



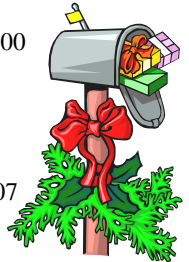
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# Mount Holly Chit Chat



December 2016

**Village Baptist Church** – Worship 9:30am, Pastor Glenn Davis 259-2440 [vbch@weebly.com](mailto:vbch@weebly.com)  
**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)  
**First Baptist Church, Wallingford** – Worship 10 am, Prayer Meeting Wed 7 pm, Pastor Dave Bentley 802-446-2020  
**Lighthouse Independent Baptist Church** – SS 11 am & 3 pm Until May, 11 am & 6 pm 253 S. Main St, Rutland 802-779-0300  
**St. Patrick's Mass, Wallingford** Sat 4 pm Sun 10 am Rev Msgr Bernard Bourgeois, Phone 446-2161  
**Annunciation Mass, Ludlow**, Sat 4 pm, Sun 8 am & 11 am **Proctorsville** Sun 9:30 am, Rev Thomas Mosher Ph. 228-3451  
**Mt. Holly Community Asso** – Contact Penny Coldwell at 259-2760  
**Okemo Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce** – Marji Graf 228-5830  
**Town Library:** Sat 9-1 Sun 2-4 Mon 3-7 Wed 3-7 Mt. Holly Town Library, P.O. Box 93, Belmont, VT 05730 Call 259-3707  
**Town Office Hours:** Mon. to Thurs. 8:30 am – 4:00 pm Closed Fri. & Holidays Phone & Fax 259-2391  
**Town Treasurer's Office Hours:** Mon 8:30 am – 12:00 pm Wed 12:00 pm – 4:00 pm and by Appointment 802-259-2391  
**Burn Permits:** Call Fire Warden ~ Jim Seward 786-3408 or 259-2211



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

1<sup>st</sup>  
 Sat 3<sup>rd</sup>  
 5<sup>th</sup>  
 4<sup>th</sup> Fire Dept. Business Meeting, Fire Station  
 7<sup>th</sup> Mt. Holly PTSA Meeting  
 Mt. Holly Community Association Meeting, Library  
 Mt. Holly School Board Meeting, Mt. Holly School  
 Union #39 School Board Meeting, Mt. Holly School

**Rosa Parks Bus Boycott 1955**  
**Muzzleloader & Archery Deer Season**  
**AFL-CIO Founded 1955**

**Pear Harbor Day 1941**

7:00 pm  
 3:15 pm  
 7:00 pm  
 6:00 pm  
 6:00 pm



8<sup>th</sup>  
 Sun 11<sup>th</sup> **Muzzleloader & Archery Deer Season Ends ~ Anniversary of UNICEF founding 1946**  
 12<sup>th</sup> Rescue Squad Meeting, Rescue Squad Building  
 13<sup>th</sup> Community Guild Meeting, IOOF Hall, Belmont  
 Selectmen's Meeting, Town Office  
 Fire Dept. Drill, Fire Station  
 Mason Meeting, Mt. Moriah Lodge, E. Wallingford  
 14<sup>th</sup> Fire Dept. Ladies Auxiliary Meeting, Belmont Fire Station  
 ODD Fellows Meeting, IOOF Hall, Belmont

**Soviet Union Dissolved 1991**  
**Muzzleloader & Archery Deer Season Ends ~ Anniversary of UNICEF founding 1946**

7:00 pm  
 9:00 am  
 7:30 pm  
 7:00 pm  
 8:00 pm  
 7:00 pm  
 7:90 pm



15<sup>th</sup> **Alexandre Eiffel 1832 ~ Bill of Rights Day 1791**  
 16<sup>th</sup> **Ludwig van Beethoven 1770 ~ Battle Of The Bulge Began 1944 ~ The Boston Tea Party 1773**

**Bobcat Trapping Season Ends**

Sat 17<sup>th</sup> **Operation Just Cause 1989 ~ Wright Brother's 1<sup>st</sup> Powered Flight Kitty Hawk, NC 1903**  
 Sun 18<sup>th</sup> **13<sup>th</sup> Amendment Abolishes Slavery 1865**



