



# Mount Holly Chit Chat

39/9

November 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, 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

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**Burn Permits:** Call Fire Warden ~ Jim Seward 786-3408 or 259-2211

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



*All Saints' Day*

Sat 1<sup>st</sup> *Only Flight of Howard Hughes "Spruce Goose" 1947 ~ All Souls' Day*

Sun 2<sup>nd</sup> *Daylight Savings Ends*

Sun 3<sup>rd</sup> Fire Dept. Business Meeting, Belmont Fire Station 7:00 pm

Mt. Holly Sno\*Drifter Meeting, Belmont Fire Station 8:00 am

**9 Day Shotgun or Bow & Arrow Turkey Season Ends**

6<sup>th</sup> Mt. Holly School Board Meeting, Mt. Holly School 7:00 pm

Union #39 School Board Meeting, Mt. Holly School 7:00 pm

Mt. Holly Community Association Meeting, Library 7:00 pm

7<sup>th</sup> *Marie Sklodowska Curie 1867*

Sat 9<sup>th</sup> *Youth Deer Weekend ~ Berlin Wall Opens 1989*

Sun 10<sup>th</sup> **16 Day Shotgun or Bow & Arrow Turkey Season Ends ~ Youth Deer Weekend ~ US Marine Corps Est 1775**

11<sup>th</sup> Rescue Squad Meeting, Rescue Squad Building *Veterans' Day ~ WWI Armistice 1918* 7:00 pm

12<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

Mason Meeting, Mt. Moriah Lodge, E. Wallingford 8:00 pm

13<sup>th</sup> Fire Dept. Ladies Auxiliary Meeting, Belmont Fire Station *Robert Louis Stevenson 1850* 7:00 pm

ODD Fellows Meeting, IOOF Hall, Belmont 7:00 pm

Mt. Holly PTC Meeting, Mt. Holly School Library 3:00 pm

14<sup>th</sup> **Woodcock Season Ends**

15<sup>th</sup> **Black Bear Early Season Ends**

Sat 16<sup>th</sup> **Rifle Deer Season, Black Bear Late Season**

18<sup>th</sup> Mount Holly Planning Commission, Town Office 7:30 pm

19<sup>th</sup> Fire Dept. work night, Fire Stations *Gettysburg Address 1863* 7:00 pm

20<sup>th</sup> Mt. Holly Town Library Meeting, Library, Belmont 7:00 pm

21<sup>st</sup> M.H. Republican Committee Meeting, Mt. Holly Town Office 7:00 pm

Sun 24<sup>th</sup> **Black Bear Late Season Ends**

25<sup>th</sup> Rescue Squad Meeting, Rescue Squad Building 7:00 pm

26<sup>th</sup> Community Guild Meeting, IOOF Hall, Belmont 9:00 am

Fire Dept. Drill, Fire Station 7:00 pm

27<sup>th</sup> ODD Fellows Meeting, IOOF Hall, Belmont 7:00 pm

28<sup>th</sup> *Happy Thanksgiving ~ Hanukkah Begins*

Sat 30<sup>th</sup> **Largemouth & Smallmouth Bass Season Ends**

Dec 1<sup>st</sup> **Rifle Deer Season Ends ~ Bobcat & Fisher Trapping Season**

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## Emergency Services

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

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



**November Anniversaries:** 15<sup>th</sup> -Wayne & Lori Wheelock

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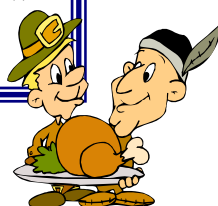
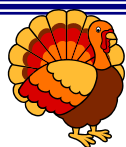
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& 1:30 pm – 4:45 pm  
Sat 8:00 am – 10:45 am

### East Wallingford 802-259-2829

Post Master: Lynnette Devereux

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

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

### Ludlow 802-228-7436

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Sat 6:30 am – 11:00 am

Window Hours: Mon – Fri 8:30 am – 5:00 pm

Sat 8:30 am – 10:30 am

## Karl H. Parsells



Karl H. Parsells, 77, died on October 8, 2013, after a courageous battle with cancer, surrounded by his family at the home he built in Mount Holly, Vt.

He was born April 2, 1936, in Englewood, N.J., the son of Kenneth E. and Henrietta B. (Michels) Parsells.

While in high school, Karl began working in his father's construction business, K.B.C. Smith Construction Co., in Englewood, N.J., and ultimately took over the business upon his father's death in 1967.

In 1974, Karl fulfilled his lifelong dream of being a farmer and living in the country by moving his family to the Mount Holly, Vt., hillside farm his parents had purchased in the 1950s.

There, he continued in the construction trade, building many houses in the area over many years. Karl gained a reputation of being a fine craftsman and woodworker, and was quick to offer advice to anyone seeking it. He had a very good eye for design.

After moving to the farm, Karl began his second career as a hog farmer, supplying meat and piglets to countless friends and neighbors. This activity led to the establishment of the annual Parsells' pig roast. Karl loved the gathering of friends and family for this annual event and the bountiful variety of food - another love of his.

Survivors include his wife of 55 years, Blossom M. (Koch) Parsells of Mount Holly; four children, Karleen Werner and her husband, Peter, of Brandon, Karl H. Parsells II and his wife, Julie, of Mount Holly, Dwight Parsells and his wife, Rose, of Tyson and Jennifer Ryan of Amherst, Mass.; eight grandchildren, Erik, Kirsten, Cassandra and her fiancé, Nick, Karl III and his partner, Stacy, Damek, Kieran, George and Crystal; five great-grandchildren, Taylor, Ava, Karl IV, Dominic and Sam; and one niece.

He was predeceased by a brother, Kenneth Parsells.

The calling hours were held Thursday, Oct. 10, 2013, from 2-4 p.m., with

funeral service following at 4 p.m. Thursday, in the Tossing Funeral Home, with the Rev. Cynthia Yee, RAVNA & Hospice chaplain.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Foley Cancer Center, 160 Allen St., Rutland, VT 05701. Arrangements are under the direction of Tossing Funeral Home.

## Mamie Era Richards



Mamie Era Richards loving mother, grandmother and great grandmother, peacefully died in her sleep at home on October 18<sup>th</sup>, 2013 at the age of 88, following a long illness.

She was born in Romeo, Florida on September 20<sup>th</sup>, 1925 to Clara Barton (Lewis) and Ollie Clyde Markham. Following her graduation from Dunnellon High School in Dunnellon, Florida, she worked as a telephone operator during World War II. She met Miles Richards at a USO function, and they later married in Beaumont, Texas in 1946 and lived in the Rutland area throughout their 58 years together.

Mamie worked many years as a secretary for various businesses and organizations in Rutland, including the Howe Richardson Scale Co, Alcohol Information and Referral Center, and the College of St. Joseph. She also served as a RSVP Volunteer at the District court of Vermont, was instrumental in initiating the monthly Senior Luncheon supported by the Southwestern Vermont Council on Aging in Mt. Holly, and actively involved in RSVP Bone Builders. She was a member of the First Congregational Church of Wallingford, the VFW Auxiliary, and the Rural Letter Carrier Auxiliary. She also served as auditor for the

town of Mt. Holly for several years. An avid bowler for many years, Mamie won many tournaments and was especially proud of her game winning high of 254.

She is survived by her children George Richards and wife, Lois of Aurora, Ill.; Pamela Terril and husband, Bruce of Vienna, VA.; son-in-law Dale Decker of Canaan, Maine; Martha Moyer and husband, Norman of Mt. Holly, VT; Millicent Johnson, and husband, James of Mt. Holly, VT; Miles Richards, Jr and wife Deborah of Bennington, VT; Clara Levesque, and husband, Richard of Nashua, NH; five siblings, 16 grandchildren, and 10 great-grandchildren. She was predeceased by her husband, Miles Richards, Sr. and her daughter, Ruth Decker wife of Dale Decker.

The Memorial Service will be held Saturday Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup>, at 1:00 p.m. at the First Congregational Church of Wallingford. Burial will follow at the Laurel Glen Cemetery in Cuttingsville.

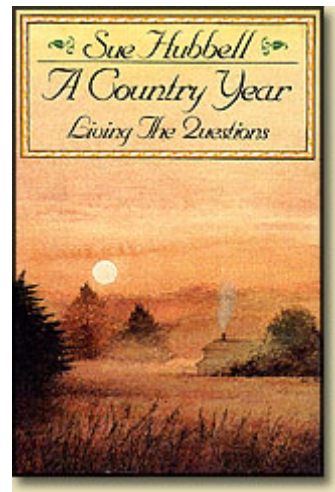
Memorial Contributions may be given to the charity of your choice. Arrangements are under the direction of Tossing Funeral Home in Rutland.



## Mount Holly Library Reading Discussion Group

The Mount Holly Library Reading Discussion Group is reading *A Country Year* by Sue Hubbell for our November 13th meeting. We will meet at Karen Brook's on the Straight Road in Belmont at 7:00 p.m. Call Minga Dana with any questions at 259-2471.

