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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: 15th - 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 <u>chitchat@vermontel.net</u> or call me at 802-259-2314.

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#### A Message from your Constable

Hunting Season is upon us. Please be aware of the laws regarding the rights of property owners. Be considerate of your neighbors and use caution when handling firearms. Hunter orange is not required by law, but wearing it might save your life.

#### **Posted Property**

Whenever possible, the hunter should check with the landowner before going onto his or her land. The right to hunt on privately owned land is not guaranteed by your hunting license. The privilege of using private land for your recreation is extended to you by the generosity of the landowner. It is illegal to damage or remove posters prohibiting hunting, fishing or trapping. In order to hunt, fish or trap on properly posted land, a person must have the written consent of the owner or the person having exclusive right to take

fish or wild animals from that land. This also means that a person may not carry or possess a firearm, bow and arrow or trap on land that is properly posted.

#### **Posting Signs**

Signs prohibiting fishing, hunting or trapping on properly posted land shall be as follows:

• The owner or the person, who has exclusive rights to fish, hunt and trap on the land will post the signs. The owner or person posting the land shall record the posting at the town clerk's office for a fee of \$5.00

• Signs must be not less than 11 inches wide by 8 inches high in size

• Lettering and background on the signs must be of contrasting colors

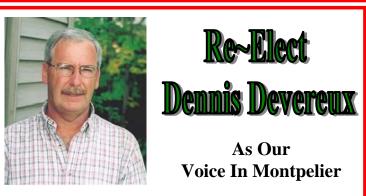
• The signs must contain the wording that hunting, fishing or trapping or any combination of the three are prohibited or forbidden

• Signs are valid even if additional information is on the sign, as long as a reasonable person would understand that hunting, fishing or trapping are prohibited or forbidden

• Legible signs must be maintained at all times and shall be dated each year

Signs must be erected on or near all the boundaries, at each corner and not over 400 feet apart.

**Interfering with Hunters, Fishermen and Trappers**: It is illegal to intentionally interfere with someone who is lawfully taking fish or wild animals; or to disrupt the taking of any fish or wild animal by harassing or disturbing the fish or animal.



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I look forward to hearing your concerns. Contact me with a message 802-259-2460 Or email me <u>ddevereux@leg.state.vt.us</u>

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#### Mt. Holly Sno\*Drifters

#### Hi Everyone,

The Mt. Holly Sno\*drifters would like to thank all those who donated a basket for the raffle on Cider Days. We had 27 baskets, numerous door prizes and a record fundraising event. We certainly could not have pulled this off without your support. We are truly looking forward to another fine New Year's Eve celebration.

Saturday, October 18<sup>th</sup> we cleared trails. All that could help met us at the Mount Holly Summit rest area on route 103 (where the trail crosses route 103 and trucks and trailers are parked in the winter. Most of the work that needed to be done is in Shrewsbury and trucks were needed to get there. Equipment need was ATV's, gloves, clippers, loppers, chain saws, pole saws, water, snacks etc... Those that did not have these items helped drag brush into the woods or helped out in other ways. Please call Steve Howlett at 802-558-1013 for any trail related questions or concerns.

Mark Your Calendars - On Saturday, November 29th at 6:00 PM we will be having a celebration in appreciation for our

landowners for letting us ride on their property and to honor the Green Mountain Snow Flyers 50<sup>th</sup> and the Mount Holly Sno\*Drifters 45<sup>th</sup> year. This is a BYOB event with a catered dinner. More information will follow after our meeting in November.

Next meeting Sunday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 8:30 AM at the Belmont Fire Station.

Feel free to call me or our President, Steve Forrest at 802-345-5874 if you have any questions or suggestions for the gala event or anything else related to snowmobiling. We are looking forward to another fine snowmobile season! Mary Alberty, Secretary, 802-259-2900





#### **New Town Garage**

We're happy to report the new town garage is finished and stayed in the budget amount. A big thanks' to Josselyn Brother's construction. They went above and beyond the contract with many extras. Thanks to the Mount Holly Select Board and the Mt Holly School Board for all the support. Thanks to Same Sun Solar who installed the photovoltaic panels for the school as part of the land sale.

We stayed under budget and they came up with a very informative interface for the children's curriculum. You can see this online at <u>http://egauge14345.egaug.es/</u> Also thanks to Jeb Porter who helped with the stonework entrance to the garage.

We are still in the process of moving in but it



is very impressive what a clean and healthy work environment the new garage provides.

We also managed to build a wood shed with Josselyn Brother's help that will hold two years of wood so that we can alternate sections to have seasoned wood for the dry most efficient operation of our bio fuel heating system. And a really big thank you to the taxpayers of Mount Holly for your support in this improvement that has room to grow for the town's future needs. Jeff Teter Mt. Holly Road Foreman

#### Give the "Gift of Warmth" Donate to our 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Vermont Properties & Development Coat Drive

It is that time of year again! Every November for the past 8 years, Vermont Properties & Development has spearheaded this worthy cause to help keep our local community warm throughout the winter season. The forecast for this winter is expected to be another cold one and if you come to Vermont in the winter you know what that means!

From **November 7<sup>th</sup> to the 23<sup>rd</sup>** we will open our doors to collect gently used, clean outerwear to support our community and friends. Since beginning our yearly efforts, we have collected over 1,200 coats and other

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outerwear. All donations help keep local families warm, in one way or another. The outerwear will either be given to someone in

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need or sold at the Black River Good Neighbors store where the proceeds will fund programs that provide heat, utilities or food to local families.

Please drop your gently used, clean coats and outerwear off at our office at Vermont Properties and Development, 29 Locust Hill Road Monday - Saturday 9am-5pm and Sunday 10am-4pm. It's time to give the gift of warmth and keep a local family warm this cold winter season. Thank you for joining us to make this happen for the 9<sup>th</sup> year in a row.

Please call 228-8877 for more information. Thanks. Alyson Blodgett

Contact Mt. Holly Town Clerk

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#### Mt. Holly School Board Meeting

The Mt. Holly school board met on Wednesday, October 1 at Black River High School. The board discussed the business office beginning budget preparations while closing off last year's budget. The board appointed a new board member, Sebastian Frank, to the board. Once he gets sworn in, he will be able to assist the board in decision making for the school. The board also approved adding two more goals to their working list: to develop a curriculum around energy use and to continue to pursue a biomass option.

Mr. Hutt Vater reported on the recent open house and the school's new website, mhs.trsu.org. He also reported on the results of the recent Efficiency Vermont energy audit. He also reported on some options for repairing/replacing the hallway flooring. Ms. Cormier reported on the Farm to School initiatives and some of the changes that the school has seen and will continue to see.

The board approved the minutes from the last meeting and corrected the substitute salary motion made at the last meeting.

The next meeting will be on November 5, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. at Ludlow Elementary School.

#### Mount Holly Volunteer Fire Dept. Women's Auxiliary

The Mount Holly Volunteer Firefighters Women's Auxiliary would like to thank all of you who purchased the raffle tickets we

were selling this year. Your efforts help us, help our volunteer firefighters.

The following are the winners of the 2014 raffle: Jay Gerat, M. Rivance, Josh Simpson, Claudine Langille, Val Perrin, Barbara Pallatta, Ruth Maclauren, Deb Fredette, Nancy Perry, and Steve Howlette.

