



# Mount Holly Chit Chat

**HAPPY NEW YEAR**

38/11

January 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](http://www.ewbaptist.com)

**St. Patrick's Mass**, Wallingford Sat 4 pm Sun 9:15 am Rev Justin Baker, Pastor & Rev James Dodson, Parochial Vicar Phone 446-2161

**Annunciation 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:** Sat. 8 am – 2 pm & Sun. 9 am – 12 pm



1 <sup>st</sup>	<b>Emancipation Proclamation issued by Pres. Lincoln 1863 ~ Ellis Island Opens 1892 ~ New Year's Day</b>	
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Mt. Holly Community Association Meeting, Library	7:00 pm
Sun 6 <sup>th</sup>	Fire Dept. Business Meeting, Belmont Fire Station	7:00 pm
	Mt. Holly School Board Meeting, Mt. Holly School, Black River High School	7:00 pm
	Union #39 School Board Meeting, Black River High School	7:00 pm
	V.F.W. Post #10155 meeting, Route 103, Ludlow	7:00 pm
	<b>Pan Am Commercial Airway Plane Completes 1<sup>st</sup> Around-The-World trip New York, NY 1942</b>	
8 <sup>th</sup>	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
9 <sup>th</sup>	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
10 <sup>th</sup>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> meeting of United Nations General Assembly 1946</b>	
14 <sup>th</sup>	Rescue Squad Meeting, Rescue Squad Building	7:00 pm
15 <sup>th</sup>	Fire Dept. work night, Fire Stations	7:00 pm
16 <sup>th</sup>	Mt. Holly Town Library Meeting, Library, Belmont	7:00 pm
17 <sup>th</sup>	M.H. Republican Committee Meeting, Mt. Holly Town Office	7:00 pm
	<b>Benjamin Franklin 1706 ~ Operation Desert Storm Began 1991</b>	
Sat 19 <sup>th</sup>	Two Rivers Supervisory Union Transition Board, Ludlow Elementary School Gym	6:30 pm
	<b>Robert E. Lee 1807</b>	
21 <sup>st</sup>	Mount Holly Planning Commission, Town Office	7:30 pm
	<b>Martin Luther King Jr's Day</b>	
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Community Guild Meeting, IOOF Hall, Belmont	9:00 am
	Fire Dept. Drill, Fire Station	7:00 pm
	Mason Meeting, Mt. Moriah Lodge, E. Wallingford	8:00 pm
23 <sup>rd</sup>	ODD Fellows Meeting, IOOF Hall, Belmont	7:00 pm
	<b>Briton Elizabeth Blackwell 1<sup>st</sup> Woman To Receive MD Degree In USA 1849</b>	
25 <sup>th</sup>	<b>American Airlines 1<sup>st</sup> Transcontinental Flight on a Boeing 707, 1959</b>	
Sun 27 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart 1756 ~ Vietnam War Ends 1973</b>	
28 <sup>th</sup>	Rescue Squad Meeting, Rescue Squad Building	7:00 pm
29 <sup>th</sup>	Fire Dept. work night, Fire Stations	7:00 pm

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## Emergency Services

Mount Holly Fire Dept.	259-2700 or	911	Poison Control	(802) 658-3456
Mount Holly Fire Warden – Jim Seward	786-3408	259-2211	American Red Cross	773-9159
Mount Holly Rescue Squad	775-3133 or	911	Game Warden – Greg Eckhardt	802-875-2112
Mount Holly Constable Paul Faenza	259-4100	802-786-4404	Health Officer - Frank Bickford	259-2885
Animal Control For Mt. Holly	<a href="mailto:mhconstable@yahoo.com">mhconstable@yahoo.com</a>	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

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**January Birthdays:** 4<sup>th</sup> - Jamie Ludwig. 8<sup>th</sup> - Andrew Flanders. 14<sup>th</sup> - Kathy Wade. 15<sup>th</sup> - John Wasilewski. 17<sup>th</sup> - Lori Cole \* Robert Keen. 19<sup>th</sup> - Rick Ludwig. \* Benjamin Taylor. 20<sup>th</sup> - Eric Ludwig \* Fredrick Ludwig IV. 23<sup>rd</sup> - Thomas Osbourne. \* Jeff Columb. 24<sup>th</sup> -Minga Dana. 27<sup>th</sup> -Hannah Teter. 28<sup>th</sup> -Chris Lombardi. 30<sup>th</sup> -Brian Keen. 31<sup>st</sup> - Jennifer Parker \* Cole Tarbell \* Tiffany Taylor.

**January Anniversaries** 15<sup>th</sup> - Kyle & Nancy Perry. 24<sup>th</sup> - Armand & Debby Bernagozzi.

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](mailto:chitchat@vermontel.net) or call me at 802-259-2314.

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

The Annual Membership meeting is held on the second Monday in September in the Mount Holly Library at 7 p.m. The meeting includes the annual report and election of the Board of Directors

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**Happy New Year!!**  
**From: the entire staff**  
**To: all of Mount Holly**

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**hot sandwiches**  
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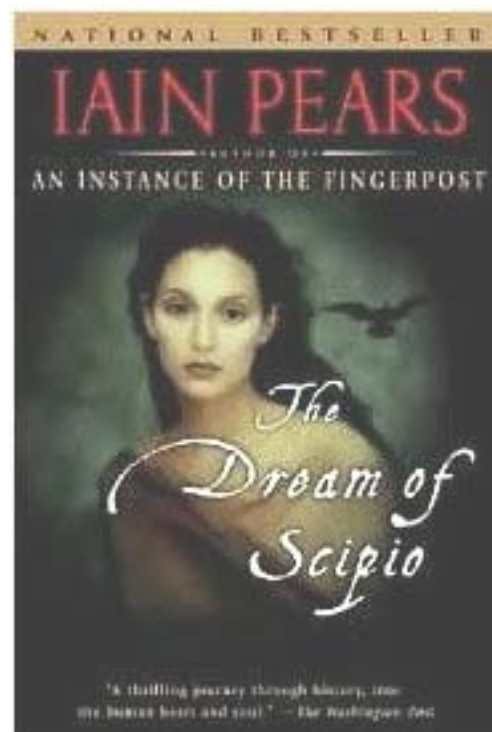
## Mt. Holly School Board Meeting

The Mt. Holly school board met on Wednesday, November 14 at the Mt. Holly Elementary School. Mr. Williams updated the board on the Two Rivers SU meetings and the Alert Now issues that arose during SuperStorm Sandy. Mr. Williams also discussed purchasing Power School, a new school data reporting software that will give the schools the ability to track student progress between elementary and high school and also identify any gaps in instruction.

The school also discussed the Expenditure Report and the use of the piece of land that belongs to Mr. Turco. The board approved joining an LPCTV membership. The board discussed at length the subdivision application and its conditional approval by the planning commission. The board voted unanimously to withdraw their application for a subdivision, and instead seek an easement to allow the town to build a garage on their property pending public support of same.

The board also adopted a policy for Drug & Alcohol Testing for Transportation Employees. The board worked on the first draft of the budget proposal. There are still many variables that need to be decided at the SU level and at the state level before the budget proposal can be finalized. The board also voted to approve hiring Leslie Boyle as a new para-educator for the school.

The next meeting regular meeting will be held on December 5 at Mt. Holly Elementary School at 7:00p.m.



## A Message from the Animal Control Officer

Just a friendly reminder, All dogs over the age of 6 months are required by State Law to be licensed, and to display the license tag on their collar.

To obtain a license please visit our Town Clerk, and present an up to date rabies vaccine certificate, and the required fee.

Renewals are due on April 1st.

For more information:

<http://www.leg.state.vt.us/statutesmain.cfm>

Title 20, Chapter 193, Section 3581.

Paul Faenza, Mount Holly Constable/ACO [802-786-4404](tel:802-786-4404)

## The Mount Holly Library Reading Group

The Mount Holly Library Reading Discussion Group is reading *The Dream of Scipio* by Iain Pears. The meeting is January 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at Minga Dana's, 1040 Straight Road, Belmont. As we begin the New Year please consider joining the group, we would love to welcome new members. We were happy to add a few this past year who have greatly enriched the discussions and the group. We meet the second



## CABIN FEVER ?? LEARN TO SQUARE DANCE!!

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## Mt. Holly School Board Meeting

The Mt. Holly school board met on Wednesday, December 5 at the Mt. Holly Elementary School with the LES and U39 boards. Mr. Williams updated the board on the Two Rivers SU meetings and the issues with the after school program sustainability. The after school program advisory committee has been working on strategies to improve the enrollment and funding of the program. The boards discussed the Power School software and its benefits to all of the schools with regard to scheduling and curriculum tracking. The boards also discussed the high school considering a 1:1 device program. The electronic devices will replace paper text books if the do move forward with the plan.

