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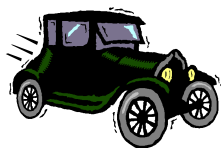
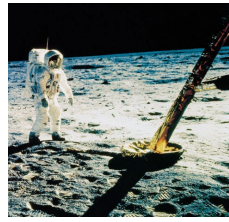
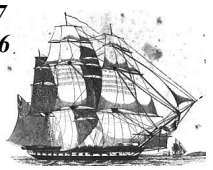
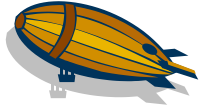


July 2024

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Mount Holly Museum–Open Jul & Aug Sat & Sun 2-4 pm www.mounthollyvtmuseum.org 802-259-2460 ddevereux@vermontel.net
Mt. Holly NewsFlash Town email sign up at newsflash@mounthollyvt.org Check Out www.mthollynewsflash.blogspot.com
Town Library: Sat 9-1 Mon 10-2 Tue 1-5 Wed 2-4, P.O. Box 93, Belmont, VT 05730 Call 802-259-3707
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TRANSFER SITE: Wed. 4 pm – 7 pm & Sat. 8 am – 2 pm



		<i>Battle of Gettysburg, PA Began 1863</i>	
1 st		<i>US Civil Rights Act of 1964</i>	7:00 pm
2 nd	Mt. Holly Community Association Meeting, Library	<i>US Army Air Corps Est. 1926</i>	7:00 pm
	Mount Holly Conservation Commission	<i>Battle of Gettysburg, PA Ended 1863</i>	
3 rd		<i>Battle of Gettysburg, PA Ended 1863</i>	
4 th	Town Parade – Chicken BBQ	Step off at 11 am Down Town Belmont – Odd Fellows Hall	11:30 am
		<i>30th Pres Calvin Coolidge B. 1872 ~ Independence Day 1776</i>	
5 th		<i>Salvation Army Founded in London 1865</i>	
Sat		<i>1st Airship Crossing the Atlantic 1919 ~ During Revolutionary War, British Captured Ft. Ticonderoga 1777</i>	
6 th		<i>Colonel John Nixon Gave The 1st Public Reading of The Declaration of Independence in Philadelphia 1776.</i>	
8 th	Community Guild Meeting, IOOF Hall, Belmont		9:00 am
9 th	Select Board Meeting, Town Office & Zoom		6:00 pm
		<i>Declaration of Independence was Read Aloud to General George Washington's Troops in New York 1776</i>	
10 th	LMHUUS Meeting,	<i>US Frigate "United States" was Launched 1797</i>	6:00 pm
	ODD Fellows Meeting, IOOF Hall, Belmont		7:00 pm
11 th	Fire Dept. Drill, Fire Station		7:00 pm
12 th		<i>Roman Emperor Julius Caesar b. 100 BC ~ Henry David Thoreau 1817</i>	
Sun		<i>William H Bonney "Billy The Kid" shot by Sheriff Pat Garrett 1881 ~ 38th Pres Gerald Ford b 1913</i>	
14 th		<i>"Billy The Kid" died at 21, 1881 ~ Rembrandt Van Rijn b 1606~ Apollo 18/Soyuz 19 US/USSR linkup 1975</i>	
15 th	Mason Meeting, Mt. Moriah Lodge, E. Wallingford		7:30 pm
16 th	Mt. Holly Town Library Meeting, Library, Belmont		6:30 pm
17 th	Mount Holly Planning Commission, MH Town Office & Via Zoom		7:00 pm
18 th	Fire Dept. work night, Fire Stations		7:00 pm
Sat		<i>1st Manned Moon Landing Apollo 11, 1969</i>	
Sun		<i>Ernest Hemingway 1899 ~ Full Buck Moon</i>	
21 st		<i>Katharine Bates wrote America The Beautiful 1893</i>	
22 nd	Community Guild Meeting, IOOF Hall, Belmont		9:00 am
23 rd	ODD Fellows Meeting, IOOF Hall, Belmont		7:00 pm
24 th	Fire Dept. Drill, Fire Station		7:00 pm
25 th		<i>CIA Created 1947</i>	
26 th		<i>Americans with Disabilities Act 1990</i>	
Sat		<i>Baked Ham Supper, Benefit Mt. Moriah Lodge – Odd Fellows Hall</i>	5:00 pm
27 th		<i>Veterans Armistice Day ~ Bugs Bunny Cartoon Debut 1940 ~ Korean War ends 1953</i>	
Sun		<i>National Parents' Day ~ World War I Began 1914</i>	
28 th		<i>Henry Ford 1863</i>	
30 th			



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MH Fire Warden ~ Jim Seward	802-786-3408	802-259-2211	American Red Cross	802-773-9159
Ludlow Ambulance Service Non-Emergency	802-228-2880	911	Game Warden – Tim Carey	802-793-2776
Mount Holly Constable	NONE		Health Officer – Chad Farrar	802-259-3610
MH Animal Control For Adam Karle	Cell 802-236-3656		Vermont State Police	802-773-9101

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

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

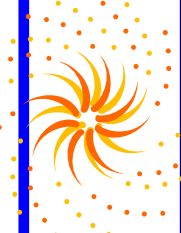


July Anniversaries: 2nd-Howard & Karen Hill 4th-Vernon & Stella Beauchain * Dennis & Sally Bussino (1996) 5th-Bob & Cheryl Kapitan 6th- Ed & Sylvia Smith (1963) 8th-Amanda & Sebastian Frank 14th-Wayne & Lizzie Emmons (1962) 16th-Joseph & Betsy Keimig 19th-John & Theresa Cole 22nd-Mark & Amy Turco 24th-Beth & Kenny Hart (1993) 27th-Al & Shannon Labozzo (1991) 30th-Maurice & Lori Turco

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

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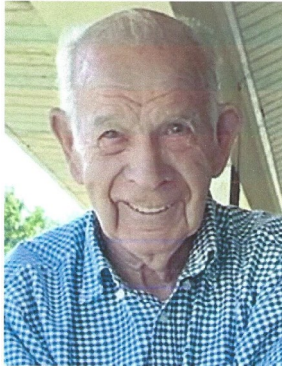
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Arthur Scales

The graveside service, with military honors, for Arthur Scales, who died December 30, 2023, was held at 11 AM on Friday June 14, 2024 in the Ludlow Cemetery.



Chester B. Gates Sr.

Chester B. Gates Sr., 87, of Mount Holly, passed away on Saturday, June 1, 2024. He was born on June 25, 1936, the son of George "Leonard" Gates and Catherine (Sprague) Gates. Chester worked as a Contractor, handyman, did landscaping, and stonewalls. He was a long time member of the Church of Christ in Rutland, currently at Grace Evangelical Church of Spofford, NH. Survivors include his son Chester Gates Jr. & daughter n' law Lisa of Mt. Holly, VT; daughter Nancy Stoner & son n' law John Stoner of Lowman, NY, Susan Stromberg & son n' law Richard

Stromberg of Putney, VT, and Kristin Swanson & son n' law Christopher Swanson of Troy, NY; brother Donald Gates of Mt Holly; sister Etta Kinette of N. Springfield; and 13 grandchildren and 27 great-grandchildren. He was predeceased by his wife Leona T. (Davis) Gates on August 2, 2021; both parents; Sisters Hazel Turner, Lillian Snyder; brothers Francis Gates, George Gates, Clifford Gates, and Robert

Gates. Calling hours were held on Friday, June 7, 2024 from 10:00AM to 11:30 AM followed by a Funeral Service at 11:30AM. Burial followed at the Mechanicsville Cemetery in Belmont, Vermont, reception followed at the Odd Fellows Hall in Belmont Vermont all were welcome! In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to Gathering Place-Adult Day Services 30 Terrace St. Brattleboro VT 05301. gatheringplacevt.org Arrangements are under the direction of Clifford Funeral Home.