We would also like to thank those of you who gave an extra donation to the effort. Plus a big Thank you to the Donators who made the raffle possible. The following donated Services, Gift Certificates or items:

Okemo Mountain resort, Killarneys, Brewfest Beverages, Harry's and the Hatchery all of Ludlow. Mountain Metal Craft and Belmont Body and Soul of Mount Holly and Cuttings in the Ville from Cuttingsville and an anonymous donation of Wall pictures. Again Thank you all!

#### **BRACC UPDATE**

Two new laws in Vermont are designed to make driving safer for all. BRACC encourages you to know these laws.

First, Vermont's Smoke Free Laws now include a ban on smoking in motor vehicles with children present. Second-hand smoke in vehicles has been shown to be dangerous to children's health. Act 135 which took effect on July 1 has the following provisions:

• Prohibits smoking in motor vehicles occupied by children in a car seat or booster seat, which is required for children ages 8 and younger.

• Defines this is a primary offense, meaning an individual can be pulled over and issued a citation even if no other violations have been committed. Violating the law is punishable by up to a \$100 fine.

Second, if you're not familiar with your cell phone's hands-free features, it's time to get acquainted. A new law bans the use of hand-held electronic devices while driving. The law bans drivers from holding their phone at all, including in their lap. You can use a bluetooth headset or ear-buds to help you go hands-free. The phone needs to be mounted on the dash or in the seat next to you. The driver can touch the phone to activate voice dialing, but cannot dial a phone number.

This law goes into effect on October 1. Vermont joins neighboring states in going hands-free. New York has had a ban since 2004, and New Hampshire passed a similar bill recently.

On a related smoking issue, E-cigarettes are being marketed as safer and more convenient than conventional cigarettes. The

Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has issued cautions about the widely varying amounts of nicotine found in e-cigarettes and the risk posed by inhaling using the liquid nicotine cartridge in an e-cigarette. The products are not regulated in the United States so there is no oversight of claims regarding ingredients, nicotine content, safety, or possible aid in using them to quit smoking. It is known that teen use is increasing rapidly in this country and caution against that is advised.

BRACC meets monthly and encourages parents, grandparents and teens to get involved in promoting healthy choices by all youth. Contact Paul or Brigid for more information at 228-7878 or <u>bracc7878@yahoo.com</u>



#### **Mount Holly Community Association**

**Cider Days** was once again the place to be on Columbus Day Weekend...and that was borne out by the hundreds of people who poured into our little town over two days. Designated as one of the *Top Ten Fall Events in the state of Vermont for 2015*, one would have thought that the designation was for this year, 2014. We can't wait to see what next year brings! Once again, the MHCA cannot begin to express its thanks to the many volunteers who made this possible...this year over 100 people volunteered to organize vendors, press cider, make pies, oversee 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. SouperKids was once again an incredibly successful collaboration between the Mount Holly PTSA and the MHCA. Twice as many bowls were made this year as last year and, with the exception of about half a dozen bowls, they were sold out by the end of the day Saturday. Talk about community spirit...thank you everyone for all you did!

One of the things launched at Cider Days this year was the Mount Holly Community Association's newest endeavor..."Winter is Coming & I Need a New Coat!", a fund raising project to give a much needed coat of paint to the exterior of our lovely historic Library & Community Center building (see poster opposite). To do that, Penny Coldwell painted a beautiful watercolor drawing of the building and overlaid it with a grid of squares. The squares were "sold" for \$25, \$50, \$100, or \$250 and the name of each person/family who bought a square was written on the drawing. When it is completed, we will frame and hang the drawing in the Community Room. If you did not have the opportunity to affix your name to one of the squares, never fear...it's not too late! Send your contribution to MHCA P.O. Box 93 Belmont. Thank you for participating!



This year, the *Scarecrow Jamboree*, our family *Halloween Party* will be held on Friday, October 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm in the Library & Community Center building. It is pot luck, so bring your favorite dish to share; beverages will be provided. There will be dancing with music provided by the Folk Club, hayrides, and trick-or-treating. Children of all ages are welcome and we urge everyone to come in costume! Prizes will be given out for best costume, scariest costume, and the best family costume. Don't miss this wonderful evening of fun for the whole family!

**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 2014 - 2015 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



**STOUFFER GALLERY & GIFT SHOP** 

#### HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE NOV. 29 & 30 (SAT & SUN) 10 - 4 REFRESHMENTS & RAFFLE WIN A HOLIDAY NEEDLEPOINT PILLOW!

#### SHOP EARLY! SHOP LOCALLY!

250 Maple Hill Road, Belmont, VT Open most weekends 10 AM – 4 PM or by request 802-259-2686 Stouffer@vermontel.net stephaniestouffer.com 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!

The 2015 **Mount Holly Photo Calendar** is going like hot cakes, so be sure to pick yours up today. Believe it or not, the holidays are coming, so get some of your shopping done early...the calendars make wonderful gifts for everyone. They can be purchased in the Mount Holly Library, the Belmont General Store, or in the Mount Holly Town Office.

**Save-the-dates**: November is a quiet month for the MHCA, but please reserve Saturday, December 13<sup>th</sup> for **Christmas in Mount Holly** and Wednesday, 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!!** 

# December Chit Chat Deadline Will Be November 20th by 6:00 pm



#### **Congratulations to Joshua Wasilewski Of Belmont/Mount Holly**

Joshua is Graduating from Mount Saint Joseph Academy in the Spring of 2015. He is the recipient of the Green and Gold Scholarship for 2015 from the University of Vermont was honored at a reception on September 30<sup>th</sup>. This is an honor awarded to Vermont's very best students. Joshua was selected by his principal, faculty and staff of Mount St. Joseph Academy as the student who best exemplifies academic excellence in the graduating class of 2015. He is also the recipient of the Rensselaer Medal Scholarship from the Rochester Institute of Technology Computing Medal and The Clarkson University Leadership Award.

We are very proud of his accomplishments and would like to share them with the Mount Holly Community. Best Regards, Katie, John & Joshua Wasilewski



# OKS OF CHAPEL HILL Kaye Gibbons

#### **Mount Holly Library Reading**

# **Discussion Group**

The Mount Holly Library Reading Discussion Group will meet on November 12th at Fern Melvin's, Tiffany Road, Belmont. Meeting time is 7:00 p.m. and we will be discussing A Virtuous Woman by Kaye Gibbons. You can pick up a copy of the book from Donna at the post office.

Please call Minga at 259-2471 if you have any questions. Please remember that we don't meet in December so the next meeting will be January 14, 2015.

A · VIRTUOUS · WOMAN

#### **SOLAR** Green Electricity SOLAR FARM ALMOST SOLD OUT!!!



Congratulations to those who signed up!!!

Boardman Hill Solar Farm is NOW 84% SUBSCRIBED and everything is very much ON SCHEDULE to get the CPG by month end and to then break ground for the project so that it can be constructed, commissioned and UP AND RUNNING BEFORE YEAR END ...

It is good to know that so many believe in the concept of a TRULY GREEN community scale solar farm that actually counts toward reaching Vermont's environmental goals for reducing greenhouse gases and reducing use of fossil fuels -- and that does so at the LOWEST COST EVER ...

There may still be a few panels left for those interested in getting BIG \$\$\$ SAVINGS on their electric bills, making a high return and low cost investment, and doing the right thing environmentally for Vermont and the planet as a whole ...

