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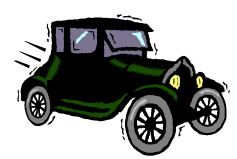
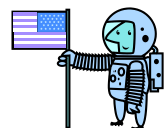
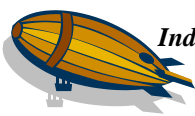
July 2022

Church Listings, back page "Who's Got It Locally?"

Mount Holly Community Association – Contact MHCAVT@gmail.com
Mount Holly Museum-Open Jul & Aug Sat & Sun 2-4 pm www.mounthollyvtmuseum.org 802-259-2460 ddevereux@vermontel.net
Mt. Holly NewsFlash Town email sign up at mthollynewsflash@gmail.com Check Out www.mthollynewsflash.blogspot.com
Town Library: In-Person with Mask Sat 9-1 Mon 9-1 Tue 1-5 Wed 2-4, P.O. Box 93, Belmont, VT 05730 Call 802-259-3707
Town Office Hours: Mon. to Thurs. 8:30 am – 4:00 pm Closed Fri-Sun & Holidays Phone 802-259-2391
Town Treasurer's Office Hours: Mon 8:30 am –12:00 pm Wed 12:00 pm – 4:00 pm and by Appointment 802-259-2391
Town Lister's Hours: Tues 10:00 am – 2:00 pm or by appointment 802-259-2391
Town Garage: 802-259-3179
Burn Permits: Call Fire Warden ~ Jim Seward 802-786-3408 or 802-259-2211
TRANSFER SITE: Wed. 4 pm – 7 pm & Sat. 8 am – 2 pm

July 2022

1 st		<i>Battle of Gettysburg Began 1863</i>	
2 nd		<i>US Civil Rights Act 1964 ~ US Army Air Corps Est. 1926</i>	
3 rd		<i>Battle of Gettysburg Ended 1863</i>	
4 th	<i>Town Parade</i> Starting at Dodge Rd. Step-Off Chicken BBQ Odd Fellows Hall	<i>Independence Day 1776</i>	11:00 am
5 th	Mt. Holly Community Association Meeting, Library Mount Holly Conservation Commission		11:30 am
6 th	<i>1st Airship Crossing The Atlantic 1919 ~ Revolutionary War British Captured Ft. Ticonderoga 1777</i>		7:00 pm
7 th	Fire Dept. Business Meeting, Belmont Fire Station		7:00 pm
10 th		<i>US Frigate "United States" was Launched 1797</i>	7:00 pm
11 th	Rescue Squad Meeting, Rescue Squad Building		7:00 pm
12 th	Community Guild Meeting, IOOF Hall, Belmont Mt. Holly PTSA Meeting, Mt. Holly School Select Board Meeting, Town Office & Zoom	<i>Henry David Thoreau 1817</i> <i>Roman Emperor Julius Caesar b. 100 BC</i>	9:00 am
13 th	LMHUUS Meeting, ODD Fellows Meeting, IOOF Hall, Belmont	<i>Full Buck Moon</i>	4:30 pm
14 th	Fire Dept. Drill, Fire Station	<i>Pres. Gerald Ford b. 1913</i>	6:30 pm
15 th		<i>Rembrandt Van Rijn b. 1606 ~ Apollo 18-Soyuz 19 US-USSR Linkup 1975</i>	6:00 pm
20 th	Mt. Holly Town Library Meeting, Library Mount Holly Planning Commission, MH Town Office & Via Zoom	<i>Apollo 11 First Manned Moon Landing 1969</i>	7:00 pm
21 st	Fire Dept. work night, Fire Stations	<i>Ernest Hemingway 1899</i>	7:00 pm
23 rd	Baked Ham- Mt. Moriah Masons, Odd Fellows Hall		5:00 pm
24 th		<i>k Parent's Day 1994</i>	
25 th	Rescue Squad Meeting, Rescue Squad Building	<i>C.I.A. Created 1947</i>	7:00 pm
26 th	Community Guild Meeting, IOOF Hall, Belmont	<i>American Disabilities Act 1990</i>	9:00 am
27 th	ODD Fellows Meeting, IOOF Hall	<i>Bugs Bunny Debut 1940 ~ Korean War Ends 1953</i>	7:00 pm
28 th	Fire Dept. Drill, Fire Station	<i>World War 1 Began 1914</i>	7:00 pm
30 th		<i>Henry Ford 1863</i>	



Emergency Services

MH Fire Dept.	802-259-2700	911	Poison Control	(802) 658-3456
MH Fire Warden ~ Jim Seward	802-786-3408	802-259-2211	American Red Cross	802-773-9159
MH Rescue Squad	Non-Emergency 802-259-6001	911	Game Warden – Tim Carey	802-773-9101
Mount Holly Constable	Paul Faenza	C 802-353-8347	Health Officer - Tim Bickford	802-779-6429
MH Animal Control For	C text only 802-353-4492	H 802-259-3976	Vermont State Police	802-773-9101

Send ARTICLES to: Diana Garrow, 3379 Shunpike Rd., Mt. Holly, VT 05758 Phone 802-259-2314 or E-Mail to chitchat@vermontel.net

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July Birthdays: 1st-Jacilyn Turco 2nd-Diana Garrow * Maurice Turco 3rd-Joshua Griffin 4th-Jane Harrington 6th-Morgan Collins * Stella Beauchain * Jackson David Mailhiot 7th-Hilary Perrino * Debby Marro 8th-Mark Turco Jr * Rhyann Devereux 10th-Joan Garrow * Corbin Chadburn 11th-Josh Manuel 1997 12th Robert (Bob) Cram * Megan O'Toole 14th- Vincent Guerrero 15th- Hailey Gates 16th-Kyle Alberty 17th-Brandon Birdsall * Parker Turco 20th-Christopher Brown * David Guerrero 21st-Sean Covalla * Larry Manuel 1970 22nd-David Crystal 23rd-Ethan Devereux 24th-Charles Stanley * Angelo Centini * Mike Pearson 27th-Ginger Palmer * Andrew Zlotnick 28th-Caleb Palmer 29th-Jamie Turco Fitzgerald * Cathy Chadburn 31st- Lance Bussino (1990)

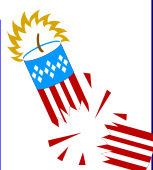


July Anniversaries: 2nd-Howard & Karen Hill 3rd-Angelo & Bessie Centini 65th (1954) 4th-Vernon & Stella Beauchain * Dennis & Sally Bussino 23rd (1996) 5th-Bob & Cheryl Kapitan 6th- Ed & Sylvia Smith 56th (1963) 8th-Amanda & Sebastian Frank 14th-Wayne & Lizzie Emmons 54th (1962) 16th-Joseph & Betsy Keimig 19th-John & Theresa Cole 21st-Gary & Carol Pike 22nd-Mark & Amy Turco 24th-Beth & Kenny Hart 26th (1993) 27th- Al & Shannon Labozzo 28th (1991) 30th- Maurice & Lori Turco

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.

Local Post Office Hours

Mount Holly	802-259-2796
Window	Mon – Fri 8:00 am – 10:00 am & 2:45 pm – 4:45 pm
Lobby Hours:	Mon – Fri 8:00 am – 4:45 pm Sat 7:30 am – 10:30 am
Belmont	802-259-2790
Window	Mon – Fri 7:30 am – 9:30 am & 2:45 pm – 4:45 pm Sat 7:30 am – 10:30 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 Sat 7:30 am – 11:00 am
Ludlow	802-228-7436
Post Master: Dawn Howlett	
Lobby Hours:	Mon – Fri 6:30 am – 5:30 pm Sat 6:30 am – 11:00 am
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PHOTOS: Color photos of events are welcome as they look great on the Chit Chat web edition

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MEMBERSHIP IN CORPORATION: Open to all who live, work, or own property in Mount Holly and who make an annual donation of any amount.

The Annual Membership meeting is held on the Third Tuesday in September in the Mount Holly Town Office at 6 p.m. The meeting includes the annual report and election of the Board of Directors

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Martha I. Birdsall

Martha I. Birdsall, 74, of Mount Holly, died on May 13, 2022. A memorial service was held on June 11, 2022, at 11 a.m. in Maple Cemetery in Lincoln, Vermont.

Jeffrey Rebideau

A Celebration of Life for Jeffrey Rebideau, who died Oct. 11, 2021, was held 1 p.m. May 21, 2022, at 2275 Old Turnpike Road, Mount Holly, VT 05758.

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Maple Trees



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George Arooth Jr.

George Arooth Jr., 76, died Tuesday, June 7, 2022, at Rutland Regional Medical Center. A full obituary will be published at a later date. Arrangements are pending with Aldous Funeral Home in Rutland.

Veteran Honored

Washington, D.C. – More than 500 Vietnam veterans, including one from Vermont, will be inducted into the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund's (VVMF) In Memory Program in 2022. Since the Vietnam War ended, thousands of Vietnam veterans have suffered from exposure to Agent Orange, PTSD and other illnesses as a result of their service. The In Memory program enables the families and friends of those who came home and later died, the opportunity to have them be forever memorialized.

The 2022 In Memory inductee from Vermont is Norman Henry LeBrun, U.S. Air Force, of Mount Holly, April 19 1932 – November 28, 2020.

On June 18, VVMF hosted the 2022 In Memory ceremony on the East Knoll of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial and it was shown live on VVMF's Facebook

page www.facebook.com Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund beginning at 10 am ET June 18, 2022 for more information or to apply to have your loved one honored in 2022, visit: www.vvmf.org/inmemory.

VVMF has created a personal remembrance page for each honoree in the In Memory Honor Roll at www.vvmf.org/honor-roll online. Their photos will also be displayed around the country when VVMF's mobile exhibit, The Wall That Heals, is on display in an honoree's home state.

July 8, 1776 – Colonel John Nixon gave the first public reading of the Declaration of Independence in Philadelphia

July 9, 1776 – The Declaration of Independence was read aloud to General George Washington's troops in New York

July 14, 1881 – William H. Bonney "Billy The Kid" shot by Sheriff Pat Garrett 1881

July 15, 1881 – William H. Bonney "Billy The Kid" died age 21, 1881

July 22, 1893 – Katharine Bates wrote America The Beautiful 1893



Suppers For Mount Holly Organizations



Settings Start 5:00 pm
At



The Odd Fellows Hall, Belmont
All You Can Eat - Served Home Style
Adults - \$15 & Children Under 12 - \$7



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

July 23rd Mt. Moriah Masons - Baked Ham

Aug 20th MHVFD Auxiliary - Roast Pork

Sept 3rd Historical Museum - Baked Ham

Sept 17th MHV Rescue Squad - Roast Ham

Oct 8th Colfax Lodge – Roast Pork

Oct 22nd Gill Home, IOOF – Baked Ham

Take Outs Available With All Dinners

More Info Call 802-259-2460



Bone Builders

Monday & Thursday Mornings
9:00 am

Odd Fellows Hall

For Weights and more information
Call Judy Nevin 802-259-2443

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, a tree or shrub branch, or anyplace, this probably is a honeybee swarm. They are not aggressive and should not be disturbed or harmed. Call me as soon as you see them and I will come by to collect them from your property, no charge. Call Jim of Fenn Farmstead & Gardens at 802-259-2311.