The board approved minutes from the previous meeting and then worked on the draft of the budget proposal. There are still many variables that need to be decided at the SU level and at the state level before the budget proposal can be finalized. They also discussed the change in the savings from those that were projected during the planning phase of the new SU.

The next meeting regular meeting will be held on January 2 at Black River High School at 7:00p.m.

## Thank You Everyone

Karl and I would like to thank everyone involved in helping us find our Bloodhound Sallie... She left on 11/27/2012 and we brought her home on 12/12/12....An immediate visit to the vet, Sallie is doing well, and just chilling...She is grounded until she is 100!!!

Many calls from residents of this community, even strangers, with possible sightings, Two confirmed sightings as far away as Weston, near the Priory.

I would like to thank the residents on Station Road for being vigilant, and tolerant of our many all hours of the night drives thru as this is the location that Sallie was first sighted when she went missing!!

Very Special people live on that road and in this community!!! I don't want to leave anyone out, so I won't name names in this message, so this is for all of you.

A very heartfelt thank you, you know who you are!!! Karl & Julie Parsells, Sallie and Dew, Sawyer Hill Road



## Four Generations of Parsells

On August 21, 2012 Karl H. Parsells #4 arrived.

Pictured center holding Karl # 4, is Karl #1

On the left is Karl # 2 and on the right, new Dad Karl # 3

## MOUNT HOLLY SCHOOL SKI PROGRAM

**\*\*CALLING ALL SKI AND SNOWBOARD VOLUNTEERS\*\***

Here we are again, planning another season of the ski and snowboard program at the Mount Holly School. We hope that

you all can join us this year. **This year's dates for skiing are: January 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, February 1<sup>st</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup>, and March 1<sup>st</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>, with a possible make-up day on March 15<sup>th</sup>.**

There are many benefits to volunteering for the school ski program. For each day worked, a volunteer is entitled to one complimentary lift ticket good Sunday through Friday, and any Saturday from March 6<sup>th</sup> until the end of the season. The complimentary tickets are transferable within the immediate dependent family. Tickets can be purchased on the Saturdays before March 6<sup>th</sup> for \$35.00.

On-snow volunteers must be competent in the discipline they intend to teach and must be on standard equipment for the clinic as well as when teaching in the program.

If you would like to volunteer this season for the Mount Holly School Ski Program, please completely fill in the attached Volunteer Date Checklist for days you would like to volunteer and return it with your student's information or email it back to me at: [panascit@rwsu.net](mailto:panascit@rwsu.net)

Thank you for your continued support for this program and giving students the opportunity to learn and enjoy lifetime winter activities. Ted Panasci, Physical Education Teacher, Mount Holly School/Shrewsbury Mountain School, Ski Program Coordinator 259-2392 (MHS)/492-3435 (SMS)/779-4202 (c) [panascit@rwsu.net](mailto:panascit@rwsu.net)

## Attention Message For The Week Readers

If you are missing the Message and would  
Like to receive it again call 1-800-545-0347  
Let them know you would like to have it back.



## Two Rivers Supervisory Union Transition Board planning Is Underway

LUDLOW VT, December 5, 2012 - The Two Rivers Supervisory Union (TRSU) PR Committee is pleased to announce that tremendous progress has already been achieved and planning is well under way for the launch of the Official Two Rivers Supervisory Union on July 1, 2013!

The TRSU Board Principles have been adopted and are as follows:

- The new SU organization will be sized to allow efficient, individual operation of the schools and allow increased potential for improved student opportunities.
- The new SU will promote efficient fiscal operation.
- The new SU will provide opportunities for closing achievement gaps - socioeconomic, gender, etc.
- The new SU will provide greater equity of opportunity for students across the

**Dear Friends and Neighbors,**  
We wish to thank you for all the cards and calls and more, I am recovering faster than I thought possible. {modern medicine}  
What a nice place to live!!  
Again we both thank you and god bless.  
Harold & Cathy

*Happy Holidays  
to all the*

*Wonderful Photographers in Mount Holly!*

Your photos enhance our enjoyment of this beautiful town throughout the year.

It's not too early to start taking photos for the 2013 Photo Contest. Remember, this year we are adding two new categories: People of Mount Holly and A Look to the Past: Photos from more than 20 years ago.

And don't forget to buy your 2013 Mount Holly Calendars! Your purchase of the calendar helps support activities in Mount Holly throughout the year.

Best wishes for a very happy 2013 –  
Janet Warren, Calendar and Photo Contest Coordinator

communities.

e) The new SU will have the potential to provide increased learning opportunities for all members of the student population.

f) The new SU will have the ability to share across schools best practices, professional development, etc.

The TRSU plans for executive leadership through June 2014 have been established. Bruce Williams has accepted the offer to be the new TRSU Superintendent and Linda Waite has accepted the appointment of Associate Superintendent. Bruce and Linda will continue to work in the current year in their present capacities toward the goal of a fully operational new SU by July 1, 2013.

"To help ensure successful implementation and the greatest stability for our educational institutions, during the 2013-14 school year they will work as a team sharing duties of the central office based on their strengths and *interest*", explained Bob Herbst and Allison Deslauriers, Transition Board Co-

Chairs.

Additionally, the following positions have been offered: Director of Special Education to Mary Barton, Director of Information Technology & Instructional Integration to Lauren Baker and Director of Finance to Christopher Adams. The appointments will become effective July 1, 2013.

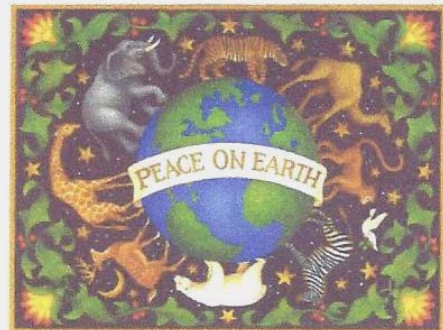
The TRSU Transitional Board consist of board members from all six schools as follows: Wendy Baker (CAES), Susan Barton (LES), Gertrude Bennett (Chester Town), Angela Benson-Ciufo (U#39/Black River and Co Treasurer), Dr. Gene Bont (CTES), Amanda Brown (LES), Tina Cohen (MHES), Liz Crowley (U#39/Black River), Alison Deslauriers (GMUHS and Co Chair), GERALYN Donohue (GMUHS), Julie Dupont (Plymouth Town and Policy Committee Chair), Joseph Fromberger (Andover Town and Co Treasurer, Jessica Goodman (CTES), Linda Guerrero (U#39/Black River), Jeff Hance (CAES), Bob Herbst (MHES and Co Chair), Phillisa Jones-Prescott (CAES), Rich le Tourneau (LES), Stuart Lindberg (CTES), Donna Parker (IES), Ginger Roper (GMUHS), David Venter (MHES), Wayne Wheelock (Baltimore Town).

Currently, the TWSU Transition Board is working on budget preparation and staff structure.

Mr. Stephen Dale, Executive Director, Vermont School Boards Association (VSBA), stated at the November 15<sup>th</sup> TRSU Transitional Board Meeting "that it is impressive what the board has accomplished so far: name, leadership, staffing, budget, policies, etc." He also noted "that it feels that the board is becoming one even though they are still in transition; and they are staying with the notion that this entire process is to be able to give the students the best education possible."

To date, the Facilities Committee met on December 7<sup>th</sup> and the Policies Committee and the Finance Committee have already met three times.