Any Qs, contact Marcy at 259 2344 and tanger@vermontel.net ... or Roland at 259 9259 and rolandmarx@yahoo.com ...



#### WHAT'S YOUR PLAN? \*\* DO YOU HAVE **ONE**???

If a member of your household needs immediate help, medical or otherwise, what would you do first??? Calling 911 is usually a good idea but what can you do while awaiting a response??? How about learning to be your own "FIRST RESPONSE"???

Come join the discussion, on Monday evenings at 7:00 P.M., at the Village Baptist Church!!!

#### FREE, NO OBLIGATION WHATS-SO-EVER

Contact: Don Richardson for more information, 802 259-3662 or message 802 228-7086 and leave a number & best time to call!!! Thanks, Don

#### Celebrate and Thank our Veterans this Veteran's Day

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#### 2014 Mount Holly Photo Contest

We had another double winner this year! The community agreed that Richard Jones photo of his boat on Lake Ninevah should win the Popular Prize – and it also won third prize in the Adult division. This is the first time Rich has entered the contest and we are glad he did. We always enjoy when we have new photographers in the photo contest but we also welcome the photos of our longtime contributors too. Jacob Mailhiot, who has won several times in the past, did again this year with his haunting photo of Lake Ninevah at dusk. Karen Leonard, also a favorite of ours, won second prize for her photo Cows in the Mist, and her daughters Olivia and Keira are following in her footsteps with winning photos of their own. Our judges this year (Brenda Kelly, Diana Garrow, Alec McCallum, Stephanie Stouffer, and Craig Tomkinson) all commented on the excellent composition of Meredith Green's first prize winning photo Painted Clouds. And for the first time, we had to ask a judge to recuse himself because the other four judges agreed that Craig Tomkinson's photo, Winter Sun, was the grand prize of the show. You can see all the photos in this Chit Chat. And be sure to also look at the Chit Chat on the Mount Holly website to see the photos in color.

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.

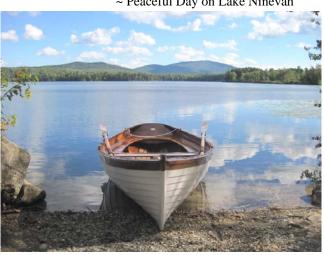
Finally, don't forget to buy your 2015 Mount Holly Calendar - they are still available at the Belmont Store, Town Office, and the Library. All proceeds support your Mount Holly Community Association. And, of course, it is not too early to start taking photos for next year's photo contest! November photos have a great chance of getting in the calendar! Janet Warren, coordinator, Mount Holly Photo Contest and Calendar

#### Grand Prize: Craig Tomkinson ~ Winter Sun



2014 Mount Holly Photo Contest Winners

**Popular Prize:** Richard Jones ~ Peaceful Day on Lake Ninevah



Students 5 to 12

Second Prize: Olivia Crolle ~ Mount Holly Monet



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#### Students 13 to 18 First Prize: Meredith Green ~ Painted Clouds



Adults
First Prize: Jacob Mailhiot ~ Nighttime on Ninevah



Second Prize: > Karen Leonard ~ Cows in the Mist

Third Prize: Richard Jones ~ Peaceful Day on Lake Ninevah



Honorable Mention: Derek Covalla ~ White Burden



Honorable Mention: John McClue ~ The Rainbow Connection



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#### Justice Of The Peace - VOTE NOVEMBER 4th -

#### VOTE FOR REPUBLICAN CANDIDATES

Justices of the Peace join other town officers to make up the Board of Civil Authority and Board of Abatement. We hear tax appeals, count ballots at each election, and perform tax abatements as needed. Justices of the Peace are authorized by the State of Vermont to perform Civil Marriage ceremonies.

**Re-Elect Diana Garrow** - A native of Mt. Holly the daughter of Dan & Shirley (Martin) Turco. Presently I serve as Assistant Treasurer of the Town of Mt. Holly since 1996 and have been a Justice of the Peace since 1992. In all those years I have not missed any elections and have counted ballots in Ludlow for Union #39 school district. I have sat in on many Tax appeals with the Board of Civil Authority and a number of Board of Abatement Appeals. I look forward to continue serving the folks of Mt. Holly in the future if I am re-elected.

**Re-Elect David Johnson -** I was asked to write something for the Chit Chat for Justice of the Peace candidates for this election. Although the political parties nominate candidates, the position is not (nor should it be) a political office. I think we have been fortunate in Mt. Holly that the justices have not gone about their duties with politics in mind and I certainly hope the voters continue to elect justices whose primary interest is to see that the job gets done, fairly.

Justices join other town officers to make up the Board of Civil Authority and Board of Abatement. I'm honored to have been a justice since 1992 and have never missed an election to count votes. On three different occasions, it was handy that I was at the Town Office to marry three couples. They had thought that the Town Clerk could marry them, but Clerk's only issue the license. I will look forward to serving again, if re-elected, in a non-partisan manner. Thank you, David H. Johnson

**Re-Elect Millicent Johnson** - life-time member of the community, daughter of Miles Richards, wife of James Johnson. Has served as JP for past 4 years. Worked in Health Care for over twenty years. Currently coowns/operates Mt. Holly Feeds and Mt. Holly Dairy Aire Farm. Has served on the Mt. Holly Planning Commission since 2003.

#### Elect Dave Venter -

#### Mount Holly Democrats Support Justice of the Peace Candidates

You can help make the difference for Mount Holly by voting November 4<sup>th</sup> for the Democratic Justice of the candidates. They will listen to you!

**Re-Elect** – **Dan Connor** I have been involved with Mount Holly and Ludlow schools for 31 years as both a teacher and Federal Grants Administrator. I have served as an officer for the Mount Holly Historical Society, the "old" Ludlow Youth Center, and the Mechanicsville Cemetery. My family has been an active part of the town since its founding and I would like to continue this tradition of service. My uncle, both of my aunts and my mom demonstrated such a commitment to the community that I feel it is my responsibility to give something back as well.

**Elect** – **Philippe Crane** I was born, raised, and educated in New Haven, Conn. and consider myself a Yankee (if not a Connecticut Yankee!) having deep family roots in New England. We have been full time residents of Mount Holly since 2011 having had a home here since 1980. I spent my career in Astronomy and Physics in teaching, research, and finally in management at NASA. I am currently a part-time research professor at Dartmouth College. I have been active in the Historical Museum, and the Conservation Trust. I am also mentoring a local high school senior project. I am anxious to become more formally involved in Mt Holly and therefore I am a candidate for Justice of the Peace. I believe I am well qualified for the duties involved in this office, and I ask for your support.

**Elect – Francis "Fra" DeVine** My wife Carol and I have had a presence in Mount Holly since 1972. Prior to retiring, I spent my career in banking and finance. Since permanently relocating here, I have been involved in a number of community activities: fund raising for the lower level of the community center; chair for the Mount Holly Community Association building committee; overseer of the lower level construction; member of the Mount Holly Housing Task Force; assistant coach of the Mount Holly little league team; and past treasurer for the Mount Holly Community Historical Museum. I am currently on the boards of LPCTV, and the Weston Theater Playhouse. I appreciate your vote for me as Justice of the Peace.