**Mt. Moriah Lodge #96 Mason June 2022,
Trestleboard**

Next meeting Tuesday 7-12 7:30PM

Masons Fund raising dinner 7-23 5PM

Grand Lodge Annual Communication 6-15 9AM

Greetings Brothers,

The Grand Lodge will meet in Killington again this year.

The Mason's annual supper is slated for the 23rd of July this year. We will be looking for a lot of pies.

When you receive your dues notice, please send your payment to Buster Seward, 4280 Sugar Hill Rd. East Wallingford, Vt. 05742. Fraternally, Earl Dennis Start W.M., Buster Seward Sec'y



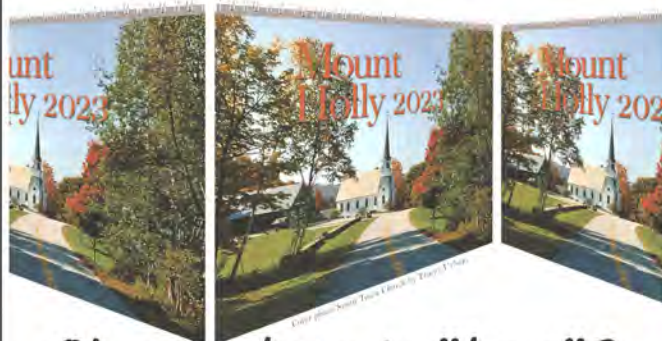
Valedictorian

Elizabeth Jane Tracy is the class of 2022 Valedictorian. Elizabeth is the youngest daughter of Lisa and Tom Tracy, she attended Barstow Memorial School before her time at MSJ.

During her enrollment at MSJ, Elizabeth maintained high honors, while also being involved in a variety of clubs, sports, and honors societies such as the National Honor Society, the National Spanish Honor Society, and the National Art Honor Society; she was a member of the yearbook club, journalism club, and participated in the shoestring theater program. Elizabeth played soccer, basketball, and softball throughout her high school career, earning the role of team captain this year in soccer and basketball. She has been a member of the Student Ambassadors and Student Government throughout all four years of high school, and was elected student body Vice-President in her senior year.

Elizabeth will be attending the University of New England in the fall with plans to double major in Marine Science and Applied Mathematics.

**That's right! The
2023 Mount Holly
Calendar is here!**



**Ok, so where is "here"?
Here is there →**

- **THE BELMONT STORE**
- **THE MOUNT HOLLY TOWN OFFICES**

The Mount Holly annual calendar competition and calendar sales are an activity of the Mount Holly Community Association (MHCA) and all proceeds from calendar sales go to help support the activities of the MHCA.

***** Hall Rental in Belmont *****

The use of the Hall in Belmont is scheduled by contacting Carol at 802-259-2791, or at tgc2791@yahoo.com. You may also leave a message with Dennis at 802-259-2460, or at ddevereux@vermontel.net.

A Special Thank You to a Very Special Town

The Mount Holly Community Guild, the Mount Holly Historical Museum and the Colfax Odd Fellows Lodge wish to thank everyone who made the May 28th fund raising dinner for Ukraine such a success. We were able to send more than \$4000. To World Central Kitchen which is feeding the people of Ukraine.

The following businesses donated more to pay for the food:

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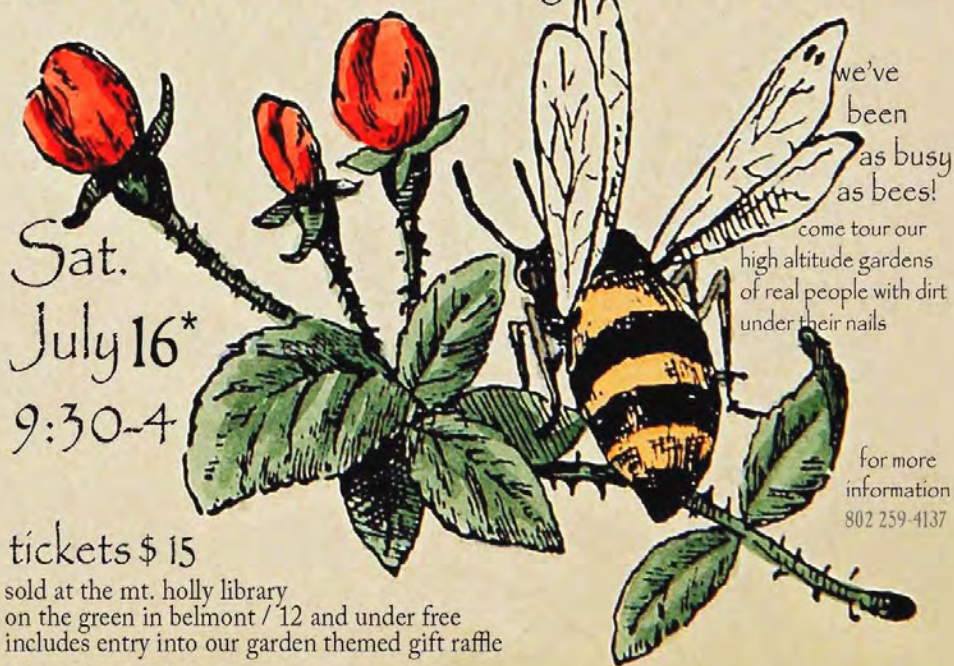
Businesses contributing: Scott Crawford at Salt Ash Nursery, Kelley Real Estate, Stryhas Construction, Jeb Porter at Vt. Stonework, Steve Flanders Excavation and Countryside Lock & Alarms. Please patronize the generous businesses to thank them for their part in this success.

We couldn't have had such a success without the cooking skills of Vicky Seward and Denise Young in the kitchen. They worked tirelessly all day.

The wonderful bakers in town made a huge variety of pies which contributed to the dinner's success.

Lastly, thank you to all the people who came and bought dinners.

15th Annual Mt. Holly Garden Tour



Sat.
July 16*
9:30-4

tickets \$ 15

sold at the mt. holly library
on the green in belmont / 12 and under free
includes entry into our garden themed gift raffle

* Rain Date July 17

for more
information
802 259-4137

Mount Holly Library Presents

Author Anne Britting Oleson

The author Anne Britting Oleson will be in residence in August. She has published five novels and three chapbooks of poetry. Anne is the founder of Simply Not Done, a women's reading, writing and teaching cooperative, and she is a workshop leader in the Meadowbrook Farm Writing Series. Anne has received fellowships from Hawthornden, and the Amtrak Writing residency. She received her MFA from Stonecoast, the University of Southern Maine, and she resides in central Maine, where she has taught for over three decades, with her family and cats. She will be reading at the Mount Holly Library on August 10th at 7 p.m. If you would like to read her work before her reading, the novel titles are: *Cow Palace*, *Tapiser*, *Dovecote*, *The Book of the Mandolin Player*, and *Aventurine and the Reckoning*.

Liz & Rhino



Meet Liz Karle Reinbow Riding New Executive Director

A big welcome to our new Executive Director, Liz Karle. Liz joins Reinbow Riding after 8+

years of non- profit finance and management experience. She previously spent six years at Spring Lake Ranch in the business office, and two plus years as Finance Director at NeighborWorks of Western Vermont. Liz moved to Vermont around 10 years ago after growing up in Berkshire County,

Massachusetts, and earning her bachelor's degree at Bentley University in Waltham, MA. As of 2016, she completed her MBA and started a family in Mt. Holly. Liz has two small children, Maya (6) and Rhys (3), with her husband Adam. The family is rounded out by an Old English Sheepdog, Rhino, and three cats. We are excited to apply the experience that Liz brings to the program as we begin the next phase in our organization.

If you want to say hello, schedule a tour, ask any questions, or make a suggestion, you can always reach her at lizkarle@reinbowridingcenter.org or 413-652-5440. If you're interested in becoming a volunteer, board member, partner, or donating, please visit us at reinbowridingcenter.org or on Facebook for more information.

Horses On The Road

IT'S THE LAW Title 23§1127
That horses have the right-of-way
On all roads.

Horse owners and riders are asking that you slow down.
Give the horse some extra room, and proceed with caution.

There are many things that frighten a horse:

- The sounds of different road conditions.
- Water puddles or if it's raining.
- Maybe you hit a big pothole with your vehicle.
- Stones on a dirt road – the sound of them hitting your vehicle, or when they fly out from the tires.
- Maybe you are pulling a trailer and the items in it are making loud noises.

Things like these can cause even the best-trained horse to become afraid and make unexpected movements – SOMETIMES JUMP INTO THE ROADWAY!

WE SHARE THE SAME ROADS. SO PLEASE PASS THE WORD ON.
SLOW DOWN AND GIVE A HORSE AND RIDER
SOME EXTRA ROOM FOR SAFETY.

THANK YOU

FROM THE
VERMONT
HORSE COUNCIL

www.vthorsecouncil.org



News from the MHCA

It is officially summer, one of our favorite seasons here in the Green Mountains! OK, almost all seasons are our favorites except maybe mud season, is mud season's anyone's favorite? So with the arrival of summer MHCA gets all revved up about celebrating our community because we love it here and, as always, have a variety of events planned for your enjoyment.

Here's what's on the calendar...

July is the kick off for Music on the Green. Mark your calendar on **Thursday evenings at 6:30**; note the start time is earlier than previous years. We have a great line up this month featuring Rich Thomas, Jenny Porter, Jeb & friends, and the Plumb Bobs this month. Bring friends, meet up with your neighbors, have a picnic, or just come and relax to some pretty cool music. You can always check for the listing of Music on the Green musicians at mhcavt.org. Please remember in case of rain we will move to the stage in the Library.

July 4th Parade 11am - Happy Birthday America! Come join us as we celebrate. Our little mountain parade is a sight to be seen, cheered by residents and visitors alike; it is a celebration of community and country. Immediately following the parade shenanigans you can enjoy chicken BBQ and live music at the Odd Fellows Lodge.

July 16th The Garden Tour - 9:30 - 4pm - Wow - nothing speaks to summer like gardening and we have an interesting line up this year! Mountain beauties from farm scapes, to perennial blooms and country ponds we have it all. Proud gardeners, with dirt under their nails and calloused hands, are anticipating your visit and are feverishly freshening up their spaces wild and groomed. We will be having pop up ticket sales (keep a lookout at the transfer station and on the 4th of July) and the day of the event, in front of the library. This year your ticket will also enter you in a raffle for some pretty cool garden gifts. Tickets can be purchased for \$15.00; the tour is self-guided so you can meander at your own pace whether it be solo or with a group of friends. Feel free to bring lunch and hang out at your favorite spot while you chat with your hosts. In case of bad weather Sunday, July 17th is our rain date tour. Check mhcavt.org for updates. The garden tour is one of MHCA's three fundraising events so come and celebrate summer's beauty while you support your community association!

July 24 Mount Holly Day - Noon - 3pm - Can you imagine the smell of BBQ, hear the greetings and laughter of people gathering, and the squeals of delight from winning a game.....? Enjoy a lazy summer afternoon with your friends and neighbors for a cookout, live music, and old fashioned games in a beautiful high mountain setting along the shores of Star Lake. MHCA will provide hamburgers, hotdogs, and corn on the cob. We are recruiting volunteers for side dishes and encourage you to bring a favorite picnic dish to share. Family friendly games will provide some fun entertainment and a wee bit of competition that has deep bragging rites. The dock is in Star Lake and you / kiddo's can swim to your heart's content or simply splash about to cool down. We hope to see you there!

