizza
Ma Ma's Restaurant	Peter Manship	Mo Jo's Café
Noreen's Pedals & Greens	Riverside Veterinary	Sam's Steakhouse Restaurant
Spaulding's Garage	Squeels on Wheels	Steve's Country Store
Subway	Sweet Surrender Bakery	Taco Tacos
The Tyson Store	Wright's Construction	

Also, a big thank you to these people and businesses that helped make this year's annual field day a huge success:

Benson's Chevrolet	George F. Butts – Artificial Insects	Cota & Cota – Field Day Donation
Rich Kaminski & Bob Cram _ Let's Go Fishing Program sponsored by VT Fish & Wildlife Department		
John Murphy & Jeff Strong – Master Barbequers	Shaw's Supermarket – Donation of Ice	
Ryan Smith – VT Fish & Wildlife Specialist/Pelts, Skulls and info on Trapping and Hunting		
John Specker – Fiddler	Michael Sylvester – Ruger Firearms	And everyone who donated time and food.

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Mount Holly Conservation Trust Announces Cider Days Fundraiser Drawing Winners

Thank you to all our entrants and prize donors!!

Avital Carlis won a \$10 gift certificate to Big Eyes Bakery. After many years of selling their delicious goods at local farmers markets, Mount Holly residents Brigid and Paul Faenza opened Big Eyes Bakery in Ludlow, Vermont in 2014. You will find dozens of sweet and savory treats, as well as the Mini Quiche at their bakery at 126 Main Street in Ludlow.

Toni Lyn Morelli won Vermont Maple Syrup donated by Gary Cole Sugarhouse in East Wallingford. Gary has been making pure, Vermont Maple syrup for longer than we can remember! Stop in to his place on Rte. 155 just south of the intersection with Rte. 140 any time for delicious syrup in various grades and sizes.

Pete Johnson won a \$10 gift certificate to Crowley Cheese. Award-winning Crowley Cheese has been made in Mount Holly from the same recipe since 1824. Hand-made the old-fashioned way, it's cheese the way it used to be—all natural, with no additives or preservatives. Crowley Cheese is located at Healdville Rd and Crowley Lane.

Evelyn Tully Costa won a \$10 gift certificate to Singleton's General Store. Singleton's, on Rte. 131 in Proctorsville, is known far and wide for their Sporting Goods department, amazing selection of Fresh Meats, especially their smoked bacon, and Vermont Liquor Outlet with a fabulous collection of local brews.

Happy eating to all of our prizewinners!! And, a big **thank you to everyone who donated to help conserve the 346-acre Okemo Wildlife Corridor** on Rte. 155.

Mount Holly Conservation Trust is working with the Vermont Land Trust, and the State of Vermont, to protect forever a 346-acre property in Mount Holly that connects the southern part of the Green Mountain National Forest with Okemo State Forest. This will guarantee that animals, increasingly on the move due to climate change, will have the uninterrupted habitat they need—a safe “corridor”—for traveling to find food, mates, and new territory.

Our fundraising effort now underway has only about \$50,000 left to raise. **Please make your donation today.**

Donate online: Visit vlt.org/donate and select ‘Okemo Wildlife Corridor’ from the drop-down menu.

Donate by mail: Send check, made payable to the Vermont Land Trust with “Okemo Wildlife Corridor” in the memo line, to: Vermont Land Trust, 8 Bailey Avenue, Montpelier, VT 0560





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 ~ October 8, 2019 Minutes

Present: Select Board: Jennifer Matthews, Ron Tarbell

Town Officials: Susan Covalla, Carol Garrow-Woolley, David Johnson, Jon McCann, Bill McGrath, Brigid Sullivan, Mary Surething, Clinton Woolley
Members of the Public: Paul Barton, Robert Bryant, Judy Hyjek, Annette Lynch, Timothy Morton, Gannon Osborn, Don Richardson, Peter Smith, Ron Unterman, Joan Weir

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 Wednesday before the meeting.

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

4. Approval of the September 10, 2019 Minutes – Ron Tarbell made a motion to approve the minutes, Jennifer Matthews seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

5. Reports

a. Highways

i) Update – Clinton Woolley

Mr. Woolley presented a quote he had received for uniforms for the road crew. With only one quote, Ron Tarbell asked to table the proposal until additional quotes were received.

Mr. Woolley noted that Appalachee and Cargill have the same price on salt for the upcoming winter. Appalachee has the State contract to supply cities and towns in District 3, and given their proven dependability last year, it was thought best to stick with them.

Mr. Woolley reported that no items relevant to Mount Holly were discussed at the **Rutland Region Transportation Council** meeting (#5.d.Report). Per the Rutland County Solid Waste District, Mr. Woolley noted that the costs for the Zero Sort operation were catching up to the costs of trash removal, which could mean a charge for recyclables in the future.

1. Call to Order by Ron Tarbell at 6:00 p.m.

2. All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Consideration of any changes and/or additions to the agenda – Requests made by Bill McGrath to make suggestions and Robert Bryant to make comments were agreed to under #7 New Business, Other.

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Payments must be received at the Town Office or
be postmarked Nov. 4, 2019 (or earlier) to be
considered timely paid.

b. Treasurer – David Johnson

i) Monthly Income & Expense Report – Mr. Johnson reported that \$880,000 of the \$5,250,000 in property taxes was still to be collected; percentage-wise, this is normal at this time of year. He noted that the Discount on Taxes was higher than the budgeted amount this year by \$7900, and he noted that Interest Income received to date was already more than what was budgeted for the year due to the change in banks and a higher interest rate received. He also reported that there were not many municipal expenses so far this year.

ii) School Payments – Mr. Johnson explained the schedule he had prepared of payments to be made to the school in the amount of \$2.9 M per the State.

c. Rutland Regional Planning Commission Report - Jon McCann reported on an interesting presentation on light pollution and noted a growing trend in "dark sky tourism" that could be of benefit to Mount Holly's tourist businesses. He noted that talks are underway with the US Forest Service to designate national forests as dark sky preserves. Jennifer Matthews commented on a conversation at a Select Board meeting with Tim Mueller of Okemo Mountain Resort in attendance

back when Jackson Gore was in the early stages of development. She asked about noise pollution from snow guns and light pollution from impending development. She was assured neither would impact our side of the mountain.