We welcomed a new member at our October meeting, his spouse became a member last year, and they are both great additions to the group. If you have been thinking of joining give yourself a free and fun gift for the holidays and join us this month. This is sponsored by the Mount Holly Town Library at no cost to the participants.



## CONGRATULATION GIRLS VARSITY SOCCER UNDEFEATED SEASON

In one of the most exciting game of the season the Windsor Yellow Jackets played tough. At 1/2 time they led 2 - 1 and were playing like a team that had something to prove. In the second 1/2 Black River woke up and realized what had happened and what needed to be done. They did it with a final score of 3 - 2. Great season girls. Good luck in the play-offs. MHNNewsflash



Thanks to everyone who supported  
Mount Holly School's Souper Kids  
Stand at Cider Days!

It was a great experience all the  
way around!  
Hope to see you again next year!



## To the Mount Holly Chit Chat,

My name is Aislynn Kelley. I wanted to say thank-you to the community for all of the support

I received with my dog treat business. During Cider Days, I was able to raise almost \$300.00 for my dog shelter charities. Since the start of my business (D'Aisy) this past summer I have raised almost \$500.00!

I will be working on a website at school, hopefully getting a Facebook page and creating a business plan.

You can order treats by calling me at home 259-3112 or emailing me at aisy188@hotmail.com. I will continue to bake treats through the winter. We will deliver locally for free and the treats will keep for several months in the refrigerator or freezer. Remember that a portion of all sales go right to the dogs in need.

## Mt. Holly School Board Meeting

The Mt. Holly school board met on Wednesday, October 7 at the Ludlow Elementary School multipurpose room with the LES and U39 boards. The boards discussed the Two Rivers SU meetings and adopted a new, revised policy manual. They discussed Mt. Holly's excellent NECAP results. The board also discussed school choice and wanted to pursue extending it to middle school and elementary students. They also discussed the expenditure report and will be discussing a preliminary budget at the next meeting.

The board approved the minutes of the previous meeting. They also discussed the summit of experts to identify the source of the odor in the school. The experts have found the source and the school has begun repairs.

The next meeting will be on November 6, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. at Mt. Holly Elementary School.



## Suicide Prevention Letter

My name is Deb Harrison and I am the clinician here at Black River Middle and High School. I just wanted to introduce myself and share with you that this week is Suicide Prevention Awareness month.

As the school year starts, we know that this can be a time of stress and anxiety for many kids. Major changes in schedules, peers, season, all can contribute to feeling overwhelmed and hopeless. Unfortunately we also know that some people, especially young people, consider suicide as a way to manage. One proven way to decrease suicide in our community is to increase awareness of this issue and to know the warning signs. A few of these signs are:

Talking about wanting to die or to kill oneself ~ Looking for a way to kill oneself, such as searching online or buying a gun ~ Talking about feeling hopeless or having no reason to live ~ Talking about feeling trapped or in unbearable pain ~ Talking about being a burden to others ~ Increasing the use of alcohol or drugs ~ Acting anxious or agitated; behaving recklessly ~ Sleeping too little or too much ~ Withdrawing or feeling isolated ~ Showing rage or talking about seeking revenge ~ Displaying extreme mood swings ~ Giving away possessions \*Warning signs from [www.suicidepreventionlifeline.org](http://www.suicidepreventionlifeline.org)

As a way to increase awareness here at school, tomorrow I will be asking all students to add the National Suicide Hotline number into their phones. We know that hotline numbers help many who are in need of immediate support, and this is a great way for students to have the number if ever they need it for themselves, their friends, or their families. I would recommend you add this to your phone as well; it is 1-800-273-TALK (8255).

IF YOU ARE CONCERNED about your student being at risk, PLEASE call me at 802-228-3505, or call the local crisis team at 1-800-622-4235. I can provide you with information, resources, education, or support. No concern is too minor. Again, we know increased awareness works to prevent teen suicide. Please talk about this with your children; let them know I will be giving them the number tomorrow, and that I am a resource if they are worried about themselves or a friend being at risk.

Thank you for your time! Deb

**Additional Resources:** [www.YellowRibbon.org](http://www.YellowRibbon.org) - For the prevention of teen suicide - [www.suicidology.org](http://www.suicidology.org) - [www.suicidepreventionlifeline.org](http://www.suicidepreventionlifeline.org) - [www.afsp.org](http://www.afsp.org)



### Mount Holly 2014 Calendar

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## Hello Snowmobilers and Community Members,

The MT Holly Sno\*drifters would like to thank everyone who donated all the beautiful baskets that were raffled off on Cider Days. Also, thank you for all those who participated and purchased tickets in hoping to win one. It amazes me how many people look forward to this booth, as they do the New Years Eve fireworks. The comments and support were overwhelming this year. Once again it was a huge success, we appreciate your support.

On another note: Curt Marechaux has resigned as President from the Sno\*drifters. The club officers, members and myself would like thank Curt for all his hard work, time and dedication. He has put in many countless hours making sure our trails are always in tip top shape. The snowmobile club has been his passion for over a decade and we would like to salute him for his enthusiasm and volunteerism. Although Curt resigned we know he will support us in anyway and especially with the transition to a new president. Curt will also be apart of the grooming fleet and I am sure will help with anything we need. We all wish Curt the best of luck and as a club member told me "now he can relax, he did his time". When you see Curt on the trails don't forget to thank him for a job well done. We wish you the best of luck Curt.

The MT Holly Sno\*drifters. **Elections** were held at the October 13th meeting. Please welcome our new officers.

**President:** Steve Forest

**Vice President:** Mike Smelzer

**Trail Master:** Steve Howlette

**Asst. Trail Master:** Mike Poulin **Treasurer:** Clare Poulin and Secretary, Mary Alberty (Marechaux) will remain the same.

**Trail Maintenance:** All trail work is completed at this time and waiting for snow! Thanks to everyone who helped! Thanks to our kind and generous landowners for letting us ride on your property, we couldn't do it without your support. We appreciate you all!!!

**Mark Your Calendars:** More information coming soon. Snow Golf - January 18<sup>th</sup>

Poker Run February 15<sup>th</sup>

**Please Note:** Meetings have changed to the first Sunday of the month. All meetings will be held at the Belmont Fire Station starting promptly at 8:00 AM. Mary Marechaux, Secretary, 802-259-2900



## 2013 Mount Holly Photo Contest

Seldom do our judges agree as they begin to discuss their favorites to win the Mount Holly Photo Contest. But this year, there was unanimous agreement among our judges (Diana Garrow, Alec McCallum, and Craig Tomkinson with input from Stephanie Stouffer) that Maple Moon, taken by Jacob Mailhiot, was the Grand Prize of the group. And those in the community agreed too because Maple Moon also won Popular Prize - the first time a photo won both these prizes! Jacob is one of our standout photographers in town – you can see another one of his photos on the cover of the 2014 Calendar. What made Jacob's photo this year such a winner? As Craig Tomkinson explained at the Award Ceremony, the judges look for composition, color, subject – and often whether the photo tells a story. Maple Moon tells the viewer a complex story. As do many of our other excellent winning photos this year. You can see all the photos elsewhere in this Chit Chat.

You can also still see the winning photos, and many of the other photos from this year, hanging in the lower level of the Community Center/Library during the library hours.

A tremendous thank you to everyone in Mount Holly who either participate by entering photos or by voting on your favorite photos. And an equal amount of thanks to everyone who helped mat and mount the photos, erect the panels, helped with the opening reception, and assisted with all the visitors during the Cider Days weekend.

Finally, don't forget to buy your 2014 Mount Holly Calendar - they are still available at the Belmont Store, Town Office, and the Library. All proceeds support your Mount Holly Community Association. And, of course, it is not too early to start taking photos for next year's photo contest! November photos have a great chance of getting in the calendar! We definitely could have used more winter photos this year. Janet Warren, coordinator, Mount Holly Photo Contest and Calendar

### 2013 Mount Holly Photo Contest Winners

**GRAND PRIZE:** Maple Moon ~Jacob Mailhiot

**POPULAR PRIZE:** Maple Moon ~ Jacob Mailhiot

#### ADULT

**First Prize:** Mystic ~ Klaus Steinhauer

#### Second Prize:

Priscilla & Phoebe ~Tyler Lyon



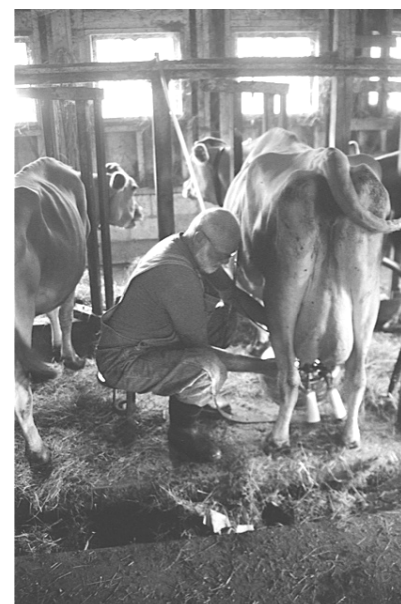
#### Third Prize:

Cattails and Cowboy Boots ~ Karen Leonard



#### Honorary Mention:

Mother Nature's Gems ~ Penny Coldwell



#### STUDENTS 13 to 18

#### First Prize:

Red Beauty ~ Meredith Green





**Second Prize:**  
Fogged in Flats ~ Luke DeArruda



**Third Prize:**  
Packer Cemetery ~ Kendra Richards



**STUDENTS 5 to 12**  
**First Prize:** Munch Munch Hill ~ Keira Crolle



**Second Prize:** Spring Cardinal ~ Aisy Kelley



**Third Prize:**  
Tractor in the Cornfield ~ Josh Cohen



**Honorary Mention:** What's Old is New ~ Olivia Crolle







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meetings upstairs.

