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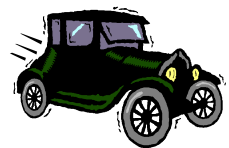
Mount Holly Chit Chat



July 2013

Village Baptist Church – Worship 9:30am, Pastor Glenn Davis 259-2440
E. Wallingford Baptist – SS 10:00 am – Worship 11:00 am Evening 6:30 pm Phone 259-2831 www.ewbaptist.com
Saint Patrick's Mass Wallingford Sat 4 pm Sun 9:15 am Rev Justin Baker, Ph. 446-2161
Annunciation Parish Mass, Ludlow, Sat 4 pm, Sun 8 am & 11 am **Proctorsville** Sun 9:30 am, Rev. Romanus Igweonu Ph. 228-3451
Okemo Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce – Marji Graf 228-5830
Town Library: Sat 9-1 Sun 2-4 Mon 3-7 Wed 3-7 Mt. Holly Town Library, P.O. Box 93, Belmont, VT 05730 Call 259-3707
Town Office Hours: Mon. to Thurs. 8:30 am – 4:00 pm Closed Fri. & Holidays Phone & Fax 259-2391
Town Treasurer's Office Hours: Mon 8:30 am – 12:00 pm Wed 12:00 pm – 4:00 pm and by Appointment 802-259-2391
Burn Permits: Call Fire Warden ~ Jim Seward 786-3408 or 259-2211
TRANSFER SITE: Wed. 4 pm – 7 pm & Sat. 8 am – 2 pm

		<i>Battle of Gettysburg Began 1863</i>	
	1 st		
	2 nd	<i>US Civil Rights Act 1964 ~ US Army Air Corps Est. 1926</i>	
	3 rd	Mt. Holly Community Association Meeting, Library	7:00 pm
		Mt. Holly School Board Meeting, Mt. Holly Elementary School	7:00 pm
		Union #39 School Board Meeting, Mt. Holly Elementary School	7:00 pm
	4 th		
	5 th	<i>Calvin Coolidge Born 1872 ~ Independence Day 1776</i>	
		<i>Salvation Army Founded in London 1865</i>	
Sat	6 th	Chicken BBQ & Parade line up 10:30 am	11:30 am
		<i>1st Airship Cross the Atlantic 1919</i>	
		<i>Revolutionary War, British Captured Fort Ticonderoga 1777</i>	
Sun	7 th	Fire Dept. Business Meeting, Fire Station	7:00 pm
	8 th	Rescue Squad Meeting, Rescue Squad Building	7:00 pm
		<i>1st Public Reading Declaration of Independence 1777</i>	
	9 th	Community Guild Meeting, IOOF Hall, Belmont	9:00 am
		Selectmen's meeting, Town Office	7:30 pm
		Fire Dept. Drill, Fire Station	7:00 pm
	10 th	Fire Dept. Ladies Auxiliary Meeting, Belmont Fire Station	7:00 pm
		Mt. Holly PTC Meeting, Mt. Holly School Library	3:00 pm
		Mount Holly Grange	7:30 pm
		ODD Fellows Meeting, IOOF Hall, Belmont	7:00 pm
	11 th	Two Rivers Supervisory Union Board Meeting, GMUHS Library, 6 pm Public Gathering	7:00 pm
	12 th		
		<i>Roman Emperor Julius Caesar Born 100 B.C.</i>	
	15 th	Mount Holly Planning Commission, Town Office	7:30 pm
		<i>Apollo 18/Soyuz 19 Linkup 1975</i>	
		<i>Rembrandt Born 1606</i>	
	16 th	Fire Dept. work night, Fire Stations	7:00 pm
		Mason Meeting, Mt. Moriah Lodge, E. Wallingford	8:00 pm
	17 th	Mt. Holly Town Library Meeting, Library, Belmont	7:00 pm
Sat	20 th	Baked Ham Supper , Benefit Mt. Moriah Masons, Odd Fellow Hall, Belmont	5:00 pm
		<i>1st Manned Moon Landing Apollo 11, 1969</i>	
		<i>America The Beautiful Written 1893</i>	
	22 nd	Rescue Squad Meeting, Rescue Squad Building	7:00 pm
	23 rd	Community Guild Meeting, IOOF Hall, Belmont	9:00 am
		Fire Dept. Drill, Fire Station	7:00 pm
	24 th	ODD Fellows Meeting, IOOF Hall, Belmont	7:00 pm
	25 th		
Sat	27 th		
		<i>C.I.A. Created 1947</i>	
		<i>Korean War Ends 1953</i>	
Sun	28 th	<i>World War I began 1914</i>	
	30 th	<i>Henry Ford Born</i>	



Emergency Services

Mount Holly Fire Dept.	259-2700 or	911	Poison Control	(802) 658-3456
Mount Holly Fire Warden ~ Jim Seward	786-3408	259-2211	American Red Cross	802-773-9159
Mount Holly Rescue Squad	775-3133 or	911	Game Warden – Greg Eckhardt	802-875-2112 802-773-9101
Mount Holly Constable Paul Faenza	802-245-4452	802-786-4404	Health Officer - Frank Bickford	259-2885
Animal Control For Mt. Holly	mhconstable@yahoo.com	802-786-4404	Vermont State Police	773-9101

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

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July Birthdays: 1st -Jacilyn Turco. 2nd -Diana Garrow * Maurice Turco. 3rd -Wesley Hupp. 4th -Jane Harrington. 6th -Morgan Collins * Stella Beauchain. 7th -Hilary Perrino * Debby Marro. 8th -Mark Turco Jr. * Rhyann Devereux. 9th -Tanya Norton Davis. 10th -Joan Garrow * Corbin Chadburn. 12th Robert (Bob) Cram. 14th -Renee Audy Hesse * Vincent Guerrero. 16th -Kyle Alberty. 17th Brandon Birdsall * Parker Turco. 20th -Christopher Brown * David Guerrero. 21st -Sean Covalla. 22nd -David Crystal. 23rd -Ethan Devereux. 24th -Charles Stanley * Angelo Centini. 27th -Ginger Palmer. 28th -Caleb Palmer. 29th -Jamie Turco Fitzgerald. * Cathy Chadburn. 30th -Nicholas Gwiazda.



July Anniversaries: 2nd -Howard & Karen Hill. 3rd -Angelo & Bessie Centini. (59th) 4th -Vernon & Stella Beauchain. 5th -Bob & Cheryl Kapitan. 6th -Ed & Sylvia Smith (50th) 8th -Amanda & Sebastian Frank. 12th -James & Mary Jane Osbourne. 14th -Wayne & Lizzie Emmons (51st) 16th -Joseph & Betsy Keimig. 19th John & Theresa Cole * Patrick & Kimberly Chadburn (5th). 21st -Gary & Carol Pike. 22nd -Mark & Amy Turco. 27th -Al & Shannon Labozzo (22nd). 30th - Maurice & Lori Turco.

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

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Mount Holly 802-259-2796

Post Master:

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Sat 7:30 am – 10:30 am

Belmont 802-259-2790

Post Master: Jane Hill

Mon – Fri 8:00 am – 12:00 pm
& 1:30 pm – 4:45 pm
Sat 8:00 am – 10:45 am

East Wallingford 802-259-2829

Post Master: Lynnette Devereux

Mon – Fri 7:00 am – 12:30 pm
& 2:30 pm – 4:30 pm
Sat 7:00 am – 10:00 pm

Cuttingsville/Shrewsbury 802-492-3585

Post Master: Barbara Perkins

Mon – Fri 8:00 am – 11:00 am
& 12:30 pm – 4:30 pm
Sat 8:00 am – 10:30 am

Ludlow 802-228-7436

Post Master: Dawn Howlett

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Larry E. Freeman

Larry Elwin Freeman, 76, died Tuesday, May 21, 2013, at his residence. He was born Oct. 26, 1937, in Mount Holly, the son of Lawrence and Agnes (Chamberlin) Freeman.

He was a longtime dairy farmer with his brother in Mount Holly and Cuttingsville, as well as a member of the Vermont National Guard for 11 years.

Mr. Freeman was presented with a 50-year-member pin Friday, May 17, by Mount Moriah #96 Free & Accepted Masons of East Wallingford.

He enjoyed operating his sawmill, riding motorcycles, woodworking, and he built a Piper Cub airplane. Survivors include a brother, Fay Freeman, and a sister, Lizzie Emmons, both of Cuttingsville, several nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews.

He was predeceased by a sister, Marjorie Carter.

Friends did call from 2 to 4 p.m. Friday, May 24, at the Aldous Funeral Home where the Masonic service was at 4 p.m. Burial will be at a later date in Pleasant View Cemetery in Ludlow.

Memorial contributions may be made to Mount Moriah Lodge #96 F&AM, PO Box 194, East Wallingford, VT 05742.

Many Thanks From The Family of Larry Freeman

The family of Larry E. Freeman 10/26/37-5/21/13, wishes to extend our sincere thanks and appreciation to friends, neighbors and loved ones for their acts of kindness and support at the time of our loss. For food, flowers, phone calls, cards and for "just being there when we needed you."

There are too many to mention by name and not enough space to do so, but we are grateful to all, more than you know. Special thanks to those of you who donated to Mt. Moriah Lodge, East Wallingford, Vt., in Larry's memory.

Also special thanks to: Foley Cancer Center, Mt. Moriah Lodge #96 F&AM, RAVNA/Hospice, Wilcox Medical (Karen Stewart & Nelson Haley), Mt. Holly Rescue, Mt. Holly Fire, and Joe Barnhart, and Aldous Funeral Home.

Thank you, with our Love & Gratitude, Fay John Freeman, Lizzie & Wayne Emmons, Beth & Kenny Hart, Monica, Jeremy & Lena Hyjek

The 32nd Annual Prouty Memorial Road Ride and Challenge Events

It's that time of the year when enthusiasts from around the country will commit to their saddles, sneakers & more in support of the Dartmouth Hitchcock Norris Cotton Cancer Center.

The 32nd annual Prouty Memorial road ride and challenge events is set for July 12th & 13th and once again, Dr. Joe, Lisa and Myles are "gearing" up for the "big event"!

*In celebration of this years event, Dr. Joe is riding the 100 mile ride & Lisa and Myles are looking to tackle the 10K TREK again this year **.*

Please consider a financial gift of support as we have set a "personal family" goal of raising \$875.00 and a "team goal" of raising \$100,000. Financial contributions can be made in several ways: ~ Checks can

be made out to the "Norris Cotton Cancer Center" [put Donohue family (Joseph, Lisa & Myles) in the memo section] and mailed directly to:

The Prouty, One Medical Center Drive, Lebanon, NH 03756

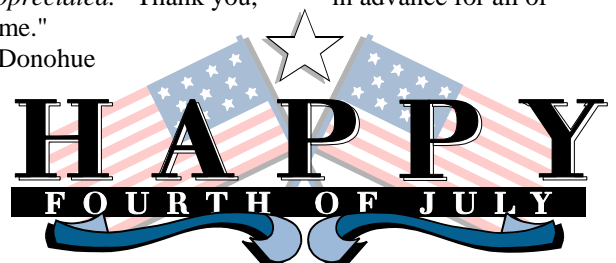
~ In addition, contributions may be dropped off at or mailed to our office: "Thrive Center of the Green Mountains", 68 South Main Street, P.O. Box 539, Wallingford, VT 05773.

~ Or find us online. Go to: <www.theprouty.org/>, click on "sponsor a participant" and enter "Joseph, Lisa or Myles Donohue" to arrive at our personal web page:

<http://theprouty.kintera.org/faf/donorReg/donorPledge.asp?ievent=1046237&lis=1&kntae1046237=71E4A1CE8A194334809C3C8C40AA599B&supId=386534611>

If a financial contribution is not in the cards, your well wishes are always appreciated. Thank you, in advance for all of your support as "we strive to improve the health of the region one person at a time."
(Our "Thrive" Mantra since 2000 !) All Blessings, Joe, Lisa and Myles Tristan Donohue

Great minds discuss ideas; average minds discuss events; small minds discuss people. Eleanor Roosevelt





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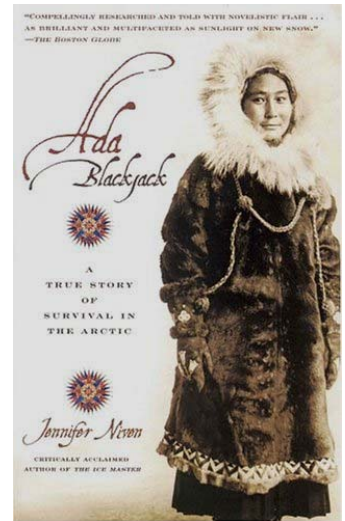
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"No occupation is so delightful to me as the culture of the earth and no culture comparable to that of the garden." -Thomas Jefferson

Mount Holly Library Reading Discussion Group

The Mount Holly Library Reading Discussion Group is reading Ada Blackjack by Jennifer Niven for our July 10th meeting. We will meet at 7:00 at Georgianna Sorensen's on the Tiffany Road in Belmont.

We would welcome new members and we would love to have folks who are here for the summer join us for a few months. The Library sponsors this great program and there is no cost to participants as the Library provides the books as well. Please call Minga Dana at 259-2471 if you have questions or want further details.



Ninevah Foundation Wildlife Event to Focus on Beavers, Nature's Busy Builders

Leave it to beavers to kick off this summer's popular "Know Your Wild Neighbors" series at the Mount Holly Town Library, Wednesday, July 24 at 7:00 p.m. Chris Bernier of the Vermont Fish and Wildlife Department will be the featured speaker at the workshop, which is sponsored by the Ninevah Foundation and free of charge.

Beavers played an important role in the early colonization of North America, when trappers came in search of their pelts. At one

time, U.S. beaver populations were almost decimated, but today they have rebounded and, in some areas, beavers now create conflicts with humans.

Bernier will explain how beavers accomplish their amazing engineering feats: gnawing down large trees to construct dams that create the ponds where they live, and building domelike lodges of branches and mud that are home to several generations and are reachable only through underwater entryways.

The presentation will also cover how the beaver's work benefits other wildlife, and what to do about unwanted beaver activity, such as a beaver dam that causes flooding. Beaver pelts, a beaver skull and a sample of "beaver-gnawed" wood will be on display, as well as beaver "baffles" – structures designed to control water level and protect culverts affected by beaver dam-building.