6. Old Business

a. Public Utilities Commission Update re: Phone Back-Up Battery Power Issues - Jennifer Matthews gave an update on the last PUC workshop with the small towns (whose residents lose phone service and the ability to reach emergency services during prolonged power outages due to inadequate back-up battery power, and the lack of cell service, as a result of the changeover to fiber optic cable dependent upon electric

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power to operate from the former copper wires to carry phone service), the PUC, and the lawyers and lobbyists for the telecommunications companies. The telecom companies do not want to incur any additional expenses. The group of small towns (Shrewsbury, Mount Holly, Andover, Wallingford, Tinmouth, and perhaps Middletown Springs) is asking for “best practices” which include better customer education on back-up batteries, technical assistance, and no additional costs on the customer for said batteries. Questions were asked about the involvement of public health agencies and any statistics showing mortality rates due to the inability to reach emergency services in the State’s rural towns. The next PUC workshop is on October 21st.

b. **Swap Shed** – Jennifer Matthews reported that the swap shed had arrived, and it is now up and running. She thanked Clinton Woolley for dealing with its arrival at quite a late hour in the evening. Just a few rules exist for the shed at present: no electronics, no clothing, and no junk. There are favorable reports as to its use at present with some good swapping occurring.

c. **Support Letter – VT Department of Forests, Parks & Recreation 345-Acre Acquisition**

The request for a letter of support from the Select Board for the Town of Mount Holly was made by the Mount Holly Conservation Trust, the Vermont Land Trust, and the Vermont Division of Forest, Parks and Recreation. The letter of support is needed for the state of Vermont to make a large grant (\$440,000) to assist with for the acquisition of this private parcel as an addition to the Okemo State Forest. Brigid Sullivan for the Mount Holly Conservation Trust made the main presentation outlining the parcel’s wildlife, environmental and recreation (fishing, hunting, snowmobiling) value to the town; the value of the conservation easement that will prevent any residential, industrial or commercial development; and, the State’s Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) that will reimburse the Town for any loss of municipal taxes. The loss of education taxes are borne by all property owners across the state with a projected cost of eight cents per

parcel. Ms. Sullivan noted that over \$200,000 of the \$813,000 price tag for the acquisition had come from local residents. She also presented the Select Board with a petition signed by 80+ residents in support of the project. Gannon Osborn with the VT Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation further explained the PILOT program, noting that the taxes paid currently on the property would remain at the same amount until the State Legislature reassesses the PILOT payments in 2022. He noted that those payments had been at 1% of the assessed value of property, but are now at .6% after the Legislature’s last reassessment of PILOT payments. Joan Weir of the Vermont Land Trust noted that the conservation easement on the property is on in perpetuity. The conservation easement is a requirement of the VT Housing &

Mount Holly Listers Hours

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Conservation Board, which made a sizable grant to help with this acquisition. The property is doubly-protected from development with this conservation easement. Peter Smith pointed out that the numerous beech trees on the property make for prime bear habitat, which also ensures that the Department of Fish and Wildlife would oppose any sort of development on the acreage.

David Johnson reported for the Board of Listers and as Treasurer. He reiterated the eight cents per parcel increase in the education tax and the current PILOT program payments, which have been decreasing with each reassessment by the State Legislature. He noted that currently 5718 acres in town, or 23.8% of the land in town, is in State and Federal hands. This acquisition will increase that to 25.65% of the land in town in State and Federal hands. Ms. Matthews reiterated Dennis Devereux’s concerns about balancing conserved land with the need to keep housing and land costs affordable for young families in town or wanting to move to town for our excellent elementary school.

Ms. Matthews noted that she was impressed by the range of the discussion provoked by this subject in last month’s Select Board meeting and this one also: the intersection of land values, conservation, affordable housing, the needs of young families, and Mount Holly’s excellent elementary school were among topics that she hoped could be discussed in the future. Ron Tarbell made a motion to approve the 345-acre acquisition of the two properties off Route 155 and Government Road by the VT Department of Forests, Parks & Recreation, seconded by Jennifer Matthews, passed unanimously. The Select Board will write a letter to the State as requested. The Select Board thanked those making the presentations for all the information shared and for the significant work done to acquire the land for this project.

7. New Business

a. **VLCT/PACIF Insurance Renewals** – Time for the policy renewal for property, vehicle, dam, and worker’s comp insurance, with the rates either staying flat or with a slight decrease.

b. **Mount Holly Planning Commission – One Term Expires November 2019** – Ms. Matthews noted that in the past when a term was expiring, letters of interest were requested from both the incumbent, if still interested in serving, and others who might be interested in serving. It was agreed to post the position in the *Chit Chat*.

c. **Other**

Bill McGrath (Chair of the Planning Commission) rose to say that he had been called “an embarrassment,” wanted the statement withdrawn or he would resign. Unsure of what he was talking about, the Select Board did not respond, and Mr. McGrath walked out the door.

Robert Bryant rose to discuss the complaints he had made to the Select Board at the last two meetings. He complained about conditions around town that had not been addressed and about town officials who do nothing. He stated that the State considers Mount Holly to be the “wild, wild west” full of a bunch of hillbillies, and the town doesn’t want to put its foot down and take care of anything. He said he thought it was time to do something for the town, and that he did not come to complain but to help. Judy Hyjek stated that she thought a disagreement between Mr. Bryant and Archie Bussino at the last Select Board meeting had not been accurately represented in the meeting minutes. She also stated that she and Mr. Bryant were stating facts about environmental and safety issues in town that need to be addressed. Ron

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Monday, NOVEMBER 11, 2019
FOR VETERAN’S DAY

Thursday, NOVEMBER 28, 2019
FOR THANKSGIVING

Special Select Board Meeting

Tuesday, October 29, 2019

7:00 pm

To Finalize Town Recommendation on Proposed AT&T/FirstNet Cell Tower Project

Tarbell thanked Mr. Bryant for bringing his concerns to the Select Board.