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Your contribution can be sent to: **Colfax Lodge Building Fund, P.O. Box 172, Belmont, VT 05730**

### **The Hungry Heart, a Documentary film about prescription drug addiction**

A new documentary film on Vermont prescription drug addiction and recovery will be shown at Ludlow Auditorium in Town Hall on November 8 at 7:00 p.m. It is a must see for anyone who is suffering from addiction and their family members and friends. Prescription drug addiction has become a serious concern in Vermont and locally, often resulting in stealing to support the habit.

Kingdom County Productions, the film's producer says, "The Hungry Heart explores the world of prescription drug addiction through the world of Vermont Pediatrician Fred Holmes who works with patients struggling with this disease. The film provides an intimate look at the often hidden world of addiction." The film is directed by Bess O'Brien, who will attend the showing and have some of those whose stories are told in the movie here to discuss the film and answer questions.

The film is appropriate for everyone over the age of 14. Contact BRACC at 228-7878 for more information. Mark your calendars now!!



### **Prescription Drug Take Back Day Oct. 26**

On Saturday, October 26th, 2013, from 10:00am to 2:00pm, the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) and its community partners will hold its seventh National Prescription Drug Take Back Day, operating collection sites around the nation. At these sites, the public can turn in their unused, unneeded, and expired prescription medications. Tablets, capsules, and all other solid dosage forms will be collected. Intravenous solutions, indictable, and syringes will not be accepted. Collection sites around the nation can be found by going to [www.dea.gov](http://www.dea.gov) and entering home state or zip code. This service is free and anonymous.

### **The Odd Fellows Hall needs your help!**

#### **Dear Friends and Neighbors,**

The members of Colfax Lodge are facing some expensive maintenance costs at the Odd Fellows Hall in Belmont. However, as you likely know the organization functions on a limited annual budget. In the past you have generously helped to upgrade the windows, and, more recently, the electrical systems and the bathroom. These have been tremendous improvements that we all enjoy. Recently the floor has been repaired, and we added more support posts to the basement area. The foundation is in need of major repair and the cost estimates are around \$24,000.

We do not need to tell you how important this historic building is to our community. In addition to being used by Colfax Lodge for meetings since 1903, the building is a place where the community benefits just having it available for our many other organizations. It has been used for countless community suppers and also for many celebrations and memorial services. It is a place where we hold the annual museum meeting and pot luck meal, our elementary school pancake breakfasts, a warm place on New Year's Eve, the annual 4th of July barbecue, Ladies Community Guild meetings, senior luncheons, and the Garden Club's seminars.

The building dates back to the 1870s when the Chase Toy Factory used it for its paint shop. In the 1890s the downstairs was used as a creamery, while the Lodge held





## The Nite' Fore Deer Season

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

Submitted by Bob Buswell for the B.R.V. Senior Center November Newsletter. I received this from Gus Muguira from California in December 2007 and have kept it just for the November publication of the Chit Chat.



We anticipate a smooth transition with the help of all our great employees who have been with us many years. We will also be welcoming some new employees to our team who have been mainstays in other local restaurants in our area.

### We would like to inform you of our upcoming schedule.

- Harry's Café in Mount Holly will be open through Saturday, October 26<sup>th</sup>
- We will take our usual fall break from October 27<sup>th</sup> through Nov. 21<sup>st</sup>
- We will reopen in Mount Holly at Harry's on November 22<sup>nd</sup> and stay open in Mount Holly through Thanksgiving Weekend closing after serving dinner on Sunday, December 1<sup>st</sup>.  
**Sunday, December 1<sup>st</sup> will be the last supper in our old location!**  
Our grand opening at the new Harry's Restaurant in Ludlow will be in the second week of December. The date will be announced as soon as we get things in place. **We thank you for your support in the past and in the future.**

## Belmont Hunting Party

Belmont, Vermont - November 2, 2013, 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Belmont General Store to host the first Belmont Hunting Party Saturday, November 2nd at 6:00 pm. A fun night to kick off hunting season. Something for the whole family; music, raffles, indoor bow shoot and lots of prizes.

A prize will be given for the "Best Dressed" in camo gear, so dress accordingly for your chance to win! Bring in your best game cam photo of this year and you can win a prize for most unique photo, and coolest buck picture. (Must be a Vermont photo from this year only.) Photos will be voted on throughout the night.

The Belmont deer pool will be opened, everyone who joins the pool is automatically entered into a drawing to win a big prize at the end of the season. When 20 people join the pool you could win a buddy tree stand, 30 people in the pool and a game camera will be given away, and when 40 people or more join we will be giving away a set of 2 way radios.

## Harry's is moving this December! Three and one half miles down the road on Rt. 100 and Rt. 103

### To the site of the former Bella Luna Restaurant.

After 24 years serving the Okemo community from our little café in Mount Holly, we are taking the opportunity to relocate just down the road a mere five minutes away on the corner of Route 103 and Route 100. Our beautiful new site will allow us to serve more of our loyal customers, host parties and functions as well as create new Harry's fans with our improved location at the foot of Jackson Gore Access Road and for those passing by on their way to Killington.

Our loyal customers have been with us for many years. It is Debbie and my hope that we will entertain you in our new location with the same bright hospitality and commitment to delicious, fresh food that has endeared our efforts through the past years to so many folks.

## Calling All Parents With Toddlers

### The Mount Holly Playgroup

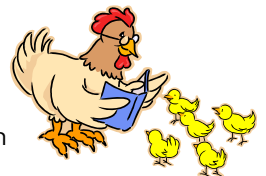
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## MOUNT HOLLY TOWN LIBRARY

**Vermont Author November 10<sup>th</sup>** at 4 pm ~ Vermont author **Megan Mayhew Bergman**'s debut publication is a volume of short stories entitled "*Birds of a Lesser Paradise*". Well crafted writing that portrays real characters fighting their insecurities. Each story is heartwarming with frequent connections to animals, nature and a sense of place. Bergman attended Wake Forest University and has graduate degrees from Duke University and Bennington College. Megan was raised in the south but has made her home on a small farm in Shaftsbury with her veterinarian husband and two daughters. She has twice been nominated for the Pushcart Prize and her stories have appeared in many publications including the New York Times. Megan will talk about how her Vermont lifestyle has changed her and her writing. Her next book "*Shepherd, Wolf*" is coming out in 2014. This event is co-hosted by the **Book Nook in Ludlow**. Books will be available for purchase at the event.

**Claudine Langille In Concert With Special Guest Triona** ~ As many of you know, Belmont resident Claudine Langille established a musical reputation with the band Touchstone in the 1980's. This band, based in Chapel Hill, North Carolina, experimented with a sound that combined music of the American South with Irish music brought by Triona from Donegal, Ireland. The group had 2 Indie Award winning albums, *The New Land* and *Jealousy* (title track written by Claudine). Touchstone paved the way for the Irish Traditional Music revival in the US. On **Friday, November 8, at 7:30 pm**, Claudine will be joined by her very special guest, Triona, in concert, at the Mount Holly Library. No cover; pass the hat donations accepted; CDs available. Don't miss this rare opportunity to catch these two together!

**Book Sale Thanks** ~ What a glorious weekend we had for Cider Days. From all reports everyone had a wonderful time. The library was very pleased with the number of books that were sold. We appreciate the support that so many of you give us by donating books and by coming back to purchase books. My thanks to the volunteer sales people and the crew that helped put them away.

## claudine langille

*(of touchstone, gypsy reel)*

*mandolin - tenor banjo - guitar - vocals*

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**with a very special guest -**

**triona**

**(former bandmate)**

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**Friday, November 8 at 7:30pm**

**mount holly library (upstairs)**

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A special thanks to three Black River students Donny and Nicole Greiner and Meredith Green for helping us to put the books to bed until our next book sale, Memorial Day weekend 2014! And not to forget Minga Dana's generosity in allowing us to store them in her garage. Our book sales are very important fundraisers that make it possible for the library to provide up-to-date books for lending. On a year round basis we now offer a mini book sale in the lobby on a revolving shelf unit. Check it out, as some of the best donations end up there!