19<sup>th</sup> Mount Holly Planning Commission, Town Office  
 20<sup>th</sup> Fire Dept. work night, Fire Stations  
 21<sup>st</sup> Mt. Holly Town Library Meeting, Belmont **Landing of the Mayflower 1620 ~ Winter Begins**

7:00 pm  
 7:00 pm  
 6:00 pm

Sat 24<sup>th</sup> **Merry Christmas** **Kit Carson 1809 ~ USAF Began Strikes Of Laos 1964**  
 Sun 25<sup>th</sup> **First Day of Hanukkah**



26<sup>th</sup> Rescue Squad Meeting, Rescue Squad Building  
 27<sup>th</sup> Community Guild Meeting, IOOF Hall, Belmont  
 Fire Dept. Drill, Fire Station  
 28<sup>th</sup> ODD Fellows Meeting, IOOF Hall, Belmont

7:00 pm  
 9:00 am  
 7:00 pm  
 7:00 pm



Sat 31<sup>st</sup> **Official End of WWII 1946 ~ New Year's Eve**

**Panama Canal Turned over to Republic of Panama which Assumes control of Panama Canal 1999**

**Mink, Skunk, Red & Gray Fox, Coyote, Opossum, Weasel, Fisher, Raccoon, Ruffed Grouse, Gray Squirrel Season Ends**

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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 – Tim Carey	802-773-9101
Mount Holly Constable Paul Faenza		C 802-353-8347	Health Officer - Tim Bickford	259-3664
Animal Control For Mt. Holly		C 802-353-8347	Vermont State Police	773-9101

Send **ARTICLES** to: **Diana Garrow**, 3379 Shunpike Rd., Mt. Holly, VT 05758 **Phone** 259-2314 or **E-Mail** to [chitchat@vermontel.net](mailto:chitchat@vermontel.net) Check out **Mt. Holly Web Site** [www.mounthollyvt.org](http://www.mounthollyvt.org)

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**December Birthdays:** 1<sup>st</sup>-David Hoeh 3<sup>rd</sup> -Archie Bussino (1942) 4<sup>th</sup> -Shawn Palmer 5<sup>th</sup> -Mary Beth Jacobs 6<sup>th</sup> -Nikita Abrae Howard 8<sup>th</sup>-Zachary Taylor \* Heather Graham (1999) 9<sup>th</sup> -Carol Skarzynski 10<sup>th</sup> -Madeline Veysey 16<sup>th</sup> -Heather Jacobs \* Erin Devereux 16<sup>th</sup>-Shane Pearson 18<sup>th</sup> -Alec McCallum 19<sup>th</sup> -Lia Wortman \* Jon Lombardi \* Ryan Graf \* Sarah Devereux 22<sup>nd</sup> - Leslie Colm 1960. 23<sup>rd</sup> -Kateri Collins \* Stacey Johnson 24<sup>th</sup> - Christopher Colm \* Joshua R. Wasilewski 25<sup>th</sup> - Annette Lynch 27<sup>th</sup> - Richard Lee 30<sup>th</sup> -John Ely \* Jennifer Bussino Graham (1981) 31<sup>st</sup> -A.J. Labozzo



**December Anniversaries:** 11<sup>th</sup> -Joe & Donna McDonald 40<sup>th</sup> yrs (1976) 27<sup>th</sup> -Dave & Carol Venter 58Yrs (1958)

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.

## Local Post Office Hours

<b>Mount Holly</b>		<b>802-259-2796</b>
Mon – Fri		8:00 am – 10:00 am
&		2:45 pm – 4:45 pm
Sat		7:30 am – 10:30 am
<b>Belmont</b>		<b>802-259-2790</b>
Mon – Fri		8:00 am – 9:30 am
&		2:45 pm – 4:45 pm
Sat		8:00 am – 10:45 am
<b>East Wallingford</b>		<b>802-259-2829</b>
Mon – Fri		7:00 am – 9:00 am
&		2:45 pm – 4:45 pm
Sat		7:00 am – 10:00 am
<b>Cuttingsville/Shrewsbury</b>		<b>802-492-3585</b>
Window Hours	Mon – Fri	7:30 am – 10:30 am
	&	11:30 pm – 2:30 pm
	Sat	8:00 am – 11:00 am
Lobby Hours	Mon – Fri	7:30 am – 5:00 pm
	Sat	7:30 am – 11:00 am
<b>Ludlow</b>		<b>802-228-7436</b>
Post Master: Dawn Howlett		
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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 – 10:00 am