July is also the MHCA membership drive kickoff. You should be receiving our new brochure, summer calendar, and membership letter soon. Brochures and summer calendars can also be found at the Belmont General Store, the post offices and library. MHCA is all about celebrating our community - we love where we live and think it is quite a special place. With your support we are able to bring you events throughout the year and maintain the Mount Holly town library and community center at the crossroads in Belmont. *This simply would not be possible without your support!* Please help us maintain a strong membership. We thank you in advance and always for your support!!

If you love living in Mount Holly and want to get involved in your community - we want to meet you! Our Board is looking for folks who like working as a team and want to have fun. We have a variety of opportunities whether it's involving event planning, administrative tasks, or simply helping out at an event. It is a wonderful way to meet new people, come check us out and say hello at any of our events or email us at mhcavt@gmail.com

August save the dates:

Tuesday August 16th MHCA annual meeting. Beginning at 6:30 with refreshments and a chance to chat with your Board members followed by a short meeting with elections of new Board members. We love to hear your feedback about how we are doing and ideas you may have for future events; hope to see you there!

August 31st deadline for Cider Days vendor applications. Application will be online or by contacting Lisa Kelly at mhcavt@gmail.com

You're Invited to the "Mount Holly Day" Annual Picnic!

When: Sunday - July 24 - 12:00 PM - 3:00 PM

Where: Star Lake Public Park - Park @ The Odd Fellows Hall

MHCA will provide: Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, and Corn on the Cob. Please bring a side dish or a dessert to share.

Catch up with your neighbors, enjoy the summer weather, and bring the whole family as there will be Live Music, fun and games for all!



MOUNT HOLLY TOWN LIBRARY NEWS

Mark your calendars for these upcoming events

- Mount Holly resident and author Judith Bougas will be discussing her novel "Sisters of the Stone" on Saturday June 4th 1:00 pm.
- Library Book Sale Monday July 4th 10:00 am to 2:00 pm

The Library will be closed Monday May 30th in observance of Memorial Day

The Library book drop is open for material returns 24/7

Free, no password WIFI available 24/7

Reinbow Riding Center

Thanks to the generally fine weather it's been very busy at Reinbow Riding Center this spring. Riders from Rutland, Mt. Holly and Ludlow schools participated in the spring session. The Rutland High School students (photo above) finished off their riding lessons with a ride through the fields at the Center, followed by a trail ride. We would like to thank GE Aviation and GE Volunteers for funding this program once again.

This is Reinbows second year at Stone Wall Farm in Belmont and we're still planting daylilies and other perennials on the hillside below the ring. Thank you to everyone that has donated plants for this effort and helped get them in the ground. Hopefully it won't be too long before we see the colorful result. We'd also like to thank everyone that has put returnable bottles and cans in our shed at the Mt. Holly transfer station. Please remember to put just those items refundable in Vermont in the shed and all non-refundables in the no-cost direct single streaming bin.

The next (summer session) at Reinbow Riding begins after July 4th. For more information about our programs or to sign up for lessons please check out our website: reinbowridingcenter.org And follow us on Facebook, Twitter @ReinbowRiding and Instagram @reinbow_riding_center. Information: 802-236-2483 Email: programs@reinbowridingcenter.org



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REMINDER TO REGISTER YOUR DOG AT THE TOWN OFFICE

Per the Town of Mount Holly Dogs and Wolf Hybrids Ordinance, all dogs 6 months or older must be licensed and must wear a collar with the license attached.

If you have not licensed your dog by the required annual April 1, 2022 deadline, please visit the Town Office to purchase a license. You must present a current rabies vaccination certificate. Licenses are good for one year. If your previously licensed dog has passed away, please also notify the Town Office at (802)259-2391.

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JULY CALENDAR OF SPECIAL EVENTS

July 4

Parade in Belmont 11 a.m.

Museum open from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

July 19

Members Annual Meeting and Potluck
6 p.m. at the Odd Fellows Hall

Belmont Village Tour

Led by Town Historian, Dennis Devereux

July 23rd

Meet at Perkins House 1p.m.

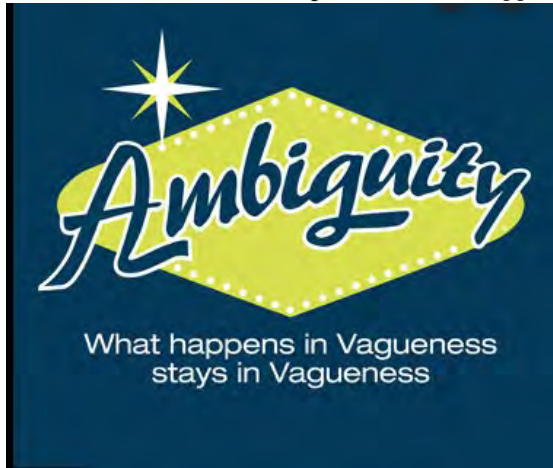
If raining, Museum Collection Tour.

“Safe, Legal, and Rare”? No, This Is Radical

“We speak for those who cannot speak for themselves.” That, I recently discovered, is the banner phrase for the... Springfield Humane Society. In light of new technology, science and a fresh look at abortion policies, I felt the need to continue giving a voice to the 60 million innocent babies aborted in our country since 1973.

Remember in November that Vermonters will be asked to vote on Proposal 5 (aka Article 22) which proposes to strip the unborn of any current or future consideration, legal recognition or protection at any stage during pregnancy. Prop 5 is being palmed off as a statewide protection for women’s rights guaranteed under *Roe v. Wade*. The truth is it is a legal catastrophe waiting to happen which ought to be unacceptable to *both* sides in this debate. Whatever your inclination on abortion you should be concerned with your state’s constitution. (Vermont has not added a new article to Chapter 1 since 1786!)

You’ve heard the phrase, *“What happens in vagueness stays in vagueness.”* This proposal is so vague that it could open a



Pandora’s Box to allow for all kinds of serious collateral damage permanently. Proposal 5’s run-on sentence reads this way: *“That an individual’s right to personal reproductive autonomy is central to the liberty and dignity to determine one’s own life course and shall not be denied or infringed unless justified by a compelling state interest achieved by the least restrictive means.”*

Does that read like a tossed salad of words? What does it mean? *Nobody* knows. It is a “toss up”. “Personal reproductive autonomy” is a concept so broad you could drive a truck through it. “Anything goes” is rarely a good idea, particularly in a field as morally fraught as procreation. For example, with no age restrictions or safeguards this could allow underage kids to be free to make reproductively autonomous decisions without *any* parental input. That means, anything, from abortion to hormones to gender-altering surgery would hypothetically, be legally available to any minor. With a blank check like Prop 5, activist judges in the future could interpret it to mean virtually *anything* expanding it with every legal challenge.

So there is nothing in this word salad that protects and balances the rights of parents against the reproductive liberty of children. Nothing in the wording protects the conscience rights of doctors, nurses, and other medical professionals from demands by patients, their employers, or the state. Likewise, nothing in this language allows our government to create regulations designed to ensure the safety of those granted unlimited reproductive freedom. The wording gives priority over others rights such as religious and freedom of speech rights. Oh, and nothing in that sloppy sentence protects tax paying Vermonters from unlimited demands. Interestingly enough, in this ambiguous proposal that supposedly protects women’s rights and abortion rights, nowhere is there any mention of a “woman” or “abortion.” If this proposal is passed how would the unborn be protected from anything? Would it allow experiments on unborn babies? Could a partner demanding a boy force the abortion of an unborn baby girl? Could 12 year-olds pursue their right to sexually engage with individuals three times their age? And the state shall not deny or infringe that right? That’s a *huge* overreach. It does not reflect where most Vermonters stand on this issue. If we want legislation that is clear, specific and balanced we need to let our legislators know by voting “no” on Proposal 5 (Article 22) in November. *Glenn Davis*



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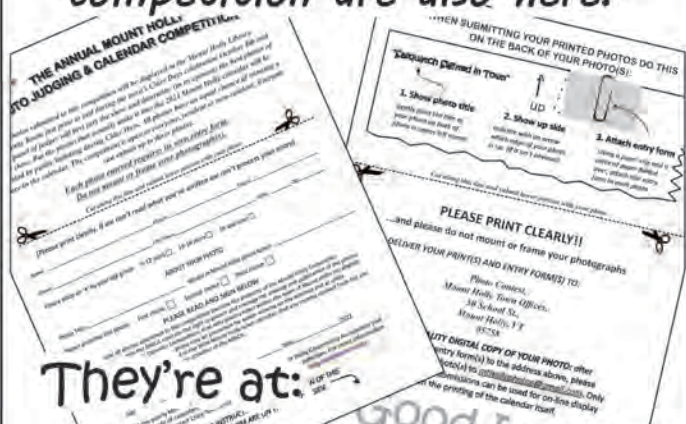
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Keith Hawkins
PRESIDENT

So...if the sheer excitement of the 2023 calendar arriving isn't enough, the entry forms for this year's competition are also here!*



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- THE MOUNT HOLLY TOWN OFFICES

*Please, no dancing in the streets.

Anyone, resident or non-resident can enter up to three photos of Mount Holly into the annual Photo & Calendar Competition. See entry forms for all details. The competition is an activity of the Mount Holly Community Association (MHCA) and all proceeds from calendar sales go to help support the activities of the MHCA.

EXCITING NEWS FROM THE MOUNT HOLLY CONSERVATION TRUST

The Mount Holly Conservation Trust (MHCT) is excited to announce the purchase of a 449-acre parcel in Mount Holly and Weston for Conservation and creation of a new Wildlife Management Area (WMA).