**Book Donations** ~ We are very happy to take book donations as they are our most important fundraiser. Unfortunately we can't take all books and now that winter is setting in we are strapped for space. We will continue to take books in limited quantities. A small bag or box full can be absorbed, especially if they are recent publications. Through the years we have found that some books just don't sell so we have come up with a book donation policy.

Please take note of the books that we cannot accept! No books that are ripped, torn or have no covers, no books that smell from mold and mildew, no hard cover books without jackets, no textbooks can be accepted, no Readers Digest Condensed books, no computer technology books, no paperback books that have yellowed or brittle pages. We look forward to your continued support.

**Writers' Group Alive and Well** ~ Linda Lambert reports that folks are enjoying the Writers' Group at the library the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month. Most participants have been writing non-fiction and memoir pieces and one person is into poetry but, of course, fiction writers are welcome. Many people are apprehensive about sharing their writing but this group recognizes that we often doubt the worth of our words. We tend

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to compare ourselves with other peoples writing but the healthiest type of comparison is to compare our work with our previous efforts and try to build on that. One of the participants said "I just write down everyone's comments and decide what to use in the end." One step to subduing your writing fears is to join a group of folks who understand the risks but the first step is coming some Thursday and meeting a group of like minded people! Join them!

**Rutland County Librarian's Meeting** ~ The Mount Holly Library hosted the librarians from Rutland County on October 24<sup>th</sup>. Each month the librarians meet in a different library and this is the second time we have hosted. Rob Geiszler our Vermont Department of

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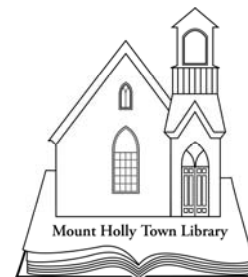
Libraries Southwest Regional Consultant keeps us informed on what's happening in around Vermont. Librarians share their experiences and trade ideas. Vermont Croissant, Dairy Aire Farm and Belmont Baker, Stephanie Smith all provided goodies for the morning meeting. The librarians loved our beautiful renovated building and our homey library atmosphere.

**Automation Goes Live!** ~ We have started training volunteers on the library automation system. In November we should begin checking the collection out by scanning the barcodes on each item. We have included our most current patrons in the

database. Even if you have been a patron for years we make ask for your information again on our "Patron Registration Form". This is an effort to make sure we have all the current information and in many cases we don't have your email addresses. If you haven't used the library in a while you may need to be added to the database. Please be patient with us as we smooth out the kinks. This system will give a much more accurate picture of the number of users, the kinds of things people are interested in and the quantity. We can now actually tell you what we own and if it is checked out. This is an exciting step and will open the door to even more convenience in the future.

**Middle East Study Group** ~ We continue to meet the second Tuesday of the month at 6 pm. We will be celebrating our 1<sup>st</sup> year anniversary in November. Anyone can join the group at any time. We have read some very interesting fiction and nonfiction books. The library has accumulated through donations a very extensive collection of Middle East literature. We are keeping them together so they can be easily found by people who are interested.

- **Playgroup – Every Tuesday 10 am - Birth to 5 year olds**
- **Folk Club – Every Monday – 7 pm**
- **Yoga - Every Monday at 4:30 pm**
- **Writers' Group – Third Thursday of each month – 6:15 pm**
- **Middle East Study Group – Second Thursday of the Month – 6:00 pm**
- **Library Board Meeting – Third Wednesday of the month – 7 pm**



**Wahoo!**

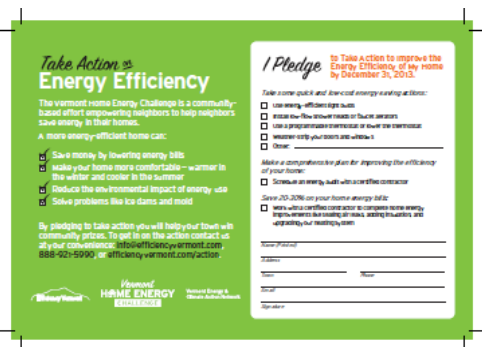
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## If You Have a Postage Paid Card Like This From Cider Days, Please Mail it to Efficiency Vermont to Help Mount Holly Win \$500\*

Congratulations to our three winners of the free energy audits which were given away over the Cider Days weekend. We had 25 families sign up for audits including people from other Vermont towns. Many people in town are hoping to finish weatherization and a test-out by the end of this year so they can collect the extra \$500 Efficiency Vermont incentive once they reach 10% improvement. They may also be able to receive up to \$2,000 incentives depending on how much their home has improved.

There is another competition among towns that ends this year and Mount Holly has the chance to win again (\$10,000 that can be applied toward a municipal energy

efficiency project). We are going to be the warmest town in the state!

NeighborWorks H.E.A.T. Squad can help you make the home energy efficiency improvements that will qualify you for the Efficiency Vermont Incentives. It all starts with a \$100 energy audit which analyzes the efficiency of your home and makes prioritized improvement recommendations. Call the NeighborWorks Heat Squad to schedule an energy audit as the first step to a more comfortable, energy efficient home or if you have any questions about this program or would like a brochure or more information, please feel free to contact NeighborWorks. Call Lori at (802) 438-2303 x 227.

Also, if anyone would like one of the cards for a free energy savings kit, please call Marcy at 259-2344; I have a few cards left.

\*Towns that achieve the highest percentage of residents committing to improving efficiency in their homes – based upon the submittal of "Pledge Cards" -- will be awarded with a financial reward of \$500 that can applied toward a community energy celebration/fair.



## Mount Holly Town News

Minutes are "DRAFT" until approved at the next Select Board meeting November 12<sup>th</sup>, 2013. NOTE: Most Select Board meetings are covered by LPC-TV. The videos can be viewed at their website, [www.lpcvt.org](http://www.lpcvt.org). Computers with internet access are available at the Town Library.

**SELECT BOARD ~ Special Meeting - September 19, 2013** - Jim Heald called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Raymond Tarbell and Tim Martin were present. Also present were Ron Unterman and Rhonda Rivers.

The purpose of the meeting was to set the date for the required public hearing on the re-adoption of the 2008 Town Plan.

### 1. Town Plan adoption.

At the September 14, 2013 regular Select Board meeting, it was reported that the town did not have to re-adopt the 2008 Town Plan (which expired in April, 2013) in order to apply for a Municipal Planning Grant to update the town plan.

However, in a subsequent conversation with Ed Bove at Rutland Regional Planning Commission (RRPC), he suggested that it would be better to have a valid town plan in place, for a number of reasons. For example, any conflicts with a subdivision regulation would refer back to the town plan.

In order to schedule a Public Hearing on Tuesday, October 08 (the next regular Select Board meeting), the warning must be in the Rutland Herald on Monday, September 23 (thus the need for this special meeting to set a date).

Upon motion made and seconded, it was

**VOTED:** To hold a Public Hearing on the Re-adoption of the 2008 Town Plan on Tuesday, October 08, 2013 at 7:15 pm in the Town Office, the hearing to be warned as required.

The warning will be published on Monday, September 23, 2013. There will be three meetings on October 08, 2013:

7:00 pm Public Hearing on the GMP Petition regarding Yale Road

7:15 pm Public Hearing on the Re-adoption of the 2008 Town Plan

7:30 pm Regular Select Board meeting

### 2. Other Business

- Jim Heald noted that he had received a call from Chris Hughes of RRPC regarding the appointment of a representative from Mount Holly. There was no discussion and the Board did not take any action on this item.
- Jim received a call from a resident on Lake Ninevah Road, regarding a tree on his property in the town's highway right of way which is apparently dead. Jim asked Ray (Town Tree Warden) to look at the tree and speak with the town road crew regarding removal, if needed.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:07 pm. Respectfully submitted, Rhonda Rivers

**SELECT BOARD ~ October 08, 2013** - Jim Heald called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm. Raymond Tarbell and Tim Martin were present.

### 1. Jim welcomed everyone and requested that speakers identify themselves and keep remarks civil and short.

- The minutes of the regular meeting of September 10, 2013 and the special meeting of September 19, 2013 were reviewed. There were no corrections or additions. Upon motion made and seconded, it was

**VOTED:** To approve the minutes of September 10 and September 19.

### 2. Highways

- GMP Petition re Yale Rd. – The Board reported that no action was taken after the Public Hearing earlier in the evening, due to a discrepancy between the plan presented by GMP and what a resident was told. A representative from GMP was not present. A new hearing date will be scheduled and warned.
- Winter Salt bids: The State group bid, provided by American Rock Salt, came in at \$54.02/ton, Cargill's bid is \$62.17 (both prices include delivery). Cargill is currently reviewing their prices. A decision was tabled until next month.
- FEMA Update:
  - Spring storm damage (Old Turnpike Rd): FEMA sent a draft of the PW for our review, which totaled approx... \$27,000. This covers what was done after the storm and additional materials and work for completing a top course.
  - Sawyer Hill culvert: Nothing new on the withdrawal discussed last month..
  - Fowler Brook culvert: Otter Creek has prepared the Scope Change Request and Time Extension for the repair work. The Board signed a cover letter to go with the request. Otter Creek will send in the entire package.
- Packer Road: This road is a 2300' Class 3 town road which must be brought up to the current Class 3 standards as a result of a new residence being built on the road. Jeff proposes working on about 1100' this year. Jeff estimates this will cost the town over \$18,000, not including the town crew's time. He requested that the town hire Gurney Bros. with Ray as operator, to do earthwork required for the Packer Road project as well as some other ditching needed around town. The Board agreed (Ray did not speak on this issue).