Contact: Liz Crowley, TRSU PR Committee Chair @ [lizcrowley@me.com](mailto:lizcrowley@me.com) Linda Waite, WSWSU Superintendant @ [lwaiate@wswsu.org](mailto:lwaiate@wswsu.org)



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## Christmas Eve & Christmas Day Mass And Services Schedule

*St. Patrick's in Wallingford*

*4:00 pm Christmas Eve*

*9:15 am Christmas Day*

*Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary in Ludlow*

*Christmas Eve*

*5:00 pm & 9:00 pm*

*Christmas Day*

*9:00 am*

*&*

*Holy Name of Mary in Proctorsville*

*Christmas Eve Only*

*7:00 pm*

*&*

*Village Baptist Church in Belmont*

*Christmas Eve Candlelight Service*

*7:00 pm*

*&*

*Ludlow Baptist Church*

*Christmas Cantata & Candlelight Service*

*On The Green*

*Christmas Eve 7:30 pm*

less of a show to usher in 2013! The MHCA will once again have complimentary hot cocoa and mulled wine on hand for your drinking pleasure. Don't miss this wonderful way to welcome in the New Year and don't let the cold discourage you...there is a huge bonfire on the edge of the lake to keep everyone toasty warm. The festivities begin at 8:00 pm. See you there!!

New Year's Eve at Star Lake is the last MHCA event of the year until the regularly scheduled MHCA events resume in the spring. We would like to remind everyone that all of these events are made possible primarily through the **membership of the association**. If you have not joined the MHCA for the 2012 – 2013 year, please do so as soon as possible...we need your support! Membership forms can be obtained at the library, the general store, or by contacting Madeleine Fay, Membership Chair (259-2654), or Carol DeVine, Co-President (259-2562).

Happy New Year to everyone from the Board of Directors of the Mount Holly Community Association!

### Mount Holly Community Association Membership Drive 2012 – 2013

Please join to support...Music on the Green-Mount Holly Day-Garden Tour-Square Dance-Cabaret-Photo Contest-Cider Days-Roast Beef Supper-Halloween Party-Christmas in Mount Holly-New Year's Eve at Star Lake-Spring Mud Fling

And the maintenance of our historic Community Center Building  
Please join today!!

(Brochures available in the library, the General Store, and the post office.)

## Mount Holly Community Association

**Christmas in Mount Holly** continues to enchant children of all ages! This year they were treated to an especially funny skit, *The Villain and the Toy Shop*. Once again the community is indebted to Penny Coldwell and the cast of the Mount Holly Radio Players, who put on a hilarious and memorable show. All of the actors are to be congratulated for stellar performances! Christmas in Mount Holly wouldn't be, well, Christmas in Mount Holly, if it were not for the traditional reading of *The Night Before Christmas*. This well known poem was read once again by Barbara Pallotta, who has been enchanting the children with this beloved classic for many years. Thank you, Barbara! We were also treated to what has become another annual tradition...a Christmas performance and sing along with the Mount Holly Folk Club. All of the singers were in full voice and got everyone in the Christmas spirit through song...thanks so much to all of you! When the last strains of the *Twelve Days of Christmas* were fading in the air, what did we see from inside the library but flashing lights right outside the front door. The children rushed to see the arrival of Santa on a Mount Holly fire truck! They then anxiously awaited their turn to sit on Santa's lap to tell him what they most wanted for Christmas this year. At the end of their wish list, Santa presented each of the children with a small gift, which they certainly appreciated, but what they were most enthusiastic about was the fact that Santa visited Mount Holly in person again this year! Thank you one and all, who made this memorable afternoon possible for the children of all ages from Mount Holly!

We are all looking forward to *New Year's Eve at Star Lake*. The past few years have been witness to unbelievable fireworks displays provided by the Sno\*Drifters and they have promised no



## Mount Holly 2013 Calendar

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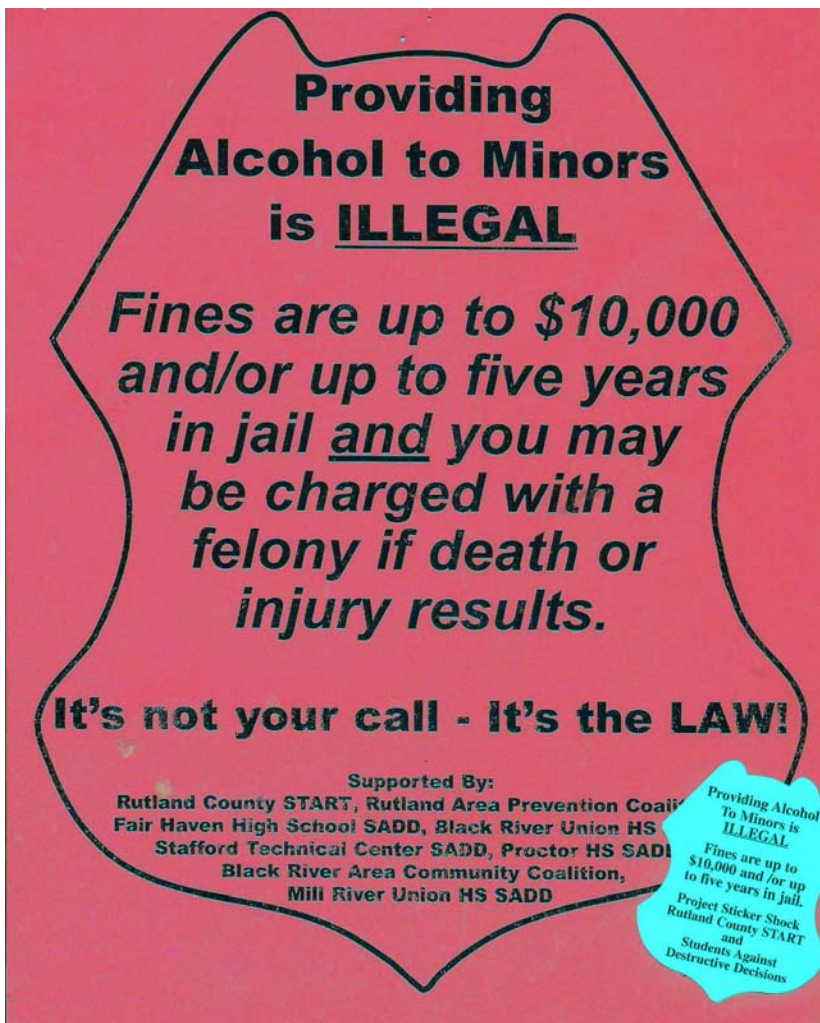
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Providing alcohol to minors is illegal. It can result in a fine of up to \$10,000 and/or up to 5 years in jail and you may be charged with a felony if death or injury results. Don't put yourself or others in harms way this holiday season. Don't provide alcohol to minors and don't drink and drive. Stay safe and have a wonderful holiday season! We want to see you in 2013!!

## Dear FOSL Members:

As the New Year approaches, and the 2012 tax year comes to an end ;-), we'd like to remind you about renewing your annual FOSL membership. Your 2011 contribution was so very valuable to our continuing efforts to maintain Star Lake as an open water body, recreational area, and beautiful natural habitat. For the first time this past summer's program targeted nuisance native species in addition to Eurasian Milfoil using mechanical harvesting. The results were excellent.

The beach was completely free of weeds.... and did you notice, no goose poop this year (another FOSL volunteer project !!). As for fishing, the weed harvesting opened lanes across the Lake and along the shoreline, so after many years of dense weed beds, it was an easy paddle into those favorite fishing spots....and so many of you told us that the fishing was



better than ever.

The costs for the 2012 program were: Contractors, \$14,250; In-kind (volunteers), \$4508. Your contributions were also augmented by a \$4450 grant that FOSL received from the Vermont Dept. of Environmental Conservation. Thanks also to the Mt. Holly Town road crew for helping us remove the 156 cubic yards of harvested weeds !!

So please consider renewing your FOSL membership this calendar year, and note....

**\*\*\* Matching Gift \*\*\*** --- a generous FOSL member has offered to match the contributions from all new members, and existing members who increase their annual levels....Your 2012 membership will be matched dollar for dollar (up to \$5000 total).

<http://www.mounthollyvt.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/03/star-lake-weed-harvesting-2012.pdf>

Please include this section with your gift, payable to "FOSL" and mail to: PO Box 85, Belmont, VT 05730  
[As a 501(c)3 non-profit organization all contributions are tax deductible]

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January 2013 Mount Holly Chit Chat Inc.

## MOUNT HOLLY TOWN LIBRARY

### A Note of Thanks

It is with regret that at the November library board meeting we accepted Debbie Costa's resignation as board member and treasurer. Deb made the transition, from Nelda's lengthy term as treasurer to her own, seamless and worry-free for the board. Her clarity of presentation insured that even the most 'spread sheet reading' challenged understood our financial situation and was invaluable in helping us both plan for the future and keep to the straight and narrow of day to day finances. It will not be easy to replace her and we thank her very much for her invaluable 3½ years of service to the Library, its patrons, board and most especially the librarian. Susan Presson, Chair, Mt Holly Library Board of Trustees.