**Re-elect -- Brigid Faenza** I have lived in Mount Holly for the past ten years with my husband, Paul, and my two children, Alice and Mary. During that time, I have been a member of the Mount Holly School Board, an EMT with Mount Holly Rescue, the Town's Emergency Management Coordinator and a volunteer at the Mount Holly Elementary School. I started a Girl Scout troop and the Girls on the Run program. I currently work for the Post Office in Cuttingsville. I teach Zumba and I own and operate Big Eyes Bakery. I have enjoyed serving the Community as a Justice of the Peace in the past and look forward to the opportunity again in the future.

**Re-elect -- Dottie Finnerty** As one of the Mount Holly Justices for the past eight years, I have performed numerous weddings and have carefully considered your appeals as a member of the Board of Civil Authority. I look forward to continuing in this position and I ask for your vote once again.

**Re-elect** – **Brigid Sullivan** As the Coordinator for the Black River Area Community Coalition (BRACC), I work to keep our youth safe and drug free. We encourage the entire community to model healthy behavior for our youth. I am involved in many local organizations, including the Mount Holly Conservation Trust, and I have done grant writing for several of them, including the Town and the Fire Department. I have served as a Justice of the Peace since 2007, listening to tax appeals on the Board of Civil Authority, performing marriages, counting ballots and providing notary services. I ask for your vote so I may continue to work for you.

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Peace

# Festival of Lights

Dinner and Silent Auction To Benefit The Mount Holly Community Historical Museum Sunday December 7th 6 - 10 pm at Harry's Cafe rection of Routes 100 and 103 North in Ludlow Now located near the Decorated Wreaths and Much More! \$45 per person ~ Cash Bar Limited Seating Paid Reservations due by November 20th For More Information Call Linda Guerrera at 802-259-2130

### **Festival of Lights Dinner and Silent Auction**

To Benefit The Mount Holly Community Historical Museum Sunday, December 7, 2014 6-10pm at Harry's Cafe in Ludlow, Vermont \$45 per person Space Limited with Open Seating Reservations and Payment due by November 20, 2014 No refunds after November 20th Check or Cash Only

Number in Party	Name on Reservation
Email	Phone

Enclose form with check and mail to: MHCHM, PO Box 17, Belmont, VT 05730



#### Mount Holly Town News

Minutes are "DRAFT" until approved at the next Select Board meeting November 11<sup>th</sup>, 2014. NOTE: Most Select Board meetings are covered by LPC-TV. The videos can be viewed at their website, <u>www.lpctv.org</u>. Computers with internet access are available at the Town Library. Regular Select Board meetings are held on the second Tuesday of the month at 7:30pm in the Town Office. Items to be included on the Agenda are due by Noon the Thursday before the meeting.

#### SELECT BOARD - OCTOBER 14, 2014 - The meeting was

called to order at 7:30pm by Jim Heald. Raymond Tarbell and Tim Martin were present. All stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance. Jim welcomed everyone and requested that speakers raise their hand to be recognized, state their name and keep remarks civil and short.

1. Additions/Deletions to the Agenda: There was one addition to the agenda:

• Highways: Diesel Fuel tank

Before starting the meeting, Jim Heald highlighted the completion of the new garage. The Town received the keys on October 09. There will be a grand opening at a later date, to be determined.

He also clarified two statements in the Rutland Herald article on the key handover. First, Jeff Teter, Road Foreman, received the keys, not Jim Heald. Second, the article says the land of the old garage will be sold; this is NOT true. He expects, pending Board approval, that the <u>building</u> will be sold and taken down. All that would remain is the concrete pad. However, nothing will be done until everything is out of the building. Again, the land is NOT being sold.

2. Minutes: The minutes of the regular meeting of September 09 were sent out before the meeting for review. There were no corrections or additions. Upon motion made and seconded it was

VOTED: To approve the September 09 minutes. (3-0)

- 3. Highways
  - Tarbellville Culvert delayed until later in the meeting.

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A PERMIT IS REQUIRED FOR OUTDOOR BURNING

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Leave a phone number where Jim can call you back. Do not burn until you have spoken to him. SAFETY FIRST ALWAYS

• VTrans Project Completion and Certification Reports (for Irene and the Old Turnpike Road washout in 2013). These reports certify to the State that the Town has completed all work as specified on the FEMA Project Worksheets (PW's). Once someone from VTrans has physically looked at the roads and verifies the work, the State will send the remaining outstanding funds (about \$5000). Jim Heald signed the reports as the authorized representative.

• New Garage.

Jim Heald reviewed the final progress report from Jerry Hansen. The only remaining items are a stack on the new wood furnace and completing the vent installation over the welding area. The cost of the project as proposed in the contract went over budget by \$.78. Mr. Hansen also approved the final payment request from Josselyn Bros. Jim noted again that there will be a formal Grand Opening at a date to be determined.

## - - NOTICE - -MOUNT HOLLY TAXPAYERS

2014 Real Estate Property Taxes are due <u>Monday November 3, 2014</u>

After November 3, 2014 an 8% Penalty and 1% per month Interest will be added

Partial Payment are allowed

Payments must be received at the Town Office or Be postmarked November 3, 2014 (or earlier) to Be considered timely paid

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4. Report of Treasurer

- David Johnson presented an income and expense statement dated September 30, 2014 showing cash balances of \$3,698,025. Most of the property taxes are in; those outstanding will generally not come in until the November due date (missed the discount date). Up thru October 09, about \$700,000 are outstanding. The Solid Waste sticker sales are essentially even with last year. Solid Waste expenses are a little high, due in part to the order of new stickers which will cover several years. Primary election programming costs were \$1785, with one of the lowest turnouts ever (\$28.51 per vote). General election programming expenses will be less, as only one ballot needs to be programmed. (The State requires that ballots must be counted electronically, thus the programming costs.) .
- New Garage expenses: David presented a detailed review of all of the new garage expenses, including the expenses which were the Town's direct responsibility (not in Josselyn's contract). The total came to

\$594,933 out of the \$600,000 bond (we were expecting \$593,000). There may be a few other incidental things, but it is essentially complete.

- Advances to Union #39 David presented the proposed schedule of payments to U#39 for the Board's review. The total paid will be \$1,153,897 for the year, with payments spread over the year. Some months are higher than others, due to when the Superintendent's office gets a draw from the school districts
- 5. Highways part 2
  - Tarbellville Rd culvert: Ray reported that he had tried digging for ledge, but found none as far as he was able to go (could be something there deeper). He suggested that we just go forward with the bid as we have it, and deal with any issues when they are found. He stated that Guerney's (which was the lowest bid received) will be sending a letter stating they will hold the bid until next construction season.

• Diesel Fuel Tank: The Board noted a number of problems with the current fuel tank, starting with the problems/safety of vehicles backing out onto Belmont Road. Other issues including that the pump is not accurately recording amounts and the individual keys are not working well. Installing a new pump at the same location would require running electric to that location (no longer feed it off the garage). The Board reviewed two bids for installing a new pump and moving the tank to the new garage area. One version uses proximity keys (no need to use an actual key), with electronic recording of amounts, is \$9847. A second option, with actual keys similar to the current pump, is \$7738. Jim Seward noted that the Fire Dept. is willing to contribute to the cost of a new pump, as they recognize the difficulties with the current one. With a question about a power backup at the new location, it was noted that both systems have a manual override and that Jeff was looking into a grant option for getting a generator at the new garage. Upon motion made and seconded it was

VOTED: To move the diesel fuel pump to the new garage area and install a proximity key system, as proposed in quote 167. (3-0)

#### **Mount Holly Animal Control Officer**

The Mount Holly Animal Control Officer is Constable Paul Faenza. He can be contacted 24hours/day at pager 786-4404, or leave a message on his cell at 802-353-8347.