Chris Bernier has been a wildlife biologist with the Vermont Fish and Wildlife Department for 19 years, working on projects ranging from Atlantic salmon restoration in the Connecticut River watershed to research on bobcat habitat use. In 2011, he became leader of the Furbearer Management Program, and much of his recent field work as focused on determining the distribution of American marten and Canada lynx throughout Vermont.

The Ninevah Foundation (www.ninevahfoundation.org) is a conservation organization dedicated to promoting the wilderness character and tranquil nature of Lake Ninevah and over 3,000 acres of surrounding lands in Mount Holly and Plymouth, Vermont. The "Know Your Wild Neighbors" series is co-sponsored by the Wilderness Community, Inc., the Mount Holly Library Association, the Mount Holly Community Association and the Mount Holly Conservation Trust.

For more information, please call Mauri Small at (802) 259-2235 or (914) 548-7698.



FOR A SHORT TIME THERE ARE ADDITIONAL INCENTIVES TO WEATHERIZE YOUR HOME SO CALL NOW TO SAVE EVEN MORE MONEY


If you have been thinking about weatherizing your home, this is a good time to call NeighborWorks of Western Vermont. **Incentives from Efficiency Vermont are normally up to \$2,000, but to encourage more people to complete home energy improvements, there are additional \$500 incentives being offered for improvements completed by August 31, 2013.** Please realize that contractors may get backed up as the deadline draws near.

NeighborWorks H.E.A.T. Squad can help you make the improvements that will qualify you for the Efficiency Vermont Incentives. It all starts with a \$100 energy audit. Call NeighborWorks now if you are interested in an energy audit and/or would like help with your energy improvements (802) 438-2303 x 227.

If you have any questions about this program or would like a brochure or more information, please feel free to contact NeighborWorks at (802) 438-2303 x 227. {Remember there is a state-wide competition for towns this year in which Mount Holly is competing. As you may know, Mount Holly won the county-wide competition and used the over \$10,000 prize money to weatherize the town office and is doing other projects as well. Please call Marcy if you have questions about either competition 259-2344.}

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FURTHER INFO. IN AUGUST

Shrewsbury Historical Society Museum

The Shrewsbury Historical Society Museum, Route 103, Cuttingsville, will open on Sunday, July 7th. Museum hours are Sundays from 1 to 3 pm, until the end of October, with free admission, and is handicapped accessible, with parking. Thanks to the Preservation Trust of Vermont, the center exhibit shows various artifacts found in the Pierce Family's attic, which includes a rare "Mammy's Bench". The Pierce family operated the historic W.E. Pierce Store from 1918 to 1993. The late Marjorie Pierce had turned the store over to the Trust, and the store reopened in 2009.



"Taken from Front Porch, New to Me, Phone Scam!"

Last night around 7 PM, I received a blocked call. The caller identified me by name as well as my business property address. He told me that I forgot to endorse my last payment to Green Mountain Power. He went on to explain that we needed to take care of it over the phone because; my power was slated to be disconnected by midnight tonight. Asked him to tell me again what the problem was.

I asked, 'how they can turn off my electric power over the phone?'

'No, not the power, the payment, we can use your credit card.'

I was a little bored at the time so, I made him tell me the whole

story, for a third time. At this point, I told him that I would come over and sign the check as soon as the office opened in the morning. He insisted that we take care of it over the phone.

I told the caller, 'I have a problem with that.'

'What, you don't have a credit card?'

'No, I don't have Green Mountain Power, I have Ludlow Electric.'



Jewelry Wanted

The community Guild of Mount Holly is looking for donations of used old or new jewelry for their Annual Bazaar in August. All donations are Greatly Appreciated.

Please contact Bessie at 259-3564



A Sense of Place: Vermont's Farm Legacy

Saturday, July 27
at 2:00 p.m.

Mount Holly Town Library
26 Maple Hill Road • Belmont

The character of a place is shaped by its cultural heritage and folklife, the informal traditions of family and community that guide the ways in which a person plans a meal, treats a neighbor, or understands civic responsibility. In Vermont the cultural legacy of farming has strongly influenced the identity of Vermonters, and it is these distinctive traditions, which have persisted even with the decline in farm numbers, that help make the state unique. This lecture, by Gregory Sharrow, explores the fabric of farm culture in the past and probes its relationship to the world of Vermont today.



Free, accessible to people with disabilities, and open to the public.

Call Joan McCallum at (802) 259-2318
or the library at (802) 259-3707 for information.

A Vermont Humanities Council event*
hosted by the Mount Holly Town Library

Then, the caller turned nasty, threatening to come over here and have sex with me and my whole family and then do some other stuff, I hung up.

I don't think he realized I was on to him the first time he said Green Mountain Power.

Mt. Holly School Board Meeting

The Mt. Holly school board met on Wednesday, June 5 at the Ludlow Elementary School with the LES and U39 boards. Mr. Williams updated the board on the Two Rivers SU meetings. The 3 boards discussed a potential change to Café Services for the hot lunch program.

The board approved the minutes of the previous meeting. They also discussed the lease of the school property to the town for the town garage. They reaffirmed their letter of intent to lease a portion of the property to the town. They discussed the solar array that they would like to have included in the lease as payment in kind. The board also amended the elementary school choice program to include Pre-K students as well. Mr. Hutt Vater presented information on possible security updates that should be considered for the school.

The next meeting will be on August 7, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. at Mt. Holly Elementary School.

Dear Karen...

"Dear Karen" is a monthly column in the Chit Chat written to address your life questions and dilemmas with sensitivity, common sense, encouragement and a touch of humor when possible. Karen has a background of more than 31 years as a columnist, educator, counselor, wife, mother, and care giver. Please email your letters to Letters2Karen@aol.com, or mail to Karen Brook, PO 212, Belmont, VT 05730. We want to hear from you!



"Dear Karen,

We've seen pictures of your lost cat and feel so badly for you. Have you found him yet? Our kids still are upset about the loss of our dog. Do you have any suggestions about how to help them (us too) deal with this? Sincerely, Grieving over our dog"

"Dear Karen,

Knowing you've lost your cat makes it easier to write how sad our whole family is about having to have our sick cat put down, although she was never going to get better, was in a lot of pain and 17 years old. Can you suggest some things to

help us feel better at this time? By the way, we hope your cat is ok and comes home soon.

Very Truly Yours, Still Sad about our dear cat"

Dear Friends in Mount Holly,

I have received several emails and notes such as the two printed above about grief over the loss of all kinds of pets, as well as sadness due to the deaths of elderly grandparents and more. Thank you for including your kind wishes amid your own deep concerns. This month's column is a response to everyone who is experiencing grief over the loss of anyone dear to them, whether they be pets or people.



Loss is never easy but we all know it is a part of life. With pets, we realize their lifespan is much shorter than ours and that sooner or later, we will lose them. It's important to acknowledge the sadness that naturally accompanies no longer having someone whom we loved in our lives, including in the lives of our children. I would encourage you to continue to tell the stories about the fun, meaning and richness added to your lives by whomever you have lost. Children need to know their feelings are important, too, even if their loss is a goldfish or other small creature which was significant to them. We all need to learn to listen and validate the love our children (and ourselves) have received from our animals and people we have loved while we had the privilege of sharing our lives with them.

Having lost my sister at a young age, been with both parents through serious illnesses until their deaths, experienced the loss of many pets through their demise over the years and my longtime dear pets are just on loan to us. Even our children. In the hectic and

work as a counselor, I know personally the difficult truth that people and harried stressors of our daily lives, we often forget to embrace the joys and little things in the everyday moments of the present. It is hard to find the balance between planning for the future and truly being present in the *now*, but it is vital to consciously practice this every day.

Our wonderful cat Jazz was with me for almost 7 years and saw me through several tragic and traumatic events through that time. Often I wondered if he was really an angel in cat clothing sent to me as a helper, encourager and teacher for in fact, he was all these things to me and much more. To date, he has not returned and I hope wherever he is, he is finding shelter and food. Memories of him will always make me smile, and the lessons I learned from him will forever remain a part of me. People have shared anecdotes of pets who have left for several months but eventually returned in time. Hopefully, if I am fortunate, such will be the case with Jazz. Until then, I will continue to feel the love I received from him which will never leave me, as nothing can separate us from the love of those with whom we have shared life and love together.

Recently I acquired a silver pendant which has become a talisman for me. The front is engraved with a mother holding her child, surrounded by trees, leaves and birds. On the back are a heart and these words: "I am always with you. Be brave, have courage and love life." As a fellow traveler with you in this journey of life, I share these words in the hope that you, too, will embrace them and remember that we are never separated from the love of those who have loved us. I hope you find comfort in remembering the joy and telling the stories of those who have enriched your lives.



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SUMMER READING PROGRAM: We'd love to see your child every Thursday from 9:30 till noon until the end of July. We are having fun with this year's theme of underground. Kids had a great time learning about soil by digging around to find all the neat stuff you can find in a pile of dirt!. Our worm terrarium is doing well and the ant farm is fun to watch. We had a special guest. Furry, friendly Spencer the trained "READ Dog", accompanied by his trained handler Joan Bradley. Next week kids will learn all about burrowing animals and I think Spencer can't wait to hear some more stories. We read books, have craft time, learn something new, eat a healthy snack and take out books. And it's free!

BOOK SALE, Saturday & Sunday, July 6th and 7th – 10 am to 4 pm: The weather was not kind to our Memorial Day Book Sale. Not many people braved the wet and cold. So what that means is we still have a few thousand books waiting for you to purchase. We have a particularly large selection of kid's books and a very nice group of cookbooks. We have been weeding the library collection and it has added to our already extensive variety of fiction and nonfiction.

STEPHEN CORONELLA - Vermont Troubadour: Don't miss "Digging For Treasure" **Friday, July 5th at 7:00 pm.** A high energy and fast paced concert of songs and stories featuring this year's summer reading theme. With guitar, flute, hammer dulcimer and hand drums Stephen will take you on a musical journey from Robin Hood to Johnny Appleseed. Stephen is endorsed by Vermont Arts Council as a touring artist and has musically engaged thousands of children in hundreds of schools and libraries throughout New England. Join us for music, tales, surprises and sure-fired fun! Free and appropriate for All Ages.

VERMONT HUMANITIES COUNCIL EVENT : A Sense of Place: Vermont's Farm Legacy - **July 27th at 2:00 pm** The character of a place is shaped by its cultural heritage and folk life. In Vermont the cultural legacy of farming has strongly influenced the identity of Vermonters and it is these distinctive traditions, which have persisted even with the decline in farm numbers, that help make the state unique. This lecture by Gregory Sharrow explores the fabric of farm culture in the past and probes its relationship to the world of Vermont today. See the advertisement in this issue!

MARY'S GARDEN: The sun is finally shining so come take out a book and sit a spell on the bench in our lovely garden. Mary Van Dyke was a library volunteer and supporter up until her 99th year when she passed away. She loved flowers and it was only fitting that we have a garden dedicated to her. Each year Scott Crawford, owner of Salt Ash Nursery, volunteers his time to care for the garden. Thanks to Scott for all the volunteer time he devotes to projects in our town. (See a picture of the garden in this issue.) Also a reminder about the memorial funds that have been established in Mary Van Dyke and Nelda Holden's names. Please donate and keep alive our memories of them and all that they contributed to the library and our community.

BOOK NOOK IN STORE BOOK FAIR: Thanks to all the community members who made the "Book fair" a success by purchasing books from June 14th to the 23rd. The library greatly appreciates the support. A big thanks to Scott and Patti for promoting all the libraries and the importance of reading.



SCHOOL LIBRARY VISITS: Last month I talked about all the visits Mt. Holly School kids made to the library. We would like to share some pictures of the neat Lego creations that 4th graders made, and the wonderful picture of kindergartener Jacob reading to Spencer the dog.

- **Playgroup** – Every Tuesday at 10:00 am - Birth to 5 year olds
- **Folk Club** – Every Monday at 7:00 pm
- **Yoga** - Every

Wednesday at 10:30 am

- **Acupuncture** – Fourth Tuesday of each month at 6:30 pm
- **Writer's Group** – Third Thursday of each month at 6:15 pm
- **Middle East Study Group** – Second Thursday of the Month at 6:00 pm
- **Library Board Meeting** – Third Wednesday of the month at 7:00 pm
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BRACC UPDATE

It has been a busy spring at BRACC with a variety of prevention and education efforts on-going. If you wish to know more about any of them, please contact us at 228-7878 or bracc7878@yahoo.com.

BRACC staff is supporting the Ludlow Rotary Club, the school district and the Town of Ludlow in offering the Quest camping experience for all incoming 9th and 10th graders this summer. This camp will provide students with exposure to a wide array of experiences ranging from job preparedness to banking to kayaking to fly fishing plus many more options. The service learning opportunities will be fun and educational. Students must sign up in advance for the 7 week camp. BRACC staff will be helping with some of the sessions.

The mentoring program at Ludlow Elementary School served 10 children by the end of this first year and we are gearing up to add 5 more in the fall. The 10 adult volunteer mentors met weekly with their mentee, giving a substantial amount of their time and talents to these youngsters. One pair built a mini sailboat with real sail cloth, which works! Two pairs have asked to be able to meet outside of the school day and are working towards that goal this summer. The children were in grades 1 through 5 and all were eligible for free or reduced lunch. Of the 10, 3 had incarcerated parents; 2 are living with a handicap and 1 child's family is homeless. Clearly, we are serving needy children, and mentors are making a big difference in the likelihood of future success of those children. All of the mentees have shown improvement in pro-social skills and attendance at school. The smiles that break out on their faces as they run to greet their mentors tell how successful the program is. If you can offer one hour per week to mentor a child during the school day, please let me know. Our mentors have all commented on how much they love the program. Many are surprised at how much fun it is for them! **Thanks to an Okemo Community Challenge Grant for supporting this program!!**

The tobacco control grant from the Department of Education will be reduced from \$7,500 this year to \$5,500 next school year due to cuts from the federal program. This program allowed us to do a program against second hand smoke this year, particularly smoking in cars. The health consequences of second hand smoke can be as harmful as smoking and just opening a window in the car does not correct the problem.