8. Announcements/Other Business

- a. **Transfer Station Fall/Winter Hours** - Last Wednesday, 10/9; First Sunday, 10/13
- b. **Mount Holly Cider Days**: Saturday & Sunday, October 12th & 13th w/ Maple Hill Road Closure
- c. **Public Information Session & Hearing on Proposed AT&T Cell Tower**, Tuesday, October 15th @ 7:00 pm at the Town Office @ Special Select Board Meeting
- d. **Other**

Ms. Matthews noted that a number of new requests had been received for funding from Social Service organizations. Was there a policy in place

regarding these? In discussion, it was noted that the request must be accompanied by a petition signed by residents to be placed on the ballot. There was additional discussion around how to remove a request once incorporated into the annual line item list of social service requests.

Ms. Matthews also inquired about whether the Select Board and the town might want to begin discussions about the pending legislation on the retail sale of marijuana. It was agreed to have some information presented at one of the next Select Board meetings.

9. Review & Sign Orders – Reviewed and signed.

10. Executive Session: Title 1 V.S.A. S 313(a)(1) – Jennifer Matthews made a finding followed by a motion to enter Executive Session at 7:18 pm, Ron Tarbell seconded both, passed unanimously. Mr. Tarbell made a motion to exit Executive Session at 7:39 pm, seconded by Ms. Matthews, passed unanimously. No actions were taken. Respectfully submitted: Jennifer Matthews

Mount Holly Special Select Board Meeting - October 15, 2019 Minutes

Present: Select Board: Mark Turco (chair), Ron Tarbell, Jennifer Matthews

Town Officials: Dan Connor, Susan Covalla, Carol Garrow-Woolley, Diana Garrow, Russ Garrow, David Johnson, Jon McCann, Clinton Woolley

Members of Public: Nancy Connor, Jim Corven, Diane Deegan, Dennis Devereux, Francis DeVine, Barbara Hazelton, Steve Hazelton, James Heald, Annette Lynch, Kevin Plew, Patti Plew, Jim Porter, Sandra Pedom, Don Richardson, Kelly Tarbell, Linda Tarbell, Ray Tarbell, Amy Turco, Brett Wright

For AT&T Presentation: Will Dodge, Esq., Sohail Usimani, Rachel Scott, Greg Terrien

1. Call to Order by chair Mark Turco at 7:00 p.m.

All stood for the **Pledge of Allegiance**.

2. AT&T Presentation on Proposed Cell Tower

(<https://www.mounthollyvt.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/10/2019.10.15.ATT-PPT.Mt.-Holly-3.pdf>) –

Will Dodge of Downs Rachlin Martin made the presentation on behalf of AT&T. He began with an overview of the FirstNet project with its origins in 9/11 and the problems first responders encountered on that day in attempting to communicate with each other. Mr. Dodge showed part of a video on FirstNet, which can be found here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=p-zyDCSaDug&feature=youtu.be>

Mr. Dodge explained the public-private partnership established by FirstNet with AT&T to provide nationwide coverage for first responders. He went on to explain that the proposed project in Mount Holly is part of this public-private partnership focused on first responders and public safety.

Mr. Dodge gave an overview of the facility to be located at 581 Stewart Road South, on property of the Tarbell family. He discussed the terrain and its features, the access road and its relocation from that previously planned when the project was first proposed and approved in 2011 (a new house has been constructed near the original proposed access road). He discussed the design of the 130' monopole with a top tier of nine antennae and the availability of three additional tiers for other providers if interested in the future.

Mr. Dodge explained the coverage that would be provided along VT Route 103, and Healdville, Shunpike, and Old Turnpike Roads as well as ancillary roads connected with those. He reviewed the results of the drive test done on September 3rd, going over maps and diagrams of coverage, both current coverage and coverage provided if the facility was constructed.

Mr. Dodge reviewed the environmental impacts, noting as little clearing as possible to be done on an existing path in the woods for the access road with one intermittent stream crossing necessary with an ANR-approved culvert, and no critical habitat disturbed.

Mr. Dodge reviewed the visual impacts of the tower with diagrams, simulations, and photos from the balloon test taken at various locations around town. He also reviewed photos taken from the 2010 "leaf-off" balloon test. Photos of the proposed tower as a monopole and as a monopine were also shown.

Mr. Dodge briefly discussed the Section 248a review process with the request to the Town for its recommendation on the project. He noted the desire to strengthen telecommunications in town cited in both Mount Holly's Town Plan and the Rutland Regional plan. He pointed out the facility had received the support of the Select Board in 2011 with a stated desire to eventually add coverage for VT Route 155 and Belmont. Mr. Dodge closed noting that coverage for those areas may follow using this project as a building block for further coverage.

3. Question-and-Answer Period – Dennis Devereux spoke of the legislative history surrounding cell service in the State and the desire expressed to him by so many so often for cell service in town.

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Brett Wright showed a number of photos with the monopole photo-shopped in, photos from Fenn Road, Stewart Road North, VT Route 103, and Hortonville Road. He stated that he and a number of the abutters to the project would like to see the tower disguised or camouflaged in some way. Sandra Predom stated that the tower would affect the views of surrounding landowners, and she/they would like to see the tower disguised. Dan Connor echoed this sentiment asking the Select Board to do whatever possible to minimize the visual impact and advocate for a disguised tower.

Jennifer Matthews asked what other options were available to disguise the tower. Mr. Dodge responded that it could be painted brown like one in Perkinsville; blue was tried in South Hero and panned.

Much discussion ensued on the monopine design in Weston with other trees around it and behind it, on the option of a dark chocolate brown monopole or a gray one which blends in with the often overcast skies. Mr. Dodge explained that AT&T tries to adopt what the town asks for in terms of design of the tower with no additional cost to the town for any disguise of the tower desired.

Steve Hazelton asked about the lack of coverage on VT Route 155 for first responders. Mr. Dodge explained that FirstNet identified 31 sites in VT as high priority with VT Route 103 in Mount Holly as one of them; VT Route 155 had less priority. That may change in the future with coverage for VT Route 155 provided by another tower in that area.

Mr. Dodge will provide the town with a variety of designs and simulations for residents to review.

Ron Tarbell stated that he would recuse himself from any vote on the proposed cell tower.

The Select Board thanked Mr. Dodge and his associates for the presentation and thanked residents in attendance for their thoughts, ideas, comments, suggestions and participation. Respectfully submitted: Jennifer Matthews

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With his passion for inquiry, German-born, Albert Einstein is considered one of the most influential physicists of the 20th Century. He is responsible for the world's most famous equation ($E=MC^2$) which led to his discovery of the general theory of relativity, considered to be mankind's highest intellectual discovery. Apparently, he admitted that he didn't start speaking until after the age of three. Maybe he was thinking for those first few years, Anyway, once he started speaking the man who hated socks quite literally changed the way we see time and travel across the world and the universe. Some of the things he said have been buried and may surprise you. Check it out.