The ACO handles calls concerning domesticated animals, and farm animals, to include animals running at large, animal cruelty, aggressive dogs, dog bites, etc. For more information or any questions concerning the Mount Holly Dog Ordinance, please contact Constable Faenza at <u>mhconstable@yahoo.com</u>.

6. Transfer Station

• Charges for window A/Cs and water coolers: (This was actually discussed during the treasurer's report.) The Town recently paid \$800 to remove the Freon from 40 units of various types. The vendor suggested increasing the fees on window A/Cs and water coolers, as these items have 3 times the amount of refrigerant as other units (e.g., refrigerators) and take more time as they must be partially disassembled to remove it. The Board will have Jeff review the pricing.

Electronics Recycling: The Board reviewed and Jim

signed the contract with the new vendor for the electronics recycling program. It was noted that if the items are separated into covered and non-covered items the Town will be reimbursed at a slightly higher rate (\$.05 per pound versus \$.03 per pound). Currently, the Town has not been separating the items; about 10,340 lbs have been recycled so far in 2014.

- Don Richardson reported that the attendants mentioned to him their need for something to cut up some larger items to fit into the compactor. The Board noted that the request should come thru Jeff, their supervisor. It may be better to have the road crew do the work, if needed.
- 7. Insurance
  - VLCT PACIF Renewal the renewal application for the Town's property and casualty insurance was due on October 10. Jim signed for the Board and the application was emailed to VLCT on October 09.
  - Health Insurance VLCT sent an overview of plan changes. The Town has supported the platinum level of insurance, which will not have any plan changes this year. The rates are going up about 10%, however the town will continue to see a decrease in total cost from last year, due to the differences between the insurance plan dates (calendar year) and the town's fiscal year dates.
- 8. Planning Commission
  - Two terms end in November 2014. Two people (the incumbents) have expressed an interest in the terms. The positions will continue to be posted around town and published in the Chit Chat. Appointments are expected to be made at the November Select Board meeting on Tuesday, November 11.
- 9. Other Business
  - The Board reviewed a liquor license application from the Brooklyn Pub. Several people noted that there were lots of people at the pub over the weekend. The Board signed the license.
  - Sue Covalla noted that the General Election will be held on November 04, j2014 (before the next meeting). She encouraged everyone to come out and VOTE!

After all other business was concluded; Jim Heald reviewed his service on the Selectboard. He was asked to fill in the term of Linda Nexon until the next election, ran successfully for the last year of that term, and then ran for a full three year term (though running unopposed, he won). That term is up in March, and Jim announced that he will not be running again. He made the announcement now so that others can step forward. Those present expressed regrets over his decision, but thanked Jim for his service.

10. The Board reviewed and signed the September orders for payment.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by motion made, seconded and approved, at 8:18 pm. Respectfully submitted, Rhonda Rivers

#### MOUNT HOLLY PLANNING COMMISSION

There are currently two positions available on the Planning Commission.

The terms of two members of the Planning Commission end in November 2014. Terms are for three years. Appointment to these terms will end in November 2017.

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 <u>mthollysb@gmail.com</u> or phone 259-2391 by Noon on November 10, 2014. A letter of interest is requested.

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

#### Okemo Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce October Chamber Corner By Marji Graf, CEO



Thanks to our great Fall weather and regional events, our businesses are reporting a stellar foliage season

and profitable Columbus Weekend.

Thanks goes to the Chamber Golf Committee (Julie Bowyer, Brian Halligan and Mark Verespy) for a great tournament on September 23 at the Okemo Valley Golf Club. Also thanks to the players and sponsors for making this happen!!

Thanks goes out to Vermont Rail System for hosting a special train event for chamber members, their employees and families on September 24. 190 guests rode the scenic train from Chester to Ludlow and back. Mr. Darcy's catered the event and Bob Campbell & Jamie Ward (sponsored by Java Babas), entertained the crowd. Think about chartering the train for your next event!

Our October 8th mixer was hosted by Stemwinder, the new wine bar/small plate café in Ludlow. We presented the October Member of the Month honor to Fletcher Farm School for the Arts and Crafts. Our next mixer will be on November 12th at Jackson Gore Inn followed by a specially priced 3-course dinner at the Coleman Brook Tavern.

Ribbon cuttings were done for Yagna Inn (former Inn at



for Yagna Inn (former Inn at Cranberry Farm) in Chester. It operates as a bed & breakfast as well as offers a range of

programs that develop cross-cultural understanding through art, nature, culture, science and creativity. Also for the Housing Trust of Rutland County who rents mobile home lots at the Tuckerville Mobile Home Park in Ludlow.

Our show on lpctv this month features interviews on Just Doggin' It and Homestyle Hostel Inn & Café.

As I'm writing this we're getting ready to exhibit at the Okemo Bridal Show on Sunday, October 19<sup>th</sup>. Did you know the Chamber offers our Guidebooks and maps for brides' goody bags?

You'll start seeing Shop Small shopping bags at your local merchants. The Chamber has provided businesses throughout our region with shopping bags, doormats, balloons, pins and stickers for American Express Shop Small Saturday promotion on November 29. Since we are

Shop Small everyday, we encourage

everyone to support your local businesses!

Did you know the Chamber has videos about our region on our website under ABOUT US? Go to <u>www.YourPlaceInVermont.com</u> and click on the ABOUT US tab.

Our educational program on October 14th was on Building Organizational Trust, presented by Ross Gibson, the lead consultant for The Richards Group's Human Resources and Leadership Development group. Attendees included HR Departments from Springfield Medical Care Systems, Gill Odd Fellows Home, Newsbank, as well as other private businesses. The Chamber has additional handouts if you could not make it and would like a copy. You can view our upcoming mixer and educational schedule for 2015 on our website www.YourPlaceInVermont.com/chamber-mixers/



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#### Mount HollyDay Craft Fair 2014

Dear Craftsperson:

You are cordially invited to join us at the Mt. HollyDay Craft Fair 2014! The Mt. Holly Elementary School PTSA is sponsoring the Fair to be held on Friday, December 12th and Saturday, December 13th from 9am to 3pm in the Mt. Holly Elementary School Gym.

At this event we hope to highlight the creative talents of our **local** artists and craftspeople. We require that vendors only bring and display homemade/hand-assembled items. In effort to teach the students the importance of supporting the local economy, on Friday, December 12th, the students will be able to shop at the Fair.

The fee for a 64

square foot space (8ft. by 8ft.) will be \$20. There are a limited number of spaces that have electricity available – if you would like one of these spaces, please indicate on the registration form and enclose an additional \$5. There are some tables available for an additional fee of \$10 per table. Crafters may bring their own tables and chairs as long as they fit into the spaces allotted and will not mar the gym floor.

NOTE: Vendors who complete their registration by October 30, 2014, one table per booth may be requested at no extra charge – be advised we have few tables to offer, so please register early as the tables are available on a first-come-first-serve basis.