VKAT groups in both elementary schools and OVX in the high school also worked to prevent smoking by teens and young adults. Groups met bi-weekly during the school year and offered programs for their peers to educate them about the dangers of smoking.

After Prom was fun! We had over 35 students attend for swimming, wallyball, pizza, snacks and great prizes!! The event, designed to keep kids safe after prom ends, was our 8th year of a wonderful and safe evening.

Thanks to an Okemo Community Challenge Grant, Okemo Mountain Resort, the Knights of Columbus, and the BR Booster Club for their support of this program!!

We are working to create a healthier lifestyle in Ludlow through a grant from the VT Dept of Health. We assessed how people perceive their ability to safely walk or ride bikes in the community and the location of designated bike lanes, sidewalks and signage. In the coming year we will organize days when students are encouraged to walk or ride to school and adults are encouraged to ride to work.

If you are a parent of a school aged child please complete the survey of parental knowledge and attitudes on Survey Monkey at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/DHWTLF7> now. We compare the results over the years to see whether we are making a difference. The students all took the School Culture Survey in late May and Sarah Roy will tabulate and evaluate those for presentation at our Sept or Oct. meeting.

We co-sponsored a prescription drug seminar in Springfield with several other coalitions on June 4 that included medical personnel, law enforcement, court diversion, coalition staff and members and the VT Department of Health. It was an educational and lively discussion of the serious drug abuse problems facing our communities and potential solutions.

We remain optimistic and hopeful about the possibility of additional funding for next year from the Vermont Department of Health's new grant, Partnership for Success. We submitted the necessary paperwork and have attended numerous meetings about it.

BRACC will be taking a break from regular meetings this summer and see everyone refreshed in September, when we will know what our budget is for the next year. Paul and I are in the office only 2 to 3 days per week with our current budget, so if you need to reach us, please send an e-mail. We are checking that regularly. Thank you everyone, for all your support! Have a great summer!

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| July 20th | Mt. Moriah Masons - Baked Ham |
| August 10th | Odd Fellows - Roast Pork |
| August 31st | Historical Museum - Baked Ham |
| Sept. 21st | MH Rescue Squad – Roast Port |
| October 12th | MHCA - Roast Beef |
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Open Letter from Belmont General Store to Mount Holly,

It has been 2 years since Debby & I bought the Belmont General Store. During this time we have improved many things there. We have improved the cleanliness - Debby is a real stickler about this and keeps us all in line. We have increased inventory - there are more products always in stock including a growing organic and gluten-free product section. We have created a new wine cellar filled with a wide selection of wines and champagne. Our deli menu has grown to include a great selection of meals - our Belmont Burgers are the best around, our pizzas are delicious, our grinders and sandwiches are great and Phil's Mexican fare on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday is a keeper. And we have done many other things that have made the store an enjoyable and friendly place to be.

We are pleased with what we have accomplished and thoroughly enjoy the store and the opportunity to serve the community. We love our staff and are grateful for their attitudes, abilities and willingness to be there each day. We appreciate all of the suggestions and support that we have received. That community strength has pushed us to where we are today. Sales have increased at the store and it is growing. Demand at the deli much of the day makes staffing the store with 2 people a necessity to serve all customers courteously and within an acceptable wait time.

However, with the many costs of increasing inventory, repairs, maintenance and taxes we have not been able to make ends meet. Debby and I have reduced our savings, borrowed some and extended payment periods. Our goal to improve the store and increase sales has taken longer than we had expected. And now as many have heard we missed our property tax payments last year and will experience a tax sale on July 8. While that simply means we will have 12 months to catch up it is still a situation that we did not expect and would have liked to avoid.

After much consideration and consulting with various members of the community we decided to offer deposit accounts at the store that earn bonus buying power. Until July 4th we will add 2% to all deposits from \$500 - \$749, 5% to all deposits from \$750 - \$999 and 10% to all deposits of \$1000 or more. These deposit accounts can be used at any time to purchase all goods at the store. They will not expire and will make it very easy to pick up things when you are in a hurry. Just tell the cashier to charge your purchase to your account. Our computer register system will keep track and we can provide an update or a print out as requested.

We appreciate our community and the strength that we have together. We have come to enjoy our neighbors and the friendships we have been able to develop. We are still here and hope to continue to serve our community with additional planned improvements this year and in coming years. Thank you for your consideration and for your ongoing patronage at the Belmont General Store. Sincerely, Kevin & Debby Neubert

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Friends of Star Lake (FOSL) 2013 Annual Membership Drive

Our thanks to all the Mt Holly residents and friends who have become members of FOSL. Your contributions are vital to our annual weed-control program. For this coming summer FOSL has submitted a revised permit application to the VT DEC to again use mechanical harvesting, however, for 2013 we are seeking to target additional areas of the Lake. The out-of-pocket cost for this year's treatment program will range between \$13,000 and \$16,000.

Please consider renewing your FOSL membership for 2013, and if not already a member, please join us as we work to maintain Star Lake as an open water body, recreational area and beautiful natural habitat.

Mechanical harvester 2012

Annual Membership Levels(checks payable to "FOSL"):

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Mount Holly Community Association

At this writing, the temperatures tell us that summer is at least two months away, but not so! The first official day of summer is actually just a few days away. As always, the MHCA has planned a tremendous number of summer activities for the Mount Holly community. By now, you should have received via the post your membership renewal brochure, and enclosed with it is the annual **Summer Calendar** put out each year by the MHCA. The calendar includes the events sponsored by all of the organizations in town, including the library, the Mount Holly Community Historical Museum, the Odd Fellows, the Mount Holly Guild, and the Lake Nineveh Foundation among others. Be sure to post it in a convenient place, so you won't miss anything going on in Mount Holly this summer!

Be certain to block out Thursday evenings during July and August for **Music on the Green**, the annual music series of local talent sponsored by the Mount Holly Community Association. The first performance is on July 4th and will be over in time for you to get to any fireworks display you planned to attend to celebrate Independence Day. All performances begin at 7:00 pm each Thursday, so bring a blanket and a picnic supper and enjoy the talents of our local musicians in the open air. All of the musicians are performing gratis, so please be generous when we "pass the hat" for your voluntary support. Thanks so much and we'll see you there!

The **4th of July Parade** is being held on Saturday, July 6th this year at 11:00 am. This is absolutely the best way to celebrate Independence Day with friends and neighbors. The children with their decorated bikes are a heartwarming and special feature of this parade and are not to be missed! Also, be sure to look for the Community Association float, as the parade marches through downtown Belmont!

This year **Mount Holly Day** is on Sunday, July 14th, from 12:00 noon until 3:00 pm. Come and enjoy an old fashioned picnic at Star Lake. Barbecue, salads, lemonade, and roasted corn on the cob will be provided by the MHCA. The children can try their hand at many of the games that have been around for generations...tug-of-war, raw egg toss, three legged races, and much more. You can join in too, if you're so inclined! It's a day of fun for everyone, regardless of age, as well as great food to boot, so we hope to see

many of you there!

The seventh annual **Garden Tour** will be on Saturday, July 20th from 9:30 am to 4:00 pm. Tickets (\$12 for adults; children 12 and under are free) and a map can be obtained at the Library & Community Center at the crossroads in Belmont. For seven years, the gardeners with "dirt under their nails" have generously opened their gardens to the public. The visitors on the Garden Tour have been particularly pleased to meet in person the folks who actually create the beautiful landscapes they are touring. A number of gardens are open to picnickers and, of course, Star Lake is also a wonderful picnic spot. Special picnic box lunches can be obtained at the Belmont Store and the Neuberts have even offered to deliver your lunch to the picnic area of your choice. Even if you're not a gardener yourself, it's a wonderful way to wile away a summer's day. All proceeds go to benefit the building maintenance program of the community center building. We thank you in advance for joining the Garden Tour and supporting our building fund!

The **membership brochure** for the 2013 - 2014 year was sent out in mid-June. Included with the brochure is the Summer Calendar of events for all of the organizations in town. Also, please note that on the July side of the calendar in the lower right hand corner, there is a listing of **dates for all of the MHCA events** for the entire year. Membership is one of the main revenue sources for the MHCA and supports all of the programs the organization sponsors throughout the year. Just as importantly, it also contributes significantly to the maintenance of the wonderful historic building that is in the care of the Mount Holly Community Association. We hope that all members of the community can support the MHCA at some level, whether it be individual, family, or benefactor sponsorship. Please remember, this is *your* organization, which supports your town in so many ways...thank you!

Need the ideal place for a small party for up to 50 people? The **Community Room** in the Library & Community Center building is an ideal venue for your event. We have rented it out often for baby showers, bridal showers, birthday parties, anniversaries and it has proven to be a lovely setting for a small gathering. Members of the MHCA pay only \$15 per hour and non-members \$25 per hour. If you are interested, please contact Carol DeVine (259-2562), Penny Coldwell (259-2760), or the librarian, Lynne Herbst, (259-3707) and we'll make arrangements to book the room for you.

Summer Fest

Saturday July 13th

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Dear Townspeople,

June 14, 2013

I am writing in response to the letters posted in last month's Chit Chat in reference to the proposed new town garage. Though I am not a full time resident, my husband and I have owned a home in Belmont for almost 50 years. So we have been Mount Holly taxpayers for a long time. The purpose of this letter is to bring more clarity and a more positive perspective to the issue of the proposed new town garage, an issue that has, unfortunately, engendered confusion and division.

When I read Town Moderator, Ted Crawford's detailed letter on the project, I was impressed. Here was a longtime public servant seeming to answer all relevant questions. His exasperation at the actions of the eleven Concerned Citizens, the "extreme minority", as he put it, who put the project to a halt, though harshly expressed, seemed justified.

Then I read the well-documented 5/14/13 letter prepared by legal counsel and signed by the Concerned Citizens. It became very clear that our Select Board, in its zeal to get things done expeditiously, skipped some essential steps in preparing for building. The town garage project, which the Select Board has told us would cost approximately \$600,000, must have more planning. (I recommend that everyone read the 5/14 Concerned Citizen letter published in the Mount Holly News Flash). What

I

gleaned, in a nutshell, was that:

- 1) More public input is required and needed.
- 2) More expert information, including an architectural plan, is needed.
- 3) More clarity and transparency needs to be established in the bidding process for the building contract.

Now, because of that 5/14/13 letter, these necessary things will be done. This will definitely delay the project. It will result in some financial costs to prepare properly. However, following the required protocol may actually result in cutting the cost of the final project.

It is not only eleven people support this corrective action. Many people have expressed concerns about how this project was unfolding. Many have contributed ideas and money to support the cause. The eleven Concerned Citizens gave not only money and ideas. They gave of their time to ponder the issue. They were brave enough to sign their names to the legal letter they decided would be the most effective course of action. They acted not out of "selfishness" but for the sake of the whole community. Their goal is to have the most appropriate town garage, at the most appropriate site, at the lowest cost to our town's taxpayers. Isn't that the goal we all share?

Speaking of lowering costs, I would like to close this letter with a suggestion inspired by Ted Crawford's reference to the volunteers who built the Mt. Holly Fire Station. We have a great tradition of volunteerism in this town. We have much expertise in many fields. Can we have volunteers do some the preliminary work, i.e., serving on committees to do required studies? Can some of us volunteer to help design or do some actual building tasks?

Let's move forward with mutual respect. Let's respect the public servants who do their best to carry out their responsibilities. Let's respect all concerned citizens who provide the input, checks and balances we need to have a vital democracy. Sincerely, Linda Kaufman

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To support charitable, educational and civic endeavors.



Mount Holly Town News

The following minutes are considered 'draft' until approved, scheduled for the next Select Board meeting July 9, 2013. NOTE: Most Select Board meetings are covered by LPC-TV. The videos can be viewed at their website, www.lpctv.org. Computers with internet access are available at the Town Library.

SELECT BOARD: Special Meeting ~ April 29, 2013 - James Heald called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Raymond Tarbell and Timothy Martin were present. Also present were Paul Nevin, Jerry Hansen, Jeff Teter, Patricia Marx and David Johnson.

Jim explained the purpose of the meeting was for the Building Committee and Select Board to clarify the two proposals for the planned new garage. Jerry Hansen of SIGH Enterprises had been engaged by the Select Board to review the proposals. Mr. Hansen had prepared a comparison of the two proposals and explained to the Board the differences he'd found and would be asking the bidders to clarify. Regarding the alternate items, he did not see an advantage for a peak roof vs. the shed style roof bid. Inside ballards to protect the overhead doors would be a wise investment. Josselyn Brothers Construction did not include performance and payment bonding. They also could reduce their bid by not having stamped drawings. Jerry further suggested an instant heater instead of the conventional hot water heater and to use LP gas instead of oil. The primary heat would still be wood. Josselyn had no additional cost for LP and had given an option for radiant heat in the floor. Jeff spoke about problems in other garages with moisture, having the mezzine closed in and locating services near the mechanical room and having a shower stall.

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At 7:32 PM Brett Wright, Rick Cross and Carl Lavallee from Wright Construction arrived. Jim briefly explained the purpose of the meeting to them and asked Jerry to begin with his questions. Jerry added that the purpose of the meeting was to make sure the bids included the scope called for in the RFP. Wright Construction would provide a superintendent for site management. The RFP asked for "tree removal", Wright had included a price for "stump removal" if the Town wasn't able to accomplish that themselves. The Town would need to carry an allowance to have soil and concrete testing. The floor would need to be at least 3000 psi rated and probably 4000 psi with a 7" to 8" slab. They confirmed a finish for the floor was included in their proposal.

Wright Construction would get back to the Committee with prices for an insta heat hot water tank; LP heat; shower and interior ballards. Wright confirmed the equipment would be eligible for Energy Vermont rebates. Wright would engage sub contractors as needed as scheduling warranted, but envisioned doing most of the work themselves.

Brett Wright spoke as a taxpayer that this being a very large project for the Town that it would be very responsible to have an engineer for protection. He urged the Town to not take the risk that you might for just yourself. Brett noted that the two bids were quite close to each other and have been submitted by local companies that are concerned with insuring a successful project.