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## Alice F. Campbell

Alice F. Campbell Nov. 29, 1932, to Oct. 21, 2016. Alice Fife Campbell of Ludlow was born to Harriet Fife and Allen Kenneth Bostock 83 years ago and passed peacefully into eternal glory on Oct. 21, 2016. She was the loving wife of Daniel N. Campbell. Daniel predeceased her in 2006. She had been widowed by her first husband, Alexander "Bud" Marechaux.

Alice was an unbelievable homemaker and an avid reader, artist, quilter, historian; she also loved gardening and landscaping. She was a Vermont State Park Ranger at Lake Shaftsbury with her loving husband Daniel Campbell for 15 years.

Alice's greatest occupation was being a wife, a mother, a grandmother and a great-grandmother. She raised her six children and seven stepchildren with love and tenderness. She is survived by her son, Scott Marechaux, and Lois Gerber Bulger of Belmont, New York; her daughter, Laurie Marechaux of Plymouth, Vermont; her son, Gene Marechaux and wife, Dianna, of Seneca Falls, New York; her son, Curt Marechaux, and wife, Ann, of Wallingford, Vermont; and her son, Jason Marechaux, of Mount Holly, Vermont. Her eldest son, Hunter, predeceased her with his son, Nicholas. Also cherishing her memory are three grandchildren from her children, Alexander Marechaux of Rutland, Vermont; Chantelle Marechaux Farnsworth of S. Royalton, Vermont; and Eric Marechaux of Port Orange, Florida.

She is also survived by her beloved stepchildren Michael Campbell and wife, Diane, of Havre de Grace, Maryland; Richard Neil Campbell of Havre de Grace, MD; Margaret (Peggy) Campbell of Harrisonburg, VA; and Kathleen Coakley and husband, Charles, of Havre de Grace, Maryland. Patrick Allen Campbell, Daniel Campbell Jr. and Charles Thomas Campbell all predeceased Alice.

Alice is also survived by four grandchildren and five great-grandchildren and six step-grandchildren and six step-great-grandchildren.

A celebration honoring her amazing life is scheduled for the spring of 2017 at Lake Rescue in Ludlow, Vermont, her beloved home where she raised her six children. A private interment will be held at the Pleasant View Cemetery in Ludlow, Vermont, at that time. An announcement will be made in the spring of 2017. Contributions in her memory to the Fletcher Memorial Library, 88 Main St., Ludlow, VT 05149, to continue her love of reading, would be greatly appreciated.

## Ernest H. Holm



Ernest H. Holm, 73, died Thursday, Oct. 20, 2016, at Rutland Regional Medical Center. He was born in Rutland on July 7, 1943, son of Vilho and Elsa (Johnson) Holm. He attended Mount Holly elementary schools.

In earlier years, Mr. Holm worked in Ludlow area woolen mills. He was also employed by F.A. Tucker, Simonetta Inc. He later worked as a lineman for television and telephone cable companies, retiring in 2003.

He was a member of [Loyal Order of Moose](#) Lodge and Black River Rod and Gun Club. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, watching western movies and poker, and was a fan of the Boston Red Sox.

Survivors include six daughters, Cynthia Witmer, of Epping, New Hampshire, Linda Wright Busque and Laurie Wright, both of Barre, Shelley Spaulding, of Washington, Jo-Ann Dexter, of Williamstown, Karyn Mowery, of White River Junction; a brother, Ronald Holm, of Rutland Town; his former wife, Sheila Simon, of Lecanto, Florida; 13 grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren; several nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by a brother, Vilho "Billy" Holm.

The graveside service will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 25, 2016, in Pleasant View Cemetery in Ludlow.

Memorial contributions, in lieu of flowers, may be made to Norris Cotton Cancer Center, in care of Clifford Funeral Home, 2 Washington St., Rutland, VT 05701.