Setup times are Thursday evening 7:30pm - 8:30pm, Friday morning 7:30am - 9:00am, and Saturday morning 7:30am - 9:00am. We ask that

on Friday, December 12th, only merchandise \$5 or less be displayed, with emphasis on \$1 to \$2 items, for the children to purchase. Items may be left out overnight in the gym. Shut down time is 3:00pm for both Friday and Saturday -- this means stations may NOT be dismantled before 3:00pm – NO EXCEPTIONS. Please be aware that parent pick-up of students is at 2:55 p.m. on Friday. So please for safety reasons REFRAIN FROM MOVING YOUR VEHICLE UNTIL THE CHILDREN HAVE GONE HOME.

Please complete and return the enclosed form by **November 1st** to secure a booth. We will send confirmation on receipt of your registration, we will NOT return your fee if you did not receive exact space specifications. There will be a \$10 fee for cancellations after November 15th. No cancellations will be accepted after November 30th. **Please enclose a check with your registration form made out to Mt. Holly PTSA and mail to:** 

Morgan Skiathitis P.O. Box 105 Belmont, VT 05730

Please call Morgan at 259-2755 or e-mail at morganskiathitis@gmail.com with any questions.

\*In efforts to reduce paper waste the PTSA would like to switch to e-mail instead of snail mail. Please indicate on the following form if this is a problem for you. Thank you!

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#### BRGNS To Hold Annual Stick Season Social Fundraiser

Black River Good Neighbor Services is holding its fifth annual Stick Season Social at Sam's Steakhouse on Saturday, November 1<sup>st</sup> starting at

6:00 p.m. "Stick Season is that time 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 and heat assistance."

This year BRGNS welcomes the Vermont Country Store, People's United Bank, and Vermont Properties and Development as major sponsors of the event.

In addition to dinner, the evening will include a cash bar, a terrific silent auction, and lots of raffle items and door prizes. Sam's has planned a full buffet including its signature salad bar and a variety of entrées and desserts.

Silent auction items to date include the chance to get your name as a character in an Archer Mayor novel, the chance to fire 100 rounds with a vintage WWI machine gun, and new this year, a chance to appear as a guest chef on the new cooking show in Ludlow – "Across Our Table".

Other auction items include Swedish massage, massage therapy, a handcrafted stained glass panel, 100 gallons fuel oil, cord of wood, painted portrait of your pet, family portrait photography session, skiing lift tickets, ski gear, merchandise and service gift certificates, oil and watercolor paintings and framed photographs, carriage ride and picnic for four, golf packages, bed and breakfast stays, restaurant gift certificates, hand hooked rug, yoga class, gold spa memberships, gift bags and baskets, children's books, fall cleanup packages, and lots more.

Tickets are \$55 per person, including dinner, gratuities and tax and can be purchased at BRGNS Thrift Store, 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 <u>www.brgn.org</u>. Please call 802-228-3663 with any questions. Tickets must be purchased in advance and seating is limited. BRGNS is a Section 501(c)(3) non-profit organization.

#### Your Money 101

Black River Good Neighbor Services, Inc. has teamed up with Berkshire Bank to offer a free interactive learning session on managing personal finances. The first meeting will be on Wednesday, October  $29^{th}$  at 6:00 p.m. and will be held at the United Church, corner of Pleasant and Elm Streets in Ludlow.

The evening will include childcare and a pizza dinner for all participants. The program will cover a variety of finance related topics including budgeting, checking account management, and interest – how to earn it and how not to pay it. There will be more topics if time permits and there is no prerequisite training required.

The program is free and pre-registration is not required, but for planning purposes the staff requests that you please let them know if you plan to attend. You can either call 228-3663 or visit the BRGNS thrift store at 37B Main Street and tell them of your interest. They look forward to seeing you.

For more information about the program or for more information on how it can benefit you, please call Audrey at 228-3663.



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#### Dear Editor, My name is Marc Brierre

I am running for re-election this November. I have been a Deputy State's Attorney in Rutland since 1983 and Chief Deputy since 1989. In 2010, I was appointed State's Attorney by Governor Jim Douglas,

During my thirty years of prosecuting crime in Rutland County I have tried over 100 cases to jury verdict.

I also was a member of the Vermont Army National Guard. I retired in 2003 as a Lt. Colonel completing 28 years of active and reserve duty. I was a member of the Rutland Town School Board for two three year terms. I am a member of the Rutland County Bar, Trinity Episcopal Church, the Green Mountain Club, and the American Legion Post 31.

My wife and I have lived in Rutland County since 1985. We raised our three children here. I have always had a vested interest in the safety and welfare of this County. During this term, I have made some significant strides:

- With the Chittenden County State's Attorney assistance, we implemented the Rapid Intervention Program which directs minor criminal offenders into appropriate treatment prior to being charged in court.
- We actively work with Project VISION.
- This year the Vermont Legislature approved funding for two Deputy State's Attorneys. Rutland County has had the highest caseload per attorney in the State of Vermont over the last three years. At my request, Rutland County received one of the additional prosecutor positions.

The Rutland County State's Attorney's Office works as a team to prosecute those that commit crime. We are committed to prosecuting drug dealers but also to rehabilitating non-violent drug addicts. We aggressively prosecute those charged with crimes of violence. I am committed that the State's Attorney's Office will work to improve communication between social service agencies, the courts, and police departments to hold criminals responsible for their crimes, to protect our families, and make our communities safer.

As a prosecutor in Rutland County these last 30 years; I have the experience, knowledge and commitment to most effectively prosecute crime. I thank you for your support. Remember to vote November 4, 2014.

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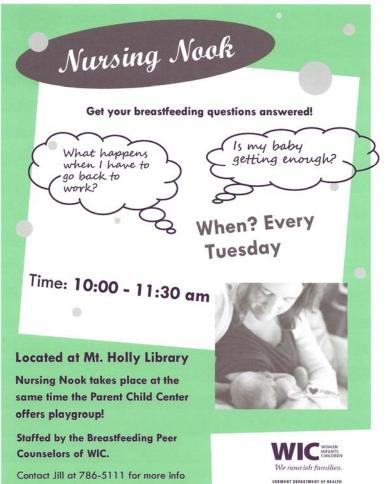
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of those who have weatherized their homes or have done the first step-an energy audit.

Many Vermonters waste heat -

and a ton of money - because our homes and businesses aren't properly

weatherized. This year's second annual, statewide "Button Up Vermont Day of Action" is aimed at sealing the

leaks and helping people save energy and money. Please mark Saturday, November 1, 2014 on your calendar for this year's day of action! Vermonters always "Green Up" in the spring. Let's stop the waste and start an annual tradition of "Buttoning Up" in the fall. Help us make this a fantastic day - a powerful series of concurrent efforts all across Vermont on November 1.

This effort is being organized and supported by the <u>Vennont Energy and Climate Action Network</u>, <u>Efficiency Vermont</u>, <u>Capstone Community Action</u>, <u>NeighborWorks</u> <u>H.E.A.T. Squad</u>, <u>Vermontivate</u>, <u>Vennont Energy</u> <u>Education Program</u> <u>Green Up Vermont</u> to help raise ongoing awareness about energy efficiency opportunities and create a larger network of people working to inspire their friends and neighbors to retrofit their homes.