At 8:20 PM Dave Josselyn and Peter Josselyn of Josselyn Brothers Construction and Robert Beardmore from Master Plumbing and Heating arrived. Jim explained the purpose of the meeting to them and that Jerry would be asking questions for clarification. Jim further state that he and the Board appreciated what everyone has done regarding the proposals and reviews. Josselyn Bros. expected the job to take about four months to complete. The option they had included for ballards was for the interior ballards, the ballards called for in the RFP are 6" for the exterior and are included. Jerry said he had pointed out to the Board that Josselyn had included closing in the mezzanine, which he thought added value and that the Board did like that feature. Door angles were discussed and are for the overhead doors, not personnel doors. Their bid

included an addition for testing of \$3,000, which would be for tests beyond the basic tests, if necessary. Dave Josselyn confirmed that they had bid for an 8" slab 4000 psi and explained the benefits was extending the cement walls on three sides, 2' on the end walls and 6' for the back wall.

Bob Beardmore spoke about the proposed wood boiler and air exchanger. The equipment would qualify for Vermont Efficiency rebates.

Interpretation of the RFP for the apron was discussed with the Board believing they wanted a six foot apron across the full 100' front. After further discussion the Board agreed to have a four foot apron across the entire 100' front. Paul Nevin would contact Wright Construction if their proposal was 6' for just 80' or the entire front and to advise them that they'd just agreed on four foot across.

Mr. Hansen saw bypassing stamped mechanical and electrical drawings as a potential savings. Dave Josselyn felt because the entire building would be provided by one entity, there wasn't much need for an architect.



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Mount Holly
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Parade
Sponsored by The Odd Fellows

Saturday July 6th
Parade • 11 am • Belmont

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11 am ~ Parade
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One hundred feet of underground buried electrical service to the building is included. The Board would stick to having the underground service.

The High Tech Plumbing and Master Plumbing & Heating systems and \$25,000 price difference were discussed. The High Tech system would be a supplementary wood system that wouldn't last as long. High Tech had also submitted their proposal to Josselyn Brothers. Dave Josselyn wasn't sure if ventilation had been included; no controls were mentioned and questioned if it met code compliance. The Mater Plumbing system is a wood heating system with propane backup, has thermal storage tanks with heat storage and a heat recovery system. It was believed the system would heat evenly. There is a positive pressure air exchange. The Fire Marshall has confirmed the system would meet code.

Dave Josselyn spoke of minerals in the water creating extra maintenance of a filter system. Their proposal included an eye wash emergency, which could also be used for an emergency body wash. It was Josselyn Construction's opinion that to have a regular shower for the road crew, it would need to be A.D.A. compliant and expensive. It was agreed to keep this as an option until it could be confirmed.

Josselyn's proposal did not include a performance bond. They believed it wasn't warranted, as the largest dollar amounts would be for the concrete and building. Their insurance coverage was reviewed. Builder's Risk insurance would be by the owner.

Floor drains, oil separator(s), storage tanks and maintenance were discussed. Michael Engineering and the Agency of Natural Resources would need to be contacted.

Josselyn Brothers and Master Plumbing & Heating were thanked for

coming and their efforts, so far. The Select Board would look forward to receiving the follow-up information Josselyn would be providing.

The Board reviewed with Mr. Hansen what had been cleared up and what information would be forth coming from the two bidders. Paul Nevin would contact Wright Construction with the other issues that came up following Josselyn's presentation. Another meeting on the garage with Mr. Hansen was scheduled of Wednesday May 1, 2013 at 7:00 PM.

The meeting was duly adjourned at 9:42 PM. Respectfully submitted, David H. Johnson, pro-tem clerk

SELECT BOARD: SPECIAL MEETING ~ May 23, 2013 - Jim Heald called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. Raymond Tarbell and Tim Martin were present. Approximately 50 residents of the town were also present (see attendance list).

Jim Heald read the agenda and reported briefly on the 05/14 Select Board meeting to bring the attendees up to date on what happened at the meeting. Jim reported that he had met with the concerned citizens on May 04 and he had brought their concerns to the 05/14 meeting. The Board did not take any immediate action on their items, other than Jim agreed to post the meeting agendas on the MH Newsflash. The Board was then presented with the attorney's letter from the group.

Jim stated that he believes the Board is not qualified to go up against an attorney and asked the Board to hire an attorney for this matter. Upon motion made and seconded, it was VOTED: To hire an attorney to represent the Town in this matter.

Jim then stated that upon the advice of counsel, the Board would refrain from commenting on any of the issues raised in the letter, but would proceed with the meeting to obtain input from residents. The Board wanted people to speak their minds. Jim noted that people would be given 3 minutes to speak, to be civil or they would be asked to leave.

D. Devereux spoke on the Open Meeting Law, which his committee covers. He noted that no one had contacted him on this. The threat of a lawsuit is not helpful and puts the governing body in a difficult position. The state does want more communication, not less.

Could the Board have been more transparent? Probably, based on the letter. Dennis felt that the Select Board has been gathering information, not withholding it, but this approach (the letter) undermines their ability to be effective. Too many meetings before information was available could have been premature. He feels the Board has been trying to keep down the cost to the taxpayer. The real decision comes when we have the vote to approve the bond to actually build the building.

A. Lynch read a statement on behalf of the Concerned Citizens of Mount Holly. The statement noted, among other things, that the members of the group all know the town needs a new garage, but are concerned about the process and want it planned the right way. (Note: The statement was posted on the MH Newsflash at approx. 4:45 pm on 05/23/13.)

J. McCallum: picked up a copy of the letter today, felt sad at the state of things. Would have liked to get to a place where we could talk about things. We are on our way to improve something for the road guys. How did the town build other things, like the town office? Were there demands then to be part of every single conversation along the way? Did those who disagree contact a lawyer? Must each demand be met to

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move forward?

P. Teter: expressed concern about a small group of people willing to sue the town when they don't get their way. She felt that we should have faith in our elected officials. They have been doing the best they can with the best interests of the town in mind. Ultimately, the town will have a vote on the garage. Can we come together and work thru this and be a community?

D. Venter addressed a couple of errors in the letter and statement. The School Board is very mindful of the firewall between the two entities and the funding for them (school and town). The lease is being finalized with a monetary amount that the School Board hopes the town will use to install solar panels providing power to both the school and the town office, to provide more alternative energy education for the children. The letter addresses many meetings and alleges/implies they have not been warned (Select Board). There have also been many meetings of the School Board there were all warned at which the project was discussed; he felt that things have not been done in the dark.

T. Crawford: felt this is an attempt to change the way we run our town by a small group who doesn't like the process. He felt that members of the group should apologize to the town and resign from any town positions on which they serve. As far as the demands, he felt they should be tabled for 6 months to let emotions cool and then discuss their ideas for change. (Applause)

L. Lampert: we didn't have a bottom line on the cost and we still don't. He felt that this has been shoved down our throats; we have not been given a choice. Why can't the new garage be built with volunteers? We could save \$20,000 by changing the plumbing and septic. He is on a fixed income and noted that 25% of the town is retired and 25% are under 21. Not trying to stop it, just trying to save some money.

RL Collins: want to save the town money? Don't sue the town! (Applause)

R. Herbst: Why are we here? We haven't had the informational meeting and vote yet. How has it been shoved down our throats? The letter is an attorney's opinion; it hasn't been to a judge, not the Attorney General, not the Secretary of State to determine if it is a violation. Before you are asked to vote you will be given all the information and ample opportunity to comment and to vote yea or nay. This is a democracy, let's treat it like one. (Applause)

K. Tarbell: How much will the lawyers cost the town? Will the lease lower the school tax? She felt there were some untruths in the letter.

D. Reiser: can't we use common sense? We need a traffic study? Why?

P. Marks: has the town considered building a prefab garage? Northfield has one and was done at half the expense.

D. Devereux was allowed to make a second statement: He noted that the Town Office was built by volunteers. It took quite a while because there weren't many to work on it. When the school building was built (closing the 3 one-room schoolhouses in town), it was approved by the voters 55-45%, yet caused much division in the town, including loss of business at his father's store. When it was all done, everyone agreed it was the right thing to do.

R. Dana: (Before starting, Jim noted that Mr. Dana was here to speak on his 89th birthday.) this is a tempest in a teapot. Sorry to say that people get so annoyed, that eleven of them will go

to a lawyer and threaten a lawsuit, which we can't afford. Why can't we settle this amicably, gentlemen to gentlemen? It's going to be done, it needs to be done.

There were no further comments and the meeting was adjourned at 7:06 pm, after which all assembled sang Happy Birthday to Ray (Applause). Respectfully submitted, Rhonda Rivers

SELECT BOARD: SPECIAL MEETING ~ June 04, 2013 - Jim Heald called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. Raymond Tarbell and Tim Martin were present. Also present were James Carroll and Connie Pell, attorneys, Rhonda Rivers, Select Board Clerk and Lester Lampert.

At 6:31 pm, upon motion made and seconded, it was

VOTED: To enter Executive Session to confer with council regarding the letter from Langrock Sperry & Wool, representing concerned citizens of Mount Holly.

At 8:47 pm, the Board came out of Executive Session, with no action taken.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:48 pm. Respectfully submitted, Rhonda Rivers

SELECT BOARD: May 14, 2013 - Jim Heald called the meeting to order at 7:32 pm. Raymond Tarbell and Tim Martin were present.

1. The minutes of the regular meeting of May 14, the special meeting minutes of May 23, and the special meeting minutes of June 04 were reviewed. There were no corrections or additions and all of the minutes were approved. The minutes of the special meeting of April 29 were also reviewed and approved with no corrections or additions.
2. Highways
 - Paving Bids: Two paving bids were reviewed, Pike Industries at \$63.99 per ton and Fuller Sand and Gravel at \$61.99 per ton. This will be for approx. 0.8 mile on Shunpike Road (up to the paving budget of \$60,000). Upon motion made and seconded, it was VOTED: To approve Fuller Sand and Gravel for the paving work.
 - Winter Sand Bids: Two winter sand bids were reviewed, Casella at \$16/ton delivered and Pike Industries at \$13.50 per ton delivered or \$7.05 per ton picked up. Jeff noted that Ethier Trucking will pick up and deliver for \$3.50 per ton. Upon motion made and seconded, it was VOTED: To approve Pike Industries for the winter sand, with Ethier Trucking for delivery.
 - Tractor Rental: The Board reviewed a proposal for tractor rental from M&M Excavating for \$30/hour. In the past the Town has rented Kyle Perry's tractor, who has offered it at a lower rate this year (\$20/hr). Jeff noted that M&M has two tractors, both 4-wheel drive with enclosed cabs, and one has a side mower to reach further off the road. Upon motion made and seconded, it was

VOTED: To hire two tractors from M&M Excavating for this year for roadside mowing.

- The Town received an inquiry from an engineering firm working with VTrans to provide permanent road improvements along a section of Route 155 (from Irene damage). The Board and Road Foreman confirmed that there no town-owned utilities or structures in the area.
- Road Foreman: Upon motion made and seconded, it was
VOTED: To appoint Jeff Teter as Road Foreman for FY 2014.
- Wage Review and Bereavement Leave. The Board agreed to postpone the wage review and bereavement leave policy to Executive Session at the end of the meeting.
- New Garage: The Board stated that the attorney hired by the town is still reviewing materials gathered from the Town Office. The Board will not be making any statements at this time, but is open to comments from anyone else. There were no comments. The Board noted that when the attorney has completed his review, there will likely be a special meeting held.
- FEMA Update on Fowler Brook and Sawyer Hill: Jeff reported that Otter Creek is still working on designs that FEMA/ANR would accept that would fit into FEMA's funding criteria. The Sawyer Hill Road culvert may fit into a rule that allows the project amount to be up to twice the initial funding amount. Fowler Brood Rd. likely will not and may be a repair rather than replacement.

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3. Report of Treasurer

- David Johnson presented an income and expense statement dated May 31, 2013 showing cash balances of \$1,190,303. At David's request, and upon motion made and seconded the Board

VOTED: To approve clearing the small residual (\$925) in the fire truck lease fund left from the prior truck purchase (which will roll into the new truck payment).

The Board also VOTED to authorize Jim Heald to sign required paperwork from the seller/lender verifying the new vehicle is received (later this month).

Delinquent property taxes are down to \$44, 444 as of June 01. Tax sales for 9 properties are scheduled for July 8. The unrestricted cash balances are sufficient that no short term borrowing should be needed for the early part of FY14 before the property taxes start

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coming in. Solid waste expenses remain less than budgeted.

- Date to Set Tax Rate: The State Education Rates are not due until July 1, so the tax rate can be set at the next regular Board meeting; no special meeting will be needed for this.
4. Health Officer: The current term expires June 30 and the State is looking for a recommendation for appointment. Frank Bickford (current officer) is looking to back off from this. The Board tabled this until a later meeting (would need a special meeting to meet the June 30 deadline).
5. Star Lake Dam restoration – engineering proposals
Ron Unterman reported on the restoration project. The Mount Holly Conservation Trust (MHCT) reviewed the three proposals and presented their summary to the Board. One firm was eliminated for not meeting the RFP specifications. Dubois and King had the better proposals and lower price of the other two. Dubois and King also has done two other studies on the lake, and thus have familiarity with it. The State Dam Engineer, Sam Bushman, felt either firm would be fine. The first two phases (preliminary concepts thru design ready for construction) will be about \$39,000; the third phase (oversight of construction) will be approx. \$47-58,000. There was discussion about who will sign the contract, as MHCT will be paying for this work. Ray Tarbell raised concerns about the dam versus the culvert that handles the outflow and whether the culvert can handle the outflow from the new dam. Ron explained that the dam and culvert are subject to different design standards. The dam will be built to a 500-yr storm level; the culvert will be built on the ANR standard of 100-yr storm level. Ron assured the Board that the engineering report will address the culvert and dam issues. Upon motion made and seconded, it was
- VOTED: To allow MHCT to contract with Dubois and King for the engineering and design project.
The Board asked about a cost estimate and funding for the construction phase. Ron stated that the funds available will not be enough for both the dam and the culvert. MHCT and FOSL would look to fundraising and grants to cover the costs.
6. Transfer Station:
- The Board had received a complaint about ending the burn pile at the transfer station. They explained while burning of brush is not a problem, the pile has been contaminated with stuff that cannot be legally burned (e.g., pressure treated, painted or stained). The attendants are not able to monitor this and it has proved costly to the town to have it cleaned up. The Board suggested that residents with brush to burn call the Fire Warden (Jim Seward) to get a permit and then burn it on their property.
 - Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Collection: Saturday, June 22, 8:00am to noon.
7. Planning Commission:
- The Administrative Officer position remains vacant. The position will be reposted in the Chit Chat.
 - Jim Heald read a letter from Paul Nevin, in which he resigned from the Planning Commission and as the town's representative to the Rutland County Solid Waste District commission. This letter was actually received the day of the May 14 meeting and was inadvertently missed being reported at that meeting.
 - Appointments to the Rutland Regional Planning Commission and the Rutland Regional Transportation Council were postponed to a future meeting.
 - All open positions will be posted in the Chit Chat.
8. Other Business

- Dry Hydrant Grants: The town received notice that monies are still available for this year. The Fire Dept. has already applied for and received approvals under this program.
- Cemeteries: The Town received a complaint that one of the cemeteries had not been mowed, but this was a private cemetery. The Board reviewed all cemeteries; care for all town-owned cemeteries has been arranged.
- Energy Coordinator/Committee: The Town received an inquiry from VLCT if the town has an energy coordinator or committee. The Board tabled this to next meeting.
- David Hoeh expressed thanks to the Town for removing the dead tree on the triangle in Belmont and reviewed the plans to replace that tree and others in the village. The Board expressed concerns that any new trees have setbacks to allow for road maintenance and for fire trucks which must turn around the triangle.
- Ted Crawford expressed his regrets upon hearing of the resignation of Paul Nevin.