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July 4th Odd Fellows - Chicken BBQ 11:30 am (\$12.00)

After Town Parade Step off at 11:00 am

July 27th Mt. Moriah Masons - Baked Ham

Aug 17th MHVFD - Baked Ham

Aug 31st Historical Museum - Roast Pork

Oct 12th Colfax Lodge - Baked Ham



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More Info Call 802-259-2460

Bone Builders

Monday & Thursday Mornings

9:00 am

Odd Fellows Hall

For Weights and more information

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Notice: All Invited Mechanicsville Cemetery Monthly Volunteer Clean Up Schedule

1st Tuesday of each month 2024

July 2nd, 6 pm

Sept 3rd, 6 pm



Aug 6th, 8 am

Oct 1st, 8 am



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Simple Tick Remover

In this coming season of summer and tall grass and warm weather we will probably find ticks walking around on us. If perchance one of them decides that it likes you and burrows in for a meal, fear not, for here is a very simple way to remove them. In fact they remove themselves in a matter of minutes according to a forester friend from Weathersfield who has tried this method successfully several times. Once you find one, simply apply this magic potion found in almost everyone's bathroom cabinet. In fact there is a container that has probably been living in your medicine cabinet for quite some time and NEVER been used as a tick remover. It is the ingredient CAMPHOR that the tick apparently doesn't like and it is found in Vick's Vaporub. Use a Q-tip to cover the tick with the ointment and stand back out of the way. Within a couple of minutes the tick has removed itself and then becomes stuck in the ointment which allows it to be effortlessly removed (ointment and all) with a Kleenex or paper towel. Submitted by Gary Salimon, for The Times of Shrewsbury and submitted to me by Mary Nortunen

Mt. Moriah #96 Mason's June 2024, Trestleboard

Next meeting Tuesday 7-16 7:30PM

Masons Fund raising dinner 7-27 5:00PM

Greetings Brothers,

I'm sorry to report we have lost another Brother, Raymond "Pat" Williams Jr. this past week. "Pat" and his Father, Grandfather and Great Grand father have been a big part of Masonry over the years

in Londonderry's West River Anchor Lodge. Pat received his 65 year pin 2 years ago. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family.

Grand Lodge held their Annual Communication at the Grand Hotel in Killington again this year and the Grand Officers remain the same as last year. It was announced that next years meeting will be held at the Grand Hotel in Killington.

The Mason's annual supper is slated for the 27th of July this year. We will be looking for a lot of pies.

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

BELMONT VILLAGE TOUR

The Mount Holly Community Historical Museum is offering a walking tour of Belmont Village at 2 p.m. on Saturday, July 13th. Meet at the Perkins House Museum on the Village Green for a tour that will last a little more than an hour. Hear about the families and the history of the houses. In the case of rain, a tour of the museum's collection will be offered. Call 802-259-2460.

Baked Ham Supper



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End of Year Activities at Expeditionary School at Black River

The Expeditionary School at Black River is happy to announce its Class of 2024. Aaron J Wynne graduated on June 8, 2024. The graduation was held at the school with faculty, family, students and friends attending. Wynne was also a student at River Valley Technical Center, where he was named Student of the Quarter twice during the school year. Dr. Kendra Rickerby, former Head of School, was the Guest Speaker. Gary Blodgett and Azaiah Allen presented "What I will Miss/Not Miss about AJ". Head of School Judy Pullinen and Board Chair Gary Blodgett presented the diploma. Wynne will continue his studies in the Technology Program at River Valley Technical Center next year.

ESBR also held a Celebration Day on the last day of school, June 13. Students read aloud their written interviews of Ludlow areas residents, which was a culmination of Social Studies project. People interviewed included: Chuck Bostock (AJ Wynne), Sharon Bixby (Lydia Warren), Earl Washburn (Azaiah Allen), Michaelah Lee (Terry Gurdak Carter) Theo Scutt (Liz Lombard) and his Great Grandmother (Alan Pratt). Awards for given to students in various areas, and a lunch was enjoyed by students, staff and guests.

The ESBR Board recognized Judy Pullinen, Head of School and Gary Blodgett, Assistant Head of School for their service during the year. Michael Kell will be taking the helm as Head of School on July 1, 2024. Kell joins ESBR with a wealth of experience as both a school counselor and as an administrator.

ESBR is currently accepting students in grades 7-12 for the 2024-25 school year. Contact Gary Blodgett at gblodgett@esblackriver.org for more information

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Calendar Alert!

The 17th Annual

Mount Holly Garden Tour

Will be held on Saturday, July 27th, 9:30-4
Raindate July 28th

Tickets are \$15, and include entry into our
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Rotary Delivers Special Books to Mt Holly First Graders

Recently, Bret Harlow, a member of the Ludlow Rotary Club (LRC), delivered customized books to members of Mt Holly Elementary School. This is a continuation of LRC's on-going program of providing books to help increase student interest in reading.

The books had a customized appeal to each of the first-grade students. Each book contained the student's printed name. Bret Harlow is pictured here reading from the presented book to Mt Holly classmates. By Ralph Pace



Reinbow Riding Center

This spring feathery boas seemed to be the theme. On the horses, on the riders, on the walkers, anywhere they could think of and helped draw individuals out of their shells and instill

them with a little self-confidence and self-esteem. Look at those big grins!

It's been another very busy school season at Reinbow Riding Center and now we're into our summer season. It will be a shortened one this year because our long-time certified instructor Mary Janet Osborne has retired as Program Director and Instructor, but remains with the organization. For this season we were able to find an instructor to help us with our spring school programs and through part of July, as we continue the search for the right individual to fill her immeasurable shoes, but it is no easy task.

At Reinbow Riding we strive to meet the needs of every individual that participates in our programs, mounted or unmounted. For more information about Reinbow Riding Center and our mission please check out our website: reinbowridingcenter.org. Follow us on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, LinkedIn and YouTube. If you would like to receive our quarterly newsletter, please sign up here: <https://www.reinbowridingcenter.org/contact>

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MHCA News

Happy July! The Board is kicking off our 2024/25 membership drive - look for your membership packet in the mail. The summer calendar is included, keep it handy so you know what's happening - bring family & friends are always welcome! We've got your exercise classes, music on the green, community suppers, community meetings, along with other activities. If you don't get the mailing, you can find our brochures at the post office, community center and town office. We hope you will consider supporting your community association and thank you in advance!

Cheer us on during the fourth of July parade along with all the other groups and individuals who hope to provide you with some brief entertainment as we parade around Belmont celebrating community spirit in a small mountain town. We'd love to see some more entrees especially of the

kid kind - decorate those bikes, wagons, golf carts, gators, or tractors to show off your 4th of July style. Maybe some folks might even consider a wacky dance troop or kazoo band.... This is what summer memories are made of folks! The parade starts at 11am with participants lining up at Dodge Rd, marching their way down Healdville towards Belmont center, heading north on Belmont Rd, turning right on Lake St to end at Star Lake. To top off the day's event the Odd Fellows hosts a community chicken BBQ. Dine in or take out. There will be live music from Jeb and Friends so take a load off and visit with your friends and neighbors.

Music on the Green starts this month thru the end of August on the green of the Village Baptist Church. Join us Thursday evenings at 6:30pm.

July's line up includes:

- July 4 Casey and the Dirty Water Dogs
- July 11 Mount Holly Folk Club
- July 18 Plumb Bob's
- July 25 Shakey Pines with Kara White-Woods

July 27th from 9:30-4pm, MHCA is sponsoring the mountain Garden Tour fundraiser. There will be 7 gardens with an interesting mix of sweeping landscapes with beautiful vistas as well as organic vegetable and fruit gardens. Tickets are \$15.00 and include entry into the garden themed raffle drawing. Maps will be provided with the purchase of your ticket in front of the library in Belmont. We hope you enjoy your day and appreciate the cultivation creations of our gardeners. Consider bringing a lunch, one garden welcomes picnicking in the gazebo by the pond.

We would also like to share and say thank you to those who supported the Penny Coldwell Community Youth Art Fund! To date this project has raised over \$ 2000.00 to help provide funding for youth art activities. This is so exciting, we are looking forward to sponsoring Mount Holly youth to nurture their creative side. As with most great ideas, we still have some details to work out and will keep you posted on how your youngin' might benefit from this project.