An energy audit is still \$100 and incentives are up to \$2,000. If you would like to schedule a home energy audit, or have questions call 802-438-2303 ext 227 or visit <u>www.heatsquad.org</u>

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#### MOUNT HOLLY TOWN LIBRARY

#### Book Talk: Belinda Rathbone on her book "The Boston Raphael"

This is an amazing triumph for the Mount Holly Library to have Ms. Rathbone agree to an author appearance in our little hamlet. Perry Rathbone, the author's Father, was director of The Museum of Fine Arts, Boston from 1955–1972. As the subtitle indicates this is a book about "A Mysterious Painting, an Embattled Museum in an Era of Change, and a Daughter's Search for the Truth". Sebastian Smee of the Boston Globe describes Rathbone's new book <u>The Boston Raphael</u> as "perhaps the most exciting book on the art world since Jonathan Harr's <u>The Lost Painting</u>". Join us on **Sunday, November 16<sup>th</sup> at 4 pm** to meet Belinda Rathbone and hear about her fascinating book about her Father's life and art world intrigue.

#### Mount Holly Author – Just Published

Richard Pepperman part time resident of Mount Holly and recipient of the Distinguished Artist-Teacher Award has a newly published book "Everything I Know About Filmmaking I Learned Watching Seven Samurai". This elegant book breaks down the entire film into little digestible nuggets and teaches you about filmmaking at the same time. Not just a handbook for directors, screenwriters, and editors, but a guide for all curious lovers of cinema. Mr. Pepperman has donated a copy to the library where his previous books can also be checked out.

#### **Book Donations Appreciated**

We had another successful Book Sale over the Columbus Day Weekend. We of course we couldn't do it without your help and book donations. When I come to the library quite frequently there are boxes and bags of books that people have donated. With so many donations and limited staff it is not always possible to thank each person individually for their generosity. Some books that we think may be of interest to patrons we put in the collection but most donated books go into the book sale. Thanks for your support of the library.

#### Nursing Nook - Tuesdays 10-11:30 am

The Nursing Nook is staffed by a Breastfeeding Peer Counselor from the WIC program at the Vermont Department of Health. The counselor is available very Tuesday during Play Group. Breastfeeding is crucially important to the health of mothers and children. A counselor gives support and basic breastfeeding information and encouragement to pregnant and breastfeeding mothers. The Nursing Nook is an opportunity to get your Breastfeeding questions answered and connect with other Moms who share your experiences.

#### Thanks to Matthias Weiter for Middle East Talk

Mr. Weiter continues to travel throughout the Middle East, most recently Turkey, Lebanon and Jordan. On October  $5^{th}$  he gave his annual talk at the library. Now that we have projection equipment he was able to show some interesting photos of his travels. Many thanks to him for sharing his perspective and giving some clarity to an otherwise complicated part of the world.

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#### Middle East Study Group

We continue to meet but sometimes it is at the convenience of the group. We will be celebrating our 2nd year November. anniversary in Anyone can join the group at any time. We have read some very interesting fiction and nonfiction books. The library accumulated has through donations and purchases a very extensive collection of Middle East literature. We are keeping them together so they can be easily found by people who are interested. Stop by the library and let us know if you would like to join the group.

Library Closed on Wednesday, November 26<sup>th</sup> to allow volunteers to get ready for Thanksgiving.



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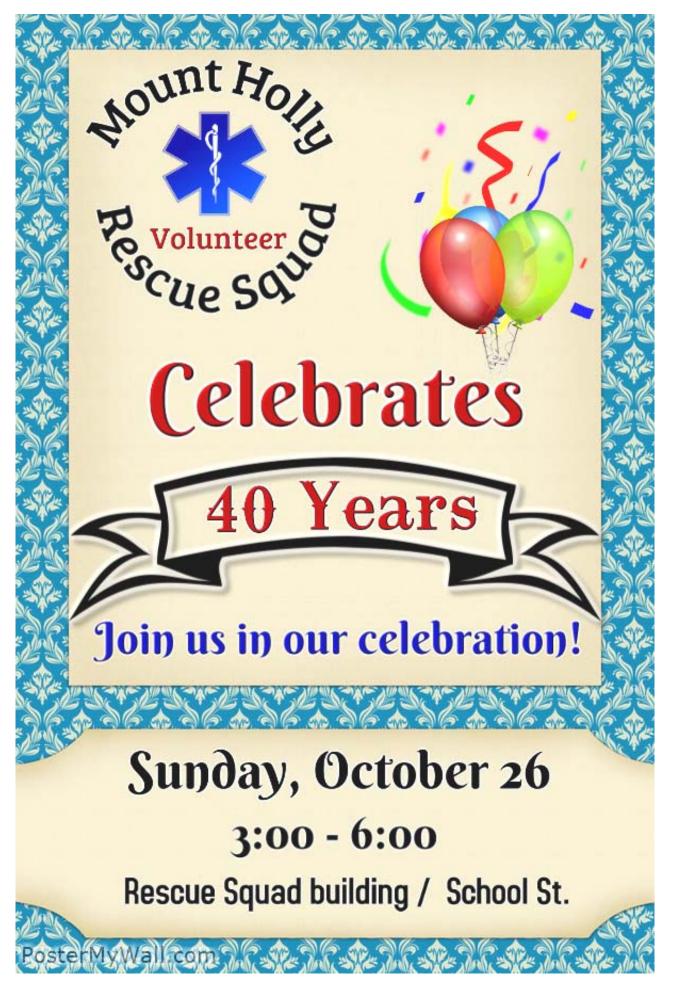
**This year for our anniversary,** (Oct. 16<sup>th</sup>) we decided to write down a few of the things we've learned in the joys and trials of the adventure called "marriage". Some of these pearls of wisdom are original and others we've gleaned from dozens of other couples. For what it's worth, we humbly submit our list of lessons learned in the trenches of daily life together.

#### Thirty Two Things We've Learned in 32 Years of Marriage

- "What ifs" and "if onlys" are not productive. Skip 'em!
- 2. Some issues that you disagree on presently will fade.
- 3. Life-long friendships with other couples are priceless.
- 4. Shared interests and hobbies will pay big dividends when the kids are grown and gone.
- 5. Be the first one to ask for forgiveness. Practice saying, "I'm sorry (no "but") I was wrong."
- 6. Remember: "This too shall pass." (...whatever crisis you are presently in.)
- 7. Delayed gratification is a good skill to learn early. "You can't have it all *now*."
- 8. Hold *things* loosely. "It's all going to burn." The first scratch is the hardest.
- 9. Live life. Don't watch it. (TV, Facebook, etc.)
- 10. You don't have to be an athlete, just stay active. Choose a "sport" together. (Hike, bike, snowshoe, kayak, etc....TOGETHER!)
- 11. You can do a lot of repairs for what people pay on car payments. Buy good used cars.
- 12. Two can eat as cheaply as one. Dinner out? Split meals. Drink water. Box leftovers for tomorrow's lunch. Cut your portion size as you age.
- 13. Learn to have a fair fight. (Start with, "I'm feeling..."rather than, "You always...You never"
- 14. Don't be proud. Take hand-me-downs.
- 15. Make choices early to live simply and you'll encourage contentment.
- 16. Make your lifestyle choices (home schooling, natural foods, etc.) humbly and give others the freedom to be who *they* are.
- 17. Don't go to bed angry, but remember that no important issue is usually settled after 10 PM. (Table it and pick it up later when you are both rested.)
- 18. Don't have any "no-fly zones". Making a topic *taboo* is shutting the opposing viewpoint down.
- 19. Life is too short for regrets. ("Forgetting those things which are behind... I press on...")
- 20. Have at least one very open, nurturing, mentoring couple who will ask you both the hard questions, set godly goals with you, pray and hold you accountable.