### Novelist Jon Clinch at the Library



We are pleased to announce that the Mt. Holly Library and The Book Nook will host an author event with novelist Jon Clinch on **Sunday, February 17<sup>th</sup> at 4 pm**. Jon Clinch's first book *Finn* was named [American Library Association Notable Book](#) and was shortlisted for the [National Book Critics Circle's](#) first-ever Best Recommended List. *Finn* was also recognized in many national publications as the best book of 2007. Clinch's second novel, *Kings of the Earth*, published by Random House in 2010 also received wide acclaim and was touted in Oprah magazine. After publication of his second book Jon took the leap of faith and decided to self publish his soon to be released book *The Thief of Auschwitz*. Jon has a fascinating story to tell. Born in upstate New York and educated at Syracuse University, he taught American literature and ended up creative director for various advertising agencies in the [Philadelphia](#) area. He now lives and writes in his beloved Vermont. *The Thief of Auschwitz* is already receiving accolades from notables. Howard Frank Mosher said, "a stunning portrait of how love of family, of freedom, and of art can triumph over pure, relentless evil. For my money, it's the best and most powerful work of fiction ever written about the Holocaust." Jon will read from his new book,

explain the reasons behind the story and will happily discuss his decision to self publish and all its intricacies. Mark this event on your calendar!

### Buy Local Christmas Raffle

The buy local Christmas raffle was a big success thanks to Joan Bradley's lovely handmade afghan and the donations from local Mt. Holly business people. (Please see the list of donors in this publication.) The drawing was held on December 15 at the MHCA Christmas Party. Carol DeVine won the afghan, Nancy Connor won one set of gift certificates and Gail Nadok (Minga Dana's cousin) won the other set. Our thanks and appreciation to Joan and all the local businesses that donated.

### Sign Up for Free Books

Calling all parents of children birth to 5 years of age. The Ludlow Rotary Club has partnered with the Dolly Parton Imagination Library program. This program mails a free, new, age-appropriate book to children each month from birth through age five – potentially 60 books per child. The authors of these books are well respected. Eligible children are those that reside in Ludlow, Mt Holly, Plymouth, Cavendish and South Reading. Research shows that children that participate in this type of program not only do better in kindergarten but also throughout their entire academic career. What fun for children to look forward to a new book each month? Forms for registering children for this program are available at the library.

### Acupuncture Celebration

It has been almost one year since Virginia Voronin started coming each month to give acupuncture clinics at the library. Virginia is a licensed Acupuncturist with her own private practice but brings her talents to us on a donation basis. Participants have enjoyed the great benefits and community aspect of relaxing and restoring our well-being. January 22<sup>nd</sup> we will have a little celebration to honor the first year anniversary. We meet the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month and everyone is welcome to join.

### Listening to a Book Is One Click Away

Many patrons are now happily listening to books on vacations, commuting to work or, my favorite, while doing the boring house work. One Click Digital Recorded Books is a collection of downloadable audio books now available through the Mt. Holly Library. After a quick one-time account set-up process users are able to checkout and download audiobooks via a user friendly application. The One Click Digital Audiobook Program offers patron access to high-quality downloadable Recorded Books. Stop in the library to get started or call and make an appointment to meet with me. I will try and walk you through the process.

### The Mount Holly Playgroup

In June of 2012 Lynn Gould from the Rutland County Parent/Child Center brought her talents to Mt. Holly Playgroup. Lynn has done a wonderful job of attracting parents and their toddlers to the play time every Tuesday at 10 am. Lynn fills the room with inviting toys that stimulate and entertain children. She sings songs, reads stories and provides fun crafts. She provides children the space to acquaint themselves with one another and enjoy individual play. Join this happy group, meet other parents and see your child bloom.

### Bored With Winter

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## FOLA Offers Complete Broadway Musical, "Company", Dec. 27



Alive, Side by Side, The Ladies Who Lunch, Getting Married Today and Company.

Company is not so much a story as a collection of impressionistic scenes that add up to a portrait of a human institution – marriage – in the contemporary world.

This production of Stephen Sondheim's iconic tour de force on contemporary relationships features the New York Philharmonic and an all-star cast, including Craig Bierko, Stephen Colbert (*yes, the same Stephen Colbert from your favorite TV "news" program*), Jon Cryer, Katie Finneran, Neil Patrick Harris, Christina Hendricks, Aaron Lazar, Patti LuPone, Jill Paice, Martha Plimpton, Anika Noni Rose, Jennifer Laura Thompson, Jim Walton and Chryssie Whitehead.

The movie will be shown by FOLA using its new projection equipment. It will be shown at the Ludlow Town Hall Auditorium

On Thursday, December 27 at 7 PM, FOLA will start its 'Okemo Meets FOLA' winter Series of four exceptional movies with a Broadway musical blockbuster, Stephen Sondheim's "Company". The musical is performed in concert (with props) with an all-star Broadway cast supported by the music of the New York Philharmonic Orchestra.

Company revolves around Robert - a single man unable to commit fully to a steady relationship, let alone marriage - the five married couples who are his best friends, and his three girlfriends. Presented as a series of short vignettes linked by a celebration for Robert's 35th birthday, songs include Being



(2nd floor of the building) at 7 PM. The movie is open to all and is free; donations are appreciated. For information, call 802-228-7239.

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## Mount Holly Town News

"The following minutes are considered 'draft' until approved, scheduled for the next Select Board meeting, January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2013."

**SELECT BOARD** ~ December 11, 2012 - Paul Nevin, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm. Raymond Tarbell and Jim Heald were present.

1. The minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 13, 2012 were reviewed. There were no corrections or additions and the minutes were approved.
2. Highways

- FEMA Update. The Town sent in an extension request awhile back, but the State has now prepared formal documents to request this. Tyler from Otter Creek Engineering has prepared these forms for the Sawyer Hill and Fowler Brook Rd culvert upgrade, and is requesting the Select Board sign them. He will then forward them on to the appropriate persons. The State is also requesting signatures to amend the subgrantee agreement for extensions. (The State is the actual grantee with FEMA; towns are subgrantees to the State.) The State is also requesting 'all supporting documents' for extension, but the forms Tyler prepared may be enough. The Board signed the documents.

- J. Brown water system. The work to install the shutoff discussed last month has been completed. The Town was requested to do a water test, but Jim H. spoke with the owner. He will order the test kit and complete it, then submit any bills to the Town.
- Bridge and Highway Weight Restrictions must be filed online with the State

### Town Report Articles & Budgets Due

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### MOUNT HOLLY SELECT BOARD INFORMATIONAL MEETING ON PROPOSED TOWN GARAGE

**Wednesday, January 09, 2013  
7:00 PM**

**Mount Holly School**

The Mount Holly Select Board will hold an informational meeting to present and discuss future plans for the Mount Holly Town Garage.

Mount Holly Select Board  
Paul Nevin, Chairman

by February 10, 2013. The Board made no changes to the current restrictions, which will be filed accordingly.

- The Town received the insurance payment for the replacement of garage items stolen in August.
- Two residents of Straight Road requested that the Town look at ditching on the road. Jeff will view the affected area and determine what action to take.
- Jeff presented a proposed amendment to the Town Road and Bridge Standards regarding buried lines under roads or in town right-of-ways. Jeff felt it is important to have a policy in place to control the placement of such items so that the road crew can work with minimal impact by these structures. The Board will review the proposal and take this up again at a future meeting.