## Leta E. Hudgings



Leta E. (Davis) Hudgings, 77, passed away peacefully in her sleep with her husband by her side at 5:40 a.m., Friday, Nov. 11, 2016, at her home in Mount Holly.

She was born on April 27, 1939, in Ludlow, the daughter of Col. Ellsworth C. and Dorothy (Ripley) Davis, who predeceased her.

Leta graduated from Cape Central High School in Cape Girardeau, Missouri, in 1957 and on Dec. 9, 1957, from the Cape Girardeau School of Beauty Culture Inc. with a degree in cosmetology.

She married Clay T. Hudgings on Oct. 18, 1962, in Logansport, Indiana, where they lived for many years before returning to Vermont in 1988.

Leta was formerly employed at the Clark's IGA Store in Ludlow as the lead cashier prior to her retirement in 1997. She also had been employed at Libson Shops of Cape Girardeau, Missouri, Walden's Book Store and the Basket Shop in Logansport, Indiana.

Survivors include her husband, Clay, of Mount Holly; a daughter, Dawn (Hudgings) Tyrrell and her husband, Michael, of Proctorsville; a son, Mark H. Hudgings, of Cabot, Arkansas; five grandchildren Kyle Tyrrell and Catie Tyrrell, both of Proctorsville, Jasmine Hudgings, Justin Hudgings and Joshua Hudgings, all of Cabot, Arkansas; a sister, Sue (Davis) Bragg and her husband, Sonny, of Ludlow; a

brother, Ellsworth "Sonny" Davis and his wife, Pat, of San Antonio, Texas; also by several nieces and nephews.

Memorial services will be held Wednesday, Nov. 16, 2016, at 11 a.m., at the Church of Annunciation in Ludlow. Friends may call from 10 a.m. until the time of the service at the church.

## Mt. Holly School Board Meeting

The Mt. Holly school board met on Wednesday, November 2 at Ludlow Elementary School. The board approved the minutes from the last meeting. The board discussed student count and the first draft of the budget. They also discussed the impact of Act 46 on Mt. Holly and the board members concerns with relation to the administration's structure proposal.

The board met in carousal and discussed the recent Act 46 meeting. They also discussed the new absence procedure that will be followed by all the TRSU schools.

The next meeting will be at Mt. Holly Elementary School on December 7, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.

## Mount Holly General & Presidential Election

Mount Holly has 1060 registered voters and on Election Day we broke our number of voters' record. The old record was set in 2012 at 758 voters'. Ryan Smith broke that record by being 759<sup>th</sup> voter pictured on the right (Photo By Barbara Ludwig). We went on to 777 people voting in the Election.

Everyone who ran for Justice of the Peace was voted in. They are Daniel Connor 377 votes, Brigid Faenza 444 votes, Diana Garrow 531 votes, Robert Herbst 407 votes, David Johnson 458 votes, Millicent Johnson 456 votes, Brigid Sullivan 381 votes, and 13 votes were cast for write in candidates.

Many thanks to all who worked the Polls it sure was a busy day.

Pictured below L to R Joan McCallum, Carol Garrow Woolley, Barbara Ludwig and Nancy Connor (Photos By Joe Hammond).



## Thank You From The Community Guild

The Mount Holly Community Guild wishes to thank all of you who supported our fall raffle. All of the money that we raise is given to college freshmen as scholarships and to community service organizations. The following are the winners of our raffle.

Quilt by June Santorufo— Pete Hill

Hand Made Basket by Judy Nevin – Jim Corven

Massage by Robin Nelson – Coni Kinsman

Rooster Fragrant Wax Burner donated by June Capron – Sue Horsman

## Reinbow Riding Center

Our new trail is open! Thanks to all the volunteers who helped mark the trail, trim and clear the path. We are all enjoying the long fall and everyone loves the new trail. This trail encourages riders to concentrate, to find the blue ribbons that mark the trail and steer through the path where they experience many types of footing, gravel, moss, leaves and the forest floor. We have seen partridge, turkeys, deer, butterflies, and caterpillars, so far and heard many birds some of which we can identify (ducks, geese). We have seen evidence of others animals yet to be identified-What is at the top of the evergreen trees that is eating pinecones and nipping off the new shoots of the branches or who is making those tracks? There are the remains of an old sugar house way out in the woods. The building is gone but the remains of buckets, the arch and pan are still there. Its fun to talk about what these were and what the land might have looked like when these were in use and who the people might have been.