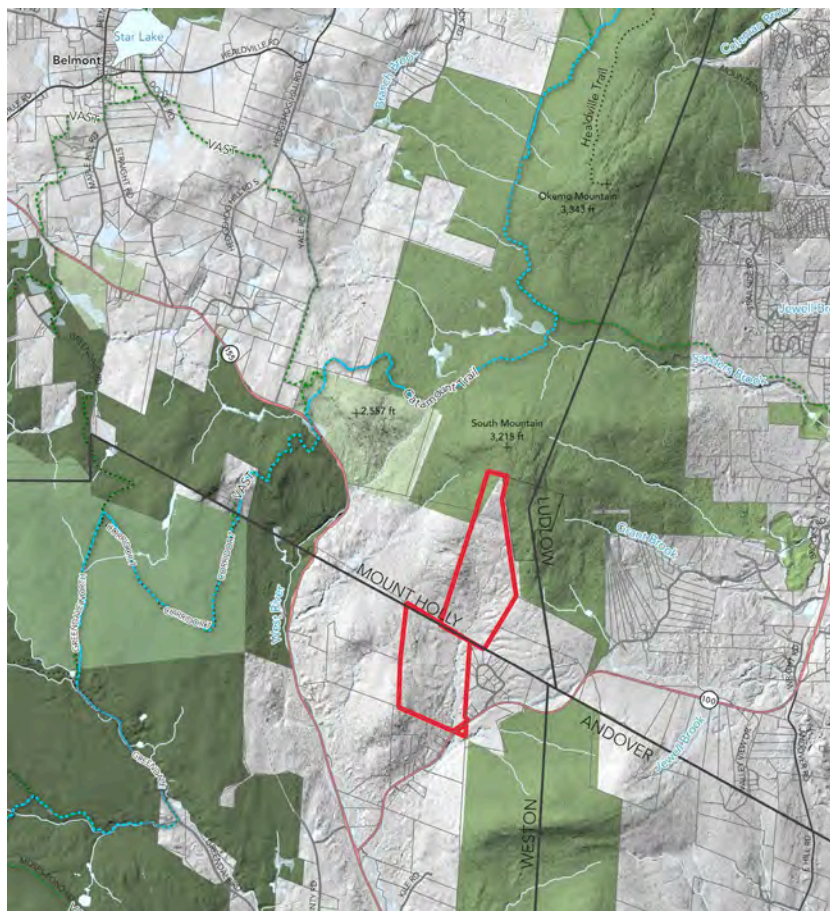
The 238-acre parcel in Mount Holly and 211-acre parcel in Weston, situated north of Route 100 between Weston and Ludlow will be known as the Doolittle Lands, adding a new protected link to the Okemo State Forest. The family of Peter Doolittle made a generous contribution to preserve the high elevation critical bear and wildlife habitat as a lasting tribute to him. State wildlife biologists identified this land as one of their top three highest priority acquisitions in the 1980's. They are thrilled to finally have this important piece protected. Lory Doolittle commented at recent Select Board meeting, "Although none of our family currently reside full time in Vermont, we remain Vermonters at heart and would like to leave a Doolittle legacy as a reminder of our small footprint in the state we all dearly love."

Earlier this year, MHCT acquired this parcel that fronts on Route 100 and rises steeply up Okemo Mountain (see attached map). A significant portion of the Mount Holly parcel is above 2500 feet in elevation. A headwater stream of the West River cascades down the mountain, crossing under Route 100. Once the transfer is complete, the land will be open to the public for hunting, trapping, angling, birding, hiking, cross country skiing, and snowshoeing.

Plans for a public parking area, signage and trails are in the works for the property. The property will be thoughtfully managed by the Okemo State Forest stewardship team, with activities including invasive species control and timber harvest to promote wildlife habitat. State ownership of this land will serve as a gateway for public access to Okemo State Forest and ensure the land is open for public use in perpetuity. A big thank you to the Doolittle Family for their generosity in conserving this wonderful parcel of land for current and future residents and visitors!!

Mount Holly Conservation Trust is an all-volunteer organization. Since our 2004 founding we collaborated with like-minded groups to conserve more than 2,000 acres in 8 projects. In addition, we rebuilt the Star Lake Dam, boat launch and beach. These projects are possible because of the generous support of people who love Mount Holly's views, wildlife and landscape.

For more information about this parcel or other Mount Holly Conservation Trust work, visit our website at mounthollyconservationtrust.org. Donations to continue our work are always welcome.





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By *Clarissa Pinkola Estes, Ph.D.*

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There is no right or wrong way to tell a story. Perhaps you will forget the beginning, or the middle or the end. But a little piece of sunrise through a small window can lift the heart regardless. So cajole the old grumpy ones to tell their best memories. Ask the little ones their happiest moments. Ask the teenagers the scariest times of their lives. Give the old ones the floor. Go all around the circle. Coax out the introverts. Ask each person. You will see. Everyone will be warmed, sustained by the circle of stories you create together.

Though none of us will live forever, the stories can. As long as one soul remains who can tell the story, and that by the recounting of the tale, the greater forces of love, mercy, generosity and strength are

continuously called into being in the world. I promise you...It will be enough.

"The Star-Spangled Banner"

Complete version showing spelling and punctuation from Francis Scott Key's manuscript in the Maryland Historical Society collection.

O say can you see, by the dawn's early light,
What so proudly we hail'd at the twilight's last gleaming,
Whose broad stripes and bright stars through the perilous fight
O'er the ramparts we watch'd were so gallantly streaming?
And the rocket's red glare, the bomb bursting in air,
Gave proof through the night that our flag was still there,
O say does that star-spangled banner yet wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave?

On the shore dimly seen through the mists of the deep
Where the foe's haughty host in dread silence reposes,
What is that which the breeze, o'er the towering steep,
As it fitfully blows, half conceals, half discloses?
Now it catches the gleam of the morning's first beam,
In full glory reflected now shines in the stream,
'Tis the star-spangled banner - O long may it wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave!

And where is that band who so vauntingly swore,
That the havoc of war and the battle's confusion
A home and a Country should leave us no more?
Their blood has wash'd out their foul footsteps' pollution.
No refuge could save the hireling and slave
From the terror of flight or the gloom of the grave,
And the star-spangled banner in triumph doth wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave.

O thus be it ever when freemen shall stand
Between their lov'd home and the war's desolation!
Blest with vict'ry and peace may the heav'n rescued land
Praise the power that hath made and preserv'd us a nation!
Then conquer we must, when our cause it is just,
And this be our motto - "In God is our trust,"
And the star-spangled banner in triumph shall wave
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Take time to DREAM

It is Hitching your Wagon to a Star

Take time to Live



Senator Alison Clarkson's Legislative Update

What a Biennium this has been. It began in January of 2021 in the depths of the Covid-19 pandemic, conducted entirely by Zoom, and it ended in mid-May 2022, in the Statehouse, in person – except for those members of the Legislature who had Covid or needed to care for a family member with Covid. It was an historic biennium. It contained the first Vermont Legislative Session ever held virtually, the largest budget (FY'23 \$8.3 B) ever passed in Vermont enabled by federal Covid relief support, the first unanimous override of a Governor's veto (the Pension reform bill), and for the first time, the Vermont Legislature was led by all women: Speaker, Pro Tem, Lt. Governor and both Majority Leaders.

Part of the story of this biennium involves a resilient Legislature, working through difficult circumstances, responding to the unprecedented needs of Vermonters. The length of Covid's impact on our lives and economy has required us to rethink assumptions, re-examine our laws, re-deploy our resources and renovate our public spaces. I am proud of our Legislature's ability to work together productively to address the challenges Vermonters faced. Unlike much of the country, I think Vermont's democracy is in good shape. We strengthen democracy with



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This year we're making transformative investments in Vermont's infrastructure - both human and physical. From shoring up our fiscal house (pension reform to IT modernization), to maintaining essential services (mental and home health provider rate increases to childcare and education) to making strategic one time investments in climate change mitigation, affordable and mixed income housing, broadband, community, economic and workforce development – we are investing hundreds of millions of dollars in Vermont. In future articles I'll go into more depth as this story has many more chapters. Our hope is that in making these targeted investments, Vermont will emerge from this pandemic, stronger, more resilient and better prepared for the future.

I appreciate hearing from you. I can be reached by email: aclarkson@leg.state.vt.us or by phone at 457-4627. To watch Legislative Committee's in action, and to get more information on the Vermont Legislature, the bills which are being debated now, and those which have been proposed and passed, visit the legislative website: legislature.vermont.gov

every bill we pass, and in how we conduct our business. And, while we may disagree, we are seldom disagreeable. 90% of our bills are passed with consensus votes. I believe that Vermont legislators serve in order to make progress on behalf of Vermont and Vermonters.

Another chapter of this biennium's story tells the tale of the historic investments the



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.

Select Board Meeting @ Town Office June 14, 2022

Present: Select Board: Jeff Chase (via Zoom), Diana Garrow, Mark Turco (Chair)

Regular Select Board meetings are held on the second Tuesday of the month at 6:30 pm in the Town Office. Items to be included on the Agenda are due by Noon the Wednesday before the meeting.

Town Officials: Caitlin Boyle, Carol Garrow-Woolley, David Johnson, Jon McCann (via Zoom), Christine Pratt, James Seward, Clinton Woolley

Members of the Public: In Person: Paul Barton, Philippe Crane, Dennis Devereux, Lori Doolittle, Zena Gates, Jessica Metcalf, Stephen Michel, Brigid Sullivan, Amy Turco. Via Zoom: Michael Blais, Jim Corven, Francis and Carol DeVine, Will Duane, Andy Schulz, Donna Seward, Andy Tanger,

Monique (no last name given), Paul (no last name given).

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1. Call to Order

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Consideration of any changes and/or additions to the agenda. Mark

Turco noted a request from Town Treasurer David Johnson to add three items to the Treasurer’s report, re: the Conservation Reserve Fund, the Waiver of the Homestead Filing Penalty, and the Lister’s Report. He also noted a request from Town Highway Foreman Clinton Woolley to add an item re: the Town’s purchase of an excavator for the Highway Department.

4. Approval of May 10th & May 17th Minutes. Mark Turco made a motion to approve the minutes as written, seconded by Diana Garrow, unanimously approved.

5. Reports

a. Highways & Transfer Station Update – Clinton Woolley

i. Mr. Woolley noted that the Highway Department will apply again for grants through the Vermont Agency of Transportation’s Better Roads (formerly called Better Backroads) program.

ii. Mr. Woolley reported that he has been test-driving a new excavator; he has been using the machine for about two weeks. Mr. Woolley noted it is the right size, has the right amount of power, and is digging well, and recommends purchasing it. The price is \$96,409 with a five-year, 5,000-hour warranty. David Johnson noted that there are funds in the budget, from several relevant line items, that amount to \$36,500 dollars; these funds could be used to make a down payment summer outside services, winter material, better back roads grant reimbursement for town equipment, on the excavator. In addition, the Town could use the balance from the equipment fund toward this purchase. This would require a reallocation of additional funds for the equipment fund in the future.

iii. Mr. Woolley also noted that Highway Department employees attended a crack-sealing training and recommended renting a crack sealer to help maintain the roads. The Select Board agreed that this approach would be useful in the interim period before repaving can be done.

b. Treasurer Monthly Income & Expense Report – David Johnson

i. David Johnson noted that the Town budget is in good shape through the end of the year. We will have an approximately \$300K surplus in funds for the operating budget at the end of the year, which will be used to operate the Town until tax payments are received next year. Additionally, the delinquent tax collector has reported that there are three properties that are delinquent in paying taxes; two have received a letter from the Town attorney. One has made partial payments.

ii. **Internal Financial Controls Checklist for Municipalities:** David presented this report to the Select Board for receipt and signature; this report is required of municipalities by state statute but does not need to be filed with the state. Diana Garrow made a motion to accept the Internal Financial Controls Checklist; Mark Turco seconded; unanimously approved.

iii. **Conservation Reserve Fund:** David Johnson noted that only \$50 of the \$500 budgeted in the Conservation Reserve Fund has been spent. David Johnson wondered whether it is necessary to establish a Reserve Fund for the remaining \$450. Fra Devine noted his desire to establish the Reserve Fund; David Johnson will do so.

iv. **Waiver of the Homestead Filing Penalty:** David Johnson asked whether the Select Board would like to waive the filing penalty for property owners who file their homestead declaration late, as has been done historically. Diana Garrow made a motion to waive the homestead filing penalty fee. Mark Turco seconded; unanimously approved.

v. **Lister’s Report:** David Johnson noted that there were 16 grievances; 3 were denied; 10 were reduced and 2 are unchanged due to the property owner’s ultimate satisfaction with the assessment after meeting with the Listers. One grievance will go to the Board of Civil Authority. Overall, the Town’s Grand List has grown by \$5.7 million.

c. Mount Holly Planning Commission Update – Jon McCann

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i. No updates at this time. No meeting was held this month due to illness.

d. Mount Holly Conservation Commission Update – Phil Crane

i. **General Updates:** Fra Devine reported that the Conservation Commission received a “Tiny Grant” of \$500 from The Association of Vermont Conservation Commissions (AVCC). These grants are small grants given to Town conservation efforts. The grant will be applied to ongoing conservation efforts at Star Lake. The Vermont DEC also approved the Commission’s grant application to place a bottom barrier in Star Lake. The Conservation Commission also voted unanimously to approve the proposal to be presented later this evening by the Mount Holly Conservation Trust re: the transfer of land in Mount Holly to the State of Vermont.

ii. **Shade Tree Update:** Phil Crane, on behalf of the Conservation Commission, has created a comprehensive Shade Tree Preservation plan, portions of which are required by state statute, and which outlines how the town will maintain or remove trees that qualify under state statute as “shade trees.” (A “shade tree” is defined by the law as a shade or ornamental tree that is located in whole or in part within the limits of a public way or public places, provided the tree was planted by a town or is designated as a shade tree in the town’s Shade Tree Preservation Plan.) The Conservation Commission requests that the Select Board consider the Shade Tree Preservation Plan to preserve the beauty of public roadways, and to fund the planting of additional trees in the Town. Phil Crane requests that the Select Board add consideration and approval of the proposed Shade Tree Plan as an agenda item at the next Select Board meeting. Mark Turco agreed.