- 21. Laugh more with each other and with good friends. Laughter is "mental jogging".
- 22. When you're *wrong*, 'fess UP! When you're *right*, SHUT UP!
- 23. We all need to sing some every day! It can reflect the real harmony of life.
- 24. Always choose *people* (relationships) over projects.
- 25. Go out on regular dates just the two of you. (Be intentional. Get 'em on the calendar.)
- 26. Be slow to speak, quick to listen, & quick to forgive. Forgiveness: the key to relationships.
- 27. It's O.K. to "agree to disagree" to stop an argument (just don't be "disagreeable".)
- 28. Children are a "gift from the Lord." They reflect you. (God's got a sense of humor!)
- 29. Travel is good for your soul and heightens your spirit of adventure. ("Road Trip!")
- 30. Pray together. It's one of the most intimate things we can do as a couple.
- 31. Let your children see you fight and make up!
- 32. Keep God at the center of your lives... in your words, actions and your generosity.Hope this is helpful. Make your own list. We're looking forward to the next 32 years...PLUS! Pastor Glenn and Laura Davis





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#### Vermont Ostomy Support Group - Dates

The Vermont Ostomy Group has been formed and is facilitated by fellow Ostomates with the support of certified Wound Ostomy and Continence nurses for the purpose of providing support, education and information for the person with a bowel and bladder diversion. The Vermont Ostomy Group is dedicated to serving both individuals and their families in the Central Vermont area.

To celebrate living with bowel and bladder diversions, the Vermont Ostomy Group has scheduled fall and winter meetings times. All meetings will be held at the Rutland Area Visiting Nurse and Hospice meeting rooms at 7 Albert Cree Drive Rutland Vermont, and are free and open to the public.

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November 18, 2014	5:30 pm - 7:00 pm	For Sale: Firewood –
February 7, 2015	10:00 am - 11:30 am	Delivered Or You Pick Up.
March 10, 2015	5:30 pm – 7:00 pm	Call 802-259-2147
ight beverages and snacks will be provided.	Please contact Kate Lawrence, MSN, RN,	Call 602-239-2147

Li CWOCN at 802 770-1682 for more information.

#### Rutland Area Visiting Nurse Association & Hospice Community Health Clinics - November 2014 **RAVNAH November Foot Care Clinics**

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The cost of the	foot clinic is \$10.	. For more information please call 775-0568.		
Wednesday,	11/05/2014,	Wallingford, Wallingford House,	10:30 am	Sign Up for the
Thursday,	11/06/2014,	Rutland, Parker House,	10:00 am	Mt. Holly NewsFlash to get all
Wednesday,	11/12/2014,	Rutland, Templewood Court,	10:00 am	that is happening locally just email
Wednesday,	11/19/2014,	Rutland, Sheldon Towers,	9:00 am	to mhnewsflash1@gmail.com
Wednesday,	11/19/2014,	Rutland, Linden Terrace,	11:00 am	And request to be placed on the list.
Thursday,	11/20/2014,	Rutland, Maple Village,	10:00 am	Also check out
Thursday,	11/20/2014,	North Clarendon, Community Center,	12:30 pm	
Wednesday,	11/26/2014,	Rutland, Godnick Center,	12:30 pm	http://mhnewsflash.blogspot.com/
RAVNAH also	offers Cholester	rol Screenings for \$30 every month:	-	For all happenings in Mt. Holly Town and our Schools
Clinics held at	the Rutland Office	e are the 1st Wednesday - call 775-0568 for	an appointment.	Town and our Schools

#### **RAVNAH November Flu Clinics**

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(802) 259-3579

VOICE YOUR	CHOICE: Vaccir	e options available! Most major insurance accepted -	please bring your card.
Friday,	11/07/14,	Rutland, RAVNAH Office, 7 Albert Cree Drive,	9:00 am – noon.
Friday,	11/14/14,	Rutland, RAVNAH Office, 7 Albert Cree Drive,	9:00 am – noon.
Friday,	11/21/14,	Rutland, RAVNAH Office, 7 Albert Cree Drive,	9:00 am – noon.



events and issues. Membership is open to anyone who lives in, works in, or owns property in Mount Holly and who has made an annual membership donation. Membership donations help bring the Chit Chat to you every month.

#### Check here if you do not wish to receive the Chit Chat \_\_\_\_

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Seasonal Rentals, Land and Homes For Sale



**\$5,000:** November 15-April 15. Yankee Barn Home P&B Sleeps 8. Close to Skiing & Snowmobiling



**\$849,000:** Spectacular View from this mountain top home - includes 3 bedrooms, 5 baths on 20+ acres.



**\$279,000:** JUST REDUCED! Family home on 20+ Open acres 4 bedrooms, 2 baths, attached garage.



**\$849,000:** REDUCED! Elegant farmhouse on 70+ pastoral acres with in-ground pool and river frontage.



**\$4,500:** November 15-April 15 Cozy Convenient Cottage with attached 2 car garage. Sleeps 4.



**\$44,900:** Looking out to Star Lake, 2 acres with WW permit. Partially cleared - a short walk to the Village.



**\$339,000:** 61 Acres of Land in prime Mt. Holly/Belmont Location with Views and development potential.



**\$279,000:** Lake front home with 3 bedrooms and 3 baths on VAST trail. Nice open concept and bright light.



**\$8,500 November 15-April 15:** 4 Bedroom, 2 bath large Family Historic Home on Snowmobile Trail.



**\$298,000:** Ideal Vermont ski house 4 bed/2 bath, open floor plan, 10 acres. 8 miles to Okemo. VAST access!



**\$199,000** Historic village home, 4 beds/2 baths on 1+- acre. Convenient walk to store, library & lake. VAST.



**\$41,500:** Easy slightly sloping lot with Southeast exposure. Close to Skiing. On Mt. Holly Bus Route.

Two Locations: Okemo-Woodstock · 802-236-5431 · gail.graves@evusa.com · Realtor®





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McKeegan Stenciling & Faux Finishes	259-3333
Photography Gallery, Alex McCallum	259-2318
Spectrum Photography	259-3060
Stephanie Stouffer, Studio & Gallery Gift Shop	259-2686
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Harry's Café, Trip & Deb Pearce III	228-2996
Mojo Café – John & Jodi Seward <u>mojocafevt@yahoo.com</u>	228-6656
Bed & Breakfast         www.cliffordcountry.com	259-2269
Building & Repairs – General Work	239-2209
AW Carpentry-Remodeling*Building*Portable Sawmilling	259-3699
Bob Campbell- Home Improvements 259-2136 <u>bob4u@aol.com</u>	
Bolalek Construction bolalek.co@gmail.com	259-2955
www.bolalekconstruction.com	
Cutting Edge Carpentry & Paint Works-Curt Marechaux	236-5559
Earl (Tersh) Runner Carpentry - Superior Woodworking	492-3388
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www.facebook.com/ghmasonry	
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