#### 3. Report of Treasurer.

- David Johnson presented an income and expense statement dated November 30, 2012 showing cash balances of \$2,961,752. Money from the General Fund has been transferred to the Asset/Equipment fund, the grader fund and the Bridge and Culvert fund. Expenses all appear to be in line with expectations.
  - The Board set the date for the budget work session to be January 03, 2013 at 7:00pm.
  - The Board reviewed the plowing billing to Wallingford and Plymouth, which the town receives for billing roads that are in those towns, but are more easily reached by Mount Holly. For several years, the billing rates have not matched the amount in the budget. The Board agreed to raise the rates over the next two years to match the budgeted amount.
4. External Audit
    - The auditor reports that everything is going well. He still needs to meet with the Rescue Squad and plans to do that before the holidays.
    - The audit bill will break out amounts for the town, fire department and the rescue squad.
    - The Board signed the contract with the auditor.
  5. Solid Waste:
    - The Town received notice of the public hearing on the RCSWD proposed 2013 budget, scheduled for December 20, 2012 at 6:30 pm. More information is available at the town office.
    - The Board reviewed the updated Transfer Station Price List and User Guide. Pricing has not changed; the updates were made to reflect the free recycling of some electronics (computers, monitors, televisions, etc.) and the zero sort recycling.
    - The expenses and usage continue to be monitored. Trash tonnage is down about 17 tons, recycling tonnage is up about 13 tons. The trash costs are down about \$2300; recycling costs are about \$3000, but the gap appears to be narrowing. Metal recycling proceeds and personnel costs are not included in these figures.
  6. Planning Commission
    - The planning commission held a working group meeting on the town plan last night (12/10). Paul noted that the commission expects to move meeting nights from Monday to Wednesday. A person interested in the administrative assistant position is not available on Mondays.
  7. Other Business
    - Correspondence received:
      - Rutland County budget meetings: public meeting, 12/20/12; budget voted on 01/24/13.
      - Act 250 hearing notice – Timber Creek at Okemo (a 208-unit planned community) two meetings are scheduled: December 19, 2012 and January 18, 2013.



- Vermont Dept. of Corrections is holding a series of 'Town Meetings' to solicit input from the public on DOC related issues. The meetings will be held at Vermont Interactive Technologies locations (one is in Rutland) on 12/04/12, 02/12/13, 05/15/13 and 08/14/13.
  - The town was notified of potential petroleum contamination problem at a Cole Rd. residence.
  - VTrans notified towns of Transportation Alternative Program funding.
  - The Board signed a liquor license renewal for the Brooklyn Pub.
  - The Board agreed to run the ad for the Informational meeting on the Town Garage during the week before Christmas. Since this is informational, not a warning, there is no legal time frame for the notice. The meeting will be on January 9, 2013 at 7:00 pm.
  - Venissa White, with the After School Program, presented an article for funding to go on the March ballot.
  - David Hoeh gave the Board a Complete Streets Guide, which was handed out at the Rutland Regional Transportation Council meeting.
  - Asked by a resident, Paul Nevin confirmed that he will not be seeking reelection as a Selectman in March.
8. The Board reviewed and signed the November orders for payment. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:58 pm. Respectfully submitted, Rhonda Rivers

### Mount Holly Town Auditors Request

Mount Holly Town Auditors are requesting of all organizations who submit articles and or budgets for the Mount Holly Town Report to have your articles typed single spaced and mailed or dropped off or e-mailed to: [mthollyauditors@vermontel.net](mailto:mthollyauditors@vermontel.net) to the Town Office no later than **January 3, 2013**. All articles mail to the Town Office at the following address: Mount Holly Town Office, Attn: Auditors, P.O. Box 248, Mt. Holly, VT 05758. If you have any pictures of your organization or the Town of MT. Holly that have occurred in town this past year and wish to have them included in the Town Report, please send them to us for our consideration. We can scan the photo and return it to you. For more information, call the town office and leave a message for one of the Auditors. Thank You, The Mount Holly Town Auditors

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### Newtown's Hope



Newtown, we all realize, could be *any* town... yes, even Our Town. The national discussion is necessary, but already mind-numbing... assault weapons, mental health issues, gaming violence, and how much the media impacts it all. Throughout history, evil has manifested a dark form of violence specifically toward children, one example from the Christmas narrative being Herod's slaughter of the Bethlehem innocents. Events of this magnitude *do* give us reason to pause and reflect on lessons that can be gleaned.

First, there's a mystery to it. I've been asked why God allows evil and suffering. I don't know. I can't give a direct answer. I never fully understand, even for my own satisfaction. I have to accept that God is a God of love and mercy and compassion even in the midst of suffering.

The Bible says God is *not* the author of evil and it speaks of evil as a mystery. But the Scriptures do tell us that Satan and evil are *real* and that the human heart is capable of almost limitless evil when it is cut off from God and His moral law. Jeremiah said, "The heart is deceitful above all things and desperately wicked..." That's *your* heart and *mine* without God. That's the reason we need Him to change our hearts and "deliver us from evil."

Another lesson here is not only mystery, but a lesson of community coming together. A tragedy like this can tear a family, a community, a nation apart, but instead, much like the Amish schoolhouse shooting, this has *united* us like never before. This tragedy also gives us a lesson in comfort and compassion as we watch the tremendous outpouring of sympathy and help. We also become aware of God's comfort and compassion. Jesus said, "Blessed are those who mourn for they shall be comforted." Whatever the heartache you may be experiencing right now, rest assured that God cares and offers hope for the future because of His promises. As believers in the risen Christ we have the assurance that by

faith there *will be* a glorious reunion of all those who've died before us and gone to heaven, including infants and children. Jesus, the One who has triumphed over evil, death and hell will be there waiting with arms wide open. This is our hope! And it can be your hope as well, whatever you're facing today. Run to Jesus! *Pastor Glenn*



## Sam's Debuts New Lounge, Timber Inn Renovates Five Rooms



an extensive bar menu was developed with burgers and sandwiches priced from \$8 to \$10. Both bar and regular menu are available nightly from 5pm. "You have to check out PRIME, the newest bar and lounge in Ludlow," Graf added.

Directly across Route 103, Graf and photographer Donald Dill also visited the Timber Inn Motel for an update from co-owner Glenn Heitsmith. Like Sam's, the motel was inundated with more than five feet of water during the Aug. 28, 2011 storm. Heitsmith showed off the work on five ground-floor guest rooms.

"We replaced everything that got wet



ground-floor guest rooms by late summer 2013.

"We're glad to have these two businesses almost completely back in business one year later!" Graf added.

Pictured: Head Chef Patrick Norton and Office Manager Patti Williams, Sams Steakhouse and Prime lounge

Pictured: Owner, Glenn Heitsmith, Timber Inn

### By Graf Marji

**LUDLOW** -- Two adjacent businesses – an eatery and a motel – recently completed renovations. Each now offers the newest lounge and guest rooms in the Okemo Valley.

Marji Graf, CEO of the Okemo Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce, visited Sam's Steakhouse to see the recent bar and lounge renovation, designed by Malgosia Urbanoicz of Commercial Arts in Burlington and contracted by Dave Berry Woodworking of Ludlow.

Sam's owner Wally Sabotka said the recent work completes the renovations needed after Tropical Storm Irene. The restaurant re-opened for business shortly after Thanksgiving 2011, Sabotka said, but the bar and lounge project took longer.

"They added additional dining with 34 seats and 10 seats available at the bar, which was renamed PRIME," Graf said. Also,

and chose to include significant bathroom upgrades, such as Toto toilets and tile floors by Peter Dodge," he said. Carpets, windows, doors, pillow-top mattresses, 32-inch TVs, bedding, linen, fixtures and appliances are new.

R.T. Weiss, Builder of Plymouth was the lead carpenter on the Timber Inn project, which also included services from Master Plumbing of Cuttingsville, Mike Copping Electric of Chester, Young's Propane of Springfield, Skip Munro (reconstruction and grounds work) of Mount Holly, LaValley's Building Supply of Ludlow and more.

Heitsmith, whose family has owned the Timber Inn since 1986, expects to complete renovations to the motel's four remaining

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### ***FOLA Receives VCF Award For New Projection Equipment***

FOLA (Friends of Ludlow Auditorium) recently received a \$2,250 grant from the Vermont Community Foundation's Small and Inspiring Grant Program. The grant will help further FOLA's mission of providing quality family-oriented movies in the Ludlow Town Hall Auditorium by utilizing a far more powerful movie projection and lens system.

"This grant provided FOLA with the final monies needed to replace the original projection system," noted Ralph Pace, FOLA chairman. "With this award, FOLA has purchased a projection system that is ten times more powerful than the previous system," he commented, adding, "the initial movie shown with this new system, 'Shane', was like viewing the film in a commercial movie theater."

This acquisition, coupled with the organization's earlier purchase of auditorium-level speakers, will enable FOLA to show films with much higher visual and audio clarity.