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- New Garage: Jim Heald reported that he expects that a town-wide meeting will be held within 2-3 weeks, presenting all information known at that time and seeking constructive comments and suggestions from everyone. It will be held at the school gym, date and time will be warned in the Rutland Herald as well as posted around town, on the Newsflash, in the Chit Chat (depending on timing). Jim opened the floor for comments; there were none.

## **MOUNT HOLLY PLANNING COMMISSION**

There are currently two positions available on the Planning Commission.

The term of one member of the Planning Commission ends in November 2013. Terms are for three years. Appointment to this term will end in November 2016.

There is also a vacancy for a term ending November 2014, as a result of a resignation.

Appointments are expected to be made at the November Select Board meeting. Interested individuals (including incumbents) should contact the Select Board, at P.O. Box 248, Mount Holly, 05758 or email [mthollysb@gmail.com](mailto:mthollysb@gmail.com) or phone 259-2391 by November 7, 2013. A letter of interest is requested.

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

### **3. Treasurer's Report**

- David Johnson presented an income and expense statement dated September 30, 2013 showing cash balances of \$3,248, 925. Property taxes collected to date total 81.75 % of the total, with \$840,325 outstanding. On expenses, there were no items out of line with the budgeted amount.
- David presented the schedule of monthly payments to the U#39 district, which total \$6,459 less than last year.. Upon motion made and seconded, it was

VOTED: To approve the payment schedule to the U#39 School District, as presented.

### **4. Insurance**

- The PACIF (property and casualty insurance, plus workers' comp) Renewal Application was completed and presented. After review, Jim signed the application as

Select Board Chair.

- The Board further reviewed the decisions required regarding health insurance. There are three basic decisions that the Town (an employer) needs to make.
  - 1) Will the Town continue to offer Health Insurance? Last month the Board decided to continue to offer health insurance for eligible employees. This month, the Board confirmed that eligible employees are full time (30+ hours per week, spouses, dependents and adult children up to age 26 (required). The Board also confirmed that part-time employees are not eligible
  - 2) What amount will the Town contribute toward the premium? The Board decided last month that the Town will provide up to 100% of the cost of the BDBS Standard Platinum Plan.
- What plan choice will employees have on the exchange? The options are to limit plan choice to those offered by one specified provider, or to allow employees to choose any plan from any provider. The consensus of the Board was to allow employees to choose any plan. Upon motion made and seconded, it was

VOTED: To allow employees to choose any plan on the exchange.

- These three decisions will allow an employer account to be set up on Vermont Health Connect (the state exchange) this month. As there have been glitches with the system so far, the actual setup will be delayed a week or two, but should be ready for employees to access the exchange in November.
- The Board will continue to consider whether or not to fund a Health Reimbursement Account (HRA) for each eligible employee and if so, at what amount. The Board will also continue to consider contributions for Medicare-eligible employees and/or spouses. These decisions do not need to be decided tonight, but should be done by next month.

### **5. Transfer Station:**

- Winter hours should have been announced last month, but were missed. Jeff determined the start dates, and they have been posted around town, at the transfer station, and on the Newsflash. The last Wednesday will be October 09, and the first Sunday will be October 13.
- There will be a Household Hazardous Waste collection at the transfer station on Saturday, October 12 from 8am to noon. The notice will be sent to the Newsflash.
- There will be an Unused Drug Collection event on October 26, 10am to 2pm at the Diamond Run Mall up in Rutland. It was noted that unused/unwanted drugs may be dropped at the Ludlow Police Station, thanks to efforts by the Ludlow Police and BRACC (Black River Area Community Coalition). Also [productstewardship.us/drugtakeback](http://productstewardship.us/drugtakeback) can be accessed online to locate drop off sites.
- Metal Recycling: Jewell/Evergreen, our current provider of this service, will be moving to an open-top container-based service, rather than picking up from a pile as they do currently. There are concerns on how metal items would get into the container, which will likely require the loader. Jeff will check into how Shrewsbury and Stratton accomplish this, as they currently use containers. The current pile will be picked up later this week.
- Electronics Recycling: The State contract, which would switch to a new provider, is in an appeal process by the current provider, whose contract was denied. This leaves electronics recycling (from a pickup point of view) undecided at this time. This will not affect the town immediately, as there is room in the recycle shed to continue to collect items.

### **6. Planning Commission:**

- Jim Heald reported that the town had received a letter of resignation from Annette Lynch, stepping down from the Planning Commission, effective September 27, 2013. Jim and the Board thanked Annette for her many years of service. He noted that the position is unpaid, and Annette spent a lot of time on it and she had done a good job. She also has left extensive documentation for the turnover. She has also stepped down from Rutland Regional PC.
  - Re-adoption of the 2008 Town Plan: Earlier this evening, the Board held a Public Hearing for comments on the re-adoption of the 2008 Town Plan. There were no comments. At the end of the hearing, the Board voted to re-adopt the 2008 Mount Holly Town Plan.
  - Municipal Planning Grant: An application was entered and completed online by the September 30, 2013 filing date. (This grant would be used to update the Town Plan with new census data and other required changes.)
  - The Administrative Officer position remains vacant. The position will be reposted.
  - Appointments to the Rutland Regional Planning Commission and the Rutland Regional Transportation Council: Tabled. The positions will be reposted.
7. Other Business
- The VLCT is holding a Selectboard Institute on October 19, at Killington (or Nov 2 in South Burlington).
  - Okemo at Timber Creek: Having received an Act 250 Permit, the developer is seeking a Motion to Alter, regarding the peak traffic mitigation requirement. A copy of the Motion is available at the Town Office.
  - The Board agreed to a catering liquor license for an out-of town caterer to serve alcohol at an upcoming wedding. (A caterer who does not have a liquor license in the Town of Mount Holly must make this request for an event.) Sue, as Town Clerk, will sign the license.
  - Rhonda asked if anyone knows why AT&T provides out of state long distance, while VTel provides local and instate long distance. There may be savings switching to Vtel. This will be investigated further. Dave Venter noted that an AT&T calling card may be useful.
  - Ron Unterman asked for an update on the proposed cell tower. There was no news.
8. The Board reviewed and signed the September orders for payment.
- There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:17 pm. Respectfully submitted, Rhonda Rivers

## **SELECT BOARD PUBLIC HEARING RE-ADOPTION OF THE 2008 TOWN PLAN**

October 08, 2013, 7:15 pm., Town Office

Jim Heald convened the hearing at 7:15 pm. Raymond Tarbell and Tim Martin were present.

The purpose of the meeting was to receive public comments on the re-adoption of the 2008 Town Plan. There were no comments.

Upon motion made and seconded, it was VOTED: To re-adopt the 2008 Town Plan.

The hearing was adjourned at 7:16 p.m. Respectfully submitted, Rhonda Rivers

## **SELECT BOARD PUBLIC HEARING GMP PETITION FOR WIRE AND POLE LOCATION YALE ROAD**

October 08, 2013, 7:00 pm., Town Office

Jim Heald convened the hearing at 7:00 pm. Raymond Tarbell and Tim Martin were present.

Jim Heald reviewed the petition by GMP for the right to trim trees and the installation of underground electric utility cables in the Town right of way along Yale Road. The landowners were notified of the meeting by certified mail. No one from GMP was present at the meeting.

Tylene Murray, a property owner on Yale Road, asked to review the plan as submitted by GMP. She indicated that Chris Perrino, of GMP, had indicated to her that the cables would go down the middle of the road, not along the side of the road as indicated on the plan. The property owners along the road had worked on the road to raise the road crown to dry it out, and would not like that changed.

Upon motion made and seconded, it was

VOTED: To delay action on the petition until GMP is present to answer questions and explain any potential discrepancies on the plan.

The hearing was adjourned at 7:06 p.m. Respectfully submitted, Rhonda Rivers

## **OPPORTUNITIES TO GET INVOLVED ON MOUNT HOLLY'S BEHALF**

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

## **MOUNT HOLLY PLANNING COMMISSION ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**

The Administrative Officer is primarily responsible for administering regulations of the Town that pertain to the Town Plan and land development, such as Sub-Division and Flood Hazard Regulations. This includes working with property owners applying for subdivisions. A complete job description is available at the Town Office. Candidates should be comfortable



working on a computer and be detail oriented. Hours are somewhat flexible, average 10-15 hours per month, and are compensated at \$10.00 per hour. The Planning Commission meets on the third Monday of the month at 7:30 pm.