You may notice some outside work being done at the Library/Community Center this month. Having completed the downstairs window replacements, we are working on some exterior painting and replacement of rotting clapboards. **THANK YOU TO OUR MEMBERSHIP** for making this possible! Building maintenance is one of those ongoing affairs and, as stewards of the MHCA, our volunteer Board takes our commitment seriously to keep the center functional and in good shape. Our partnership with the Mount Holly community is vital and essential for our mountain town; again, we can't thank our membership enough!! That's your MHCA news for the month of July. Enjoy the midsummer activities, we hope to see you on the Green!

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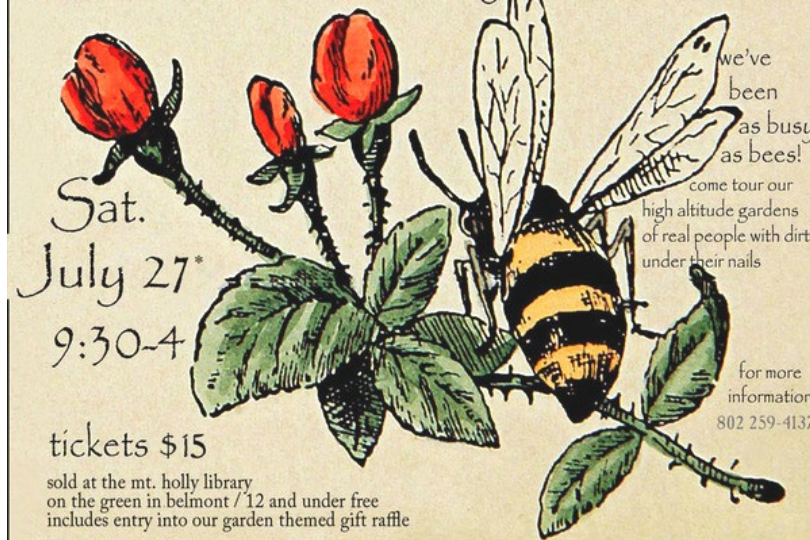
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17th Annual Mt. Holly Garden Tour



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* Rain Date July 28

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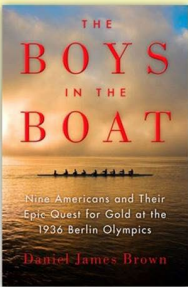
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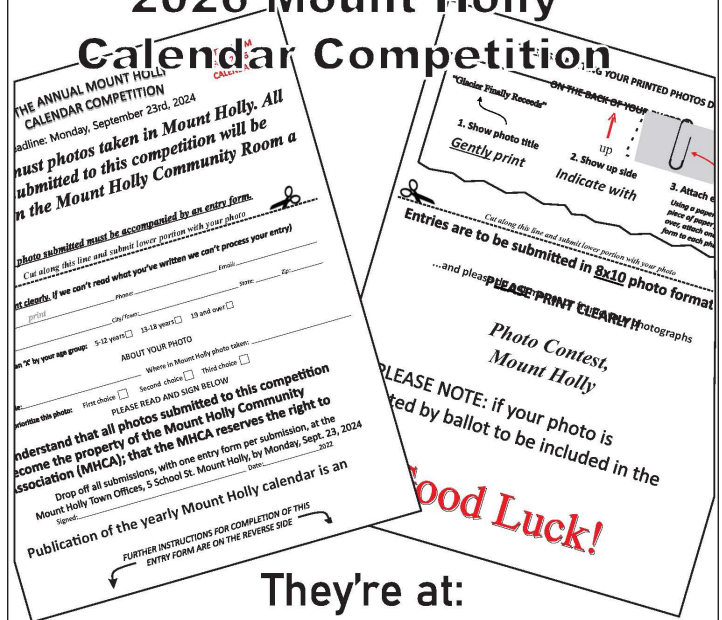
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The entry forms for the 2026 Mount Holly Calendar Competition



They're at:

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Anyone, resident or non-resident, can enter up to three photos of Mount Holly into the annual Calendar Competition. See entry forms for details. The competition is an activity of the Mount Holly Community Association and all proceeds from calendar sales go to support the activities of the MHCA. Deadline for entries is Monday, September 23rd 2024.

MOUNT HOLLY TOWN LIBRARY NEWS

July 2024

Please join us on Friday July 19th at 4 PM as we present a return visit by Vermont storyteller Michael Caduto. Michael will present a performance for the whole family called: "FLYING TURTLES AND TALKING BEARS: ANIMAL ADVENTURE TALES" This promises to be fun for everyone!



- The Mount Holly Town Library would like to thank Matt Sydorowich of Sydscompufix in Ludlow for the generous donation of his time in holding a Computer Skills

Workshop at the library on June 22nd. Thanks also to everyone who came out.

- The library is accepting donations of gently loved books. We will gladly accept hardcover fiction and non-fiction. Please, no encyclopedias, textbooks, software manuals, magazines or small sized paperbacks. Larger paperbacks (trade paper) are acceptable. Mount Holly Town Library, 26 Maple Hill Road, Belmont, VT 05730 802-259-3707 mthollylibrary@gmail.com

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- JULY 25 - SHAKY PINES WITH CARA WHITE-WOODS**
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- AUG 15 - LIZ REEDY**
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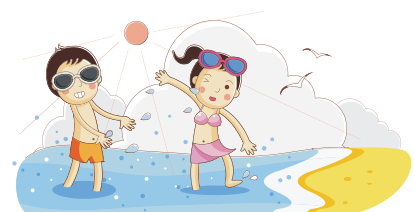
To nominate Justices of Peace
Suggestion on how to help
Kevin Winter
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Mount Holly Conservation Trust and Vermont Fish and Wildlife staff join Lory Doolittle (Center) in the dedication of the Doolittle tract of the new Awamos Wildlife Management Area (meaning bear or one who walks beyond). The site is on Route 100 on Terrible Mountain. A sign marks the entrance. All are welcome to visit



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Tim Caira and Jeb Porter performed live music on the green, while Commissioner Megan Litwhiler supervised outdoor kids' activities. Commissioner Phil Crane ran a popular raffle with winners receiving energy kits, LED light bulbs, compost bins, and recycling bins. Everyone who came got a ticket to the Mount Holly Volunteer Fire Department's Community Supper at the Odd Fellows Hall paid for by the Fair grant.


Big thanks to Commission Member Jim Corven for organizing the event and wrangling all the presenters and volunteers who participated. The Fair was funded by a Municipal Energy Resilience Program (MERP) mini grant to the MHCC from the State of Vermont.

The **Emerald Ash Borer program** is up and running and those interested in participating to protect their ash trees from the invasive critter should contact the Commission at mounthollycc@gmail.com

The **Ecological Study of Star Lake** by Arrowwood Environmental continues. Valuable data is being compiled which will help inform Lake management. Local citizen scientists are very much valued in this ongoing process and their species reports made to the Mount Holly Biodiversity Project (<https://www.inaturalist.org/projects/mount-holly-biodiversity>) strengthen our ability to both use and protect the environmental resources of Star Lake..

In order to reduce the cost of hauling **compost** from the Transfer Station to Rutland, (currently almost \$300/month!), the Conservation Commission has initiated a short-term Compost Bin Project that allows residents to buy Soil Saver Compost bins for only \$50 instead of the regular price of \$130 on Amazon, and at NO cost to the town. This will help residents recycle their own kitchen and yard by-products into beneficial soil compost for home garden use. As of late June, 24 new bins have been put to work in Mount Holly homes! To purchase your compost bin email the MHCC at mounthollycc@gmail.com with your email address & phone number.

Conservation Commission News
BOFFO!! The Mount Holly **Energy Fair** presented by the Conservation Commission on June 15 was a resounding success. Businesses, organization exhibitors, and over 75 attendees exchanged practical information that can save town residents real dollars while reducing energy waste.
 Energy and cost saving programs that ranged from efficient light bulbs and home weatherization to Heat Pumps and solar power technology, were presented by Green Mountain Power, Efficiency Vermont, Drive Electric, Same Sun Solar, Net Zero Energy Resources, NeighborWorks-Heat Squad, Benson Chevrolet, Renewable Energy Vermont, and Rutland County Solid Waste District. One on one discussion gave attendees the time to explore practical technologies and investments to improve energy efficiency and save money.