It's amazing to see the people's reaction finding the entrance and then being fully engulfed by the forest. They relax and can be quite talkative or they may just want to enjoy the quiet and listen to the voices of the woods.

If anyone has any questions about what we do please do not hesitate to call 802-492-2226



## Mount Holly Library Reading Discussion Group

The Mount Holly Library Reading Discussion Group will not meet in December. We will meet again on January 11, 2017 at Susie Hamilton's. There will be a reminder in the January Chit Chat. Over the holidays we are reading *The Boys in the Boat* by Daniel James Brown. If you would like a copy please call Minga at 259-2471. Have the happiest of holiday seasons and be good to yourself and join us in the New Year.



### FUNDRAISER! BY MEAGAN WILKINS FOR- Epilepsy

Selling- many different crafts, made by Meagan

Date- December 3<sup>rd</sup>

Time- 10:00 am – 4:00 pm

Place- Our Home Frost Hill Rd, Belmont

50 percent of her proceeds will be donated to  
Dartmouth Medical Center, to children who suffer with  
epilepsy as Meg has for many years

#### December Sale Gerry Wilkins Art

50% off Older Paintings Plus Many New Ones!  
Also a Drawing for a FREE Christmas Tree  
Painting

For More Information Call 259-2046

## Crafters Needed

### For the 2016 Student Shopping Fair!

The Mount Holly School PTSA is searching for local craftspeople to attend the Student Shopping Fair. At this event we highlight the creative talents of our local artists and craftspeople. We require that vendors only bring and display homemade/hand-assembled items (no violent crafts please) that can be sold for between \$1 and \$5. Each class will be given a 30 minute slot to shop for their loved ones. The children really love this event! Imagine the smiling faces when the children get to pick out and buy gifts all by themselves! The fee for a 10ft. by 10ft. area is \$20. All proceeds go to benefit the Mount Holly School Parent Teacher and Student Association (MHSPTSA).

**When:** Friday December 9<sup>th</sup> **Where:** Mount Holly Elementary School Gym

**Time:** 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Call 259-2755 or e-mail [morganskiathitis@gmail.com](mailto:morganskiathitis@gmail.com) for an application!



Picture of  
Meagan  
Wilkins with  
some of her  
crafts.



## BLACK RIVER AREA COMMUNITY COALITION (BRACC) POSITION OPENING

### Project Assistant

Responsible for assisting with implementation and coordination of coalition initiatives as they relate to youth working closely with Coalition staff, board, community, and others on programs that keep youth off alcohol, tobacco and other drugs. Part time up to 25 hours/week with flexible work schedule.

#### Minimum requirements:

- \* Bachelor's degree in counseling, education, social services or related field. Experience may be substituted for Education.
- \* Positive mental outlook, ability to relate to youth ages 10 to 18, philosophical agreement with program goals and objectives.
- \* Energetic self-starter, creative, with follow through to implement programs that further organizational goals. Grant writing desirable.

For details contact Black River Area Community Coalition, PO Box 197, Ludlow, VT 05149, [Bracc7878@yahoo.com](mailto:Bracc7878@yahoo.com)

*Chit Chat Deadline for  
January Issue  
Will Be  
Sunday December 18th*

## BRACC UPDATE

The holidays are upon us again. It is time to remember to set a good example for your children in your use of alcohol, talk to them about the risks of underage drinking (teens who drink before the age of 15 are 4 times more likely to become alcoholics than those who wait until they are 21), and do not drink and drive. Keep yourself and your family safe this holiday season. And remember to find fun ways to enjoy your time together!

BRACC is looking for a new staff person. If you are interested in educating the community and doing programs with teens, this is a great part time position with flexible hours. See the ad in the Chit Chat or contact us at Bracc7878@yahoo.com.

Our next meeting is Dec. 7 at 4:00 PM in the Coolidge Room at Black River High School. All parents are encouraged to attend. Youth are welcome and encouraged to attend and help plan and lead programs.

## Tips from Teens for a Safe School Year

The school year is filled with transitions that can be both exciting and stressful for families. So, connect with your kids frequently to guide them toward a successful and safe year.