"I'm especially anxious to get reactions to our next movie, 'Company', a Broadway musical hit by Stephen Sondheim that we will be showing on Dec. 27 in the auditorium at 7 pm" Pace observed. He indicated that it will feature a stunning cast doing a concert version of the musical, with props, with music provided by the New York Philharmonic orchestra. All FOLA movies are free and open to everyone; donations are appreciated to support this on-going effort.

FOLA, in addition to its frequent movies, also arranges for community discussion for key issues, various musical programs, and comedy and dramatic presentations. More information about FOLA may be found at its web site, [www.fola.us](http://www.fola.us) or 802-228-7239.

The Vermont Community Foundation is a family of funds and foundations established by Vermonters to serve their charitable goals. It provides the advice, investment vehicles, and back-office expertise to make giving easy and inspiring. The Foundation also provides leadership in giving by responding to community needs and keeping Vermont's nonprofit sector vital. Together, its funds and programs provide more than \$12 million a year in grants and other investments in Vermont. Visit [www.vermontcf.org](http://www.vermontcf.org) or call 802-388-3355 for more information.

### **Lovin' Ludlow Winter Carnival Planning Is Underway.**

The Ludlow Streetscapes '2013 Winter Carnival committee is pleased to announce the upcoming 2013 Lovin' Ludlow Winter Carnival planning is well under way!

**LOVIN' Ludlow!**

**WINTER  
CARNIVAL**

The Carnival this year begins on Thursday, February 7<sup>th</sup> and runs through Sunday, February 10<sup>th</sup> with exciting events scheduled each day. "We really spent some time after last year's Carnival reviewing the success of each event and discussing the positive effect each one brings to the community", explained Liz Crowley, Event Chair, who has spearheaded this event for the past three years. "We try to provide events that appeal to all age groups in our community as well as appeal to visitors and second home owners too."

**Here are the events that are ongoing throughout the Winter Carnival.**

**Thursday February 7<sup>th</sup> – Sunday February 10<sup>th</sup>** Enjoy the **Children's Poetry Walk** along Main Street between Elm and Pond Streets and experience why kids "Love Ludlow" in business windows in the heart of the village. Visit the Chamber's Website to find participating retailers in the **Lovin' Ludlow Scavenger Hunt** with daily prize drawings at the Chamber office at 4pm. Many businesses and homes will be participating in the **Snow Sculpture** contest. Visit [www.yourplaceinvermont.com](http://www.yourplaceinvermont.com) to see all participating locations. Don't forget the **Chowda Challenge!** Samples will be available for tasting at Dorsey Park after the parade and before the bonfire. Do you have a fantastic recipe? Contact Gregg at Blue Sky [www.store1@blueskyvt.com](mailto:www.store1@blueskyvt.com) or Patty at The Book Nook [www.thebooknookvt@hotmail.com](mailto:www.thebooknookvt@hotmail.com) and enter your Chowda for a chance to win!

"There are so many events this year we are absolutely preparing for the best Winter Carnival yet", says Crowley. "All the local businesses have a chance to participate and provide some great interaction with the community. Whether hosting an event or contributing to the Chowda Challenge, the Winter Carnival gets everybody involved and excited to be here Lovin' Ludlow!"

#### **About the Lovin' Ludlow Winter Carnival**

The Winter Carnival has become a favorite local festival since it began in 1978. Local trivia has Ken Tofferi at the Totem Pole winning the Snow Sculpture in those early years of 1978 and 1979! There have been many different groups responsible for the Winter Carnival in Ludlow over the years but Ludlow Streetscapes has been the driving force behind the Carnival for the past two years. All proceeds benefit Ludlow Streetscapes and the Fourth of July Fireworks.

**Contact:** Liz Crowley, Event Chairperson 802-228-2126 or @ [lizcrowley@me.com](mailto:lizcrowley@me.com) Julie Holmberg Bowyer @ [julie@bowyermarketing.com](mailto:julie@bowyermarketing.com)

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## Vermont Adult Learning Celebrates New Location in Downtown Rutland

Rutland - The ribbon is cut at the Rutland Region Chamber of Commerce Ribbon Cutting and Grand Opening Celebration of Vermont Adult Learning's new location, 16 Evelyn St., Suite 101, Rutland, VT. Vermont Adult Learning is occupying the newly remodeled space formerly occupied by Community College of Vermont. Vermont Adult Learning provides adults with essential skills education to further their educational, employment and personal goals in order to expand their options and capabilities in the family, community and workplace. Services are available to all out-of-school Vermonters, age 16 and above for High School Completion Program (ages 16-21), Vermont Adult Diploma Program (ages 21+, 18-20 with waiver) and General Education Development (GED) (ages 16+). For information regarding their products and services call 802-775-0617 or go to [www.vtadultlearning.org](http://www.vtadultlearning.org).



**Pictured:** Tom Donahue, Executive Vice President/CEO, Rutland Region Chamber of Commerce, Marleen Cenate, President, Rutland Region Chamber of Commerce, Pat Menduni, Office of Congressman Peter Welch, Sherri Birkheimer Rooker, Rutland Region Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, Nancy Conner, Office Manager, Vermont Adult Learning, Pixie Loomis, Executive Director, Vermont Adult Learning, Dave Allaire, President, Rutland City Board of Alderman, Michelle Folger, Regional Manager, Vermont Adult Learning, Nancy Burzon, Executive Director, Rutland Region Workforce Investment Board Paula Baker, Director, Rutland Free Library, Mark Foley, Pistols & Roses/MKF Properties, Michelle Bailey, Pistols & Roses/MKF Properties, Carolun Farnel, VT Associates, Jerry Hansen, Rutland Region Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, Gary Jacquith, Creative Workforce Solutions

## Holiday Shopping at the Fletcher Farm School for the Arts and Crafts

The Fletcher Farm School for the Arts and Crafts fourth annual Holiday Shoppe will be open November 24<sup>th</sup> through December 30<sup>th</sup>. It will be open 7 days a week from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Unique one-of-a-kind crafts that will make great gifts for family and friends will be available, including a wide selection of Holiday ornaments, jewelry, stained glass, marbled items, photography, hooked rugs, wooden toys, and many other selections. Come and do your Holiday Shopping and support this great organization at the same time!

While you are visiting the Shoppe, take time to stop and enjoy the beautiful Christmas village, as well as a fully furnished handcrafted doll house decorated for the Holidays. Both will be displayed throughout the Holiday Season.

The Society of Artists and Craftsmen, which operates the Fletcher Farm School, will be having its annual Holiday Cookie Sale on Saturday December 15<sup>th</sup>. At this not-to-be missed event, a variety of homemade cookies will be sold by the pound. Come fill one, or more festive tins to use as gifts or to enjoy at your holiday celebrations. The cookies are irresistible family favorites prepared by Society Members. Plan to come early as these delicious treats sell-out quickly!



The Society of Artists and Craftsmen wishes everyone a safe and happy Holiday Season. Looking ahead--Prevent cabin fever by taking a class at the Fletcher Farm School. Visit our website: [www.fletcherfarm.org](http://www.fletcherfarm.org) for upcoming winter and spring classes. We are located at 611 Route 103 South, Ludlow, VT. Tel: 802-228-8770.

The Society of Vermont Artists and Craftsmen, Inc. is a non-profit 501(c) (3) publicly supported organization. The Fletcher Farm School for the Arts and Crafts is operated by the Society of Vermont Artists and Craftsmen, Inc. The Society has leased the campus and buildings that house the school from the Fletcher Farm Foundation, Inc. since 1947.



## Preschoolers Visit Local Restaurant

*Students at The Little School partner with The Bryant House for hands on learning experience.*



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The Vermont Country Store continues to be a strong supporter of The Little School and the rest of the Weston community.

The Little School, located in Weston, VT, is a NAEYC-accredited nonprofit early childhood program that welcomes over 50 young children ages 2 through 5 years and their families. Beginning in 1976, the educators at The Little School have offered full-day and morning preschool programs with a curriculum that has been carefully structured to promote the emotional, social, cognitive and physical development of each child. For more information please contact administration at 802-824-3405 or [admin@littleschoolvt.org](mailto:admin@littleschoolvt.org). Meghan Meszkat



### Can Cow Poop Save Farms and the Environment? New Documentary Covers Vermont's Fight to Save Dairy Farms through Cow Power Energy Program

Contact: Allison Gillette, Director/ Producer of Cow Power: The Film

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Dairy farms across the USA are going out of business, but hidden in Vermont is an alternative fuel source that could change the nation.