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.

ownership of the parcel formerly owned by Michael and Jacqueline Ryan to the Vermont Department of Fish and Wildlife (DFW). The DFW is seeking the town of Mount Holly’s support for its proposed acquisition of a 238-acre parcel, which will be part of a proposed 449-acre Wildlife Management Area (WMA). MHCT acquired this parcel and an abutting 210.9-acre parcel in Weston and on the border of Mt. Holly with frontage on Rt. 100. MHCT purchased the property earlier in 2022, with the intent to transfer it to DFW for the creation of a new WMA. The WMA will be open to the public for hunting, trapping, angling, birding, hiking, cross country skiing, and snowshoeing. Plans for a public parking area, signage and trails are in the works for the property. The property will be stewarded by DFW, with other planned management activities including invasive species control and timber harvest to promote wildlife habitat. This is a landlocked parcel that is on the Mount Holly side of the disputed town line with the Town of Ludlow. The State of Vermont is the owner of the Ludlow parcel adjacent to this parcel. State ownership of this contested parcel will forever remove that dispute from future contested issues facing the Town of Mount Holly. DFW ownership of this parcel as a WMA adjacent to the Okemo State Forest will provide better public access to the State Forest and ensure the land is open in perpetuity to our citizens.

ii. Lori Doolittle, the benefactor of the Trust’s conservation and transfer efforts, offered some history of her family’s connection to Vermont and her reasons for supporting the MHCT’s efforts to transfer the land to the DFW for wildlife management.

iii. Will Duane of the Department of Fish and Wildlife (Land Acquisition Coordinator) offered further detail on the proposed transfer of the parcel to the State of Vermont. He explained that WMAs are similar to state parks, in that they are owned by the DFW, but they are acquired primarily for wildlife habitat and public access. They do some limited mowing, cutting and logging in WMAs, but generally leave the land wild, as the primary goal for a WMA is the encouragement of wildlife habitat management; the properties are kept open to the public for hiking, cross-country skiing, hunting, and other dispersed recreational activities. Creation of a parking area and/or maintenance of culverts may be done. The primary wildlife management for this area is securing stable and safe wildlife passage, north to south, specifically for black bears. Will Duane also noted that the transfer will have only minimal impact on the Town’s property tax receipts. DFW takes the assessed value of the land in the year it was required, and multiplies that value by the current municipal tax rate. The DFW’s initial payment to the town on this property would be \$1,032.90 in the first year. He further noted that the DFW is required by statute to notify towns of its intent to acquire land; it seeks to go beyond notification to seek the affirmative support of the town for the acquisition; it must also notify the governor.

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SELECT BOARD SEEKS TOWN HEALTH OFFICER FOR FY23

The Mount Holly Select Board seeks a new Town Health Officer to serve a term of three years, beginning in August 2022.

Candidates should have demonstrated interest or experience in issues related to rental housing, water/septic issues, mold and other public health issues that often arise or are disputed between different parties.

Please send a Letter of Interest to the Mount Holly Select Board by July 8, 2022, with your qualifications.

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- iv. Tim Morton, the Stewardship Forester at the Vermont Agency of Natural Resources, Department of Forests, noted that there is already a road system within the property in question; these are gravel roads that are in disrepair; repairs would be made to the road system in as far as that would enhance public access; failed roads in the hills would be water-barred as needed.
- v. Dennis Devereux noted that the Town should understand how the transfer of the land might affect the Grand List. Will Duane answered that in terms of the Grand List value; the property's value is locked in at the time of the acquisition, and is established by the assessed value at the time of the acquisition (2022). The value of the property as assessed by the Town would still be reassessed when the Town does a reappraisal. David Johnson noted that the current annual property tax on the property is about \$800; this includes the education fund. David Johnson noted that the difference between the taxes the town currently receives on the property and what it would receive in the PILOT tax payment from the DFW, would be approximately \$100.



- i. The Select Board will coordinate with the Nineveh Foundation and the Conservation Commission to submit the ANC for both Lake Nineveh; to this end, Caitlin will forward the Permit to Fra Devine and the Conservation Commission.

d. Upcoming Town Appointments

- i. **Health Officer FY23:** Tim Bickford did not express interest in continuing in the position. The opening will be posted in the Newsflash and Chit Chat and the appointment will be made at the next regular Select Board meeting.

- ii. **Road Foreman FY23:** Jeff Chase made a motion to appoint Clinton Woolley as Road Foreman FY23; Diana Garrow seconded; unanimously approved.

- iii. **Rutland Regional Planning Commission Rep & Alternate FY23:** Jon McCann and Ryan Harder are current rep and alternate for FY22; the term expires at the end of June. The opening will be posted in the Newsflash and Chit Chat and the appointment will be made at the next regular Select Board meeting.

- iv. **Rutland Regional Transportation Council Rep & Alternate FY23:** Jeff Chase made a motion to appoint Clinton Woolley as the RRTC Rep for FY23; Diana Garrow seconded; unanimously approved. The opening for the alternate will be posted in the Newsflash and Chit Chat and the appointment will be made at the next regular Select Board meeting.

- e. **Cemetery Mowing Bids Received - Dennis Devereux:** Two bids were received to mow the Packer cemetery; Mr. Devereux recommends accepting the bid from Craig Russell, the lower of the two. Diana Garrow made a motion to accept the bid from Craig Russell to mow Packer Cemetery at a rate of \$160/month, for five months; Jeff Chase seconded; unanimously approved.

f. Purchase of Excavator for Highway Department

- i. The Select Board further discussed the purchase of an excavator for the Highway Department. Clinton Woolley noted that

- vi. Will Duane reiterated that the state is requesting the Town's support and noted that he provided a template letter of approval; a motion by the Select Board is also sufficient for state statutes. Mark Turco made a motion to accept the proposal as written, Jeff seconded the motion; unanimously approved.

b. Notice of Initial Act 250 Application Filing

- i. The Select Board noted that Green Mountain Power (GMP) has filed an Act 250 application for electrical line work at 1358 Shunpike Road, as well as a Proposed Land Use Permit for pole and line relocations on: Shunpike Road/Syria Spur. Zina Gates noted that she is pleased with GMP's similar work on the poles and lines on Gates Road.

c. Vermont DEC Aquatic Nuisance Control (ANC) Permit

**SELECT BOARD SEEKS
RUTLAND REGIONAL
PLANNING COMMISSION REP
& ALTERNATE FOR FY23**

The Mount Holly Select Board seeks a representative and alternate to serve for one year on the Rutland Regional Planning Commission on behalf of the Town of Mount Holly.

Candidates should have demonstrated interest or experience in issues related to local and regional planning and a willingness to participate in regional board meetings.

Please send a Letter of Interest to the Mount Holly Select Board by July 8, 2022, with your qualifications; be sure to indicate whether you are interested in serving as a rep or as an alternate.

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- when the Town is fulfilling its Better Roads grants, the Town can charge \$77.43/hour for the excavator; this year, the grant was \$17,000; this represented 60 hours of work. Jeff Chase further noted that the machine cost is also justified by the reduction in current costs of hiring out culvert replacement.

- ii. Mark Turco made a motion for the Town to purchase the excavator as described, with the funding structure proposed by David Johnson; Jeff Chase seconded motion; unanimously approved.

7. Ongoing & Old Business

a. Dog License Registration for Unregistered Dogs

- i. Town Clerk Carol Garrow-Woolley noted there are 160 previously registered dogs that are not yet registered. Diana Garrow noted that

the work of reconciling this list falls under the duties of the Animal Control Officer; Mark Turco agreed; Caitlin will notify the Animal Control Officer of this request from the Select Board. The reminder notice will continue to run in the Chit Chat and on the Town website; Caitlin will also post to public places and notify Animal Control Officer of the postings.

b. Old Turnpike Rd - Blais Lighting Concern Update

i. Jeff Chase noted that Mike Blais has provided plans for altering the lighting on Old Turnpike Road, to move it out of the public right-of-way. Amy Turco asked Mike Blais whether the new light being installed will be as bright as the current light, which can blind oncoming traffic. Mr. Blais noted that the new light will not impede drivers' vision; it will be similar in intensity and directionality to a highway street light; it has zero effect on the driver's upper field of vision, as it is directional. The wattage of this bulb will be lower than the current one; it will be a 120-watt LED bulb. (The one that is there currently is a flood light.) Elevation of this light will be at 22', rather than the current 14' foot elevation. Ms. Turco thanked Mr. Blais for altering the light. No further concerns were expressed by members of the public or the Select Board.

c. Historic Village & Speed Limit Signage Update

i. Jeff Chase will lead coordination of sign enforcement with the Sheriff and ordering of posts and signs. Costs are roughly \$2,500 for posts and less than \$1,000 for the signs. Clinton Woolley stated that once posts are delivered, it will likely be a few days to install; he and Jeff Chase will coordinate on ordering and installation. Caitlin noted that the Select Board received a letter from Paul Frazier encouraging the final installation of the signs and offering to help.

d. Star Lake Cyanobacteria Signage and Water Testing Update

i. Jeff Chase noted that he is coordinating with Health Officer Tim Bickford re: testing Star Lake for E.coli during the summer months; he will also coordinate with Jim Corbin on the Conservation Commission re: water testing and cyanobacteria signage at the lake.

e. Junk Ordinance Enforcement Updates

i. Certified letters were sent by the Select Board to the two property owners, on Belmont Road, and on Shunpike Road, who were deemed to be in violation of the Junk Ordinance at the May meeting. Jeff Chase also talked with the property owners in violation of the Junk Ordinance on Route 103. These latter property owners are making progress toward meeting the standard of the ordinance. In addition, the Belmont Road property has been cleaned up.

ii. Some progress is being made toward cleaning up the property known as the Blue Spruce Inn; the Select Board will send a reminder letter urging further progress toward cleanup until the property is in compliance with the Ordinance.

iii. The Select Board will also send a reminder letter to Grover Taylor urging further progress toward cleanup of his property.

f. Board of Adjustment Appointments

i. Diana Garrow read the Resolution to establish a Board of Adjustment for the Town of Mount Holly. Jeff Chase made a motion to adopt the Resolution to establish a Board of Adjustment for the Town of Mount Holly; Diana Garrow seconded. The appointees were designated as Jim Seward, Christine Pratt and Stephen Michel. The alternates are Dennis Devereux and David Johnson. Unanimously approved. Dennis Devereux requested further instruction from the Select Board on the duties of the BOA; Mark Turco agreed that further details can be sent.