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

**RUTLAND REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION  
RUTLAND REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL  
REPRESENTATIVE and ALTERNATE**

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

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

**Dear Friends and Neighbors:**

Over 400 people signed a petition demonstrating to the "group of eleven" the community's overwhelming support of the Select Board and their work on behalf of the Town. As you may have heard the "group of eleven" has decided not to sue the Select Board. However, their actions have cost the town over \$4,000 in legal fees and we the tax payers should not have to pay for their frivolous actions.

I respectfully request that the "group of eleven" Dennis Deiters, Annette Lynch, Minga Dana, David Hoeh, Lester Lampert, Linda Lampert, Candace Neary, Peter Smith, Chikako Suginome, Kathrine Crane and Philippe Crane, reimburse the Town of Mount Holly for any and all expenses they have caused the town. Sincerely, Ted Crawford

**Minutes from Planning Commission Regular Meeting – September 16, 2013 Draft Minutes**

**Members Present:** Jim Seward, Annette Lynch, Michael Valente, Tim Marti, Clinton Wooley

**Public Present:** David Hoeh, Jim Heald, Candice Neary

Annette Lynch called the meeting to order at 7:22 pm

**OLD BUSINESS:** Minutes were read and accepted for previous meeting: 8-19-13

**NEW BUSINESS:** Nomination of a Clerk/Recording Secretary: Clinton Wooley Nominated Michael Valente as Clerk and seconded by Tim Martin. Michael Valente stated he would need a tape recorder and access to the files/computer for the planning commission. Some discussion about the logistics of the transposing the Planning commission notes.

Tim Martin made a Motion for purchasing a new tape recorder for the expressed use of the Planning Commission(PC); the motion was seconded by Michael Valente

Annette Lynch brought up for discussion about two meetings and public hearing about not obtaining a quorum; Annette thought there were options in the PC bylaws that allow for the PC to have alternate board members and Tim Martin questioned that statement. Annette confirmed there were no allowances for alternate board members and Tim confirmed his knowledge of the bylaws that there were no allowances for alternate board members.

Annette Lynch brought up the possible option of making a recommendation to the Select Board to excuse/remove the Commission members whom had not made the meetings.

Discussion regarding rules and procedures regarding attendance; discussion regarding bringing packet and information all members are in possession and shared mutual information will be followed up with.

Annette stated a possible option for a quorum solution is to offer the select-board to appoint a position of alternate board members once a primary member states he/she cannot make a meeting.

Tim Martin stated that option was not available and if there is not a quorum for that meeting then that is just what happens; the meeting should be adjourned and all business must wait for the next meeting. There was a discussion about protocol for notification of not attending meeting for board members.

Town Plan discussion regarding adopting with town plan; Tim Martin stated he had a discussion with Ed Bove regarding the necessity for adopting the town plan. Ed stated the town plan grant would not be affected however there may be other grants that may be affected. Readopting the plan could happen at the next meeting after contact with the Regional planning commission.

Discussion regarding prior meeting did not have a quorum due to lack of enough members and there was a phone call to Bovie (Clinton Wooley) regarding the information contained during the meeting. However, the discussion continued with both Michael Valente and Tim Martin asking for clarification about the phone call. Annette Lynch stated there was a meeting, then Clinton Wooley was called with the content of the meeting and therefore that was an "extended public meeting" and qualified as a quorum. Discussion ensued regarding the lack of members and how a quorum was obtained with out enough members.

Application of municipal town plan and possible recommendation to adopt the town plan. Tim Martin stated he would make a recommendation to the Select board to adopt the town plan.

Annette Lynch opened discussion regarding the boundary line adjustment issue with 27 acres "boundary line adjustment" from a previous meeting. The parties of the land sold the land involved the land included in the aforesaid land associated with the "boundary line adjustment."

Discussion regarding the aforementioned adjustment would then be null and void. Discussion also involved following up with the two parties and involving attorneys.

Discussion also turned to possible changing of allowing "boundary line adjustments" vs. not allowing them and not having to follow up with the legal matters if the parties involved did not follow the procedures of no sale of the properties involved.

Discussion regarding temporary boundary lines on maps, procedures for adjustment and involving possible legal change of the town map, plat and an incorrect plot. Discussion involved a problem with review of the procedures for a "boundary line adjustment" and the commission has followed the generally accepted definition of the same.

Tim Martin stated he had a confidence issue with Annette Lynch and recommendation to the Select Board Annette Lynch be removed from the planning commission section 13 of rules and procedures. All board members have voted for Annette Lynch to be recommended to be removed from the Planning Commission. Discussion was opened regarding the removal of Annette Lynch; Motion was seconded by Michael Valente, Clinton Wooley and James Seward. Annette stated she was reporting to VPR about her involvement with the Planning Commission and showing she was standing out as a leader of a group of people who question Annette's behavior and discussion about her involvement with the group of 11 concerned citizens. A vote was cast and all members voted in the affirmative. Public statements allowed and stated by David Hoe and Jim Heald.

The meeting was adjourned.

### **Rough Draft ~ Minutes from Planning Commission Regular Meeting – October 21, 2013 Minutes**

**Members Present:** Jim Seward, Michael Valente, Tim Martin, Clinton Woolley **Public Present:** David Hoeh

Tim Martin-Vice Chair called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm

**OLD BUSINESS:** Minutes were read and accepted for previous meeting: 9-16-13

Leslie Bixby subdivision information and rough draft maps presented by Steve Mungeon for subdivision of Leslie Bixby property. Discussion regarding driveway concerns and possible state involvement asking for one driveway for 3 separate parcels.

Town plan discussion regarding accepting of the Town Plan, review, rewrite and update information and census numbers from prior census and plan.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Member resignation of Annette Lynch-former chair accepted by the Select board

Tim Martin statements included his appreciation for all of the knowledgeable work Annette did for the planning commission in the previous years and appreciation for her time served.

Elect new chair: Motion brought by Michael Valente to nominate Tim Martin as the New Chair of the planning commission; motion seconded by Jim Seward and Clinton Woolley. All Commission members voted in the affirmative for Tim Martin as chair.

Building Registrations reviewed by all commission members.

Correspondence from Llicardi and Crawford regarding Building lot adjustment done by the state of VT and pursuant to Department of Conservation exemption form #1-304(a)(11)

Timber Creek adjoining property documents show received and filed along with Planning Commission training information.

Clinton Woolley made a motion to adjourn and motion seconded by Mike Valente

### **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 2, 2014**. 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



## **MOUNT HOLLY COMMUNITY HISTORICAL MUSEUM SAVE THE DATE**

### **FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS BENEFIT DINNER AND AUCTION**

This annual fundraising event for the museum will be held on

**DECEMBER 7th, 2013**

At the Roundhouse at Jackson Gore at Okemo

The Festival of Lights is the main fundraiser for the Museum and it is a wonderful and exciting way to begin the Holiday season. We are fortunate to have so many generous donors and supporters of this event. Local talented artisans, restaurants and businesses have been participating in this event for many years providing one of a kind beautifully

decorated wreaths, creative gift baskets and donated items ranging from Restaurant Certificates, Original Artwork to Broadway Show Tickets.

The monies raised are used to maintain the buildings and the collection of artifacts that tell the story of Mount Holly. It is also used to develop new exhibits and create the educational programs for Mount Holly Students and other local communities. We sponsor scholarships for students at Black River High School Senior Awards and donate to History Day participants. The museum is a non-profit organization funded by membership and donations.

Mark your calendars and we look forward to seeing you there! Thank you for your continued support.

**Reservations are required.** Cost is \$45 person. Cash Bar. Please call 259-2136 for more information.

Linda Guerrero and Doris Reiser ~ Festival of Lights Co-Chairs





## BRGNS Stick Season Social November 2<sup>nd</sup> at Sam's Steakhouse

Black River Good Neighbor Services is holding its fourth annual Stick Season Social at Sam's Steakhouse on Saturday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> starting at 6:00 p.m. "Stick season is that season between the fall leaves and the winter snow. There are no free concerts and not much to do, so it's a great time to party," said Peter LaBelle, President of BRGNS. "This is a fun fund raising dinner and it is our major fund raiser of the year. It will help BRGNS with operating costs so it can continue to help local people in need of food, rent, utilities & heat assistance," said Audrey Bridge, Executive Director.

As in past years, the evening will include a cash bar, a terrific silent auction, and lots of raffle items. Sam's has planned a lavish buffet followed by luscious desserts.