Einstein was once asked by George Sylvester Vierecki: **To what extent are you influenced by Christianity?** Albert replied, *"As a child I received instruction both in the Bible and in the Talmud. I am a Jew, but I am enthralled by the luminous figure of the Nazarene."*

Vierecki: **You accept the historical existence of Jesus?**

Einstein: *"Unquestionably! No one can read the Gospels without feeling the actual presence of Jesus. His personality pulsates in every word. No myth is filled with such life."*

Vierecki: **"Do you believe in God?"**

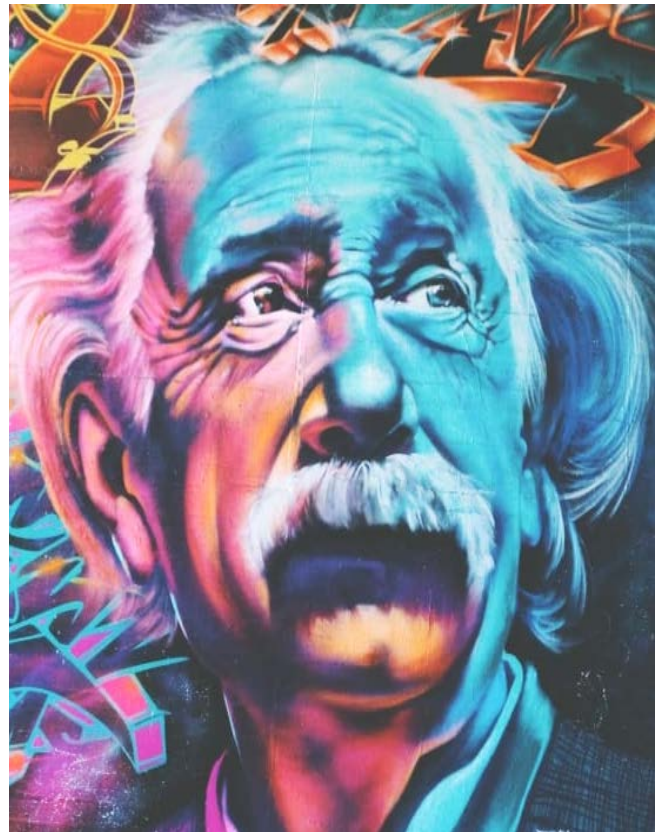
Einstein: *"(Yes)...the problem involved is too vast for our limited minds. We are in the position of a little child entering a huge library filled with books in many languages. The child knows that someone must've written those books but how? The child dimly suspects a mysterious order in the arrangement of the books but doesn't know what it is. That, it seems to me, is the attitude of even the most intelligent human being toward God. We see the universe marvelously arranged and obeying certain laws but only dimly understand these laws."*

On another occasion he said: *"I want to know how God created this world. I am not interested in this or that phenomenon in the spectrum of this or that element. I want to know God's thoughts! The rest is but details."*

"As a lover of freedom, when the revolution came in Germany, I looked to the universities to defend it, knowing that they had always boasted of their devotion to the cause of truth: but no, the universities were immediately silenced. Then I looked to the great editors of the newspapers, whose flaming editorials in days gone by had proclaimed their love of freedom; but they, like the universities, were silenced in a few short weeks."

Only the Church stood squarely across the path of Hitler's campaign for suppressing truth. I never had any special interest in the Church before, but now I feel a great affection admiration for it, because the Church alone has had the courage and persistence to stand for intellectual truth and moral freedom. I am forced to confess that what I once despised now I praise unreservedly."---- **New York Times** (1956)

You can draw your own conclusions. Just remember: The Church, like you, is living, occupies space and has a "mass". YOU MATTER and so does the Church! Pastor Glenn





SAVE THE DATE

Woods, Wildlife, and Warblers Program Update

Woods, Wildlife, and Warblers is a program focused on helping woodland owners throughout Vermont create or enhance wildlife habitat in their woods.

Since its launch in 2016, the program has been working to connect landowners in the area with the knowledge and resources necessary to become better stewards of their land and the wildlife that calls it home.

Join us for our stakeholder meeting and program update, where we will discuss results and co-create solutions to engage more landowners in sustainable forestry throughout Vermont.

Light refreshments and lunch will be provided.

**Friday,
November 8th**

Meeting from
10 AM - 3 PM
at
Langevin House
599 Furnace Rd.
Randolph Center, VT
05061

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vtwoodsandwildlife.org



the EAB has been spread primarily in fire wood. The insect itself has a "flight" period from May to September that may cover one or two miles.

According to Ralph Pace, the chairman of REREC, the committee will provide aid to area towns in the following sequence:

- 1 - assisting the towns with the inventory its existing ash tree population, looking for signs of existing infestation; this will deal primarily with public right of ways managed by the towns;
- 2 - providing information to towns on how the EAB trees may be protected by periodically using chemical treatments;
- 3 - outlining some of the decision-making elements in determining the likelihood of trees being saved;
- 4 - acting as an information source, particularly in linking towns to state officials; and
- 5 - where appropriate, advising town officials on procedures to take in dealing with EAB.

He also noted that REREC would be available to private land-owners to assist them in dealing with the EAB problem.

Pace stated that "it is not a question of will a town be infested by EAB but when. We

are surrounded by states and Canadian provinces that have been invaded by EAB. We will not escape this problem. We simply have to be prepared to deal with it".