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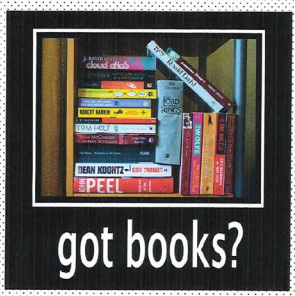
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PARADE**

**THURSDAY, JULY 4TH - 11AM
DOWNTOWN BELMONT**



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INVITING ALL
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**CREATE A FLOAT
WALK IN COSTUME - DECORATE A BIKE OR
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LET'S MAKE THIS THE BIGGEST PARADE YET!**

**MEET AT DODGE RD FOR LINE-UP AT 10:30AM!
CHICKEN BBQ AT THE ODD FELLOWS
LODGE AFTER THE PARADE**



Senate Report From Sen Collamore

The Vermont Legislature officially adjourned for the 2024 session at 5:50pm on Monday, June 17th. The legislature was called back into session for 7 vetoes on that day and each was dealt with. One was sustained and other six were overridden. The following is a brief summary of each bill.

1. H 887 This is the so called Yield bill which is a formula which determines (along with other factors) property taxes to fund education. 20 votes were needed to override the veto. The vote was 22-7 with all Democrats voting to override the veto and Senate Republicans voting to sustain. I voted to sustain. I simply could not vote to raise property taxes by nearly 14% when there are state funds available to alleviate some of the pressures for the coming year coupled with medium and long term cost containment and structural reform. It has been pretty clear for six months that there was going to be an increase in property taxes. The administration warned us in a December 1st letter that there was probably an 18% property tax increase heading our way, but instead of looking at the structural changes that needed to be made, there were accusations that the Governor was overreacting. In fact, the Pro Temp ,Sen Baruth, in a YouTube video, even promised to get it down to "one and a half, maybe two percent." In the end, that did not happen and as folks get their property tax bills, most will see a dramatic increase. What's even more concerning is there is a strong likelihood that this same process will happen again next year. I just could not vote to raise property taxes by that much and I believe there were ways to reduce property taxes, but no one in the legislative leadership was willing to work with the Governor and his administration to consider them.

2. H 687 This bill addresses Act 250 reform and also the housing crisis we face. Again 20 votes were needed to override. The vote was 21-8 with all Republicans voting to support the Governor and one Democrat. I voted to sustain. This was a 181 page bill that had many good provisions. It does help the designated downtown areas to develop without the need for Act 250 approval but in my view, it will also make it much more difficult for many other communities to do so. I had hoped some of the suggestions made which would have improved the bill would happen, but they didn't. Several are weedy, and I would be happy to speak more with any constituent who wants more information. As it stands now, this bill will make it harder to build in some of our more rural areas of the state.

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3. H 289 This is a bill that will change the renewable energy standard. The vote was 21-8. I voted to sustain because we heard testimony that this bill will raise Vermonter's utility rates by hundreds of millions of dollars. Also, the Department of Public Service presented a compromise that achieved the same results and at a fraction of the cost. According to the Joint Fiscal Office's most recent fiscal note, "H.289 would cost rate payers between \$150 million and \$450 million over the 11 years from FY 2025 to FY 2035." Based on their projections, this would cause rates to rise from 2% to 6.7% above baseline cost by FY 2035. The note indicated that this is a very conservative estimate of the actual expenses of transmission upgrades, which the Public Service Department said could be as high as \$850 million. Another financial burden for Vermonters to adsorb and I did not want to make Vermont any less affordable.

4. H 72 This is the "safe injection" bill. The vote was 20-9. I voted to sustain. I heard from Rep Eric Maguire from Rutland who also runs the men's Dismas House in Rutland. Eric knows from personal knowledge about people who are using drugs and helps them beat the addiction. He and I are both opposed to the concept of a safe-injection site normalizing the use of illegal drugs (under federal law). I also oppose this bill because it will divert financial resources away from proven prevention, treatment, and recovery strategies, as well as harm reduction initiatives that facilitate entry into treatment rather than continued use. I also heard from many many constituents. It was very clear that well over 95% did not favor this. I could not get good answers as to why there is **no age requirement** to enter the site, how far away someone could drive with drugs in the vehicle (New York, NH, Mass?) and if they were stopped for a traffic violation, the law enforcement officer was powerless to do anything about it if they were told that the driver was on his/her way to the site. The other question was liability. If someone leaves the site after injecting an illegal drug and is involved in a fatal accident, because there is State funding being used to run the site, is not the State liable? No clear answer was given.

5. H 706 This is the so called "neo-nics" bill The vote was 20-9. I voted to sustain. I am the Vice Chair of the Senate Agricultural

Horses On The Road

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That horses have the right-of-way
On all roads.

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 Give the horse some extra room, and proceed with caution.

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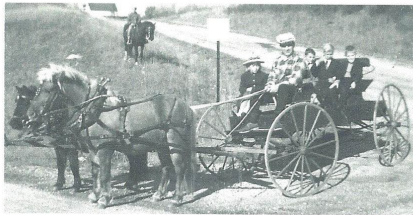
- The sounds of different road conditions.
- Water puddles or if it's raining.
- Maybe you hit a big pothole with your vehicle.
- Stones on a dirt road – the sound of them hitting your vehicle, or when they fly out from the tires.
- Maybe you are pulling a trailer and the items in it are making loud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

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

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with supporting and funding pre-charge diversion programs across the state by July 1, 2025 – but doesn't have the funding to do so.

7. H 121 This is the data privacy bill and is the only one which was sustained. The vote was 14-15. With that sort of vote on the floor, the bill would never have been passed initially. I voted to sustain. This is an extremely complicated bill and combines four distinct efforts that if stood on their own, could likely have a higher value to Vermonters, but combined under a single model, does not work. By trying to combine action on age-appropriate design code, data privacy, enhanced data broker requirements, and minor protections, this bill is overly complex and will increase litigation. I think it will be a lawyer's dream. I believe the bill should be simplified and harmonized with regional data privacy initiatives, for example mirroring Connecticut's or Maryland's laws. The biggest concern with the bill is the inclusion of a private right of action, which would make Vermont a national outlier compared to the 17 other states that have passed laws.

I would be glad to speak directly with any of my constituents who have concerns. My legislative email is bcollamore@leg.state.vt.us and my landline at home is 773-1365. Senator Brian Collamore

Committee and we heard months and months of testimony. There are conflicting studies on the impacts Neonics have on pollinators, and the research is not conclusive. However, the biggest risks to honeybees are believed to be the varroa mite and a lack of food/forage and the winter months. Neo-nics are currently approved by the EPA and are one of the most widely used insecticides in the U.S. This bill would ban neonic-treated seeds of corn, soybean, and all other cereal grains (wheat, rice, oats, etc.) and it bans outdoor uses on soybeans, cereal grains, ornamental plants, any plant in bloom and certain vegetables after bloom. Untreated seeds are not currently available to Vermont farmers for their corn crop. Only one state, New York, has passed legislation to ban their use. The Senate Ag Committee had changed the bill as it came over from the House to allow an additional year so Vermont farmers could see how New York farmers were doing and whether the seed manufacturers had changed their production enough to take care of both New York and Vermont. A floor amendment changed the date back to mirror New York. I did not believe that allowed Vermont farmers enough time to react if the situation in New York was not going well. Our farmers are struggling after last year's freeze and flooding and this will be yet another change to absorb.

6. H 645 This is a restorative justice bill. The vote was 21-8. I voted to sustain because the bill lacks funding for the work to be carried out by the Office of the Attorney General. Even though I do believe advancing the work of restorative justice is worthwhile to continue to explore, this bill is an unfunded mandate and it is unclear how resources will be prioritized next year. The Attorney General's Office is tasked

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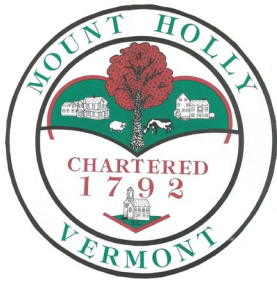
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Mount Holly Town News

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

Select Board Meeting Town Office June 11, 2024 **6:00 pm

Attendance: Jeff Chase, Mark Turco, Diana Garrow, Caitlin Boyle, Carol Garrow-Woolley, Elizabeth Karle, Clinton Woolley, Paul Barton, Dennis Devereux, James Seward, Andy Shulz, Jim Corven, Stephen Michel, Christine Pratt, Zena Gates, Andy Tanger, Barbara and Stephen Hazelton (via Zoom).