9. The Board reviewed and signed the May orders for payment.

At 8:25 pm, upon motion made and seconded, it was

VOTED: To enter Executive Session for purposes of wage review and bereavement leave discussion. Jeff Teter and Rhonda Rivers were invited to attend.

At 8:55 pm, the Board returned from Executive Session.

Upon motions made and seconded, it was

VOTED: To increase the highway wage rates \$.50/hr across the board and to raise the select board clerk rate \$3.00/hr.

A policy for bereavement leave will be written up and reviewed at the next meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:58 pm. Respectfully submitted, Rhonda Rivers

MOUNT HOLLY LOCAL HEALTH OFFICER

The Town of Mount Holly is seeking a candidate for the position of Local Health Officer for a term of three years, ending June 30, 2016. An appointment is expected to be made at the July 2013 Select Board meeting. There is a modest annual compensation for this position.

The Local Health Officer and the Board of Selectmen make up the Local Health Board. The Board and Officer are responsible for investigations and enforcement of the provisions of Vermont Title 18 in regard to public health hazards. More information is available at the town office.

Interested individuals should contact the Select Board, at P.O. Box 248, Mount Holly, 05758 or email mthollysb@gmail.com or phone 259-2391 by July 5, 2013. A letter of interest is requested.

MOUNT HOLLY PLANNING COMMISSION VACANCY

There is a vacancy on the Planning Commission for a term ending in November 2015. An appointment is expected to be made at the July 2013 Select Board meeting.

Interested individuals should contact the Select Board, at PO Box 248, Mount Holly, 05758 or email mthollysb@gmail.com or phone 259-2391 by July 5, 2013. A letter of interest is requested.

The planning commission meets on the third Monday of the month at 7:30 pm.

OPPORTUNITES TO GET INVOLVED ON MOUNT HOLLY'S BEHALF

Like most small town, Mount Holly depends on the generosity and willingness of its citizens to get involved with many activities and organizations that benefit the Town. There are currently a number of opportunities available. These positions are volunteer, with the exception of the Administrative Officer. If you are interested in any of the following, please contact the Select Board, at P.O. Box 248, Mount Holly, 05758 or email mthollysb@gmail.com or phone 259-2391. A **letter of interest** is requested for all of them.

RUTLAND COUNTY SOLID WASTE DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVE and ALTERNATE

The Select Board seeks individuals to be the town's representative and alternate to the Board of Supervisors of the Rutland County Solid Waste District. Over the next several years, you will help the town understand and implement new recycling initiatives, including composting, which were enacted by the legislature last year as Act 148.

The representative and/or alternate attends the regular monthly meetings of the RCSWD and reports back to the Select Board. The RCSWD meets in Rutland on the first Wednesday of the month at 6:30 pm.

MOUNT HOLLY PLANNING COMMISSION ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

The Administrative Officer is primarily responsible for administering regulations of the Town that pertain to the Town Plan and land development, such as Sub-Division and Flood Hazard Regulations. This includes working with property owners applying for subdivisions. A complete job description is available at the Town Office. Candidates should be comfortable working on a computer and be detail oriented. Hours are somewhat flexible, average 10-15 hours per month, and are compensated at \$10.00 per hour. The Planning Commission meets on the third Monday of the month at 7:30 pm.

Interested candidates should plan to meet with the Planning Commission at their regular meeting. An appointment to the position will be made at the following Select Board meeting.

RUTLAND REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION RUTLAND REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE and ALTERNATE

The Select Board seeks individuals to be the town's representative and alternate to the Rutland Regional Planning Commission and its related group, the Rutland Regional Transportation Council. As the names suggest, these groups work on regional issues for the 27 municipalities in Rutland County and provide assistance to towns with planning issues. This includes updating the Town Plan, which is required periodically, and Mount Holly is working on this now.

The representative and/or alternate attends the regular monthly meetings and reports back to the Select Board. The RRPC meets in Rutland on the third Tuesday of the month at 7:00 pm. The RRTC meets on the 4th Thursday of the month at 7:00 pm. More information can be found at the RRPC website, www.rutlandrpc.org.

THE FUTURE OF THE BLUE SPRUCE INN BUILDING

See the report of the Working Group meeting on June 10, 2013 in this Chit Chat

The New England Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church wants to divest itself of the building whether by selling the property or by donating it to non-profit corporation that directs some of its effort to serve the disadvantaged – the least, the lost, and the last.

Can Mount Holly come up with a plan for the use of the building?

We will try to answer that question at a brain-storming meeting of the Working Group of the Planning Commission on Monday July 8 at 7:30 p.m. in the School Gym.

Some suggestions: senior center, senior housing, after school programs for school students, business incubator, commercial kitchen for entrepreneurs turning food products into “value-added” merchandise, business service center, small group meeting facilities, on site custodian needing affordable housing, a multi-service center able to provide some of the above. Annette Lynch 259-2596

PLANNING COMMISSION meets on the third Monday of every month at 7:30pm at the Mount Holly Town Office. Warned Public Hearings, if scheduled, usually take place prior to the regular meeting. Planning Commission meetings are open to the public and attendance is encouraged. The Planning Commission met on June 17, 2013. Present: Guests: Stephanie Smith, Vermont League of Cities and Towns and Ed Bove, Senior Planner, Rutland Regional Planning Commission; members of the Planning Commission: Tim Martin, Clinton Woolley, Annette Lynch; members of the public: David Hoeh, Dennis Devereux, Jim Corven. Stephanie Smith reviewed how she and lawyers at the Vermont League of Cities and Towns – after studying Mount Holly’s draft revision of its subdivision regulations - recommended the formation of a Developmental Review Board to perform the quasi-judicial role of the Planning Commission thus freeing the Planning Commission to concentrate on planning. Questions were asked and answered and written answers were received the following day. The information will be compiled and issued to the Town on the Mount Holly Flash and on the Town website. Dennis Devereux presented a sketch plan of a subdivision that was determined to be a boundary line adjustment. Building Construction Registrations were signed. The next meeting of the Planning Commission is Monday, July 15, 2013 at 7:30 p.m., Town Office

WORKING GROUP of the Planning Commission meets on the second Monday of the month, at 7:30 p.m. at the Town Office. The Working Group includes everyone who attends a meeting. Meeting: Monday June 10, 2013 at 7:30 pm in the Town Office.

Present: Guests Pastor John Longworth of the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Rutland and his guest Will Hunter; Tim Martin, Clinton Woolley, Annette Lynch (planning commissioners) and about 30 members of the public.

Annette Lynch introduced Pastor Longworth, who has been appointed by Bishop Hazelwood as liaison between the New England Evangelical Lutheran Synod and the Town of Mount Holly, in matters pertaining to the former Blue Spruce Inn. The pastor was asked to provide an update for Mount Holly, since the last meeting with Pastor Sinnott on April 19, 2012.

The pastor said that the Synod has used up all the cash it received from the sale of other properties left to it in Mount Holly in expenses for keeping the Blue Spruce building open. Therefore, the Synod wants to reduce the financial burden by (a) Bequeathing the property to a non-profit corporation interested in serving the poor (“the least, lost, and last”) or (b) Selling the property on the open market. The pastor indicated that Will Hunter’s non-profit corporation is the type of organization the Synod would find attractive.

Will Hunter said that two grant applications to the Vermont Department of Corrections – one for male ex-offenders and one for female ex-offenders- had not been funded. He talked about the possibility of providing transitional housing for young women – over 18 years – coming out of foster care or the possibility of serving women ex-offenders who had been incarcerated for more minor crimes such as writing bad checks. But no current grant applications were described.

Members of the public asked many questions. The Synod will not be making a decision concerning the Blue Spruce in the near future. The Synod would be happy to consider an application from a Mount Holly non-profit corporation. Interested citizens of Mount Holly will consider this possibility and other suggestions at the next meeting of the Working Group which will be on Monday July 8, 2013 at 7:30 in the school gym . Annette Lynch

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MOUNT HOLLY 2013 SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

JULY 4 SCOTT FORREST Voted as one of Nashville's upcoming songwriters Scott's mixture of smooth jazz, Brazilian and pop influences has been featured on "A Prairie Home Companion".

JULY 11 WOODCHUCKS' REVENGE Woodchucks' Revenge brings together friends who have combined their lifelong love of music to offer an eclectic and refreshing mix of traditional and contemporary folk songs.

JULY 18 ADAM ROSENBERG A favorite, "All Request Evening", Adam alternates between guitar and piano, exciting audiences with songs ranging from the 1950's to the present, including rock, Motown, folk and pop.

JULY 25 TIM CAIRA Known affectionately as "Belmont's Balladeer" Tim invites you to sing along as he returns to The Green with his familiar voice and an inventory of classic tunes and personal favorites.

AUG 1 JAMIE WARD "Mr. Piano Man" returns for an evening of fun and entertainment. This master of the keyboard is a wizard of jazz, blues and vocals and one of Mount Holly's most enduring personalities.

AUG 8 CASEY SOLOMON This unforgettable vocalist from New York City returns to treat her fans to an enjoyable evening with her distinctive voice and unique Cabaret singing style.

AUG 15 SALT RIVER REVIEW Versatile isn't enough to describe what Salt River Review has to offer. Five vocalists as well as multi-instrumentalists makes for an entertaining evening rich with song.

AUG 22 AFTER THE RODEO Described as folk, newgrass, Americana, alt-country, backwoods, indie-rock, lo-fi, acoustic, mountain music, and about everything else you could think of.

AUG 29 GYPSY REEL These famous globe trotting Celtic Musicians come home year after year to treat their neighbors, friends and loyal fans to an evening of great music.

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* (In case of rain, concert will be held in the Mount Holly Community Center (located directly across from the Belmont Green.)

Mount Holly Conservation Trust Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of the Mount Holly Conservation Trust and Friends of Star Lake (FOSL) Annual Meeting will be held Wed. **July 24 at 6:00 p.m.** at the Perkins House Museum. The meeting will include election of officers for the coming year and an update on the progress towards rebuilding the dam at Star Lake. It will also include a report on treatment of the weeds at the lake. Ongoing efforts to preserve open lands in Mount Holly will also be discussed.

The meeting is open to all interested persons. Please join us afterwards for a wine and cheese reception.

At 7:00 p.m. there will be a presentation on beavers at the library which the Conservation Trust will co-host with the Ninevah Foundation, the community association and the library. Please join us for an interesting evening. For more information, contact Brigid Sullivan at 259-2274.

Mount Holly Music On The Green Starts July 4th

Come celebrate the 4th with the music of Scott Forest. Bring your own picnic or pick up food, wine or beverage at the Belmont General Store. This free concert is from 7 to 8 PM, so you still have time to attend local fireworks.

Concerts which are brought to you by the Mount Holly Community Association will be held every Thursday night in July and August on the Belmont Village Baptist Green. In the event of rain, concerts will be held across the street at the Mount Holly Community Center.

BLACK RIVER ACADEMY MUSEUM THIS SUMMER

The museum had a very successful opening day with more than forty people participating in the annual 5K Fun Walk. This year the museum shared the proceeds from the walk with the Ludlow students who won the Vermont History Day Competition. These students were eligible to compete in the National History Day Competition held in Maryland last week. Their winning exhibits can be seen on the second floor of the museum. The third year of the four-year Civil War exhibit is located on the first and second floors. This exhibit has been curated by John Stewart and is on loan from The Amity Art Foundation, Inc. which is his extensive print collection. This year's exhibit focuses on the Southern perspective of the war, primarily through etchings by Adalbert Johanne Volke, a dentist as well as an accomplished artist. Stewart has been very generous with his time in developing each year's theme and interpretation. Plans are already under way for the fourth and final year next summer.

Future shows this year include a Military Exhibit being developed by Georgia Brehm and Paul Barton from Mt. Holly, who has loaned the museum most of the artifacts. Including WWI, WWII and the Civil War items, this exhibit will open mid-July. This fall an exhibit of quilts from the museum's collection will be mounted including the prized Lindsey Woolsey quilt.

Ongoing displays include the Victorian Main Street stores and a Victorian home on the first floor. As June is a popular wedding month, the museum is displaying Clyda Blodgett's 1915 wedding dress in the Victorian bedroom -- please visit her. The second floor houses the Finnish-American display, permanently donated to the museum by the local Finnish Society

last winter and the barn exhibit and models created by students from the Black River Middle School, drawing on local existing barns. While the third floor will have a seasonal military exhibit this summer, it is also the location of the permanent late Victorian one-room classroom very popular with students of all ages.

The museum has developed a Self-Guided Tour pamphlet of the museum to enhance your visit and, of course, the director, Georgia Brehm and assistant director, Linda Tucker are available for personal tours and to help with research in the museum's archives. We also are part of the Historic Village Quest, a walking tour of historic Ludlow. Both pamphlets are available at the front entrance. The gift shop is expanding, so please look for new items when you visit. Our Memorial Brick Walk has room for many more names and a form is also available at the front entrance. Please remember that the museum is *fully accessible* with an elevator and ADA restroom.