He added that anyone interested in learning more about EAB is welcome to attend the next REREC meeting in Ludlow town hall on November 18 at 10 AM or call (802)228-7239. Photo of EAB adult insect and map of infestation in VT attached

Area Group Forms to Aid Towns in Battling EAB Infestation

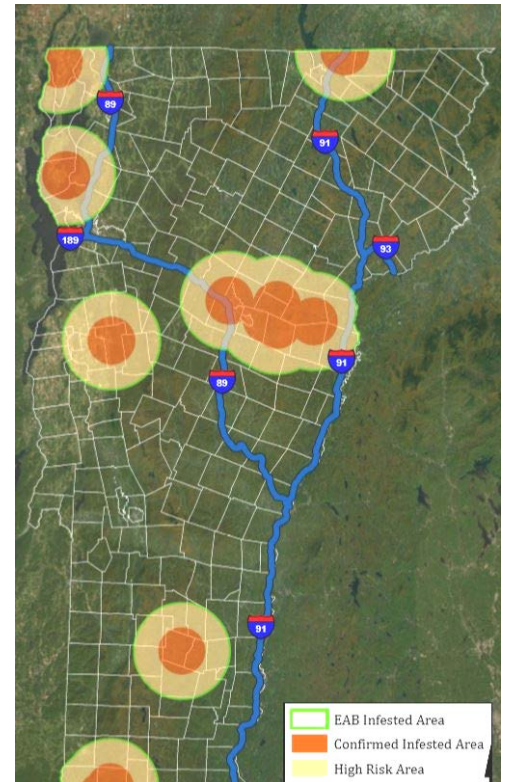


A group of people from Southern Windsor County and Rutland County have recently met to form an organization whose aim will be to assist area towns in dealing with the anticipated infestation of the emerald ash borer (EAB).

Meeting in Ludlow for the past several months, the group adopted the name of "Regional EAB Resource Committee" (REREC). Membership consists of area town tree wardens, arborists, state forestry experts, and interested citizens. The mission of the group will be to provide aid in planning for and dealing with the infestation of EAB by individual towns in the area.

EAB is an invasive insect that originally was found in Canada and entered the United States via Michigan in 2001. It attacks only ash trees. The eggs from the adult EAB are laid in the bark of the ash trees. The resulting larva from the eggs, destroy the cambian layer of the tree, that portion between the bark and the hard wood that provides the channel for nourishment to support the tree.

Recently, EAB larva was found in trees in Londonderry, VT. Previously they had infested the northern counties of the state as well as the Bennington area. Because it is a hard wood, frequently used as fire wood,



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Governor Scott Addresses Ludlow Rotary on State Issues

The Ludlow Rotary Club (LRC) welcomed Governor Phil Scott at its recent luncheon meeting at DJ's Restaurant in Ludlow.

Governor Scott spoke at length about the basic problems facing the state's long range change in demographics, especially noting the change in the average age of Vermonters, its impact on the state's economy, and on the number of young people involved in the public school systems. In particular, he cited the relationship between the state's low unemployment rate and the number of open jobs available in the state.

Following his address, the Governor answered a number of questions from the LRC members and invited guests. In response to one question regarding the negative impact Act 250 has on new business development, Governor Scott indicated that the Act was celebrating its 50th year and needed to be modified to enable greater new business development.

As part of the meeting, LRC recognized the new foreign student that it, in conjunction with the Chester Rotary Club, was sponsoring. Tunjung is a foreign exchange student from Indonesia.

Pictured above are, from left to right, Mark Huntley, LRC President; Tunjung; and Governor Phil Scott.

Letter to the Editor

Throughout the weekend of September 20, 21 and 22, the staff and volunteers of Black River Good Neighbor Services conducted their semi-annual rummage sale at Fletcher Farm in Ludlow. The sale has come to be a well-recognized and eagerly anticipated event for the Black River Valley. This spring the weather was wonderful; the crowds were enthusiastic, and the results were gratifying.

The event raises funds needed by BRGNS to help defray the cost of food and financial assistance that is distributed to our clients. With the ever-increasing cost of food today, the additional cash raised at the rummage sale goes a long way in keeping the shelves stocked. We buy much of our distributed food from the Vermont Foodbank. There, a one-dollar purchase equals about five dollars' worth of food from a regular grocery store. But even with this buying power, we always need additional food; so, the additional cash is a tremendous boost for our program.

BRGNS thanks all of those who supported the organization by buying items at the sale. But we especially thank the many volunteers who gave of their time to set up, conduct and clean up after the sale. Our volunteers are a group of like-minded individuals who believe in community service, and we are always looking for more people to join us.

The next rummage sale will be held in the spring, and we are already planning it. Please consider donating goods or just giving a few hours of your time to help manage the sale. For more information about the sale and particularly about volunteering to help, please call Audrey at 228-3663. Peter LaBelle, Director, BRGNS

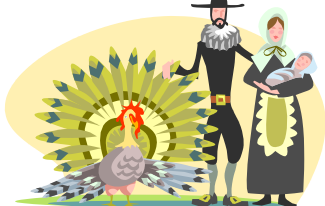


BLACK RIVER GOOD NEIGHBOR SERVICES, INC.



FOLA Board Sets New Program for 2020

At its recent meeting, the Board of Directors of the Friends of Ludlow Auditorium (FOLA) met to decide on the various programs and movies it would offer audiences in 2020. Among the special events planned for the coming season will be a documentary about the ascent of K2, the second tallest mountain in the world, considered by expert climbers to be the most difficult climb, a movie series featuring the work of Robin Williams, and the hit parody film, "Oh Brother, Where Art Thou". The rest of the schedule will be announced shortly. Pictured during the board meeting are, from left to right, Martin Nitka, Ralph Pace, David Almond, Harry Welch, Scott Stearns, Jim Alic, and George Thomson. Also attending the meeting, but not pictured, were Don Richardson and Janet Pace.



Vermont Community Foundation Fundholders Commit \$120,000 To Protect Okemo Wildlife Corridor in Mount Holly

The Mount Holly Conservation Trust has received a total of \$120,000 from two Vermont Community Foundation fundholders to permanently protect 346 acres in Mount Holly that connect the southern part of the Green Mountain National Forest with the Okemo State Forest and Coolidge State Forest. An anonymous Vermont Community Foundation fundholder awarded a generous \$100,000 challenge grant that—combined with a \$20,000 gift from the Lyman Orton Fund—brings the Mount Holly Conservation Trust closer to its overall fundraising goal of \$400,000.

To finalize the purchase of the property located off Vermont Route 155 in Mount Holly between Weston and Wallingford, the Okemo Wildlife Corridor Conservation Project needs to raise approximately \$70,000 more in donations to meet the challenge.