Talking with your teens about drugs and alcohol can be difficult, but here's some advice from teens for parents about how to talk so kids will listen. Here are a couple tips they had:

"Be positive. I don't want to hear about how I could ruin my life. I want to hear about how great my life is now and how I can keep it that way."

"OK, so you want me not to drink or do drugs. How about helping me figure out how to avoid it without feeling stupid or losing my friends?"

See what else they had to say and get other helpful advice from parents like you.

Learn more and take action with ParentUp, an initiative of the Vermont Department of Health at <http://parentupvt.org> or BRACC, bracc7878@yahoo.com.

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## Mt Holly School

**Volunteer Reminder:** The Ski Program will begin in January and you will not be allowed to volunteer without completing the background check / confidentiality form and having ACT 1 training. The final (2) opportunities to receive the ACT 1 training in order to be eligible to volunteer for the ski program will be as follows:

\* Dec. 9th @ Ludlow Elem. School 6:00 pm

\* Dec. 12th @ Mount Holly School 6:00 pm

### Holiday Concert

at Mt Holly School Gym 1:30 pm & 6:00 pm



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## Join Bone Builders

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Call Cathy Chadburn 259-3665

## Mount Holly Photo Contest

The announcement of the winning photos for the Mount Holly 2018 Calendar will be made in the February issue of the ChitChat

But...there is no time like now to start taking your photos for the 2017 Photo Contest. November photos have the best chance of getting in the calendar

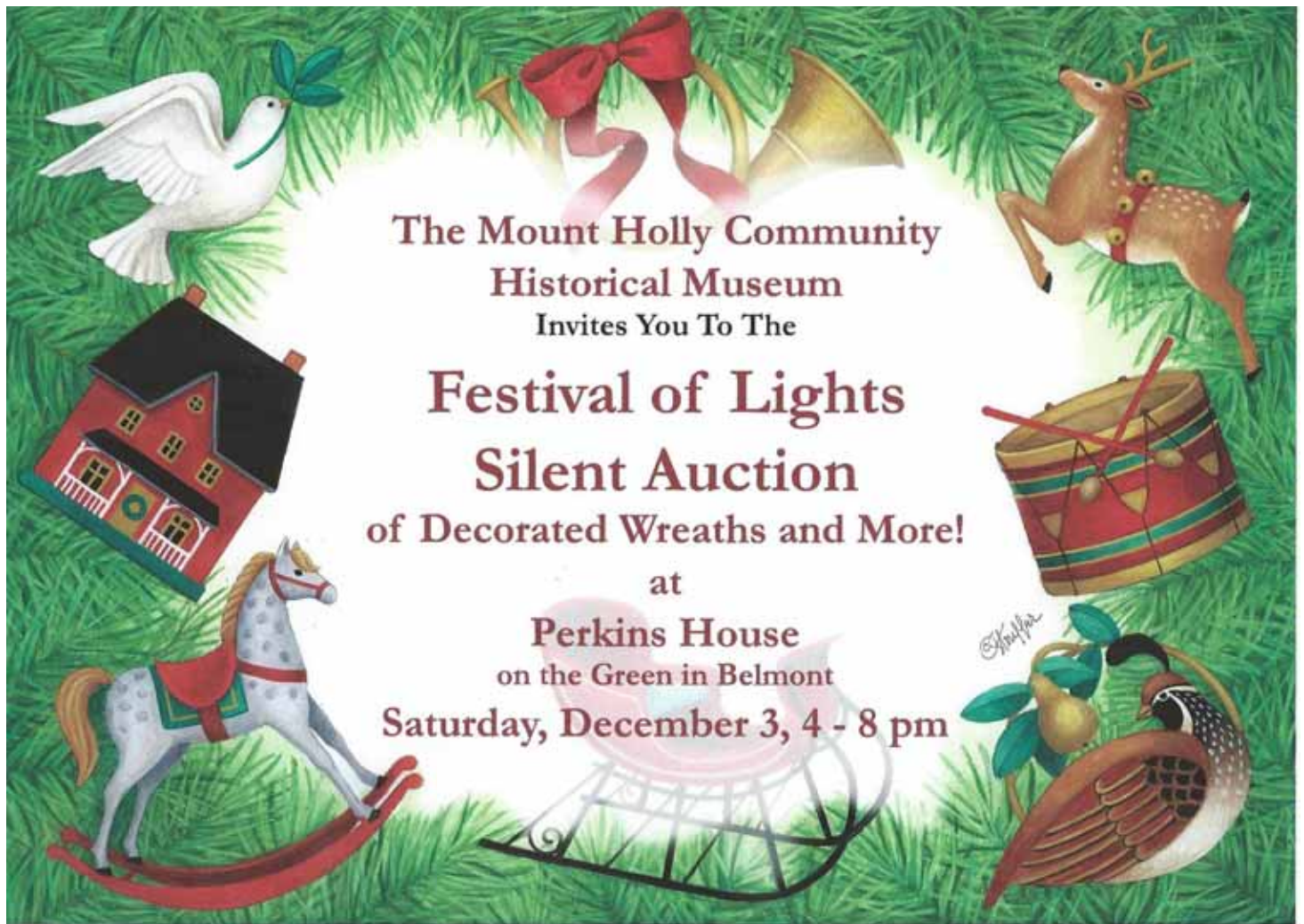
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**Don Reiser and Express Copy**  
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**Diana Garrow**