8. Citizen Comments

a. Chris Pratt asked whether a new Town appraiser would be hired. David Johnson said the decision had not yet been made.

b. Dennis Devereux asked that the Select Board vote on the removal of Scampsville Road from the town's road list, so that the state highway will remove the highway sign. This item will be added to the agenda for the next Select Board meeting.

c. Dennis Devereux also noted that the Odd Fellows Hall is the backup emergency management site (the school is the first site). The Hall building is in need of repairs for sill rot and other maintenance; Dennis asked that perhaps some ARPA funds can be allocated to support building repairs given its designation as an emergency management site, and a community gathering space. He offered the opportunity for the Select Board to come to do a site visit.

9. Announcements/Other Business

a. Caitlin noted that two letters of support were received from citizens in favor of the MHCT's proposed land transfer to DFW. Diana Garrow noted that a phone call of support came from Lori Doolittle as well.

10. Review & Sign Orders

11. Executive Session: Title 1 V.S.A. S 313(a)(3) – personnel (if needed)

a. Diana Garrow made the motion to go into the executive session; Mark seconded; unanimously approved.

12. Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 pm.

Mount Holly Animal Control Officer

The Mount Holly Animal Control Officer is Laura Swartz. She handles all calls concerning domesticated and farm animals, including Animal Cruelty concerns. For more information or to make a report please call **Home (802) 259-3976** or Cell text only 802-353-4492.

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Local Children Receive Scholarships for Art Camp

The Fletcher Farm School for the Arts and Crafts in Ludlow, Vermont has awarded half-tuition scholarships to over 50 local children. The scholarship applications were distributed through schools in Chester, Cavendish, Ludlow, Mount Holly, and Shrewsbury in April. The children chose from eleven classes designed for young artists such as clay, silver fabrication, hand stitching, and several art classes.



The scholarships are funded through raffle ticket sales, sale of items donated to the Gift and Craft Shop, and direct donations to the program. For children from Ludlow and Cavendish, the Fletcher Farm Foundation subsidizes the other half of their tuition.

If you have an opportunity to buy a raffle ticket from us, please do. You will make it possible for us to continue to provide these scholarships for local children. **Society of Vermont Artists and Craftsmen, Inc.**, Fletcher Farm School for the Arts and Crafts, 611

Route 103 South, Ludlow, Vermont 05149 Phone: (802) 228-8770 <http://www.fletcherfarm.org>

Ludlow Rotary Announces Award of Scholarships to Area Graduates

The Ludlow Rotary Club (LRC), continuing its scholarship program initiated in the 1960's, announced its 2022 awards to area graduating students wishing to pursue educational opportunities beyond high school. This program is available to all graduating high school seniors residing in LRC's service area of Ludlow, Cavendish, Mt Holly, and Plymouth.

Since the inception of this program, LRC has awarded over \$290,000 to graduates. Selection of our recipients is based upon the following criteria: scholastic achievement, financial need, realistic goals, extracurricular activities and community service. Each category is equally weighted.

The following are the Scholarships being awarded to local graduates in the class of 2022, all attended Green Mountain Union High School. Congratulations to all that applied and to our recipients.

Daniel E. Kesman Memorial Scholarship - \$2,000

Dan was a Rotarian for over 42 years. He was a resident of Ludlow and attorney by profession. His passion for the LRC led to the beginning of the club's annual Penny Sale and scholarship program. Dan donated frequently to the club and upon his passing in 1987 the LRC named its first scholarship in memory of Dan.

This year we are pleased to award the Daniel E. Kesman Memorial Scholarship to Grace Tyrrell of Cavendish.

Ralph D. Hogancamp Vocational Scholarship - \$2,000

Ralph became a member of the LRC in 1984. Ralph originally was a charter member of Charlestown, NH club in 1947. He was known to many Ludlow residents for his local businesses he operated. He originally owned and operated a luncheon restaurant in what is now the location of DJ's Restaurant. Ralph also owned and operated a catering and tent rental business. Ralph passed away in 1999. The LRC named its second annual scholarship after Ralph for the variation of vocations he initiated in Ludlow. Ralph maintained a 100% membership attendance for many, many years. He was very passionate of Rotary serving 52 years as a member.

This year we are pleased to award the Ralph D. Hogancamp Vocational Scholarship to Reid Hryckiewicz.

Robert W. Kirkbride Community Service Scholarship - \$2,000

This is the 8th annual award of this scholarship honoring an outstanding community member and beloved Rotarian of 60+ years. Until Bob's passing in 2020, he was an active LRC member. This award is in specific recognition of the graduate's Community Service involvement. This was Bob's passion.

We award this year's Robert W. Kirkbride Service Scholarship to Clara Gignoux of Cavendish.

The Joseph "Jay" Girouard Scholarship - \$1,000

The Girouard scholarship, a new award approved by LRC for Jay's dedication to the Rotary, particularly his work on behalf of the annual Penny Sale, is the primary funding source for these scholarships.

The Girouard Scholarship is awarded to Haley Racicot of Ludlow.

The LRC awards two traditional scholarships, each in the amount of \$1000, were awarded to the following students: Jayme Hamel and Mackenzie Martin both of Ludlow.

Pictured above are the winners of 2022 Ludlow Rotary Club's annual scholarship awards. They are: top row, left to right, Jayme Hamel, Reid Hryckiewicz and Haley Racicot; 2nd row, left to right, Mackenzie Martin, Clara Gignoux, and Grace Tyrrell.



WESTON THEATER COMPANY ANNOUNCES ARTISTS FOR WALKER FARM MUSIC: SUMMER EDITION

Weston Theater Company announces the artists for their summer concert series at Walker Farm in Weston. **Walker Farm Music** is a "Pick-Your-Price" event, letting you choose the ticket value that makes the most sense for you.

On Saturday, June 11, **Pete Bernhard**, of country-rockers *The Devil Makes Three*, will kicked off the 4-part music series with his stripped-down solo act that fuses folk, vintage Americana, and a far more traditional template of music. Opening support for the evening is by special guest and rising star **Mary-Elaine Jenkins**, whom *Glide Magazine* says is "standing righteously above other young pretenders" and whose sound combines manifold influences with a distinctly southern sensibility. www.petebernhard.com | www.maryelainejenkins.com

The second event in the series is scheduled for Saturday, August 20, and features Weston audience favorite, **Kat Wright**. Along with Kat, Bob Wagner (guitar) and Josh Weinstein (bass) lean into their trio formation, showcasing their folky/rootsey selves, all stripped down, a triangulation of their strengths, their bareness, their imperfect humanness, their voices, their ferocious tenderness, their love of songs and singing and story. www.katwright.com

Saturday, August 27 will see the return of **The Suitcase Junket** to Weston. Matt Lorenz's vision, manifest in *The Suitcase Junket*, developed in the tension between the grand and the solitary. Grand in its imagery, sound, and staging. Solitary in its thrift and self-reliance. What instruments he requires; Lorenz builds from scratch and salvage. What parts five players would perform; he performs alone. www.thesuitcasejunket.com

Saturday, September 3 concludes the series with **Rich Hinman vs Adam Levy**. Individually, the members of this instrumental quartet have played with Sara Bareilles, Norah Jones, Amos Lee, k.d. lang, Rosanne Cash, Jim Lauderdale, Allen Toussaint, and other venerable artists. As a collective unit, they play soul music without words, country music without hats, and blues music without regrets. www.richhinmanvsadamlevy.bandcamp.com

All performances will be at 7:00 PM at Walker Farm (705 Main St, Weston, VT 05161). Walker Farm Music is a "Pick-Your-Price" event, letting you determine the price option that makes the most sense to you while supporting live performance and creating opportunities for others to attend. **Pick Your Price: \$25 / \$45 / \$60 All Tickets - General Admission**



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Engel & Völkers Okemo hires Real Estate Advisor Rae Beaudette Southern Vermont Brokerage Quadruples In Size, As it Expands Radius

Engel & Völkers Okemo today announced that it has hired advisor Rae Beaudette of South Woodstock, signaling the brokerage's [continued expansion](#) across [southern Vermont](#).

Located on Main Street in Ludlow Village, Engel & Völkers has quadrupled in size since 2019, when it transacted on nearly \$11 million in home sales. Inspired by this pre-pandemic momentum, owner and principal broker [Gail Beardmore](#) hired an additional broker with roots in [Chester](#), along with a fourth advisor and a digital marketing manager. She has since added three more advisors — based around

[Bellows Falls](#), [Wallingford](#), and [Woodstock](#) — to further broaden the agency's radius.

"When a client walks into my office, they deserve an expert in their area of interest, and this increasingly sends us way beyond Ludlow," said Beardmore. "Having a [regionally diverse team](#) is crucial to maintaining that healthy ecosystem of buyers and sellers."

[Beaudette](#) brings more than twenty years of experience across the real estate and green building industries, including a Master's degree in Environmental Policy from Vermont Law School. She first held her real estate license in Chicago, where she ignited her passion for reworking interiors while staging homes for brokerages. She went on to work as an agent for Coldwell Banker, before she was recruited to the Netherlands to work as a relocation design specialist for C-Suite executives.

"Real estate immerses you in a variety of sectors that, at their best, are useful, beautiful, and symbiotic," said Beaudette. "Creating a cohesive home from a property's many disparate parts requires imagination, pragmatism, and methodology, and I love that."

Most recently, Beaudette developed continuing education for sustainable design professionals and worked as a liaison for related industry trades. She also operated a home staging and gardening business that served much of New England.

According to Beardmore, "Rae's holistic, sustainable approach helps us better connect the Upper and Lower Valleys with the quality of service that makes Engel & Völkers so successful."

The return on this strategic investment in staff is tangible. Less than halfway through 2022, the agency eclipsed its total 2019 sales volume by more than a million dollars. Its average home sale price is now \$593,658 — a 150% jump since three years ago. Engel & Völkers Okemo now ranks second among 23 regional competitors for average closing price.

"Did I anticipate this market? Of course not," said Beardmore. "While it's great for business, especially for sellers, drastic price increases do make me a bit uneasy. But I've lived in Vermont long enough to know that, as the economy ebbs and flows, our way of life never goes out of style. We'll be here when you're ready."

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WESTON THEATER COMPANY PRESENTS SHREK THE MUSICAL: FREE PERFORMANCES TOURING VERMONT

Weston Theater Company announces its 2022 Young Company production: **SHREK THE MUSICAL**, playing June 22 – July 10 and touring venues throughout central and southern Vermont.