For the past 10 years, the Mount Holly Conservation Trust has worked closely with the Vermont Land Trust, The Conservation Fund, and the Ninevah Foundation to create this protected corridor to ensure that bear, moose, and other wildlife are able to travel freely to find food, mates, and new territory. The Mount Holly section is a critical link in a 100-mile swath that preserves the sources of the West and Mill rivers and Branch Brook; healthy high-elevation forest, streams, and wetlands that support an abundance of wildlife; and public lands for recreation including existing VAST snowmobile and Catamount ski trails. Working in cooperation with the Vermont Land Trust and the Vermont Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation, the land will be added to the Okemo State Forest.

"This is truly a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to create uninterrupted habitat preserving wild places that make Vermont so special, and we're grateful to our fundholders for investing in our shared future," said Dan Smith, president and CEO of the Vermont Community Foundation.

"My parents live in Mount Holly, so these wetlands, watersheds, and wild places are home to me as much as they are to the bear, moose, trout, and other creatures that live here," added Elisabeth Marx, a senior philanthropic advisor at the Vermont Community Foundation. "We are eager to see additional community donors meet this challenge to help the Mount Holly Conservation Trust complete the purchase and guarantee that the land remains a wildlife corridor forever."

The Mount Holly Conservation Trust is a nonprofit, volunteer organization focused on preserving the beauty and character of Mount Holly.

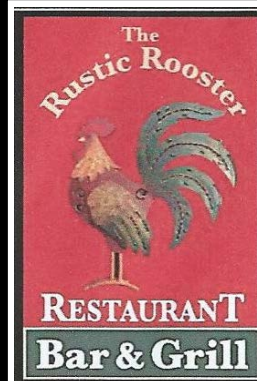
"We're inspired by the opportunity to protect the wild places of Mount Holly, and secure a small local effort to reduce climate change," noted Brigid Sullivan, a member of the Mount Holly Conservation Trust's board of directors. "At the same time, we're also inspired by the fundholders and donors who choose to support our work, and now we need just \$70,000 more to preserve the Okemo Wildlife Corridor forever."

About the Vermont Community Foundation: The Vermont Community Foundation inspires giving and brings people and resources together to make a difference in Vermont. A family of hundreds of funds and foundations, we provide the advice, investment vehicles, and back-office expertise that make it easy for the people who care about Vermont to find and fund the causes they love. The heart of the Community Foundation's work is closing the opportunity gap—the divide that leaves too many Vermonters struggling to get ahead, no matter how hard they work. We are aligning our time, energy, and discretionary resources on efforts that provide access to early care and learning, pathways to college and career training, support for youth and families, and community and economic vitality. We envision Vermont at its best—where everyone has the opportunity to build a bright, secure future. Visit vermontcf.org or call 802-388-3355 for more information.

About the Mount Holly Conservation Trust: The Mount Holly Conservation Trust is a nonprofit, volunteer organization whose mission is to preserve the beauty and character of Mount Holly through the conservation of land and natural resources that are valued by the community. The organization's primary objectives are to conserve specific parcels of land and/or natural resources, educate the community about the value of conservation and the means of achieving it, acquire financial resources for conservation, and work with other organizations to promote its mission. For more information, visit

<http://www.mounthollyconservationtrust.org>.

Zoe Pike, Vermont Community Foundation, zpik@vermontcf.org 802-388-3355, ext. 285



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Okemo Valley - Stronger Together

Regional Chamber Kicks Off Fall Membership Campaign

Okemo Valley, VT: The Okemo Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce (OVRCC) is closing out the year with a Fall Membership Drive. The theme of the campaign is: #OkemoValleyTogether because together we are stronger! Photo is of longtime chamber member Brent Karner from Clear Lake Furniture.

The Okemo Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce is 60+ year old, 300+ business membership association in South Central Vermont. OVRCC represents businesses in all sectors of the economy including hospitality, service, retail, manufacturing, recreation, and the arts. Their membership includes members anywhere from individual & home based businesses to national & international corporations. We are also the gateway of information for visitors and locals alike at our visitors' center at the base of Okemo Mountain.

When our current members were recently surveyed, the top reasons for belonging to



the chamber were:

- A unified regional cooperative marketing strategy
- Events to promote greater awareness of their business and meet colleagues in the region
- A collective voice for business advocacy with legislators and policy makers

Businesses that work together on a regional basis are stronger than those who try and go it alone. Therefore the theme of the Fall Membership Drive is "Okemo Valley Stronger Together".

In addition to all the regular benefits of being a chamber member (including discounts on everything from Epic Ski passes to Dental/Vision Insurance for both you & your employees!), the following additional perks are being offered during this Fall membership drive:

1. **3 free additional months of membership on your 2020 annual dues**
2. **10-20% off advertising** (10% off *Okemo Valley Magazine* Ads and 10% off *VT Vacation Guide* Ads and OVRCC website banner ads)

The Okemo Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce supports all the businesses in our 12 town region. Please let us know if you'd like to try out one of our After-Hours events (mixers) or have one of our membership committee



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members contact you for more info. We are seeking additional members to support us so we can better serve you.

Not yet an OVRCC member and want to join? It's easy to do right online here: <https://www.yourplaceinvermont.com/join-the-chamber/online-application/> FOR MORE INFORMATION: Carol Lighthall, *Okemo Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce* www.yourplaceinvermont.com 802-228-5830

Change your clocks - change the battery in your smoke and co alarm

As Vermonters move their clocks back an hour this weekend the Vermont Division of Fire Safety wants everyone to remember to also change the batteries in all smoke and carbon monoxide alarms.

While changing the battery, it is also important to check the date on the alarm. Most smoke alarms have an effective life span of around 10 years, and carbon monoxide alarms work for approximately 5-7 years depending on manufacturer. If you do not have smoke or carbon monoxide alarms in your home, it is strongly recommended you install them as soon as possible to increase your chance of escaping a home fire.

According to the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), approximately 60-percent of home fire deaths between 2009 and 2013 were in homes with non-existent or inoperable smoke alarms. Failure to maintain or replace dead batteries was the leading cause of the failure.

Vermont law requires all new smoke alarms to be of the photoelectric type. Photoelectric type alarms have been proven to reduce "nuisance alarms" due to cooking, or steam from bathrooms, and can activate sooner to smoldering (upholstery) type fires.