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

To Contact Mt. Holly Town Road Crew, call the Town Garage at 802-259-3179

1. Call to Order at 6:01 pm
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Consideration of any changes and/or additions to the agenda. Mark Turco noted the need to add two items: the Child Care Tax Contribution and the Junk Ordinance.
4. Approval of May 14 Minutes. Diana Garrow made a motion to approve the minutes as

drafted; Jeff Chase seconded; unanimously approved.

5. Reports

a. Highways & Transfer Station Report - Clinton Woolley. Mr. Woolley noted that the Town did not receive a paving grant from the state this year but recommended the Town address road repairs first on Shunpike Road, and then, after Shunpike, on the four-way intersection on Hortonville Road. Mr. Chase noted that the Town can prepare a request for proposals to pave Shunpike and will seek bids from Fuller, Pike and Wilk as well as posting the RFP on Vermont Bids. Mr. Woolley also noted that property owner Andrew Bellina submitted a request to make Sawyer Hill Road passable during the winter months; the Town doesn't currently maintain the road in the winter. Mr. Woolley noted that this is a Class 3 road, and would not be a substantial repair, but that the road would need to be widened. Mr. Turco asked Mr. Woolley to prepare a cost estimate for the repair to discuss at the next meeting. Mr. Woolley noted that the mower has been repaired and roadside mowing will begin next week. The Highway Department's Freightliner has also returned from repairs; these were covered almost entirely under warranty, with a \$500 bill to the Town. Mr. Woolley will continue to seek a bid for outsourcing solid waste collection to a vendor. The Town also received a special highway grant, which can be applied to both Sawyer Hill and

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Beaver Meadow repairs.

b. Treasurer's Report - Elizabeth Karle. Ms. Karle reported that she had passed the voter-approved budget amounts into the appropriate Town funds. The Town has had its first FEMA project obligated; a total of approximately \$400,000 in FEMA reimbursements could be obligated, or cleared, by the end of June. The Town continues to make its education payments; there is not any other significant profit and loss activity this month. Ms. Karle also noted that the Town's audit firm is preparing for an annual audit and has submitted a list

of items to be prepared prior to scheduling. Mr. Chase asked whether there are any year-end needs for the Town Office or administration; Ms. Karle noted that the line item for these expenses has been fully tapped for this fiscal year.

c. Mount Holly Conservation Commission Update - Jim Corven. Jim Corven noted that the Mount Holly Conservation Commission (MHCC) is asking the Select Board to approve the formation of a Recreation Committee, as outlined in the newly adopted Town Plan. The MHCC is also requesting that the Town perform regular (biweekly) testing of the swimming area at Star Lake during the summer months, and make results available to the public. He noted that the Emerald Ash Borer mitigation treatment has begun, and the MHCC is assisting property owners in injecting their ash trees with the chemicals that protect trees from ash borers. The MHCC is also working on solid waste diversion initiatives, including a program to sell home composters and an initiative to give away recycling bins. Finally, Mr. Corven invited the community to attend its free Energy Fair on Saturday, June 15.

d. Fire Department Update - Bill Austin. Fire Chief Bill Austin submitted a letter requesting that the Fire Department be allowed to make a series of minor construction repairs/additions to the former Rescue Building, so as to link the former Rescue Building to the Fire Department Building via a walkway. The Fire Department is also interested in selling its ambulance to cover the cost of a new pickup truck. 6. New Business a. Open FY25 Winter Sand Bids. The Select Board opened bids for FY25

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Winter Sand. Vendor bids for material costs and trucking of 3,000 tons of sand were received as follows:

i. Casella: \$56,850 manufactured; \$48,750 non-manufactured.

ii. Wallingford Crushed Sand: \$57,450 manufactured.

iii. Pike Industries: \$49,200 non-manufactured. Mr. Woolley noted that he would like to try manufactured sand for the coming winter season. Ms. Karle noted that the budget for FY25 sand and trucking is \$53,000. Ms. Garrow made a motion to purchase winter sand from the lowest bidder, which is Casella, for a total of \$56,850. Mr. Turco seconded; Mr. Chase recused himself due to his employment at an affiliated company.

b. Fire Warden Appointment. Mr. Turco made a motion to reappoint the current Fire Warden, James Seward; Mr. Chase seconded; unanimously approved.

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seconded; unanimously approved.

c. S55 Open Meeting Changes. The Select Board noted that the changes to the Open Meeting Law will go into effect July 1; the Town will comply with the new regulations.

d. Set New Meeting Date for August due to Election. Mark Turco made a motion to move the August regular Select Board meeting to Wednesday, August 14; Diana Garrow seconded; unanimously approved.

e. Review Sheriff's Office Contract for Speed Enforcement. The Select Board reviewed the Sheriff's proposed contract for speed enforcement at \$54.53/hour. Paul Barton asked whether radar signs had been considered for speed enforcement; the Select Board noted that it had considered such signs, but has concerns about cost and theft. Mr. Turco made a motion to approve the contract as provided; Ms. Garrow seconded; unanimously approved.

f. Review Cota & Cota Contract for Propane. The Select Board reviewed the Cota & Cota proposed contract. Mr. Chase made a motion to accept Cota & Cota's capped price option for propane delivery in FY25; Ms. Garrow seconded; unanimously approved.

g. Consider Letter of Support for OVRCC Tourism Grant. Mr. Turco made a motion to write a letter of support for the OVRCC's application to a state tourism grant; Ms. Garrow seconded; unanimously approved.

h. Waive Homestead Penalty on Late-Filed HS-122. Mr. Turco made a motion to waive the homestead penalty on late-filed HS-122 declarations; Ms. Garrow seconded; unanimously approved.

i. Child Care Tax Payroll Contribution. Ms. Karle noted that as of this year, there is a new state tax of .44% to fund child care initiatives; the contribution can be paid by employers or split between employers and employees. Mr. Turco made a motion for the Town, as employer, to cover the full payroll contribution; Ms. Garrow seconded; unanimously approved.

7. Ongoing & Old Business

a. Review Veterans Monument Donations and Select Contractor. The Select Board reconsidered the two bids the Town received to restore the Veterans Monument. Approximately

\$1,300 has been raised in private donations from Town residents to cover the cost. The Select Board deferred to Dennis Devereux, who has spearheaded the project, to select the contractor. Ms. Karle requested that any remaining donations be applied to future repairs or veterans' causes. Mr. Devereux noted that he would

invite the local bidder, Angus Ferrand, to complete the project.

b. Consider Warrant to Impound Unlicensed Dogs. Ms. Christine Pratt reported that she has almost completed the annual census of unlicensed dogs; there are six dogs outstanding, and four of those are in the process of completing registration. Ms. Pratt recommended that no warrant be issued until next month. The Select Board asked the Animal Control Officer to follow up with the two remaining dog owners who have not yet complied.

c. Junk Ordinance. Mr. Turco noted that the Select Board Clerk should issue a letter of complaint and request for compliance to the property owners on Shunpike Road whose property is not in compliance with the Junk Ordinance.

8. Citizen Comments

Mount Holly Listers Hours

The Listers are at the Mount Holly Town Office most Tuesdays 10:00am-2:00 pm or by appointment. Please call 802-259-2391 for any questions.

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Of Independence Day

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a. Mr. Stephen Michel noted that there is damage to a concrete portion of the historic water wheel located near the museum, which he believes poses a flood risk; he asked whether the concrete can be removed from the brook. Mr. Turco noted that the DEC/ANR will need to be contacted for permission, as will the property owner on whose land the concrete is located.

b. Mr. Devereux thanked Mr. Chase for the road painting at the Belmont Road intersection with Tarbellville Road and asked whether additional signage can be installed.

9. Announcements

a. Green Up Coordinator Needed

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c. Town Office Closed on June 19 and July 4.

10. Review & Sign Orders

11. Executive Session: Title 1 V.S.A. S 313(a)(3) – personnel: Review FY25 Pay Rates. Diana Garrow made a motion to enter Executive Session; Mark Turco seconded; unanimously approved.

12. Adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Select Board Meeting Town Office June 19, 2024 **4:00 pm**

Present: Mark Turco, Jeff Chase, Diana Garrow

1. Call to Order at 4:00 pm

2. Consideration of any changes and/or additions to the agenda: Belmont 3-way stop sign

3. Set Remaining FY25 Pay Rate: The remaining rates were completed.

4. Set New Date for July Regular Meeting: Tuesday, July 16th, 2024 at 6:00 pm at the Town Office

5. Belmont 3-Way Stop Sign: There was discussion on the Belmont 3-way stop that isn't working as people are not stopping. Mr. Tilly has mentioned he will be making changes to the entrance in to the post office which would create a curb where a fourth stop sign could be placed to make it a 4-way stop. Also have the Sheriff's Department patrol the area.

6. Adjourned at 4:25 pm

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[The Thrive Center has been offering Community Acupuncture since 2012. Our next customary offering ☐ will be on Tuesday, September 24th, 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm via a FREE WILL donation. RSVPs required at 802-446-2499. 15 person MAX.]

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Ludlow Rotary Learns How Americans Are Received in Vietnam Today

At its recent meeting, the Ludlow Rotary Club (LRC) heard from an American Consultant, Trevor Weltman, about his activities in Southeast Asia. Weltman, a partner in and developmental consultant for Clickable Impact, headquartered in Hanoi, Vietnam. Clickable Impact is an internationally-based company that provides development and sustainable tourism planning.



In describing his activities, Weltman has spent the last 15 years involved with south Asia. He noted that living abroad had caused him to feel very humble about living with a wide variety of cultures and backgrounds. He specifically commented that “it’s hard to imagine how different cultures and people are yet how much alike we all are”.

While discussing what it is like to live abroad, he also believed that America, his native country, has changed when viewed in the context of the rest of the world. One comment exploring this feeling was that “the American Dream is alive and well except in the United States”. He went on to express his personal feeling that America’s preeminence in the world had decreased.

When asked how the people in Vietnam felt about Americans, Weltman cited a personal recollection.

When he first visited the mother of his new bride in Hanoi, he was greeted with more love and affection than his wife and her sisters. “They like Americans” was his conclusion. In respect to our involvement in the Vietnam War, he cited that, to the Vietnamese, it was the last step in a century-old campaign against colonialism,

noting that the country had been occupied by many European nations as well as other south Asian countries before it gained independence.

Weltman, himself, has an interesting background. Born in Michigan, he has spent considerable time in China and India, developing a knowledge of Mandarin and several other Asian languages. He worked with Google and the State Department prior to joining Clickable Impact.

One of his current projects that he finds extremely interesting involves helping an island of twenty thousand people, Palau, an independent country located in Oceania in the westernmost part of the Caroline Islands chain, develop a carbon-negative environment.

He and his wife now have a home in Vermont Raising two daughters. While he spends considerable time overseas, he and his family are delighted to call Vermont home.

Pictured above, following his speech to the Ludlow Rotary Club, are Trevor Weltman, development consultant for Clickable Impact in Asia; Ralph Pace, Rotarian; and Kevin Barnes, Rotarian. Photo credit, Kim Lampert, LRC

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Vermont Home Gardener ~ Joys of July Gardening

This is the time of peak flowers and rapidly growing veggies along with weeds and bugs. It's the best of gardening and time to enjoy all our work coming into fruition. We also have work to do. Regular weeding, watching for inevitable pests (bugs & critters) but also early harvests have begun, and succession plantings can start.

Weeds are simply taking advantage of our good preparations and space. They are not really "bad" plants but are just unwanted volunteers in the wrong place. Weeds compete with our plants for soil nutrients, water, and space so need to be controlled. They will never be completely removed; we just do the best we can. Remove weeds as young and small as possible. Get them by the roots to avoid regrowth and add them (without seeds) to your compost or mulch.

Harvesting is the satisfying part of gardening. Garlic scapes were clipped off in June to eat and promote larger bulbs and now we need to enjoy the salad greens, lettuces, radishes, kale, early broccoli, herbs, and flowers. As plants are harvested (or lost to pests and age) new space becomes available for replanting.

Succession planting is simply re-planting to replace one that finished so we can make full use of our space over time. We have a very limited growing season, but you can still get multiple harvests of certain fast-growing plants if you time them right. For example, if you plant leaf lettuce or mesclun seeds every week you should harvest fresh greens every week all summer and into the fall. I've found that a short row (3-4 ft. long) of different salad greens every week produces a good supply for fresh salads into November. If you

lose a plant or two to pests, breakage, or harvest, it's easy to put in a quick growing replacement like a few radishes, lettuce, beets, spinach, etc.

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

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

Pest Alerts. The earlier dry weather limited outbreaks of **slugs & snails** and most plant diseases but recent rain showers are bringing them out. Preventative applications of an iron phosphate product (Sluggo, etc.) will reduce surprise damage to flowers and vegetables. Keep a close eye on potatoes and beans for pests that can be hand removed before they get too far along.

Natural controls for many pests include lady beetles and wasps that we should always protect and encourage with small blossom flowers. Birds are constantly foraging for insects and are a major pest controller. Small numbers of bugs can be finger squished, or sprayed with insecticidal soap or neem oil, if you prefer.

Lawn thoughts. If your higher mowing is working, you might notice more white clover blossoms appearing. Good for bees, good for the soil (clover adds Nitrogen), and good for you! Avoid mowing the clover blossoms once or twice and there will be free seeds to spread that clover even more. Clover seeds can be purchased too, and the benefits are significant. Excess grass clippings after delayed mowing (my favorite practice!) and drying makes excellent garden mulch and a great compost ingredient.

Questions or suggestions? Contact Jim at Mounthollygardener@gmail.com

Wallingford Day: An Annual Celebration!

Wallingford Day is an annual celebration that takes place on the third Saturday in July, which will be July 20th this year.

The day begins with a town-wide tag sale - this is not directly organized by the Wallingford Day committee but it's been a tradition for Wallingford residents to hold tag sales in the morning, a great time to clear out unwanted possessions and reconnect with neighbors.

There will be activities and music in town throughout the day, including around the library, at the Rotary building, in the Town Hall, area businesses, and at the Wallingford Block, which will be celebrating its 200th birthday!

Food trucks will be parked on Main Street and Depot Street to add to the amazing food you can get at our Wallingford cafes. In the late afternoon the festivities and food trucks will shift down to the Recreation Area by Meadow Street, for more music, followed by fireworks after the sun goes down.

Follow Wallingford Day on Facebook! Starting July 1st look for announcements there and on Front Porch Forum to see details about the schedule for the day and any necessary changes in plans due to unforeseen circumstances.

Please email wallingfordday@gmail.com with any questions you might have.

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ARTICLE I: Shall the voters of Ludlow-Mount Holly Unified Union School District approve the School Board of Directors to expend \$8,812,561.00, which is the amount the school board of directors has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year? It is estimated that the proposed budget, if approved, will result in education spending of \$12,786.11 per long term weighted (LTW) equalized pupil.

YES

220

NO

172

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Jeff Cho

R. G.

Diana L. Larrow

Nancy Hill

Melvin R. Johnson

Ludlow- 248 Yes
126 No

Total
Yes - 468
No - 298

Ludlow & Cavendish Community Meeting on Flood Resilience

Ludlow Community Center – On June 28th, from 4pm to 7pm, the Mapping for Resilience research team will host a community meeting for residents and people who work in the greater Ludlow and Cavendish area at the Ludlow Community Center. This event is being held so that folks can connect or reconnect, share stories and memories of responding to folks' needs during and after the flooding in July 2023, and hear about what the Mapping for Resilience team is trying to do with their research.

This event is being hosted by the Mapping for Resilience research team. We are a research team based at Dartmouth College and Colorado School of Mines working on a project about the social, ecological, and technical challenges of last year's floods.

While this is a free event, registering would be much appreciated, as we will provide some food and childcare for attendees. To do so, please fill out the registration form here: <https://forms.gle/k67Cp7fu2a2d5U9g7> or email charis.fm.boke@dartmouth.edu. If you are available and in the spur of the moment would like to just come without making a reservation, please do.