### Silent auction items to date include:

Your Name as a Character in Archer Mayor's Next Novel

50 Minute Relaxation Massage

Handcrafted Wooden Shaker Box

100 Gallons Fuel Oil

Adult Lift Tickets at Okemo

Oil and Watercolor Paintings

Golf for Four

Restaurant Gift Certificates

Hand Woven Shawls

Yoga Class

Gold Spa Memberships

Fall Cleanup Packages

Skiwear



Stained Glass Daffodil

Portrait of Your Pet

Merchandise and Service Gift Certificates

Carriage Ride and Picnic for Four

Bed and Breakfast Stays

Fire 100 Rounds from a Vintage Machine Gun

Hand Made Quilts

Handcrafted Wooden Drying Rack

Gift Bags and Baskets

Children's Books

**AND MORE !!**

Tickets are \$50 per person, including dinner, gratuities and tax and can be purchased at BRGNS Thrift Store, 37B Main St., Peoples United Bank, the Book Nook, and The Wine & Cheese Depot, all located in Ludlow. Or, and this is the really easy way to buy, you may purchase tickets on line at [www.brgn.org](http://www.brgn.org). Please call 802-228-3663 with any questions or if you have items you would like to donate for the Silent Auction or Raffle. Tickets must be purchased in advance and are limited to the first 125 people. BRGNS is an IRS 501(c)(3) non-profit organization.

## Black River Academy Museum's Annual Meeting/Dinner to be held on November 7th, 2013

THURSDAY, NOV. 7<sup>TH</sup>, at 6 PM, THE ANNUAL MEMBER'S MEETING will be held at the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Catholic Church, 7 Depot Street, Ludlow, VT. Members are asked to bring a potluck dish for the shared dinner. There will be a short business meeting when members will vote on trustees to the board, officers of the board and revisions to the by-laws. A summary of the revisions and the complete by-laws are on the web site. The complete by-laws will be found in the History section under "About Us".



The *highlight* of the evening will be David Hoeh's and Brigid Sullivan's presentation of their recent, exciting trip to China. They will share their experiences with us and if you are planning a trip to China, they are able to offer first hand guidance.

All members are invited, encouraged to attend this meeting, however, if you are not a member but are interested in the Black River Academy Museum, the annual meeting/dinner is a good way to learn more about the museum. As a non-member guest, you do not need to bring a potluck dish, just come and enjoy. For more information please call 802-228-5050, email [gibrehm@tds.net](mailto:gibrehm@tds.net) or visit the web site, [www.bramvt.org](http://www.bramvt.org). **Pictured:** Museum members, Jim and Anita Alic, far left, show off the museum to their out-of-town guests this summer. A perfect photo op with Grace and Calvin.

## Congratulations To Clear Lake Furniture

Congratulations to ClearLake Furniture in Ludlow Vermont for being awarded the September Member of the Month award. Each month the Okemo Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce's marketing and membership committees choose a business to recognize given the following criteria:

- \*Business Growth year over year
- \*Attends education programs
- \*Attends mixers
- \*Hosts mixers (collaborate with or primary)
- \*Business Breakfast attendance
- \*Current on dues
- \*Donations (door prizes for mixers, volunteers' time)
- \*Participates in Annual B2B Expo/Home & Garden Show
- \*Packages (e.g., lodging partnering with dining for discounted meals, services partnering with businesses to buy discounted gift cards, etc)
- \*Participates in "Just Between Us"
- \*Advertises, promotes & participates in guidebook & co-ops
- \*Ambassador for the chamber and the region.

Again, congratulations to Brent Karner and his master craftsmen team at ClearLake Furniture! Well deserved!



## *Ludlow Auditorium Has a New, Gigantic Movie Screen*

Following a long study and fund raising effort, FOLA (Friends of Ludlow Auditorium) installed a new movie screen in the Ludlow Town Hall Auditorium recently. The screen, about twice the size of the previous screen, operates electronically so that, when not in use, it retracts into an out of sight container above the proscenium arch of the auditorium's stage.

With the help of North American Theatrx personnel, who help FOLA acquire and install the screen, the new movie projector's screen image was doubled in size. According to David Almond, one of the FOLA members helping with the installation, who witnessed the first images projected on the new screen, "I felt that I was actually part of the movie, the screen is so large and the projections so vivid".

The most difficult part of bringing the screen, which when crated weighed 900 pounds and was 24 feet long, was getting it into the back stage area of the auditorium so that it could be lifted to the proper height. Through the cooperation of Ludlow Electric Department, plus the manpower of countless men, the crated screen was raised to the second floor window level of the stage by the Electric Department's crane and very carefully positioned just in front of the stage curtain on special mechanical risers supplied by North American Theatrx. It then began the slow rise behind the upper proscenium arch of the stage to be secured permanently in its "box".

Jim Alic and Kevin Kuntz complimented all the people who helped carry the screen to the risers. "That was one very heavy package to secure," noted Alic. He

also praised the help of Pat Nelson and other North American Theatrx personnel who helped in the installation process.

The new screen's first use was the showing of the world-acclaimed film musical, "Les Miserables". This also marked the debut of three new projectionists, David Almond, Bill Kneebone, and Andy Ohotnicky. They were excellent in displaying the film in wide-screen format.

FOLA plans to be using the new screen for all future movies. This will include the Oct 26, 2 PM special for kids on Halloween, "Abbott and Costello Meet Frankenstein", as well as the Nov. 2 showing of "Beasts of the Southern Wild" and the Dec. 7 movie, "Tinker Tailor Soldier Spy". Black River Area Community Coalition also plans on using the new screen for its Nov. 8 presentation of "The Hungry Heart". Top Left - With hardhat and a very careful eye, Ludlow Town Manager watches as the Ludlow electric crane slowly positions the screen crate into the window for movement to the stage.

Bottom Right - David and Ralph in front of screen After hours of work have finally attached the screen over the proscenium, Ralph Pace and David Almond stand in awe of the magnitude of the giant screen.





**October Chamber Corner** Submitted by: Marji Graf, CEO  
Okemo Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce



Thank you and congratulations to ClearLake Furniture for hosting our October Chamber mixer and for being named October Chamber Member of the Month!

Our next Chamber mixer is Tuesday, November 12 from 5:30-7:30pm at Jackson Gore Inn.

**Save the date:** Our Annual Meeting is **December 11 at the Inn at Weston**. This will be a sit down dinner and holiday party. Our speaker is Seth Goodall, New England Director for the Small Business Administration.

We had a great golf tournament this year with 79 participants. Thanks to our golf committee headed by Julie Bowyer, Mark Verespy, and Brian Halligan.

Be sure to check out our upcoming trips to [Ireland](#) and [Tuscany](#) in 2014!

We had a successful event at the AAA Travel Show in Lincoln, Rhode Island. We were the ONLY Vermont business there! Attendance was 5,000 for this first year show.

**2014:** 2/7-9/2014 Boston Globe Travel Show - 2/28-3/2/2014 New York Times Travel Show - 5/4/2014 Hartford CT Travel Show

The Iron Adventure Run committee has confirmed their dates for next year: **July 24-26, 2014** and will be back at the Jackson Gore Inn. The theme is "Living Life Behind Bars" (handle bars!)

As always, the Chamber is here to be of service to the businesses and communities that we serve. Our door is always open and we welcome your suggestions.

Be sure to check out our extensive Calendar of Events [www.YourPlaceInVermont.com](http://www.YourPlaceInVermont.com)

### **Star Lake Dam Reconstruction**

Our engineering firm, DuBois & King, has now completed the project field work. They are currently preparing alternative designs and cost estimates and the final construction documents should be completed by the end of this year. Depending on the timing for permits and construction season, dam reconstruction will hopefully begin in 2014.

The goals of this project are:

1. Reconstruct the dam to current safety standards
2. Raise the Lake level 18", back to its original elevation
3. Create an access-way across the spillway for maintenance equipment.
4. Muck out some or all of the beach and boat launch areas
5. Upgrade the beach area



This project is being managed as collaboration between the Mt. Holly Selectboard and the Mount Holly Conservation Trust (MHCT)-Friends of Star Lake (FOSL). The reconstruction is being funded in large part by the awesome \$500,000 gift to the MHCT-FOSL by the late Patricia Nye.

We ask for your continued support and generosity through our annual membership program.

Help us to maintain Star Lake as a wonderful place for Mt. Holly residents and friends to swim, boat and fish... or just to enjoy its wildlife and natural beauty.

**Please join us (or renew) as a member of FOSL with your tax deductible contribution**

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

\_\_\_ \$5 Student      \_\_\_ \$25 Family      \_\_\_ \$100 Donor      \_\_\_ \$1000 Patron

\_\_\_ \$15 Individual      \_\_\_ \$50 Supporter      \_\_\_ \$500 Sponsor      \_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Other

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Ron Unterman and Dottie Finnerty, co-chairs FOSL, a committee of the Mt. Holly Conservation Trust, P.O. Box 85, Belmont, VT 05730, 802-259-2491 [ron@unterman.com](mailto:ron@unterman.com) [dottie@finnerty.us](mailto:dottie@finnerty.us)



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## Life's Seasons

**It seems that most people dread growing old.** No doubt much of their apprehension stems from the fear of declining strength, failing health, and economic hardships. Yet for the person who knows the Lord, the sunset years can be the best of all.