Follow Shrek, that lovable, stinky ogre on his quest to save quirky, captivating Princess Fiona from a dragon-guarded castle. There is something for everyone in this bighearted, fun-packed, and fart-joke-filled fairy tale.

Weston Theater Company joined with partners across Vermont to bring SHREK to audiences in their own towns, free of charge. Weston's presenting partners include Next Stage Arts Project, The Grafton Public Library, The Grafton Inn, The Mary L. Blood Memorial Library, The Albert Bridge School, Ascutney Outdoors, Brownsville Butcher & Pantry, Merck Farm and Forest, Park-McCullough House, ArtisTree, and The Springfield Town Library; with additional support through season sponsors Vermont Country Store, Casella, and Wohler Realty Group.

"We are so pleased to be able to offer the Young Company show as a free event for communities throughout Southern Vermont," says Weston's **Executive Artistic Director, Susanna Gellert**. "SHREK, our second annual Young Company tour, is sure to delight audiences young and old, near and far. It's a wonderful, joyful event that takes full advantage of Vermont's beautiful summers and it's sure to make us laugh out loud and dance on our picnic blankets."

The cast will be made up entirely of members of Weston's **Young Company**, a summer-long residency program for college aged performers. **Piper Goodeve, director of SHREK**, says, "SHREK is a wonderful show for the young and young at heart. And it is the perfect story for right now, all about inclusion and loving yourself and others for who you/they are. Full of funny songs and heartfelt scenes, ogres and fairytale creatures, tap numbers and moving ballads, this show has something for everyone."

Goodeve is returning for her 15th season with Weston. Past Weston credits include The Phantom Tollbooth (Director), Anne of Green Gables (Assistant Director/Musical Staging), Long Day's Journey into Night (Cathleen), All My Sons (Lydia), The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee (Logainne), three years as Director of Education/Artistic Associate, and dozens of cabarets. She received a Drama League Award Nomination for Distinguished Performance for her performance as Anne in Anne of Green Gables (Off-Broadway) and holds an MFA from Brown University.

SHREK introduces **Eli Hamilton** (Marymount Manhattan College) as Shrek; **Tomias Robinson** (University of Michigan) as Donkey; **Tommy Bergeron** (The Hartt School) as Farquaad; **Nadia Wilemski** (Marymount Manhattan College) as Dragon; **Anthony Bologna** (CAP21/Molloy College) as Pinocchio; **Bryanna Cuthill** (Baldwin Wallace University) as Gingy; **Ana Laura Santana** (The Hartt School) as Peter Pan; **Nile Andah** (University of Michigan) as Wolf; and sees the return of **Emma Diner** (Pace University) as Fiona. **Diner** played Gertrude in last season's Young Company production of SEUSSICAL.

Michael Ruiz-del-Vizo brings the world of Duloc and fairy tale characters to the stage. **Ruiz-del-Vizo** earned his B.F.A. in Production Design with a concentration in Scenic Design and Art Direction from the Savannah College of Art and Design and has designed the set for many productions including THE BLUEST EYE (Theatreworks), ON YOUR FEET! (MAS, Carol Morsani Hall), PETER AND THE STARCATCHER (TFHNYC), SENSE AND SENSIBILITY (SCAD), SMOKEY JOE'S CAFE (SCAD). His set will be highlighted by **Lily Prentice's** costumes. **Prentice** returns after designing the costumes for SEUSSICAL last season. She has previously worked with Beau Jest Moving Theater, 52nd Street Project, Urban Arias, Ars Nova AntFest, The New School, NYU Playwrights Horizons, Columbia Stages, numerous projects with choreographer Stefanie Batten Bland and has her MFA in Costume Design from NYU Tisch. **Felicity Stiverson** also returns as choreographer. **Stiverson** has choreographed many shows at Weston including RING OF FIRE, WEST SIDE STORY, THE FANTASTICKS, SEUSSICAL, THE PHANTOM TOLLBOOTH, REALLY ROSIE, and TENDERLY.

SHREK will have performances at the **Walker Farm Field in Weston June 22 – 25 and July 5 –10 at 1:00 PM**. The production tour will perform in **Grafton on June 26, Springfield on June 28, Putney on June 29, South Pomfret on June 30, North Bennington on July 1, Brownsville on July 2, and Rupert on July 3**. All performances will be outdoors and are BYOS – Bring-Your-Own-Seating. For more information and to reserve FREE tickets, please visit <https://westontheater.org/shrek>.

Following SHREK, enjoy the music of Stephen Sondheim in **MARRY ME A LITTLE**, take a psychedelic journey with **HAIR**, visit the small town of Chinquapin in **STEEL MAGNOLIAS**, and reminisce with the music of Woody Guthrie in **WOODY SEZ**. Subscriptions and tickets are available online and by calling the Weston Box Office at **802-824-5288**. Weston Theater Company, 703 Main St., Weston, VT 05161 802-824-8167 X 112

Search for God

A little boy wanted to meet God. He knew it was a long trip to where God lived, so he packed his suitcase with Twinkies and a six-pack of Root Beer and he started his journey.

When he had gone about three blocks, he met an old man. He was sitting in the park just staring at some pigeons. The boy sat down next to him and opened his suitcase. He was about to take a drink from his root beer when he noticed that the old man looked hungry, so he offered him a Twinkie.

He gratefully accepted it and smiled at him. His smile was so pleasant that the boy wanted to see it again, so he offered him a root beer. Again, he smiled at him. The boy was delighted! They sat there all afternoon eating and smiling, but they never said a word.

As it grew dark, the boy realized how tired he was and he got up to leave, but before he had gone more than a few steps, he turned around, ran back to the old man, and gave him a hug. He gave him his biggest smile ever.

When the boy opened the door to his own house a short time later, his mother was surprised by the look of joy on his face. She asked him, "What did you do today that made you so happy?" He replied, "I had lunch with God." But before his mother could respond, he added, "You know what?"

God's got the most beautiful smile I've ever seen!"

Meanwhile, the old man, also radiant with joy, returned to his home. His son was stunned by the look of peace on his face and he asked, "Dad, what did you do today that made you so happy?" He replied, "I ate Twinkies in the park with God." However, before his son responded, he added, "You know, he's much younger than I expected."



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Companion & Succession Planting

Garden planting and transplanting is now in full swing and everything we want to grow can be planted out including favorites like tomato & pepper plants, squashes, potatoes, onion sets, broccoli, herbs, or greens. But one question remains, which plants make good garden companions with each other, and which do not? Plants affect their neighbors and the soil around them so we should try to place compatible or non-competitive plants near each other when possible.

A similar principle applies when deciding which plant follows recently removed ones (called plant succession). We don't want to re-plant the same plant or one that needs the same soil nutrients in the same place over and over; that would risk depleting the soil and depriving the subsequent plants of nutrients that they need to be healthy. Our second topic is succession planting - a great way to get more out of limited garden space and have your garden favorites available all season long. Finally, we'll cover a couple pest alerts and some thoughts about that lawn.

Here is a list of some common garden plants and recommended **companions**. This doesn't mean they are *required* neighbors, but we do know they are compatible, and they might even benefit from each other by repelling pests or sharing nutrients.

	Companions
Green Beans:	anything (beans add Nitrogen to the soil)
Broccoli*:	Beets, Onions, Spinach
Brussel sprouts*:	Beets, Onions, Spinach
Cabbage*:	Beets, Onions, Spinach
Cauliflower*:	Beets, Onions, Spinach
Carrots:	Peas, Lettuce, Tomato
Corn:	Beans, Peas, Squash, Cucumbers
Cucumber:	Beans, Peas, Corn, Sunflowers
Eggplant:	Beans, Marigold
Lettuce:	Carrots, Radish, Strawberry
Onion:	Beets, Carrots, Lettuce, Cabbage* family
Peas:	Carrots, Radish, Cucumber, Corn, Beans
Potatoes:	Beans, Corn, Cabbage* family, Marigolds
Squashes:	Corn, Beans, Nasturtium, Marigold
Tomato:	Onion, Carrot, Nasturtium, Marigold

Incompatible
Onions
Tomato, Dill
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~ none ~
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Beans, Peas
Onions
Tomato, Squash
Potatoes
Potatoes, Cabbages



You can also see from this list that the classic "Three Sisters" combination (pole beans, corn & winter squash) is made of 3 mutually beneficial plants that help each other with nutrients (beans add Nitrogen), weed suppression (squash leaves smother weeds), and support (corn stalks support the climbing beans). It is an ingenious design that works! There are more good details [online here](#).

Succession planting simply refers to repeat planting of a same crop over time to produce repeated harvests over time. We have a very limited growing season, but you can still get multiple harvests of certain fast growing plants if you time them right. Successions are great way to maximize the productivity of limited garden space too. For example, if you plant leaf lettuce or mesclun seeds every week you should harvest fresh greens every week all summer and into the fall. I've found that a short row (4-6 ft. long) of different salad greens every week produces a good supply for fresh salads into November.

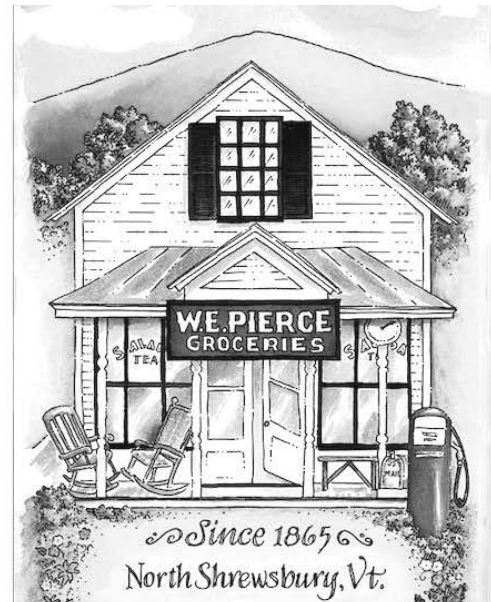
Late crops of carrots, turnips and beets can also follow (in the same place) the harvests of early salad greens. After the garlic is harvested in late July there is time to plant fall broccoli and cauliflower plants started from seeds before 4th of July in the same place.

Bush beans planted every 2 weeks provide a good extension of harvests too. Too much zucchini is a common problem, but if you plant one hill of 3-4 plants now and another hill in early July that will spread the harvest out so it can be enjoyed over time. The same works for herbs such as dill and cilantro that tend to mature early before we can use them in pickles and salsas. There's some very good information and specific planting recommendation [online here](#).

Pest Alerts. So far the dry weather has limited outbreaks of **slugs & snails** and most plant diseases but every rain shower brings them out. Preventative applications of an iron phosphate product (Sluggo, etc.) with avoid surprise damage.

New tender growth on any plants will attract sap sucking **aphids** that can quickly get out of control. Baby aphids are born pregnant! [Aphids](#) are nearly invisible but can be found by looking for unusual ant activity on young leaves. The ants are tending aphids for the sweet honeydew they produce (aphid pee) and are a signal that aphids are present. Natural controls of aphids include lady beetles and wasps that we should always protect. [Beneficial wasps](#) (98% of wasps are non-stinging) are attracted by small blossom flowers (yarrow, Queen Anne's lace, fennel, asters, mints, etc.) which they use for nectar. Small numbers of aphids can be finger squished and bigger infestations sprayed with insecticidal soap or neem oil, if you prefer.