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June 28th



4:00 PM



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We are a research team based at Dartmouth College and Colorado School of Mines, and we are hosting a community meeting where folks can connect or reconnect, where we can hear some of your stories and memories of responding to folks' needs during and after the flood, and where we can share about what we're trying to do with our research.

The first meeting will be in Ludlow, at the Ludlow Community Center on Friday June 28, 4-7pm. We'll have food, childcare, and a \$10 Visa gift card for folks who participate. We will facilitate two activities designed to better understand the impacts and challenges the flood(s) have created, and look forward to your stories and insight! We are also hoping to collect photos and videos of flooded areas by consent of property owners. Our goal is to make this collaborative, supportive, and engaging for everyone.

can also see more information about the project and get our email addresses here: <https://sites.dartmouth.edu/mappingforresilience/>.

Okemo Valley Welcomes Queen of the South to Vermont!

The Okemo Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce celebrated the Queen of the South Food Truck at the Old Town Farm Inn located at 665 Vermont Route 10 in Chester, Vermont.

Owners Ronica and Thomas Humphrey cut the ribbon in front of their delicious food truck, situated on their picturesque 11 acres in front of the Old Town Farm Inn. Chamber Executive Director Carol Lighthall holding the ribbon on the right and Assistant Chamber Director Leah Kriebel on the left.

If you're looking for incredible and authentic Texas BBQ in an oasis of greenery, you'll want to swing by Queen of the South. Both from Fort Worth, Texas, Ronica and Thomas have made Vermont their new home.

Ronica's passion, culinary expertise, and love for cooking shines through everything on their menu. Drop by to enjoy their brisket tacos, pulled pork sandwiches, mac and cheese, corn nuggets, fried okra, and more.

You can find their daily specials and their traveling location on Facebook!

For more information, visit our website www.yourplaceinvermont.com.



New Ludlow Cider Donut Owner Delights Ludlow Rotary Explaining Business

Following the regular weekly business meeting of the Ludlow Rotary Club (LRC), David Bennet, New England Cider Donuts owner, delighted LRC Rotarians with an explanation of how he decided to start his new food business in Ludlow.

Bennet, who features a long list of hospitality asset management and operations experience throughout the country, recently opened his new donut business in Ludlow. In doing so, he spent a great deal of time preparing both the menu side and the business side of the operation, a task he explained to Rotarians in some detail, and with considerable humor.

Pictured above is Bennet as he examines one of the items he used to explain how he developed his donut menu. Kevin Barnes, LRC Rotarian, to his left, appears to be amused by his explanation. (Even Marilyn Monroe, pictured on the wall at DJs Restaurant, seems to enjoy the explanation-as did all the LRC Rotarians and guests.)

The LRC normally meets every Tuesday for a luncheon meeting.



Interested persons are invited to attend future meetings to see what Rotary is all about, its goals, and, equally important, the fun emanating from membership. Simply contact any Rotarian or call 802-558-0479.

Okemo Valley Celebrates Grafton Village Cheese's New Retail Store

The Okemo Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce celebrated Grafton Village Cheese's new retail store in Proctorsville, Vermont with a wonderful ribbon cutting ceremony to kick off their grand opening weekend.

Sherry DiBernardo, the Company's Retail Manager, cut the ribbon accompanied by friends, colleagues, guests, and members

of the Grafton Village Cheese team. Chamber Executive Director Carol Lighthall holding the ribbon on the right and Assistant Chamber Director Leah Kriebel on the left.

For the grand opening weekend, the store was bustling with excited visitors from near and far, and the entire community came out to welcome the new store to the region. Their grand opening weekend was a great success filled with live entertainment, lots of laughter, delicious samples, and incredible artisan cheeses!

As you walk into the new store in Proctorsville, you're immediately embraced with warmth and excitement. Their store is filled with an impressive selection of local and international artisan cheeses, and every accompaniment you may need from hot sauces, salsas, wines, cutting boards, hand-crafted gifts, and more. Drop by their new location at 2568 VT Route 103 in Proctorsville to sample their free cheese tastings and browse their selection any day of the week!

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WESTON THEATER COMPANY PRESENTS JUNIE B. JONES: THE MUSICAL

Weston Theater's Young Company takes audiences young and old on a musical adventure with **JUNIE B. JONES: THE MUSICAL**, playing at Weston's **Walker Farm Field** and touring Southern Vermont from **June 20 - July 7**. Celebrate the timeless spirit of childhood and the enduring power of friendship with **JUNIE B. JONES**. Based on the beloved children's book series, this vibrant and hilarious musical adventure follows the unforgettable antics of that irrepressible first-grader, Junie B., and her quirky, lovable friends through the ups and downs of elementary school. With catchy tunes, infectious energy, and a heartwarming message, this production will leave young and old with smiles on their faces and an appreciation for the joys of growing up.

The production is directed by former Artistic Director of Constellation Stage & Screen, **Kate Galvin**, who says "I'm old enough to have missed out on the 'Junie B. Jones' series during my childhood, they didn't come out until I was a teenager. But reading them as an adult has been so delightful! I immediately related to Junie, right down to the experience of getting glasses for the first time. Her impulses are strong and not always right, but she always grows from her experiences - and that's what we should all value in ourselves and our children. Enjoy!"

Weston welcomes back Young Company alum, **Maya L'Abbe** (at Weston: SINGIN' IN THE RAIN; YOU'RE A GOOD MAN, CHARLIE BROWN) as the irrepressible Junie B. Jones, and **Aidan Curley** (at Weston: SINGIN' IN THE RAIN; YOU'RE A GOOD MAN, CHARLIE BROWN) returns as Herb. Recent Marymount Manhattan College graduate, **Nicky Redd**, joins the cast as Mr. Scary, and recent Pace University grad, **Mayumi Rhone**, joins the Young Company as May. Recent Boston Conservatory graduate **Isa Sánchez** makes her Weston debut as Lucille, as does recent CAP21 Molloy graduate, **Evan Gibley**, as Sheldon.

Returning to Weston for his second year as the YoCo Music Director is WTC YoCo alum, **Tommy Bergeron** (recent Music Direction credits include THE SECRET GARDEN, CATS, and LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS, among others). **Jeremy Yaddaw** returns to coordinate music (credits include originating the drum books for THE LIGHTNING THIEF: THE PERCY JACKSON MUSICAL, Ryan Scott Oliver's 35 MM, and Jahn Sood's THE DISAPPEARING MAN, among others). **Nathan Fister** joins the creative team as Choreographer (credits include LEGALLY BLONDE at The Hart School, CHICAGO at The Lexington Theatre Company). **Maggie Jackson** set designs (design credits include works for Creede Repertory Theatre, Summer Stock Stage, and The Hangar Theatre Company). **Summer Lee Jack** (recent credits include THE TOWER at HERE Arts Center, THE ELEPHANT IN EVERY ROOM I ENTER at La Mama and NYTW, and ROMEO AND JULIET at NY Classical Theatre) costume designs for the production.

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NEW THIS YEAR:

This year, the Best of VT Summer Festival will be bringing you an exciting update to the 5-act music line up, mouthwatering fudge waffles from the Waffle Cabin in the dining tent with Okemo and others, and a brand new Beer Garden sponsored by Brewfest Beverage. The vendor list is on track to fill up with over 100+ for the weekend! Also, the raffle is being updated to be bigger and better than ever!

FESTIVAL FAVORITES:

Returning this year, Dan Moore of Barker Farm will be showcasing his Antique Tractors & Vintage Machines! This is a showcase of Vermont made engines & machinery including working exhibits from the 1900s. Also, a festival favorite for kids of all ages, Wunderle's Big Top Adventures will be joining for clowning around and fun kids' programming all weekend long!

The Best of VT Summer Festival takes place on **Saturday, August 24 from 12 noon - 7 pm** and **Sunday, August 25 from 10 am - 4 pm** at Okemo Field on Route 103 in Ludlow.

With festival favorites and new additions, there's something for everyone! This festival invites locals, new residents, second homeowners, and visitors to enjoy the best of Vermont - maple, cotton candy, funnel cakes, ice cream, local cheeses, hand crafted artisan products, fine art, live music, agricultural demos, children's activities, and so much more.