Cow Power: The Film, a new investigative documentary, focuses on the history and science behind the Green Mountain Power Cow Power project; the world's only utility offering electricity created from cow manure.

The film will reveal the heartwarming story behind the GMP Cow Power project, which has mobilized a community of devoted Vermonters and business owners hell-bent on ensuring its success. The program has gained support from major local businesses including LongTrail brewery, Vermont Clothing Company, Green Mountain College and Middlebury College.

This unique energy initiative provides grants and technical support to local Vermont dairy farmers who choose to install anaerobic methane digesters on their farms in an effort to reduce electricity costs and carbon footprints.

The fight to garner support for the program is growing across the nation, spurred on by the efforts of the Cow Power: The Film documentary team. The crew behind the movie and their corresponding initiative, the MOOvement, has been heralded by several Hollywood executives such as Jason Brubaker, Hollywood producer and founder of *Filmmaking Stuff*, and Rick Allen, CEO of SnagFilms. The film's producer, Allison Gillette, recently spoke in Chicago at the Innovation Center for U.S Dairy's Sustainability Summit. The summit includes leaders from across the industry like General Mills, World Wildlife Fund, McDonalds, Land O Lakes and Pepsico.

If implemented across the country, Cow Power has the potential to cover 10% of the nation's energy needs. The Film is mobilizing farmers and politicians alike to create Cow Power programs in their states, proving that Cow Power is not only a viable solution, but also a practical answer to pressing issues in agriculture and the environment.

The film's trailer was recently released on [www.cowpowerfilm.com](http://www.cowpowerfilm.com).



### BLACK RIVER GOOD NEIGHBOR FURNITURE DONATIONS ALWAYS IN NEED

For over twenty five years Black River Good Neighbor Services has served the community with a thrift store that depends on the community's generous donations and we deeply appreciate all of the donations that we receive. Our newly opened used furniture store at 105 Main Street, Ludlow has been quite successful in serving area residents and as the donations come in they quickly go out. Just as at our main thrift store, sales directly benefit the community. Whether from sales of clothing or of furniture, we put all of our profits into buying food or paying rent, heat and utilities for those in need.

We are so grateful to all of our benefactors and the support that we receive from so many kind people. But the need is great, so we ask that as you receive new furniture please think of BRGNS for your used, quality unwanted pieces. If you are downsizing and have unwanted furniture or are cleaning out closets and drawers to make room for the new, please keep BRGNS in mind. You can arrange to donate furniture by calling (802) 228-3663. We will find a mutually convenient time to accept your delivery. Non-furniture deliveries are accepted Monday through Saturday at our thrift store, 37B Main Street, Ludlow. We will provide a receipt as all donations are tax deductible. As always, cash is always welcome.

The need is still great for food, warm clothing, bedding—anything that is in good condition.

We at BRGNS wish you the jolliest of holidays and the happiest New Year!

## Okemo Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce

Chamber Corner, January 1, 2013

**The Chamber staff wishes everyone a Happy and Healthy New Year!**

**The Okemo Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce welcomes in the following 2013 Board of Directors:**

Julie Bowyer, CTM Media ~ Dan Cote, Inn Victoria ~ Liz Crowley, CZ Construction Management ~ William Dakin, Dakin & Benelli, PC ~ Donald Dill, Images by Donald Dill ~ Teresa DiNapoli, Vermont Country Properties, Sotheby's International Realty ~ Brain Halligan, Okemo Mountain Resort ~ Layne Herschel, Fletcher Farm School for the Arts & Crafts ~ Mary Knight, Knight Tubs ~ Ed Matulionis, The Richards Group ~ Natalie Rosa, Hawk Inn & Mountain Resort ~ Jim Szabo, The Vermont Country Store ~ Ronald Theissen, Skygate Financial Services, Ronald J. Theissen, CPA, CFP ~ Mark Verespy, The Killarney ~ Julie Woods, The Golden Stage Inn



l-f Jim Szabo, Mark Verespy, Julie Woods, Brian Halligan, Ed Matulionis, Julie Bowyer, Mary Knight, Bill Dakin, Teresa DiNapoli

Not shown in picture: Dan Cote, Liz Crowley, Donald Dill, Layne Herschel, Natalie Rosa

We had a wonderful Annual Meeting at the Echo Lake Inn with 55 member companies present. The food was excellent and a big thank you goes to Laurence Jeffrey, Chef Kevin and their staff! The atmosphere was festive and the website stat update by Kasia Karazim of Green Mountain Marketing and Advertising and the tourism stats by the Vermont Department of Tourism and Marketing Commissioner Megan Smith, were exciting and informative.

The Chamber streamlined operations last year by taking the Regional guidebook in house and re-designed our website with added features and benefits both for members and visitors alike!

### **Exciting news for 2013!**

- \* We will be producing one regional guidebook from May 2013 – May 2014. It will include an expanded service section and more information about our towns.
  - \* We are creating a Southern Vermont Home and Garden Show at the Ludlow Community Center on April 6 & 7 with hands on demonstrations every hour. Free to the public.
  - \* We are hosting our first education program on January 10<sup>th</sup> at 8:30a at The Pointe Hotel Conference Room. TOPIC: Healthcare. Free for members.\$10 guests.
  - \* We will be promoting the Lovin' Ludlow Winter Carnival (2/7-10) and the Chester Winter Carnival (2/15-17) with google ad campaigns and featured on our website [www.yourplaceinvermont.com](http://www.yourplaceinvermont.com)
  - \* We will be promoting the Okemo Valley and its member businesses at The New York Times Travel Show from January 17-21 and at The Boston Globe Travel Show on February 8-10.
  - \* We will be welcoming the VT Challenge bicycle tour to our area August 14-18
  - \* We will be welcoming the Harley Owners Group to the Okemo Valley on August 22-24. We are expecting 1500 Harley Davidson motorcycles coming to our area. [www.ironadventure.com](http://www.ironadventure.com)
  - \* We are offering a discount Chamber drug card. Please stop in the chamber office to get one. They are free and can save you up to 75% off your prescriptions.
  - \* Ever want to go to Hong Kong or Thailand? Here's your chance: For \$3,099 you can go on a 9 day all-inclusive trip with our international travel partner, Citilinc. Details can be found on our website under Travel with the Chamber or this link: <http://www.yourplaceinvermont.com/wp-content/uploads/2012/06/Thailanditinerary.pdf>
- You will need to act fast: This package includes Round trip international airfare, 5-star or 4-star hotel accommodations, deluxe tour bus, a knowledgeable English speaking tour guide in each city, three full meals every day, fees for all tour attractions, airport taxes and air fuel surcharge. Double occupancy.



## Thinking About Selling Your Vermont Home in 2013?

By Gail Graves, Advisor/Realtor® **ENGEL & VÖLKERS**, Woodstock

January, 2013

Mortgage interest rates continue at **record lows**! This the perfect time for a Buyer to Buy!

With inventory at a **record high**, you need to make sure your house is the **Best Deal In Town**. Here are the things you should consider before putting your house on the market:

- Take a look at the competition. Get a list of all the properties on the market in your neighborhood. With so much being available on-line these days, you probably can take a tour of every house without leaving your living room. You should be priced at just below your nearest competition.
- Pull together every document you can on every aspect of your home. One of

the biggest stumbling blocks in today's real estate transaction is "unknown" systems. If you have an "out of town" buyer, one of the scariest things for them to hear is that you don't know the capacity, size, location of the septic system or the well. The best thing you can do to alleviate their anxiety over these typical "unknowns" is to have documentation for as much as possible.

- Here's a list to get you started:
  - o Your Deed. Make sure the names on the Deed match your current situation. If you are selling a family home in a trust, be sure all trust documents are in order.
  - o Survey if you have one – a tax map will be the 2<sup>nd</sup> best.
  - o Tax Bill
  - o Utility Bills (even just a list of Utilities with annual averages is fine)
  - o Plans if you built the house
  - o Any permits received when you built or purchased your home
  - o Septic design, State Permit (if you feel this exists, but don't have a copy, you can go to <http://www.anr.state.vt.us/dec/wwwdocs/cfm/permitgetform.cfm>.)
  - o Records of septic pumping, maintenance
  - o Any records indicating the depth and capacity of your well
  - o Manuals on all appliances
  - o Any warranties that may be transferrable
- If you have an older home and don't know a lot of the details about the systems and structure, you should consider getting a building inspection prior to putting it out on the market. This way, you will already know what issues any Buyer will uncover.