In addition to working smoke and carbon monoxide alarms, it is always important to have a fire escape plan, especially in homes with small children, and practice that plan at least twice a year. For additional information on specific installation requirements for smoke and co alarms please visit our web page at www.firesafety.vermont.gov

Following these safety tips can reduce fire deaths and injuries. Always remember, hear the alarm, get out, and stay out!

Contact: Michael Desrochers, VT Division Executive Director of Fire Safety, [802-479-7539](tel:802-479-7539)

THE BLACK RIVER AREA COMMUNITY COALITION & FLETCHER MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Present A Community Book Read & Discussion:

OF GRIEF, GARLIC & GRATITUDE

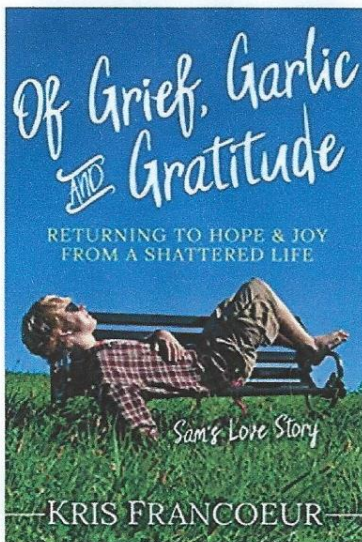
Written by Vermont author Kris Francoeur.

Join us as we welcome the author for a discussion of her book.

Wednesday, November 20th, 2019

7:00pm

Fletcher Memorial Library



Of Grief, Garlic and Gratitude follows the first thirty months after Sam Francoeur's death from an accidental opiate (prescription) overdose. His mother, Kris Francoeur, shares her journey from the first crushing days to her eventually being able to find light, joy, and hope again through the practices of conscious and deliberate gratitude, unconditional acceptance of others, and making strong connections to the natural world. Her story helps grieving families feel that hope and joy will return, no matter how devastating and permanent the loss.

Refreshments will be served

**Free Books are available at the following locations:
(Courtesy of Morgan James Publishing)**

**Fletcher Memorial Library
Mount Holly Library
Cavendish Library
BRACC (Ludlow Town Hall, 2nd Floor)**

**For more Information
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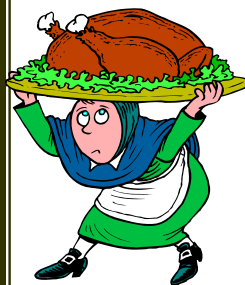
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A Thanksgiving Day Prayer

Lord,

We humbly ask Thy blessing
On the turkey and the dressing,
On the yams and the cranberry jelly,
And the pickles from the deli.

Bless the apple pie and tea,
Bless each and every calorie.
Let us enjoy Thanksgiving dinner.
Tomorrow we can all get thinner.

For all Thy help along the way
We're thankful this
Thanksgiving day.
We're thankful too, for all our dear ones,
For all the far away and near ones.

Although we may be far apart,
We're together in my heart.
Keep us in Thy loving care,
This is my Thanksgiving prayer.



January 2019 Mount Holly Chit Chat Inc.

The Nite' Fore Deer Season



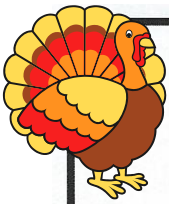
T'was the nite before Deer Season;
And cold in the shack.
The guns had been polished, and lay in the rack.
The Hunter were nestle, all snug in their beds.
With visions of "8 pointer", dancing in their heads.
I in my overcoat, gloves, boots and cap
Had just settled to a four-hour nap.
When out from the woods there arose such a clatter.
I sprang from my bedroll to see what was the matter.
Out of the door I flew like a flash;
Stumbled and fell; tripped over some trash.
The moon on the crest of the new-fallen snow
Gave the luster of mid-day to objects below.
When what to my wondering eyes should appear
But a little old man out jacking deer.
The flurries of snow made it fairly hard to see;
But he lay out a salt lick; and perched in a tree!
To the top of the tree, to the top of the limb
He seemed quite assured no deer could see him.
Back at the shack, I was turning around
When he fell from the tree, and sprawled on the ground.
He was dressed all in wool; from his head to his toe
And his clothes were all "soggy" with the water of snow.
A stock of a rifle he held in his hand.
It was then I whistled and shouted, "Get off my land!"
He said not a word, he went straight to his work.
Brushed off his clothing and turned with a jerk.
He ran like the wind right past our shack
And then he sped off in a new Cadillac.
But I heard him exclaim with a voice full of cheer
"What a miserable night to be out jacking deer!!!"
The moral is this: If you're going to jack a deer,
do it on your own land!!!

Submitted by Bob Buswell for the B.R.V. Senior Center
November Newsletter.

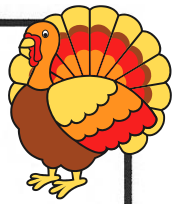
I received this from Gus Muguira from California in December
2007 and have kept it just for the November publication of the
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Pictures of Cider Days By Joe Hammond





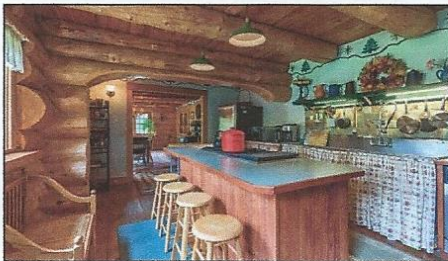
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Artisan Log Home



Mount Holly, Vermont



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Community Health Clinics – November 2019

November Blood Pressure/Foot Care Clinics

Wednesday, 11/06/2019,	Wallingford, Wallingford House,	10:30am
Thursday, 11/07/2019,	Rutland, Parker House,	10am
Wednesday, 11/13/2019,	Rutland, Templewood Court,	10am
Wednesday, 11/20/2019,	Rutland, Sheldon Towers,	9am
Wednesday, 11/20/2019,	Rutland, Linden Terrace,	11am
Thursday, 11/21/2019,	Rutland, Maple Village,	10am
Thursday, 11/21/2019,	North Clarendon, North Clarendon Community Center,	12:30pm
Wednesday, 11/27/2019,	Rutland, Godnick Adult Center,	12:30pm



The cost of the foot clinic is \$10. Please contact 802.775.0568 to find a clinic near you. No appointment necessary.