Upcoming Events:

July 20th: Antique Appraisal Day at the Museum with Mark Putnam and Peter Palmer of Putnam Antiques and Auction, \$5 per item, 1PM - 4PM

August 8th: Howard Coffin will speak on his new Civil War book and book signing Time to be determined

Sept. 7th: 3rd Annual Gala Dinner and Silent Auction to be held at Epic Restaurant At Okemo Mountain. More information to come

Nov. 7th: BRAM Annual Meeting and pot luck dinner, speaker to be announced

Dec. 6th & 7th: Annual Christmas Play and Open House, time to be announced

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Spaghetti & Meatball Dinner & Silent Auction

On Saturday, June 29th, Father William P. Hackett Council 7324, Knights of Columbus is having a Spaghetti & Meatball Dinner and Silent Auction Fundraiser at Church of the Annunciation's Parish Center, 7 Depot Street, in Ludlow. Dinner will be served beginning at 5pm, the cost is \$10.00pp. Many local businesses have donated items for our silent auction including a golf outing for four, maple syrup, gift certificates, art work, photographs, and much more. Bidding will begin on Saturday morning at 9AM and continue until 8pm that evening. Please stop by during the day and bid on an item.

We are raising money for Heartbeat Lifesharing, a community for adults with developmental disabilities, located in Hardwick, VT. We have chosen to support Heartbeat, because of the wonderful opportunities it has provided former Ludlow resident Brittany Garafola. Brittany, who has Down's syndrome, is the daughter of Kerryann McQuade and Jeff Predom. In recent months, Heartbeat has had several setbacks including a fire to one of its residences in January.



Pittsford Scout Troop 110 Does Irene Recovery

Ten volunteers from Pittsford Boy Scout Troop 110 gave a total of 12.5 hours Saturday morning, June 8th, moving belongings out of the shed and yard at 114 Wheeler Road in Brandon. The home was destroyed Tropical Storm Irene's floodwaters and is slated for demolition. The scouts and their leaders, under the direction of Scoutmaster Dean Silloway, were quick to volunteer for the project and made short work of a job that had seemed overwhelming to the Irene survivors. "This is just wonderful, just wonderful" repeated the homeowner, who has been dealing with the aftereffects of Irene's wrath since August 2011. The homeowners and the Rutland County Long Term Recovery Committee are grateful for the

troop's assistance.

This project is one of several such events around Rutland County that are being organized by the Rutland County Long Term Recovery Committee's Volunteer & Resource Coordinator, Andrea Varney, through August 2013. "Yes, there is still unmet need from Tropical Storm Irene in this area", commented Varney, "and our goal is to assist as many of these cases as possible with the help of community volunteers." If you would like to join in Volunteers for Irene Recovery's future projects, please call Andrea Varney at 345-9482, or email her at andreal.varney@gmail.com.

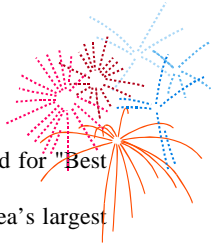


Vibe Portrait Art Ribbon Cutting

The ribbon is cut at the Chamber Ribbon Cutting Celebration at Vibe Portrait Art in Rutland. Chris Beltrami sold Beltrami Studio to his long term Rutland location Photographer Chris Booth who has renamed the business Vibe Portrait Art. Vibe Portrait Art is in the same location 23 Washington St. in Rutland. Booth commented "Vibe Portrait Art is a fresh remix of the classic Beltrami photography that Rutland has enjoyed for years." Booth said: "it is a thrill to continue the tradition of creating beautiful portraiture for the families of the Rutland and beyond." Vibe Portrait Art provides photography services for weddings, families, children, executives, senior portraits and commercial photography.

Pictured: Front L to R, Tom Donahue, EVP/CEO, Rutland Region Chamber of Commerce, Alderman William Notte, City of Rutland, Chris Booth, Owner, Vibe Portrait Art, Dawn Hill, Vibe Portrait Art, Joan Hill, Director of Membership Development, Rutland Region Chamber of Commerce **Back L to R,** Bates

Childress, College of St. Joseph, Dan Brown, Muriel Brown, Rebecca Booth, Carly Booth, Peg Chase



**Chamber Fireworks Extravaganza Set for July 4th.
Voted Readers Choice "Best Fireworks in Region" Three Years Running!**

Don't miss the Rutland Region Chamber of Commerce Fireworks Extravaganza which has been awarded Readers Choice Award for "Best Fireworks in the Region" by The Vermont Eagle three years in a row!

Thanks to our supporting sponsors, the Chamber is providing a community celebration of our nation's independence with the area's largest fireworks display.

The fireworks will take place on July 4, 2013 and begin promptly at 9:45pm at the Vermont State Fairgrounds following Summer Smash 2013 presented by the Vermont State Fair, Food, vendor concessions and grandstand gates open at 4:30pm, followed by the Stoney Roberts Demolition Derby at 6:30pm.

The Chamber announced the following businesses that made the Fireworks Extravaganza possible this year: Casella Waste Systems; Green Mountain Power; McDonald's; Price Chopper; Rutland Herald; Ryan, Smith & Carbine, Ltd.; Stewart's; The Vermont Country Store and Walmart.

For more information call the Rutland Region Chamber of Commerce 802-773-2747 or 800-756-8880 or go to their website www.rutlandvermont.com.

CAVENDISH RESIDENTS – VOTE FOR YOUR FAVORITE PICTURE

The photos have been submitted in the Cavendish Community and Conservation Association's annual calendar contest and it is time to start the voting. Any full time or part time Cavendish / Proctorsville resident is eligible to vote. Photographers compete for several prizes and for the opportunity to be published as a monthly selection in the annual calendar.

This year voting starts at the Cavendish Town Elementary School in Proctorsville for students and their parents only from Monday June 10 to Friday June 14. Then members of the public may vote starting on Saturday, June 15 at Singleton's General Store in Proctorsville, at the Cavendish Town Library from Tuesday June 18 to Thursday June 20, and at Crow's Bakery on Depot Street in Proctorsville from Friday June 21 until Friday July 5. Final voting will occur at "Summer Fest", which will be held at the Cavendish Historical Society Museum on Saturday July 6.

This is the contest for inclusion in the 2014 calendar. Residents will vote for their favorite pictures, selecting twelve for the calendar, and the photo with the most votes receives the Popular Choice Award. All photographers are part or full time Cavendish town residents.

Contest guidelines and rules, and entry forms and instructions are available at the CCCA website, www.CavendishCCCA.org.

If you have any questions, please contact Robin Timko at 226-7736.



**5K Fun Walkers Celebrating Black River Academy
Museum's Opening Day**

Black River Academy Museum kicked off its summer Opening Day, June 1st, with a 5 K Fun Walk around Ludlow, VT. Forty participants, young and old, two-legged and four-legged braved the heat. Refreshments and a tour of the museum followed. Proceeds from the walk this year were shared with winning Ludlow students who will be attending the National History Day Competition in Maryland in June. Their winning exhibits will be on display at the museum this summer, so please plan a visit to see what wonders our students can accomplish.

Museum Hours: Tues. – Sat., noon to 4 PM or by appointment
~ Contact: email, glbrehm@tds.net, phone 802-228-5050 or visit www.bramvt.org

'Skyfall', with Agent 007, Next FOLA Action Movie July 6

FOLA (Friends of Ludlow Auditorium) will offer the film, 'Skyfall', as its next movie on Saturday, July 6 at 7 PM at the Ludlow Town Hall Auditorium.

Skyfall is the twenty-third James Bond film produced by Eon Productions - and the 50th anniversary of the Agent 007 series.

Skyfall reintroduces Daniel Craig as James Bond. The British Secret Intelligence Service have assigned him the task of nabbing a dangerous criminal and Bond finds himself chasing the assailant through crowded streets by foot, in car and even on dirt bike. Covered by a junior agent named Eve Moneypenny (Naomie Harris), Bond eventually traps the man on top of a moving train but when a last minute order from M (Judi Dench) comes in, Bond is accidentally shot and presumably left for dead.

After months of being off the radar, 007 is forced to come out of hiding when a top secret hard drive is accidentally leaked from one their operatives, leaving M and the entire MI6 force facing closure. Bond learns that the information on the drive includes the identities of hundreds of secret agents posing as terrorists in various insurgent outfits around the world. Not only are the lives hundreds of these operatives in danger, but after a string of bombings and close calls it becomes clear who the real target of these attacks is.

The mission to find the threat and destroy it leads Bond to Shanghai, where he meets the gorgeous but troubled show girl Sévérine (Bérénice Marlohe). She winds up being the link to finding the mastermind (Javier Bardem) behind the attacks and when the men come face to face, 007 is forced to prove once and for all how true his loyalty to M and the secret service really is.

The film is open to everyone and is free; donations are appreciated. Free popcorn will be available courtesy of Berkshire Bank.



Mount Holly Community Historical Museum

Perkins House and Will White Blacksmith Shop

SUMMER 2013 SCHEDULE

Open for browsing noon to 2 p.m. on Saturdays ~ Programs at 2 p.m. on Sunday, or Tuesdays at 7 p.m.

Saturday, July 6th ~ Open for browsing before and after the parade, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Sunday, July 7th ~ Open for browsing, 2 – 4 p.m.

Saturday, July 13th ~ Open for browsing, noon to 2 p.m.

Sunday, July 14th ~ **Village Cemetery Walk with Dennis Devereux** at 2 p.m. Meet at Perkins House.

Saturday, July 20th ~ Open for browsing, noon to 2 p.m.

Sunday, July 21st ~ **1830-1840 History Talk by Dennis Devereux** at 2 p.m. Perkins House

Tuesday, July 23rd ~ **Annual Meeting...Pot Luck Dinner and Program** 6 p.m. at the Odd Fellows Hall in Belmont

Saturday, July 27th ~ Open for browsing, noon to 2 p.m.

Sunday, July 28th ~ **Stenciling Talk by Nancy McKeegan** at 2 p.m.

Tuesday, July 30th ~ **Unpopular Mammals Talk by Peter Smith** at 7 p.m.

Saturday, August 3rd ~ Open for browsing, noon to 2 p.m.

Sunday, August 4th ~ **Mystery Tour with Dennis** at 2 p.m.

Saturday, August 10th ~ **“FARMFEST”** Village Green and Perkins House noon to 4 p.m.

Sunday, August 11th ~ Open for browsing

Saturday, August 17th ~ Open for browsing, noon to 2 p.m.

Sunday, August 18th ~ **Cheese making Talk by Ken Hart** at 2 p.m.

Saturday, August 24th ~ Open for browsing, noon to 2 p.m.

Sunday, August 25th ~ Rain date for cemetery walk with Dennis at 2 p.m.

Saturday, August 31st ~ **Baked Ham Fundraising Dinner** at the Odd Fellows Hall 5 p.m.

Check for added information about upcoming events through the Chit Chat, Newsflash, our website, www.mounthollyvtmuseum.org and our Facebook page, Mount Holly Community Historical Museum.



can.” Scott Crawford designed the gardens at the Perkins House and Mary VanDyke’s Memorial Garden at the Community Center/Library and the stone work at the Memorial Garden. He maintains all of these gardens, including the gardens at Star Lake, every spring and fall with his wonderful crew.

Come see these gardens at the Star Lake beach, Perkins House, and Mary VanDyke’s Memorial Garden.

Thank you, Scott for your generosity of spirit and the thoughtful giving of your time and materials for the past 5 years. Scott owns SaltAsh Nursery in Mount Holly. Be sure to visit him there. Dottie Finnerty
Mary VanDyke’s Memorial Garden at the Community Center/Library

Thank You, Scott Crawford

There is a kind and generous member of our Mount Holly Community who works quietly, thoughtfully and artistically on many of our local gardens. He does so because, as he says, “I’m a member of this community and just want to contribute what I



Mount Holly Fire Department Auction



Saturday July 20th, 2013

10:00 am

BELMONT FIRE STATION

AUCTIONEER Glenn Merrill



We are seeking donations of Good Saleable Items for the Auction. Please search your attic, basement, closets, or garage for items you wish to donate.

We will not accept mattresses, exercise equipment, skis or broken items. All appliances must be in working condition.

Call 259-2060 and leave a message or contact any firefighter for pickup of items.

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USDA Seeks Applications to Finance Construction and Rehabilitation of Rural Rental Housing

Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack announced today that applications are being accepted from lenders for loan guarantees to finance rural rental housing. The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) remains focused on carrying out its mission, despite a time of significant budget uncertainty. Today's announcement is one part of the Department's efforts to strengthen the rural economy.

"There is nothing more important to a healthy community, a happy family, or a successful individual than a safe, decent and affordable place to live. USDA Rural Development is dedicated to providing this opportunity to as many of our citizens as possible in rural communities throughout Vermont and New Hampshire," according to David Robinson, Acting State Director USDA RD.

USDA is seeking proposals from lenders for loans under the Guaranteed Rural Rental Housing Program. The Department plans to make up to \$150 million available for this program. Approved applications from prior years' notices will be the first to receive funding.

Loan guarantees are available to construct, acquire and rehabilitate affordable rural rental housing. The Agency will review responses submitted by eligible lenders, on the lender's letterhead, and signed by both the prospective borrower and lender. Although a complete application is not required in response to this notice, eligible lenders may submit a complete application concurrently with a response.

For more information, see page 30854 of the May 23, 2013 Federal Register, or visit <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2013-05-23/pdf/2013-12325.pdf>. The deadline for submitting applications is December 31, 2013. Selected responses that develop into complete applications and meet all Federal eligibility requirements prior to September 30, 2013 will receive conditional commitments until all FY 2013 funds are expended. Ken Yearman is the local contact for Vermont and New Hampshire. Ken's phone number is 802-828-6067 or his email is kenneth.yearman@vt.usda.gov

President Obama's plan for rural America has brought about historic investment and resulted in stronger rural communities. Under the President's leadership, these investments in housing, community facilities, businesses and infrastructure have empowered rural America to continue leading the way – strengthening America's economy, small towns and rural communities. USDA's investments in rural communities support the rural way of life that stands as the backbone of our American values. President Obama and Agriculture Secretary Vilsack are committed to a smarter use of Federal resources to foster sustainable economic prosperity and ensure the government is a strong partner for businesses, entrepreneurs and working families in rural communities.