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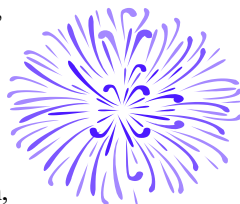
The "native" hills of Old Vermont
Are 'bout as good as hills can be;
They kindly net my opening eyes,
I hope they'll be the last to see;
When folks get back from 'round the world'
They sorter fill a long-felt want-
There's nothing neater on the map
Than these old hills of Old Vermont.

They say Vermont if rolled out flat
Would equal Illinois in size;
But primaries then would cost so much
The rich might win and not the wise;
Our marble, too, would be soft coal-
A thing that some folks wouldn't want-
I think we'd better let 'em stand,
The solid hills of Old Vermont.

They ain't too green, they ain't too gray,
The ain't too high and dry or small;
They're awful pretty in the Spring.
But prettier in the fiery Fall;
And they're so smooth that you can farm
Clear up to snow-line, if you want,
Which isn't true of any hills
In any place except Vermont.

If this were some big, level state,
We'd get the bitter with the sweet,
For Henry Ford might live in town,
Or unknissed Dowie down the street;
We'd have no gum, we'd have no talc-
The high school girls would come to want-
We'd better leave them 'em be, I guess,
The useful hills of Old Vermont.

The man that doesn't like these hills
Must be tremendous hard to please,
Or have a case of what Fred Wells
Would call the Enosburg disease;
Jest dub me "hill dog" if you will-
Use any nicking name you want-
But I'm in hopes my eyes may close
Amidst the hills of Old Vermont.



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"The Star-Spangled Banner"

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

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

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

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

O thus be it ever when freemen shall stand
Between their lov'd home and the war's desolation!
Blest with vict'ry and peace may the heav'n rescued land
Praise the power that hath made and preserv'd us a nation!
Then conquer we must, when our cause it is just,
And this be our motto - "In God is our trust,"
And the star-spangled banner in triumph shall wave
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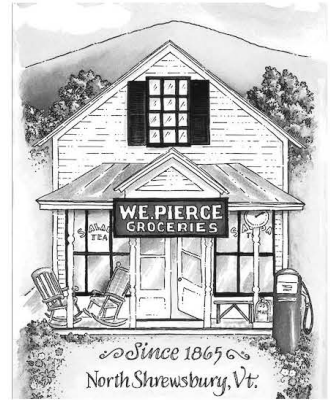
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- 4) Healthcare access and affordability affects every single Vermonter--regardless of your insurance. Join local community leaders, hospital leaders, legislators, state officials, and your neighbors at your local Healthcare Community Meeting to discuss the options your community has for supporting the future of healthcare in Vermont: <https://bit.ly/Healthcare-Community-Meetings>
- 5) Healthcare is unaffordable for too many Vermonters. Despite rising insurance costs, Vermont's hospitals and health systems face financial pressures and our health system requires revitalization. Attend a Healthcare Community Meeting to hear directly from a healthcare systems expert who has been doing a deep dive on the healthcare system across the state and is ready to share recommendations for your local hospital: <https://bit.ly/Healthcare-Community-Meetings>

Tuesday, July 16, 2024 from 4:30 - 6:00 pm - Springfield / Springfield Hospital

- Location: Springfield Town Library
- Meeting Materials - will be linked when available

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Wednesday, July 31, 2024 from 6:00 - 7:30 pm - Rutland / Rutland Regional Medical Center

- Location: CVPS Leahy Community Health Education Center
- Meeting Materials - will be linked when available

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Monday, August 5, 2024 from 6:00 - 7:30 pm - State-wide / All Hospitals

- Location: ONLINE/Microsoft Teams
- Meeting Materials - will be linked when available

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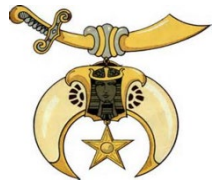


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To learn more about our services, or to refer a patient, visit www.shrinershospitalforchildren.org to locate a hospital near you. Or call 800-237-5055 in the U.S. or 800-361-7256 Canada – Past Potentate Bob Ferguson, Cairo Shriners, Rutland

Diabetes Support Group Meets 2nd Wednesday of July

Everyone is welcome to our diabetes support group where those diagnosed with diabetes and prediabetes can exchange ideas. The no-lecture, patient-driven meetings are a place to share your challenges and successes. Everything from medication management, continuous glucose monitoring, the new GLP1 drugs, meal planning and exercise options are ongoing conversations among those who attend.

The Diabetes Support Group meets the second Wednesday of every month. Community Health and Rutland Regional Medical Center's Diabetes & Endocrinology Center have joined together to organize the monthly program in three different locations at three different times:

- 1-2pm in Rutland at the Rutland Diabetes & Endocrinology Center
- 4-5pm in Brandon at the Forestdale Senior Center
- 5-6pm in Castleton at Castleton Community Health

Contact our diabetes educators or your Community Health primary care provider or call (802) 779-9169 for more information.

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

Kevin Plew is the primary NewsFlash attendant and Stu Berry is backup attendant at stuberry1@gmail.com

Mount Holly Chit Chat Inc., 3379 Shunpike Rd., Mount Holly, VT 05758

The Mount Holly Chit Chat, a membership organization, has been incorporated as a non-profit organization in the State of Vermont, dedicated to providing all members of the Mount Holly community with information on Town events and issues. Membership is open to anyone who lives in, works in, or owns property in Mount Holly and who has made an annual membership donation. Membership donations help bring the Chit Chat to you every month.

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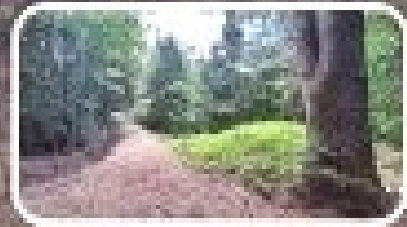
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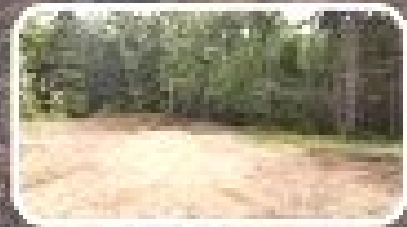
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 Mojo Café – John & Jodi Seward mojocafevt@yahoo.com 802-228-6656
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 Pastor Kevin Miner 802-259-2831
 First Baptist Church, Wallingford, SS 11am Prayer Meeting Wed 7 pm
 Pastor Dave Bentley 802-446-2020
 Lighthouse Independent Baptist Church, Rutland SS 11am & 3pm
 Until May 11am & 6pm 802-779-0300
 Ludlow Baptist Church, 9:30 am SS, 10:30 am Music Fellowship,
 11 am WS, 6:30 pm Evening PS, Wed 6:30 pm PM & BS
 Pastor Jerry Scheumann jfscheumann@gmail.com 603-439-0803
 Rutland Jewish Center office@rutlandjewishcenter.org
 Rabbi Shemtov rabbishemtov@rutlandjewishcenter.org 802-773-3455
 St. Patrick's, Wallingford, Mass Sun 11 am
 Rev Msgr Bernard Bourgeois christthekingprsh@gmail.com 802-446-2161
 Village Baptist Church-Worship 9:30am, Coffee Hour 10:45 BS Tue 7 pm
jeremiah.c.johnson@icloud.com Pastor Jeremiah Johnson 760-845-6617
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 Shrewsbury Library, Cuttingsville 802-259-2803

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 References Available Upon Request tabitacleaning@gmail.com

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 Stephanie Grover NRP Chief Cell 802-380-2635 sgrover.las@tds.net
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 2450 Lincoln Hill Rd, Shrewsbury, VT 05738 www.Smithmaplecrestfarm.com
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Flanders.excavating@gmail.com

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 Kevin Smith, Garden Service & Lawn Mowing 802-259-3964
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 Motorcycles, Small Engine Repair, Welding & Metal Fabrication 802-259-3178

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 Ted Stryhas Builder Inc. 802-228-7327

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Community Health – <https://www.chcrr.org> Medical, Dental, Pediatrics
 Behavioral Health – Patient Access Center 802-779-9159
 Express Care Rutland - 802-773-3386
 Dr. Joseph P. Donohue – Chiropractic Care, Thrive Center 802-446-2499

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