and the Mount Holly Chit Chat  
for the wonderful coverage of the  
photo contest and calendar

**The Mount Holly Community**  
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to be such a success!

Janet Warren, coordinator  
Mount Holly Photo Contest and  
Calendar



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## Mount Holly Town Road Crew Appreciation

I would like to say how much we appreciate the card the children at the Mt Holly School made for us to thank us for building the two stone classrooms on the nature trail. The first year we built the forest stone sitting area with some donated 1 to 2 ton slabs of slate, granite, talc, and some very unusual stone that came from the town garage building site. The second site was built with the help of master rocker Jeb Porter with select stone that Vtel had stockpiled for us that came out of the roads when the fiber optic cable was installed. I can see from the comments on the card that the second stone sitting area next to the stream that flows from the wetlands where the mastodon bones were found 100 years



ago is the favorite. The children wrote in the card about doing yoga, drawing, and studying while listening to the water. The Mt Holly School is a special place for young minds to grow; I don't think we would want anything less for our future citizens and leaders.



Thank you again Mt Holly School for allowing the town highway dept to be your neighbor and letting us help make something special for our children. Jeff Teter, Mount Holly road crew



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## Mount Holly Community Association

For the third year in a row, the MHCA has hosted the most successful family Halloween party in the Okemo Valley! What a treat it was to see all of the children at **The Monster Mash** decked out in their adorable/scary costumes and thoroughly enjoying the pot luck snacks, the trick-or-treating and the hay ride in Belmont village. The adult party, **Bad Necromance**, was also a hit as DJ Evergreen (Robert Balewicz) entertained with great dance beats and a smashing lightshow! As always, the costumes were fabulous and everyone got into the swing of a ghoulish night on the dance floor. Many thanks to Morgan Skiathitis and Linda Miller, the primary organizers of the respective parties, along with their many volunteers. It was an outstanding afternoon and evening that will long be remembered by all the families who attended. Each and every one of them is already looking forward to next year's Halloween in Mount Holly!

**Upcoming:** even though the Halloween Party is just behind us, plans are being made for **Christmas in Mount Holly** to be held on Saturday, December 10<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 pm in the Library & Community Center building. Once again, a seasonal skit directed by Penny Coldwell will take the library stage and, of course, all of the performers will be our friends and neighbors here in Mount Holly. Our other yearly traditions will follow...music by the folk club, a reading of *The Night Before Christmas* by Barbara Palotta, and, most important of all, a visit from who else... Santa Claus! Refreshments will be served in the Community Room after all of the festivities. If you can, please bring some finger food to share; all beverages will be provided. We hope to see you all, young and young at heart, on December 10<sup>th</sup>!