The most common tests would be structural review, electrical, plumbing, water test and testing for Radon in the air and in the water. Prices vary and there are several reputable Home Inspection Companies in the area.

- Review this list of common maintenance practices and make sure you do them prior to listing or that you have done them within the past year:

Have Heating System Cleaned and Serviced ~ Have Chimney Cleaned ~ Have Septic Pumped ~ Put a fresh coat of paint in rooms that look a little "tired".

Take a look at your front entrance. Does it look inviting? Consider painting/staining the front door and/or decorating for the Holiday Season. First Impressions Mean A Lot!

### Rutland Area Visiting Nurse Association & Hospice

#### Blood Pressure & Foot Care Clinics For January 2013

The Rutland Area Visiting Nurse Association & Hospice is offering the following Blood Pressure and Foot Care Clinics. There is a suggested donation of \$2 for blood pressure and \$5 for foot care. For more information please call 775-0568.

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| · Wednesday, Jan. 2,  | 10:30a.m.,  | Wallingford House, Wallingford |
| · Thursday, Jan. 3,   | 10 a.m.,    | Parker House, Rutland          |
| · Wednesday, Jan. 16, | 9:30 a.m.,  | Sheldon Towers, Rutland        |
| · Wednesday, Jan. 16, | 11 a.m.,    | Linden Terrace, Rutland        |
| · Thursday, Jan. 17,  | 10 a.m.,    | Maple Village, Rutland         |
| · Wednesday, Jan. 30, | 12:30 p.m.  | Godnick Center, Rutland        |
| · Thursday, Jan. 31,  | 12:30 p.m., | Community Center, N. Clarendon |



### GOT CHOLESTEROL?

The Rutland Area Visiting Nurse Association & Hospice (RAVNAH) is offering a comprehensive cardiovascular/cholesterol health risk screening, including total lipid profile and blood glucose at the RAVNAH office on 7 Albert Cree Drive, in Rutland on Wednesday, January 2, beginning at 8:30 a.m. Please call (802) 775-0568 in advance for an appointment.

The total lipid profile is a group of tests to determine risk of coronary heart disease. The blood glucose test screens for diabetes. The complete lipid profile requires 8 – 12 hour fast prior to the test to ensure accurate results. The cost for a complete lipid profile and glucose is \$30.



## RAVNAH Named Home Care Elite Agency for the 6th Time!

Rutland Area Visiting Nurse Association & Hospice (RAVNAH) announced that it has been named a Top Agency of the 2012 HomeCare Elite™, a compilation of the top-performing home health agencies in the United States. Now in its seventh year, the HomeCare Elite identifies the top 25 percent of Medicare-certified agencies in the country. Winners are ranked by an analysis of publicly available performance measures in quality outcomes, process measure implementation, patient experience (Home Health CAHPS), quality improvement, and financial performance. The 2012 HomeCare Elite is the only performance recognition of its kind in the home health industry.

"The 2012 HomeCare Elite winners demonstrate a commitment to providing patient-centered care and serving as leaders in the home health community. Their success offers data-driven proof of being well-managed and high quality care providers to hospitals and other medical care partners across the healthcare continuum," said Susan L. Henricks, President and COO of National Research Corporation, the parent company of OCS HomeCare. "We congratulate RAVNAH on being recognized as a top home care agency."

Ron Cioffi, RAVNAH's CEO, credits high quality standards in patient care and outstanding and responsive customer service in continuing to excel in clinical and financial outcomes. "We are honored to again earn this distinction", said Cioffi. "This is RAVNAH's 6<sup>th</sup> year in receiving this award and reflects the dedication and commitment of our staff and board of directors in achieving this high level of performance."

The 2012 HomeCare Elite is co-sponsored by National Research Corporation (also known as OCS HomeCare), the leading provider of cross-continuum healthcare metrics and analytics, and DecisionHealth, the publisher of the industry's most respected independent newsletter *Home Health Line*.

The entire list of 2012 HomeCare Elite agencies can be downloaded by visiting the National Research Corporation website at [www.nationalresearch.com](http://www.nationalresearch.com).

RAVNAH is a local, non-profit, Medicare-certified home health agency serving thousands of residents throughout Rutland County, Dorset and Rupert with home and community health services.

For more information about RAVNAH and HomeCare Elite call 775-0568 or visit [www.ravnah.org](http://www.ravnah.org).

## Information For Seniors

Information & assistance for older adults (age 60+) living in Rutland and Bennington counties is easily accessible by calling the Senior HelpLine at the Southwestern Vermont Council on Aging. Callers are connected to a real person who can answer questions on a variety of programs and services: transportation, housing, home care, meals on wheels, Medicare and Medicare D, prescription assistance, care-giver supports, financial assistance, assisted living, senior groups, recreation, etc. This is a free service of the Council on Aging, a non-profit agency serving Seniors and their families since 1974. Contact the Senior HelpLine at 802-786-5991 or 1-800-642-5119; or visit the website at [www.svcoa.org](http://www.svcoa.org).

## RAVNAH Nurse Earns Certification as OASIS Specialist

Rutland Area Visiting Nurse Association & Hospice (RAVNAH) is pleased to announce that Ann Ryan, RN has successfully passed a national exam and was recently awarded her certification as an OASIS Clinical Specialist.

The Outcome and Assessment Information Set (OASIS) is a quality measure used in home health agencies across the country to enhance care for patients in the home. Home care providers may take this exam in order to demonstrate and establish their expertise and commitment to OASIS data accuracy.

With the new certification, Ryan will help those in the field ensure that patient diagnoses are properly coded based on OASIS data and that recommendations for other necessary services can be provided.

RAVNAH is a local, non-profit Medicare certified agency that has been providing home and community health services since 1946. For additional information, contact Ron Cioffi, RAVNAH Executive Director at 775-0568 or visit [www.oasisanswers.com](http://www.oasisanswers.com).

## Hospice Volunteer Training

Rutland Area Visiting Nurse Association & Hospice (RAVNAH) will offer a free 8 week volunteer training course for individuals who wish to become hospice and palliative care volunteers in Rutland County, Dorset and Rupert. The course, "Sharing the Journey" consists of eight 3-hour classes beginning February 20, 2013.

Topics include *Death and Dying, Family Dynamics, Spirituality and Bereavement, Privacy and Confidentiality, Care and Comfort Measures, Communication Skills and Boundary Issues*. The sessions will be held at RAVNAH, 7 Albert Cree Drive in Rutland. Contact John Campbell, Hospice Volunteer Coordinator at 770-1683 or email [jcampbell@ravnah.org](mailto:jcampbell@ravnah.org).

## The Belmont Body and Soul Shop Introduces ~ A Woman's Way Workshops

We are excited to announce a Community Workshop Series beginning in January. The Belmont Body and Soul Shop will sponsor workshops focusing on different topics that are supportive to our lives as women. The First Workshop will be a great topic to ring in the New Year: "Dwelling in the Spirit of Joy" This workshop will be presented by Karen Brook, Ph.D. Karen is a frequent presenter at conferences dealing with topics that enhance and improve the quality of our lives. Her background includes careers in Mental Health, Education, Medicine, and Spiritual Counseling. Karen also has extensive experience in Creative Mediation and Conflict Resolution. Additionally Karen is a published Writer, Professional Musician and Artist. Her emphasis is always on finding the peace and joy within.

**This series will be presented free of charge. Saturday January 26 11-1:30, refreshments will be provided. All are welcome! Please RSVP so we can best prepare for your attendance**

**Place: The Belmont Body and Soul Shop, 467 Belmont Road, Mount Holly VT 802-259-2131 [RobinOfBlueskies@aol.com](mailto:RobinOfBlueskies@aol.com)**

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## Gorgeous Home Drastically Reduced



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The entertaining-style floor plan includes a large kitchen with bar/island seating, an informal dining room with stone fireplace which is adjacent to the comfortable living room. There is a cozy den located on the main level just for a quiet moment. The master suite includes a walk-in closet and large master bath. A brand new large screened in porch is located off the dining area. This easily maintained home comes equipped with a generator. Newly priced at \$342,800.

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