USDA, through its Rural Development mission area, has a portfolio of programs designed to improve the economic stability of rural communities, businesses, residents, farmers and ranchers and improve the quality of life in rural America.


USDA has made a concerted effort to deliver results for the American people, even as USDA implements sequestration – the across-the-board budget reductions mandated under terms of the Budget Control Act. USDA has already undertaken historic efforts since 2009 to save more than \$828 million in taxpayer funds through targeted, common-sense budget reductions. These reductions have put USDA in a better position to carry out its mission, while implementing sequester budget reductions in a fair manner that causes as little disruption as possible.

Two Rivers Supervisory Union Launches July 1, 2013

With about one month remaining to launch Two Rivers Supervisory Union (TRSU), we have accomplished an astounding amount of groundwork. A lease has been signed for the Two Rivers Supervisory Union Central Office at Fletcher Farm Foundation, Ludlow. Upon Act 250 approval, modifications will be made to a portion of the space; however, the main building will be available for us to occupy as of June 1 st. Formal business operation will commence July 1 st.

In order to accomplish this ground-breaking initiative, says Superintendent Bruce Williams, "Board members and administrators from the Rutland Windsor Supervisory Union Board and the Windsor Southwest Supervisory Union Board have been hard at work planning for all aspects of the TRSU."

The primary effort has been to develop a budget representing the personnel and operational needs of the new organization. During this same time period Board members from all the constituent school districts have shown an unusual level of commitment working on Governance, Policy Development, Public Relations, Human Resources and Facilities Selection. To date, a comprehensive



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draft set of policies has been developed and recommended for adoption by the TRSU Board; a governance model has been developed and proposed for adoption; a Personnel Practice Manual has been adopted; logos have been created by students at both Green Mountain Union High School and Black River High School and a final selection has been made. In that regard, we would like to thank Christa Valente and Marcia Dockum, as well as all of the students who took their time to submit their logo design. They were all outstanding and will be on display at the new TRSU location.

Cat Chat

Congratulations Graduates!



**Cyrus Bickford, Caitlyn Bushey, Zachary Connor,
Lukas DeArruda, Heather Graham, Caleb Green,
Alyssa Hendrickson, Logan Hill, Kassidy Niklasson,
Taylor Parsells, Emily Perham, Kendra Richards,
Halley Riley-Elliott, Kyleigh Savery, Adam Staley,
Jarrett Staples**

3rd Trimester Honor Roll

Honors

Grade 3 : Sadie Kobak, Connor Lopiccolo, Trinity Nye, Sarah Perham

Grade 4 : Josh Cohen, Michael Kautz, Aislynn Kelley, Hailey Pierce

Grade 5 : Claire Alosi, Natasha Fortin, Jae Greineder, Calvin Kelley,
Olivia Murray, Ashlynn Rumrill, Sara Swartz

Grade 6 : Cyrus Bickford, Zachary Connor, Kassidy Niklasson,
Kendra Richards, Hailley Riley-Elliott, Kyleigh Savery, Adam Staley

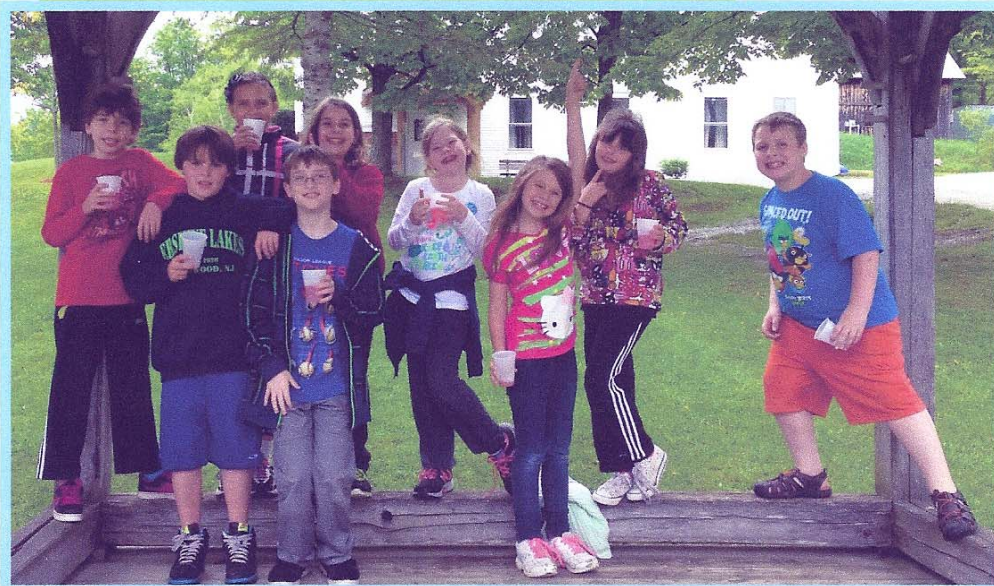
High Honors

Grade 3 : Destiny Arnold, Heline Riccio

Grade 4 : Sophia Chigounis, Caleb Nye

Grade 5 : Abby Crowley, Josh Noble

Grade 6 : Lukas DeArruda



Crowley Cheese Factory

by Destiny Arnold

I am the Crowley Cheese Factory

That makes a lot of handmade cheese just like it was made in 1824.

I am the handmade cheese

Which is made in the historic factory.

I am the historic factory

that was opened by Winfield Crowley in 1882.

I am Winfield Crowley

who made all the handmade recipes.

I am a recipe

that was first made in 1824 in the kitchen of the Crowleys'.

I am the kitchen

that first made the Crowley cheese wheels.

I am the Crowley cheese wheels,

that is made with local milk.

I am local milk

which comes from the local dairy farmer.

I am the local dairy farmer

That sends the extra milk that I cannot store to the Crowley Cheese Factory.

I am the Crowley Cheese Factory.

Minecraft

by Connor Lopiccolo

Mining

In the house at night

Never mess with an
Enderman

Explosion

Crafting weapons

Retreating

Amazing

Finding diamonds

T.N.T



FIRST GRADE MEMORIES 2012-2013

Noah said, " I liked Ms. Dunne because she helped us with math. I like Wednesdays because they were my two favorite specials - gym and art."

Owen said, " I like the gym teach because he helps us get stronger I like reading."

Cody said, "I love reading." I like P.E. I love my teachers. I love this school!"

Joshua said, "This year I really had fun doing teacher's helper and I really like doing experiments."

Alexis said, "I really like to spend time with my teachers."

Austin said, "I like being the teacher's helper and I like writing and reading. I liked being Kid of the Week."

Koa said, "I liked everything!"

Bella said, "I like my three teachers: Mrs. Lienhard, Mrs. Ahlers and Ms. Dunne." I like my friends and everyone. I like my fifth grade buddies."

Gavin said, "I like being teacher's helper."

Gracie said, "I like how Ms. Dunne teaches us math."

Rowan said, "I liked when the P.E. teacher let us run around the gym. I liked to learn."

Duke

by Sadie Kobak

Duke

Cute

Cute, sweet

Cute, sweet, loving dog

Adorable

Bears

by Carter Gray

Scary, huge

eating, climbing, hunting

fantastic, free, smart

Creature

Waterfall

by Tate Greineder

Big, loud, cold water

Falling from high mountain tops

Scary, fast water

Apple Pie

by Sarah Perham

Apple Pie

delicious, scrumptious

slice, sprinkle, bake

It's a scumdidlyumptious treat

Dessert

Summer

Time

Area

River runs out of the lake

Laughter is everywhere

Always fun

Kind little children

Every day

Swimming

Underwater

Many friends

My skin tanning brown.

Entertainment

Relaxing

Heather Graham

Grade 6



Magnificent maple syrup

Outstanding history and memorials of wars

Uncompromised land, filled with hopes and dreams

Nature's valleys

Truly historical and thoughtful

Hollow trees in our golden forests

Outlasting thoughts and wonders

Luxurious days

Lakes filled with great mystery

Yellow fields of land

Holy places

Interesting facts

Southern and Northern historic battles

Tamed wilderness

Outer greatness

Rocky nature

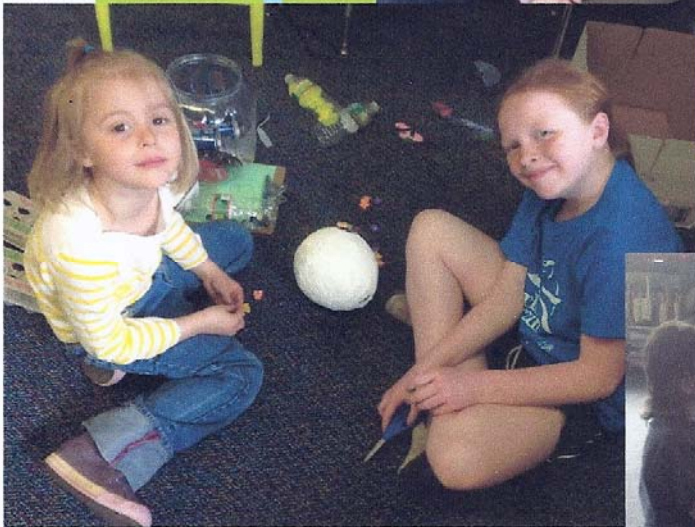
Your heavenly experience

Logan Hill

Grade 6



4th grade



Fifth Grade

The basketball pounds onto the hardwood court. Whistling and yelling is all you can hear from the crowd, On the court you can hear loud pouncing of the ball and screeching of the player's sneakers. A player dribbles the ball up and down, Thump Thump. He positions his forearm and pushes the ball into the air. Just enough force to make a rainbow into the basket. SWOOOSH.

Okemo Mountain Trail

By Natasha Fortin

Okemo Mountain Trail
Bears hiding in the shadows
Deer jumping around
Old trees that hear everything

Bears hiding in the shadows
Beautiful waterfalls
Old trees that hear everything
Swift breezes

Beautiful waterfalls
Deer jumping around

Star Lake

Bullhead and catfish are down in the mud.
The bass swim in the lily pads.
Punkin' seed and perch slowly move their gills.
The cattails are full of dragonflies.

The bass swim in the lily pads.
Red-winged blackbirds are chasing bugs.
The cattails are full of dragonflies.
Star Lake frogs hang out in the weeds.

Red-winged blackbirds are chasing bugs.
Punkin' seed and perch slowly move their gills.

Maple Tree

Old majestic tree.
Sitting, watching, waiting.
Seeing everything and everyone.
Watching time go by.

Sitting, watching, waiting.
Sweet, sweet smell of a maple tree.
Watching time go by.
Watching generations go by.

Sweet, sweet smell of a maple tree.
Seeing everything and everyone.

My Pond

I hear the calling chickadees.
Fish jumping,
Splashing in the water.
The nice spring breeze blows by.

Fish jumping.
The mosquitoes buzz in your ear.
The nice spring breeze blows by.
The spring peepers chirping at night.

The mosquitoes buzz in your ear.
Splashing in the water.

Saving Others

By Jakob Flanders

The fireman is sweating,
pouring from the blazing heat.
Saving lives
his adrenaline

pumping
heart about to explode
thinking about his family
saving the injured.

Fighting for his life
and others
helping, too.
The hot blaze of heat
out of control.

Trying to control it,
so others
don't get injured
ready to fight
again.

Backyard Wildlife

by Josh Noble

Deer grazing in the clearing.
Chipmunks leaping from tree to tree.
Raccoon eyes glowing as the coyotes howl in the night.
The birds chirp their tunes and songs.

Chipmunks leaping from tree to tree.
A hawk glides through the air.
The birds chirp their tunes and song.
The bear rambles around.

A hawk glides through the air.

Concert by Jae Greineder

Pulling into the parking lot,
cars honking,
girls screaming,
the excitement boiling.

We make our way through
the crowds of fans,
waiting anxiously.
We find our seats.
We are ready to scream,
and holler,
and smell One Direction's
perfect smell.

We scream and shout
and let it all out,

I Come From

by Calvin Kelley

I come from a family of
cooks and chefs,
my grandpa's waffles,
my dad's syrup.
It's good and frothy and thick.

I come from my xbox,
and fun games,
and playing with my best
friends.

I come from sweet dreams
and splashes of water.

I come from vacations
in Florida,
hot fun, riding the rides.

I come from waking up
in the morning
and drinking French vanilla
coffee.
It warms me up.

I come from skiing
fresh powder snow,
and snowball fights
with my sister, Aisy.

I come from a 50 caliber
American fighter plane
machine gun bullet
collected with my grandpa
at the Rutland Aviation
Show.