Did you ever ponder how time seemed to drag in 6<sup>th</sup> grade in the middle of the school day during silent reading or a dull math assignment? You sat and watched the hands on the clock barely move and thought, "Oh, will this day EVER end?" Life speeds up in the middle years, carrying for kids, racing from event to event, never enough hours in the day. And suddenly retirement and you're often forced to slow down ... until at the end of life your perception of time once again slows to a crawl as you listen to the ticking or chimes of a clock, sitting in a room with the few belongings salvaged from a lifetime's accumulation. When we're young, we can't wait to grow up. When the golden years arrive, we look back longingly to the "good ol' days". God intends that we joyfully take each season of life as it comes. Whatever our age, "God imparts to human hearts the blessings" we need to *be* all that we can be. He only asks that we commit our way to Him and accept the struggles that He allows and receive the strength He provides. The

Psalmist says in Psalm 71:9 "Do not cast me away when I am old; do not forsake me when my strength is gone...you are my refuge."

Why does God let us get old and weak? I think God has planned the strength and beauty of youth to be *physical*. But the strength and beauty of old age is *spiritual*. We gradually lose the vigor and vitality that is temporary so we'll be sure to concentrate on the strength and beauty that is forever. Therefore, we'll be eager to leave the temporary, deteriorating part of us and be truly homesick for our eternal home. If we remained in the gorgeous strength of our youth we might never want to leave. That's why God says He has "put eternity in our hearts."

So, whether you are looking ahead to the future with its hopes and uncertainties or to the past with its memories and possible regrets, the Timeless One is the one to cling to. *He* is the only one promising "as your days so shall your strength be" to handle the season you find yourself in *now*. To be 60 years *young* **can** be more cheerful and hopeful than to be 30 years *old*. Pastor Glenn Davis

**A CHURCH FOR ALL SEASONS ~ Sundays at 9:30 am**



*Operation Christmas Child – Fill a shoe box with items for a needy child in the Third World  
Our church will pay postage and send them out! Deadline is November 18, Info 259-244*



## Mount Holly Community Association

What an amazing weekend!! **Cider Days** could not have been more wonderful...perfect weather drew huge crowds, which turned out to enjoy all the pleasures of Cider Days in autumn. We are sure that all of you have heard about the tour bus that showed up in front of the General store on Saturday...we guess that means that Cider Days is now on the map!

This fabulous event could not have taken place without the dedication and hard work of all the volunteers who organized vendors, pressed cider, made pies, oversaw the gazebo, the photo contest, and calendar sales, not to mention the legion of workers who helped make the roast beef supper run as smoothly as ever. A new and most welcome addition this year was *Souper Kids!* All the children at the Mount Holly School made incredibly beautiful soup bowls, which were sold with your choice of four soups, made by parents at the school. What a hit that was...we're looking forward to more next year! The Board of Directors of the Mount Holly Community Association, which sponsors Cider Days weekend, cannot begin to thank everyone who participated, making this one of our most successful Cider Days. We again grossed more than the year before, making this the fourth year in a row that our gross receipts have gone up by several hundred dollars. We thought you might find it interesting to know that about 85 volunteers put in well over *300 hours* to make this event happen. Talk about community spirit...this was truly a community event! The MHCA is thrilled with this level of participation and extends its gratitude to all who volunteered and to all who attended Cider Days 2013!

You are likely to receive this Chit Chat before the **Halloween Party**, so we wanted to remind you that it is on Friday, October 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm in the Library & Community Center building. We also want to remind you that this year **Scarecrow Jamboree** is a family event...children of all ages are welcome! There will be dancing with music by the Folk Club and prizes for best costume, scariest costume, and the best family costume. Don't miss this wonderful evening of fun for the whole family! Please bring an appetizer to share; beverages will be provided. See you there!

**Membership in the MHCA** is stronger than ever for this time of year, but there are still quite a few of you who have not yet sent in your membership form and dues for the 2013 – 2014 year. A reminder will be sent out shortly, so if you haven't signed up as yet, we hope you will respond quickly when you receive your notice. Please remember that all of the events we sponsor, many of which are free to the community, are driven primarily by the revenue that we receive from our memberships. Membership forms can always be obtained in the Library, or in the Belmont Store should you misplace your form. Thank you!

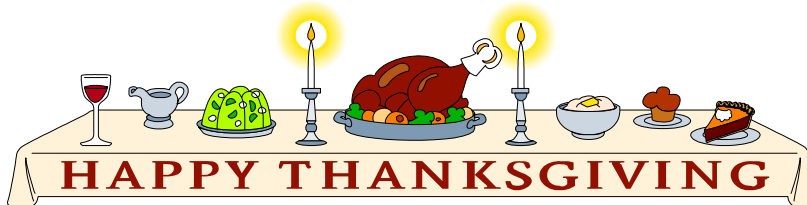
**Save-the-dates:** November is a quiet month for the MHCA, but please reserve Saturday, December 14<sup>th</sup> for **Christmas in Mount Holly** and Tuesday, December 31<sup>st</sup> for **New Year's Eve on Star Lake**, co-sponsored with the Sno\*Drifters.

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

### The 10 Commandments

#### ...of How to get along with People

1. Keep skid chains on your tongue. Always say less than you think. Cultivate a low, persuasive voice. How you say it counts more than what you say.
2. Make promises sparingly, and keep them faithfully, no matter what the cost.
3. Say a kind and encouraging word to or about somebody. Praise good work, regardless of who did it. If criticism is needed, offer it gently, never harshly.
4. Be interested in others—their pursuits, their work, their homes and families. Make merry with those who rejoice, and weep with those who mourn. Let everyone you meet however humble, feel that you regard him as a person of importance.
5. Be cheerful. Don't burden or depress those around you by dwelling on your minor aches and pains and small disappointments. Remember, everyone is carrying some kind of burden, often heavier than your own.
6. Keep an open mind. Discuss but don't argue. It is a mark of a superior mind to be able to disagree without being disagreeable.
7. Let your virtues, if you have any, speak for themselves. Refuse to talk of another's vices. Discourage gossip. It can be extremely destructive.
8. Be careful of another's feelings. Wit and humor at the other person's expense may do more damage than you will ever know.
9. Pay no attention to disparaging remarks. The person who carried the message may not be the most accurate reporter in the world, and thing become twisted in the retelling. Live so that nobody will believe them.
10. Don't be too anxious about the credit due you. Do your best, and be patient. Forget about yourself, and let others "remember". Success is much sweeter that way.



## DEATH CAFES: A SAFE PLACE TO TALK ABOUT DEATH

Actor and director Woody Allen once said: "It's not that I'm afraid to die, I just don't want to be there when it happens." Most people feel the same way about the thought of their own mortality -- and since they don't like to think about the inevitability of death, they certainly don't want to talk about it.

Representatives at the Rutland Area Visiting Nurse Association & Hospice (RAVNAH) want to change that taking death out of the closet and talking about it openly in a discussion group format. RAVNAH will host Rutland's first "Death Café" at the Speakeasy Café, 67 Center Street in downtown Rutland on Sunday, November 17 from 3:00.-5:00 p.m. The event is free and open to the public.

Death Cafés are part of an international movement that started in Europe and have been forming across the globe for the past few years. "The objective of a Death Café is to increase awareness of death and to encourage people to make the most of their lives," said Ann LaRocque, Bereavement Counselor at RAVNAH Hospice and co-founder of the group in Rutland. "We encourage people to bring their questions, experiences and thoughts to the gathering."

A Death Café is not a support group, or a counseling session or even a workshop. It's simply a group of community members coming together in a relaxed atmosphere over coffee, tea and goodies and sharing thought-provoking and life-affirming conversation.

Swiss sociologist Bernard Crettaz is credited with pioneering the concept of a death café. As part of his research, Crettaz hosted the first Death Cafe, and then published the results in a 2010 book. In 2012, Lizzy Miles, a hospice worker from Columbus, Ohio organized and conducted the first death café in the United States. Since then, a growing number of these groups have emerged across the United States.

The Speakeasy Cafe will provide beverages, cake and cookies for purchase to those attending. Sharing food creates a relaxed and nurturing environment where the group can join open, honest conversation to explore the questions about life, dying and grief.

Space is limited for the November 17 Death Cafe. RSVP to Ann LaRocque at RAVNAH at 802-770-1516 or email [larocque@ravnah.org](mailto:larocque@ravnah.org).

The Hospice program at Rutland Area Visiting Nurse Association & Hospice provides care, comfort, and support for those in the final stages of life and for their families. To request hospice care support or grief counseling, to volunteer or to learn more about services offered by RAVNAH Hospice, call 802-770-1502 or visit [www.ravnah.org](http://www.ravnah.org). For more information on the Death Café movement, visit [www.deathcafe.com](http://www.deathcafe.com).

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