Cholesterol Screening: Wednesday, 11/06/2019, Rutland, Rutland office of VNAHSR, 8:30am

The cost is \$30. Call 802.775.0568 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, November 16th from 10:30am - noon at the VNA & Hospice of the Southwest Region, 7 Albert Cree Drive, Rutland, park down in the lower parking lot. For more information contact Kate Lawrence, MSN, RN, CWCN, ET/WOC NURSE at 802.770.1682 or email kate.lawrence@vnahsr.org

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Holy Name of Mary, Proctorsville, Mass Sun 9:30 am
Rev Thomas Mosher 228-3451
Belmont Village Baptist Church-Worship 9:30am, Coffee Hour 10:30
Pastor Glenn Davis vbch.weebly.com 259-2440
E. Wallingford Baptist – PS 9:15-10:00 am SS 10 am, Worship 11 am
Pastor Kevin Miner 259-2831
First Baptist Church, Wallingford, SS 11am Prayer Meeting Wed 7 pm
Pastor Dave Bentley 446-2020
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Until May 11am & 6pm 779-0300
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
Pastor Jerry Scheumann jfscheumann@gmail.com 603-439-0803
St. Patrick's, Wallingford, Mass Sun 9 am
Rev Msgr Bernard Bourgeois christthekingprsh@gmail.com 446-2161
Wilderness Friends Meeting (Quaker) Sundays 10 am
Shrewsbury Library, Cuttingsville 259-2803

Cleaning Services

Home Clean Home – Agnieszka 802-855-3453
HomeCleanHome802@gmail.com

Engineering

Krueger Engineering- Arthur G. Krueger, P.E. 492-3653

Equipment For Hire & Snow Moving

Beardmore Excavating beardmoreexc@gmail.com 342-3507
Flander's Excavating & Firewood 259-2147
Norton's Property Management – Logging*Land Clearing*Snowplowing
*Brush Hogging*Mowing & Care Taking 802-353-6289 Cell 259-3108
Russ Garrow –Lawn Mowing*Brush Hogging*Garden Tilling*Snow Plowing
*Care Taking 259-3167

Farm Fresh Products

Plew Farm (meat, eggs, maple) www.plewfarm.com 802-259-2250
1966 Healdville Rd, Mt. Holly
Smith Maple Crest Farm, Grass-Fed Beef Cuts Fresh/Frozen 492-2151
www.Smithmaplecrestfarm.com
Sugar Hill Berry Farm www.sugarhillberryfarm.com 259-2155

Food Shelf

Black River Good Neighbor Services – Krey Kellington 228-3663

Funeral Homes

Clifford Funeral Home 773-3010

Garage, Repair & Wrecking

Belmont Motor Works LLC - Harley-Davidson, Small Engine 259-3178
Snowmobile, ATV, Aluminum Welding & Metal Fabrication

Garden & Landscape, Lawn Mowing

Belmont Country Gardens Quality Custom Stonework & More 259-2364

Frost Hill Farm Seasonal Peony Wedding Flowers 259-2716
Jeb Porter Landscaping rocker@vermontel.net 259-3058
Kevin Smith, Garden Service & Lawn Mowing 259-3964
Noreen's Petals & Greens 236-8188
Salt Ash Nursery - The Balsam Barn – Scott Crawford 259-2146

Health Care Providers

Dr. Joseph P. Donohue – Chiropractic Care, Thrive Center 446-2499
Massage Therapy/Bodywork, Thrive Center of Green Mtns 446-2499
Lisa Donohue MA, LMT ~ Linda O'Brien MT 446-2499

Home Management Services

Belmont Country Gardens Property Management 259-2364
Mowing & Plowing Jon Lienhard
Country Home Management, Richardson/Rivers 259-3662 228-7086
Jenkins Builders brandon@jenkinsbuild.com 952-9722
Seiple's Property Management 802- 236-8104
Yankee Home Management, Keith Hawkins 259-3064

Interior Design

Rose of Sharon Designs – Sharon Napier Design Consultant 860-214-3911

Maple Syrup

Green Mtn. Sugar House 228-7151
Plew Farm 1966 Healdville Rd, Mt. Holly www.plewfarm.com 259-2250
Smith Maple Crest Farm www.Smithmaplecrestfarm.com 492-2151

Marketing & Promotional Services

Express Copy Inc., Don Reiser H 259-2722 362-0501
print@expresscopyinc.com

Metal Fabrication

Wayne Jones Metal www.waynejonesmetal.com 259-2521

Mount Holly Email

Kevin Plew – mthollynewsflash@gmail.com 259-2250

Painters

MRS Unlimited Visions LLC Interior/Exterior Painting –Melissa 259-3989

Plumbing & Heating

Master Plumbing & Heating Inc. 802-975-0369
masterplumbingheating@gmail.com
Tailored Plumbing tailoredplumbingheating@gmail.com 802-417-1647

Real Estate Sales

Coldwell Banker Lifestyles, fellison@cblifestylesre.com 228-5678
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Kelley Real Estate, Don Eatmon, Broker/Owner H 259-2646 228-5333
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Ty Murray Ty@KelleyRealEstate.com H 259-3014 Cell 802-777-8047
Fax 802-228-5343 www.KelleyRealEstate.com www.OkemoValley.com

Roofing

Buddy System Roofing Contct Buddy 259-3989
New Roofs/Roof Repairs & Replacement – Slate/Wood/Asphalt/Metal

Security

Countryside Alarms – Mike Blais www.countrysidealarms.com 259-2213

Septic System Design

Krueger Engineering – Arthur G. Krueger, P.E. 492-3653

Therapeutic Riding

Rienbow Riding Center Home 259-2282 Barn 492-2226

Tree Services

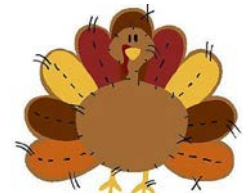
G.M. Tree Tech & Landscaping, Greg McKirryher 259-8733

Volunteer Services

Belmont/Mt. Holly Food Co-op, Tanger H 259-2344 W 259-2899
Black River Good Neighbor Service 228-3663

Woodworking, Cabinets & Furniture

Chesters Custom Woodworking ccw@vermontel.net 259-3232
www.chesterscustomwoodworking.com
Stone Creek Workshops www.stonecreekworkshops.com 259-2254



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