I come from



Beautiful clearing surrounded by trees
Lying in the middle, looking up at the
sky
A circle of hope and beauty
A sign of peace

Lying in the middle, looking up at the
sky
Hear the birds chirping sweetly
A sign of peace
Calm and happiness in a shape

Hear the birds chirping sweetly
A circle of hope and beauty

BEAVER DAM

by Jac Bania

Water splashing loudly as it falls through the
dam
Tall grass waving along the bank
Beavers constantly constructing
Tons of sticks woven in a wall

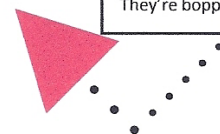
Tall grass waving along the bank
Fish swim so swiftly
Tons of sticks woven in a wall
Beaver roam the water

Fish swim so swiftly
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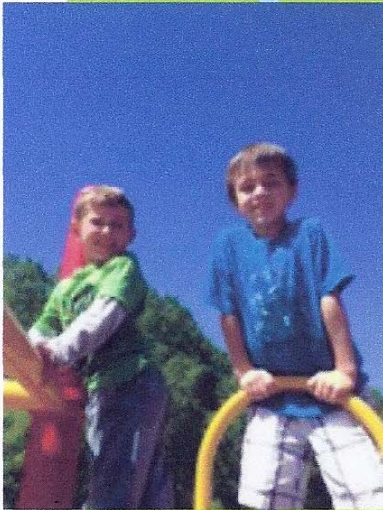
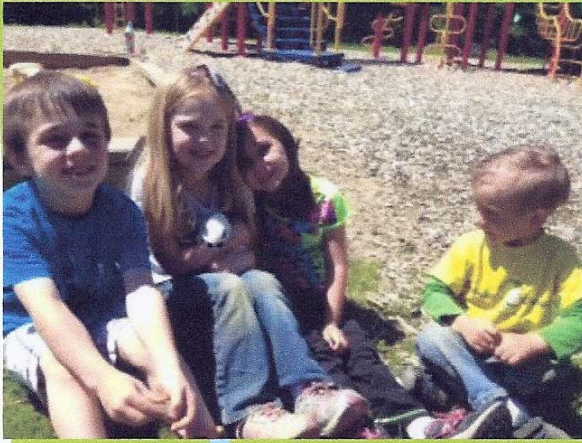
Spring Peepers

by Abby Crowley

As you're going up to bed
Spring Peeper sounds go through your head.
Peep Peep Peep Peep
They chirp and chatter all night long.
Their little sounds sound like a song.
Peep Peep Peep Peep
They're hopping and popping around the pond.
They're bopping and flopping, the crickets re-

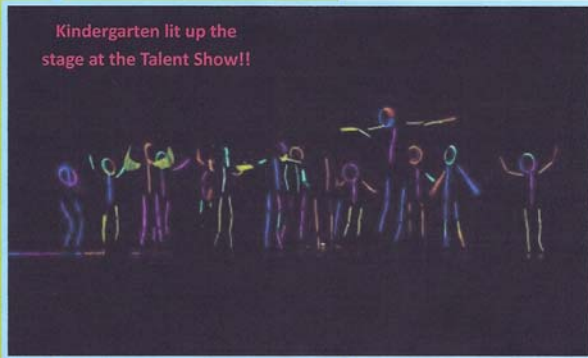


**Look How
Much We've
Grown in
Preschool!**



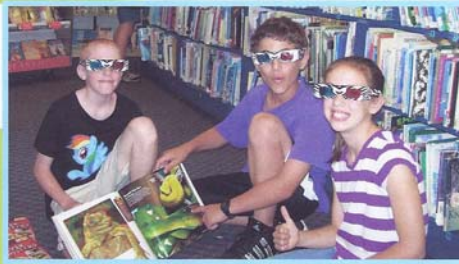


Memorial Day Program at MHS. Thank you American Legion Post 36!



Kindergarten lit up the stage at the Talent Show!!

Thank you to Karen Leonard for the performance photo.



Thanks to all for supporting our End of the Year Scholastic B.O.G.O. Book Fair. Happy Reading!

Cholesterol Screening

The Rutland Area Visiting Nurse Association & Hospice holds a total lipid profile along with a comprehensive cholesterol and glucose screening the first Wednesday of every month from 8:30 to 11am, at the RAVNAH office at 7 Albert Cree Drive. Call 775-0568 in advance for an appointment.

The total lipid profile is a group of tests to determine risk of coronary heart disease. The complete lipid profile requires an 8 - 12-hour fast prior to the test to ensure accurate results.

The cost for the complete lipid profile and glucose screening is \$30.

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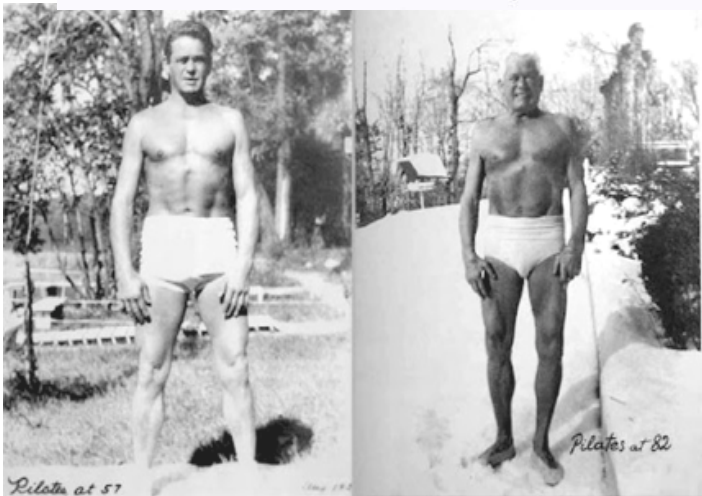
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Joseph Pilates worked out till he was 85

ARTICLE: There are so many great ways to get fit in the summer, why not try something new. Pilates. It's named after the inventor Joseph Pilates. My name is Jamie Ward and I have spent the last 10 years using Pilates to stay in shape. Now after 2 years of study in NYC, I am certified to teach as well. I have had anatomy training and hands on pilates training with a very experienced staff. I



will teach two classes a week starting July 2nd. These one hour classes will meet at the Mt. Holly Community Center at 2 pm every Tuesday & Thursday. It will be a mat class with lots of equipment to help get you shape. So bring a mat and come ready to move!

Pilates is how you get in shape and prevent injuries in your active life. It teaches you how move, lift, bend-over and walk using your center or your 'core'. Often times, back pain, leg pain and neck pain is caused by one set of tight muscles doing all the work. Pilates can help you identify those muscles, alleviate the pain and strengthen the weak ones you are not using. The idea is balance and control. We start off on the floor with a warm up and introduction to your 'core' and continue till we work out the entire body. People often say it makes you feel taller. Pilates stretches your muscles as you strengthen them. The creator Joseph Pilates said, "you are only as young as your spine".

Pilates used to be a great way for boxers and dancers to get strong and stay flexible. Today, NFL football players used Pilates during the SuperBowl's blackout to keep loose. LeBron James uses it to keep his muscles long and strong. It is as much an exercise workout as a

rehabilitation regime.

Pilates is for men and women of all ages. You will notice a difference and gain a more flexible spine and create better posture. If you are interested in toning and strengthening your muscles, try a 1 hour class or ask about a one on one session. My email is jamietalk@me.com. Come to the Mt Holly Community center Classes starting July 2 on Tuesdays and Thursdays in July. You can reach me at 917-532-2360.

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FOR SALE: SAILBOAT---Clipper Marine 21 swing keel sailboat on tip-up trailer. Big enough for a weekend, small enough for one person to sail. Please call Don at Country Home Mgmt and leave message on voice mail 228-7086.

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Belmont General Store 259-2292
 Big Eyes Bakery-Irish Soda Bread, Tea Cakes, Pies 259-7005
 Crowley Cheese, LLC 259-2340
 Squeels on Wheels, Wood Roasted BBQ, Take Out 228-8934

Bed & Breakfast

Hounds Folly www.houndsfolly.com 259-2718
 Clifford Country Bed & Breakfast www.cliffordcountry.com 259-2269

Building & Repairs – General Work

Arthur DeArruda, Inc. Custom Carpentry & Renovation 274-0289
 AW Carpentry-Remodeling*Building*Portable Sawmilling 259-3699
 Bob Campbell- Home Improvements 259-2136 bob4u@aol.com 353-1489
 Bolalek Construction & Design, andrzej@bolalekconstruction.com 259-7075
 Cutting Edge Carpentry & Paint Works-Curt Marechaux 259-2900
 Earl Runner Carpentry (Tertius) 492-3388
 G & H Masonry-Jay Goraj ghmasonryvermont@yahoo.com 259-2625
 Grey Goose Chimney Sweeps, Window Washing 492-3549
 Master Plumbing & Heating Inc. masterph@vermontel.net 492-3657
 RDS Construction-General Contractor New/Remodeling 259-3989
rdscn@live.com Bob Swartz Cell 353-7802
 Rick Lee Builder, Free Estimates Building & Renovations 259-3936
rickleebuilder@yahoo.com

Ted Stryhas Builder 228-7327
 Wright Construction – Brett Wright 259-2094

Communication – Computer Repair & Entertainment

Comcast-Rudy Hawes Rudy_Hawes@cable.comcast.com 802-353-2012
 Film/Video Production & DJ Services David Guerrero 345-6905 259-2136
 Griff's Computer Repair & Consultant 259-2688

Engineering

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

Equipment For Hire & Snow Moving

Beardmore Excavating beardmoreexc@vermontel.net 342-3507
 Bolalek Construction & Design bolalek.co@gmail.com 259-2955
 Devereux Earth & Snow Moving 259-2809
 Garrow, C. Earth & Snow Moving 259-2867
 Martin Services – General Excavation tmartin82@aol.com 259-3444
 Norton's Property Management – Logging*Land Clearing*Snowplowing
 *Brush Hogging*Mowing & Care Taking 802-353-6289 Cell 259-3108
 Russ Garrow –Lawn Mowing*Brush Hogging*Garden Tilling*Snow Plowing
 *Care Taking greenerpastures@vermontel.net 259-3167

Farm Fresh Products

Padema Blueberry Farm 259-2132
 Plew Farm – Kevin & Pattie Plew plewfarm@gmail.com 259-2250
 Smith Maple Crest Farm- Grass Fed Beef Cuts-Fresh Frozen 492-2151
www.Smithmaplecrestfarm.com

Funeral Homes

Clifford Funeral Home 773-3010

Garage, Repair & Wrecking

Belmont Motor Works Harley-Davidson, ATVs, Small Engine
 Sleds, Welding & Metal Fab gduargin67@gmail.com 259-3178
 Joe's Garage – Small Engine Repair 259-2688
 Miller's Garage – Cold River Rd. Rutland 775-6852
 Turco's YAMAHA Service & Sales www.turcosyamaha.com 773-8650

Garden & Landscape, Lawn Mowing

Belmont Gardens Quality Custom Stonework 259-2364
 Butler's Lawn Care & More, Johnny Butler Cell 802-282-2656 259-2465
 Frost Hill Farm, Peony Nursery, Fresh Cut & Dried Peonies 259-2716
 Jeb Porter Landscaping rocker@vermontel.net 259-3058
 Kevin Smith, Garden Service & Lawn Mowing 259-3964
 Of The Earth Landscaping, Lindsay oftheearthllc@gmail.com 505-1751
 P.J. Bushey Landscape & Garden Ctr. www.busheyland.com 259-2542
 Salt Ash Nursery, Scott Crawford 259-2146
 Traveling Hoe Gardening www.thetravelinghoe.com 259-3345

Guns & Ammo

Seiple's Shoot Shop www.sssvt.com 236-8104

Hair Cuts

Cuttings In The Ville – Lisa Sharrow 492-3360

Health Care Providers

Belmont Body & Soul Shop-Massage/Body work & Unique Gifts 259-2131
 Robin Nelson LMT www.thebelmontbodyandsoulshop.com 259-2131
 Dr. Joseph P. Donohue – Chiropractic Care, Thrive Center 446-2499
 Massage Therapy/Bodywork, Thrive Center of Green Mtns 446-2499
 Lisa Donohue MA, LMT/Paul Colletti MT/Linda O'Brien MT 446-2499

Home Management Services

Belmont Gardens Property Management 259-2364
 Country Home Management, Richardson/Rivers 259-3662 228-7086
 Yankee Home Management, Keith Hawkins 259-3064

Home Ownership Services

Neighbor Works of Western VT, Jacki White 802-438-2303 Ext 215

Lawyers

Attorney Steven J. Howard 802-779-4447

Locksmith & Security

Countryside Lock & Alarms (Mike Blais) 259-2213

Lumber

Cole Lumber colelumber@gmail.com 518-568-3271 259-2736

Manufacturing & UPS Outlet

DECO Manufacture Machine Job Shop 259-2477
 Nutmeg Fabricating Inc. – David Graham -971 Northam Rd. 492-3575

Maple Syrup

Green Mtn. Sugar House 228-7151
 Smith Maple Crest Farm www.smithmaplecrestfarm.com 492-2151

Marketing & Promotional Services

Express Copy Inc., Don Reiser H 259-2722 362-0501

Merchandise Sales & Service

Black Satin Silversmiths, Daryle Thomas 259-2841
 Dan Turco & Sons YAMAHA-Snowmobile, Motorcycle, ATV
www.turcosyamaha.com sales@turcosyamaha.com
 Environmentally Safe Products For Body & Home - Pat LaBella 259-6078
 Fuller Brush & Rawleigh Products – Diana Garrow 259-2314
 Hearth & Cricket Stove Shop – Daryle Thomas 259-2841
 Mary K – Natalie Brown 259-2067
 Sew Easy Interiors Home Décor & Window Treatments 259-2048
bethjosselyn@gmail.com Fax 259-3905

Painters

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

Personal Services

Angelo's Family Tailoring 259-3564
 Ang's Cleaning Service 259-3598
 Jencot Cleaning Co. 259-2146
 Paneless Window Cleaning- Insured, Free Estimates 259-2786
 Perfect cLEEn House Cleaning Service – Donna Lee 259-3936
 Pet Sitter – Barbara Pallotta 259-2856

Real Estate Sales

Coldwell Banker Watson Realty, www.cbwatsonrealty.com 228-5678
Jane_Harrington@cbwatson.net F 802-228-4100 Cell 978-337-3950
 Ellision Properties homeinv@tds.net 228-4011
 Carol Pike 259-2313
 Engel & Voelkers, Woodstock & Ludlow Gail Graves 259-3005
Gail.graves@engelvoelkers.com (Mobile) 802-236-5431
 Kelley Real Estate, Don Eatmon, Broker/Owner H 259-2646 228-5333
 Fax 802-228-5343 www.KelleyRealEstate.com www.OkemoValley.com
 Ty Murray H 259-3014 - Cell 777-8047
 Carl Mitchell H 259-2107 - Cell 384-3202
 Lisa Kelley H 259-3112 - Cell 345-6581

Refrigeration

J.C. McDonald Inc. ~ Commercial Refrigeration
 Air Conditioning Sales & Service joemc@vermontel.net 259-3152

Septic System Design

Chase Design & Construction www.chasevermont.com 259-2633
 Krueger Engineering – Arthur G. Krueger, P.E. 492-3653

Tree Services

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

Veterinary Care - Equine Services – Pet Care Needs

Mt. Holly Feeds, Jim & Millicent Johnson 259-2386

Volunteer Services

Belmont/Mt. Holly Food Co-op, Tanger H 259-2344 W 259-2899
 Black River Good Neighbor Service 228-3663
 Neighborworks Of Western Vermont 438-2303

Woodworking, Cabinets & Furniture

Chesters Custom Woodworking, ccw@vermontel.net 259-3232