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DIRECTIONS:

From Mount Holly follow Rt. 103 west to Cuttingsville.
Take a right on Town Hill Rd. and follow for 2 miles.
Go right on Lincoln Hill Rd. (changes to Northam Rd.)
Follow 3 miles to the store.
2658 Northam Rd., Shrewsbury, Vt. (802)492-3366

FML News

Fletcher Memorial Library
June - July 2022

NEW CATALOG LANDING PAGE:



**Aspen
Discovery**

On June 27th when you log into our On-line catalog you may notice some changes. You will sign in as you always do, but your results will be more complete. Your search will give you what is available and in all formats. These include print books, audio books, and what is available in the Overdrive (Libby) downloadable service. This program is called "Aspen" and with it comes the mobile version "Lida" where you may search, place holds etc. on any device. It will be new to staff as well, we are here to assist you. 802-228-8921. Watch our web site for more information. Staff is excited about this!!

Even more Excitement Coming in July:



FML was chosen by the VT Department of Libraries to be in the first wave of 30 libraries to test a new service!

This service will be a new collection of downloadable eAudio books and eBooks. As yet unnamed (For now Axis-360). "Palace" will be a program like "Libby" in which you will find Axis 360. However, "Palace" will be your one stop mobile app in which you may also access "Libby" and the new "Aspen" catalog. Again, this is all still in development.



Fletcher Memorial Library is a
501 (c)3 organization

CLOSED: July 4th

SUMMER READING PROGRAM

- ♦ Open Registration June 6.
- ♦ Runs June 20 - Aug. 5
- ♦ Open to all 2-18
- ♦ Activities i.e. Wed. AM Outdoor Story Times, Tues. AM Crafts, Thursday PM Family Programs, movie matinees and Teen Time programs.

MUSIC ON THE GREEN

JULY 7 - RICH THOMAS
JULY 14 - JENNY PORTER
JULY 21 - JEB AND FRIENDS
JULY 28 - PLUMB BOBS
**AUG 4 - BUNTY STATION-
OHIO BAND**
**AUG 11 - JAMIE WARD
MR. PIANOMAN**
AUG 18 - TIM CAIRA
AUG 25 - MT. HOLLY FOLK CLUB

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EVENING IN JULY & AUGUST STARTING AT
6:30 PM ON THE BELMONT GREEN*

* (In case of rain, concert will be held in the Mount
Holly Community Center. Our Thanks to the Village
Baptist Church for use of the Green.)



QUESTIONS THAT NEED ANSWERING PRIOR TO VOTING ON PROPOSAL 5



The **Vermont Family Alliance** believes Proposal 5 will weaken supports for Vermont Families and fail to protect Vermont children. *Abortion rights are not in jeopardy in Vermont, but family rights are.*
Get answers before you vote!

1. Act 47 (2019) already codified into law unlimited abortion access in Vermont. Why do we need Proposal 5? What other "rights" might it establish in the constitution?
2. Why doesn't Proposal 5 contain age restrictions?
3. Why are there no provisions to prevent minors from consenting to receive puberty blockers and other life-changing therapies to their reproductive systems without parent consultation or consent?" (See H659 for legislative intent signaled on this)
4. Why does Proposal 5 contain no protections for the role of parents in guiding children through the sexual and reproductive changes they will experience? What other adults might usurp parents in this vital role? (See Act 35 for precedent already established)
5. How will minors be protected from exploitation under Proposal 5?
6. What would stop minors from being transported across state lines into Vermont to access these constitutional protections?
7. Why doesn't Proposal 5 use the words "woman" or "abortion"? Why is the language so open-ended?
8. What does "Reproductive Autonomy" mean?
9. Why doesn't Proposal 5 define "individual" or "gender?"

Proposal 5- public vote November of 2022

"Sec. 2. Article 22 of Chapter I of the Vermont Constitution is added to read: Article 22. [Personal reproductive liberty] That an individual's right to personal reproductive autonomy is central to the liberty and dignity to determine one's own life course and shall not be denied or infringed unless justified by a compelling State interest achieved by the least restrictive means."

Act 35- signed by Governor Phil Scott May 17, 2017

"A minor may give consent to receive any legally authorized outpatient treatment from a mental health professional, as defined in section 7101 of this title. Consent under this section shall not be subject to disaffirmance due to minority of the person consenting. The consent of a parent or legal guardian shall not be necessary to authorize outpatient treatment. As used in this section, "outpatient treatment" means psychotherapy and other counseling services that are supportive, but not prescription drugs. Subchapter 2. Prohibition of Conversion Therapy"

H659- pending in House Health and Welfare Committee

"This bill proposes to allow a minor who identifies as transgender to consent to receiving hormone blockers and other nonsurgical, gender-affirming care and treatment without requiring parental consent."

Join us on Facebook and our email group for updates at vermontfamilyalliance@gmail.com



Shriner Hospital For Children

Shriner Hospital for Children provides specialty care to children up to age 21 with orthopedic conditions, burns, spinal cord injuries, and cleft lip and palate, regardless of the family's ability to pay. All care and services are delivered in a family-centered environment.

To learn more about our services, or to refer a patient, visit www.shrinershospitalforchildren.org to locate a hospital near you. Or call 800-237-5055 in the U.S. or 800-361-7256 Canada – Past Potentate Bob Ferguson, Cairo Shriners, Rutland



Community Health Tip: What You Should Know About UTI and Sepsis

UTI stands for urinary tract infection and occurs when germs like bacteria or fungus get into the urinary track. In Rutland, it is one of the most common reasons for emergency department visits. When caught early, UTIs can be treated with antibiotics, but if left untreated can become serious. If you are experiencing any symptoms like frequent or burning urination, speak with your Community Health provider today. Learn more about prevention and early signs of a UTI at sepsis.org

For more Community Health Tips check our website www.chcrr.org or contact your Community Health provider 888-989-8707 or 802-779-9169.

Notice: If you can use small dog gear, please let me know. I had to say goodbye to my pet Peeve, my little Yorkie. I have his wardrobe, a car bed, and such. Little Peeve loomed large in my imagination and his own. Call 802-259-2773 or email connor@ohio.edu Thank you.

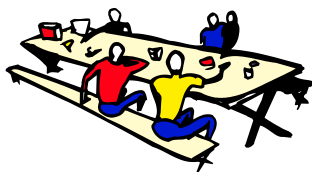


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Check here if you DO NOT wish to receive the Chit Chat _____

Donation amount \$ _____ **Tax Deductible** We have Federal tax exempt status.

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Phone Email

Sign Up for the Mt. Holly NewsFlash to get all that is happening locally in our Town just email to:

mthollynewsflash@gmail.com

And request to be placed on the list.

News item deadlines are 6 am & 6 pm

Also Check

www.mthollynewsflash.blogspot.com

To see all daily emails of the NewsFlash compiled in one place for all community news and events.

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Stone Creek Workshops Pottery www.stonecreekworkshops.com	802-259-2254

Catering - Restaurants - Stores

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Mojo Café – John & Jodi Seward mojocafevt@yahoo.com	802-228-6656

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AW Carpentry-Remodeling*Building*Portable Sawmilling	802-259-3699
Cutting Edge Carpentry And Paint Works – Curt Marechaux Cell	802-236-5559

Burn Permits

Fire Warden – Jim Seward Pager 802-786-3408	Home 802-259-2211
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Church Listings

Annunciation, Ludlow, Mass Sat 4:30 pm, Sun 8 an & 10 am	
Rev Thomas Mosher abvmludlow@comcast.net	802-228-3451
Belmont Village Baptist Church-Worship 9:30am, Coffee Hour 10:30	
vbch.weebly.com	802-259-2440
E. Wallingford Baptist – PS 9:15-10:00 am SS 10 am, Worship 11 am	
Pastor Kevin Miner	802-259-2831
First Baptist Church, Wallingford, SS 11am Prayer Meeting Wed 7 pm	
Pastor Dave Bentley	802-446-2020
Lighthouse Independent Baptist Church, Rutland SS 11am & 3pm	
Until May 11am & 6pm	802-779-0300
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
Rutland Jewish Center office@rutlandjewishcenter.org	
Rabbi Shemtov rabbishemtov@rutlandjewishcenter.org	802-773-3455
St. Patrick's, Wallingford, Mass Sun 9 am	
Rev Msgr Bernard Bourgeois christthekingprsh@gmail.com	802-446-2161
Wilderness Friends Meeting (Quaker) Sundays 10 am	
Shrewsbury Library, Cuttingsville	802-259-2803

Engineering

Krueger Engineering- Arthur G. Krueger, P.E.	802-492-3653
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Equipment For Hire & Snow Moving

Beardmore Excavating beardmoreexc@gmail.com	802-342-3507
Flander's Excavating & Firewood	802-259-2147
Hawkins Excavation Driveways, Ditching, Septic, Ponds, Etc	802-558-3082

Farm Fresh Products

Mt. Holly Dairy-Aire Farm Raw Milk, Fresh Eggs, Baked Goods	802-259-2386
Plew Farm (meat, eggs, maple) www.plewfarm.com	802-259-2250
1966 Healdville Rd, Mt. Holly	
Smith Maple Crest Farm LLC, Grassfed Beef & VT Maple	802-492-2151
2450 Lincoln Hill Rd, Shrewsbury, VT 05738 www.Smithmaplecrestfarm.com	

Sugar Hill Berry Farm www.sugarhillberryfarm.com	802-259-2155
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Fire Warden

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Firewood

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Food Shelf

Black River Good Neighbor Services – Krey Kellington	802-228-3663
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Funeral Homes

Clifford Funeral Home	802-773-3010
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Garden & Landscape, Lawn Mowing

Belmont Country Gardens Quality Custom Stonework & More	802-259-2364
Kevin Smith, Garden Service & Lawn Mowing	802-259-3964
Salt Ash Nursery - The Balsam Barn – Scott Crawford	802-259-2146

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MFG & More	
William H Johnson Automotive Services	802-259-2498
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General Contractors

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Ted Stryhas Builder Inc.	802-228-7327

Health & Community Health Care Providers

Calm Moments Message Studio – Irene Berry	802-228-7772
Community Health – https://www.chcrr.org Medical, Dental, Pediatrics	
Behavioral Health – Patient Access Center	802-779-9159
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Massage Therapy/Bodywork, Thrive Center of Green Mtns	802-446-2499
Lisa Donohue MA, LMT ~ Linda O'Brien MT	802-446-2499
Massage Therapy Belmont – Robin Nelson	802-353-4356

Home Management Services

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Yankee Home Management, Keith Hawkins	802-259-3064

Maple Syrup

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print@expresscopyinc.com		

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Metal Fabrication

Wayne Jones Metal www.waynejonesmetal.com	802-259-2521
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Mount Holly Email

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Painters

MRS Unlimited Visions LLC Interior/Exterior Painting –Melissa	802-259-3989
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Plumbing & Heating

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Security

Countryside Alarms – Mike Blais www.countrysidealarms.com	802-259-2213
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kevin@belmontseptic.com	

Krueger Engineering – Arthur G. Krueger, P.E.	802-492-3653
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