Ring in the New Year at the best fireworks display in the Okemo Valley...**New Year's**

**Eve at Star Lake!** Once again the Mount Holly Snow Flyers will provide the most extensive and elaborate fireworks show in the region on New Year's Eve, Saturday, December 31<sup>st</sup>. Festivities begin at 8:00 pm with a bonfire by the lake and mulled wine and hot cocoa provided by the Mount Holly Community Association. There is no better way to welcome in the New Year than in the company of family and friends on the shore of Star Lake in Belmont. Even if the air is frigid, the bonfire and the camaraderie of hundreds of people will keep you warm throughout the evening...please join us!

It's time to renew your **MHCA Membership for 2016 - 2017**, if you have not already done so! All of the events sponsored by the Community Association (such as those described above) would not be possible without the participation of *everyone* in the community through your annual membership. It is our largest source of revenue to support all of the activities throughout the year, as well as the maintenance of our beautiful, historic building. Whether you join at the

individual level of \$20, or the benefactor level at \$250, your participation is crucial to the vitality of *your* Community Association! A reminder was recently sent out, but if you have misplaced your form, you can pick one up at the library or at the General Store, or contact Beth Latino, our membership chair, at 259-2084. Forgotten whether you've joined or not?! You can get that information from Beth Latino as well. Please join today!!

**The Mount Holly Photo Calendar** is now on sale at the General Store and the library. Be sure to pick up the calendars you need for holiday presents as soon as possible. We sell out of the calendars every year and there is a limited quantity left right now! This is yet another way that you can support the MHCA...we are sincerely grateful for all you do!

The Board of Directors of the Mount Holly Community Association wishes to extend its warmest best wishes to all during this season of celebration whether it be Christmas, Hannukah, or Kwanzaa...happy holidays to everyone!

### Mount Holly Community Association

#### Membership Drive

2016 - 2017

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Mount Holly-  
New Year's Eve at Star Lake-Spring Mud Fling  
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**Happy Thanksgiving from the Trustees, Library Director and Volunteers  
of Mount Holly Town Library!  
Spot Light on Volunteers**



On Monday, November 14<sup>th</sup> the Library Director, Amanda Merk, and Trustees of the Mount Holly Town Library hosted a special Volunteer Appreciation Event, a Happy Hour for the Library Volunteers. Everyone brought food to share and there was a lot of joy in the library that night. The Mount Holly Town Library is truly a volunteer-centered organization. Amanda Merk mentioned several projects the volunteers have been working on including the reorganization of the children's room. Susie Hamilton, Jane Jones, Linda McGrath, Linda Lampert, Sara Schwartz and Katy Crane were all recognized for their amazing work in reorganizing the children's books, games and puzzles. Stop in to see how the children's area has been improved! And be sure to say thank you to your Library Volunteers. They do so much to keep the library open

and thriving. Contact [mthollylibrary@gmail.com](mailto:mthollylibrary@gmail.com) if you'd like to volunteer at the library.

**New Books Now Posted to the NewsFlash**

Keep an eye on the Mount Holly Newsflash for the latest list of new books in the library. Library Director, Amanda Merk, is busy adding new best sellers nearly every week. A hearty thank you to Randy Bixby for helping get the word out about the new books each week.

**Library Annual Appeal**

The Library Trustees and Director are ever so grateful to each and every person who has given generously to our annual appeal. Your donations will help us staff the library with a professional director here to serve you, keep the shelves stocked with good books for all ages, DVD's and audio books, and offer library programs and more. If you haven't had a chance to give to the library annual appeal yet, please give as generously as the season allows. Every dollar you donate goes directly into your Town Library and benefits your wonderful community!

**Library Board of Trustees Welcomes a New Board Member**

The Trustees of the Library are pleased to welcome Beth Chase to the Board. Beth is full of energy, enthusiasm and great ideas. Beth jumped in with both feet and has already accepted a new role as Library Community Liaison. Beth will partner with the wider Mount Holly community in order to learn more about your library needs and find out how we can serve you.

**The Mount Holly Community Association  
Invites one and all to the**

**Mount Holly  
Christmas Party**

**At the Mount Holly Community  
Association**

Saturday, December 10<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 PM

- "An Abridged Christmas Carol" presented by the Mount Holly Players
  - A visit from Santa himself
- A reading of "Twas the Night Before Christmas"
- Caroling with members of the Mount Holly Folk Club
  - Bring munchies to share.

## Mount Holly Snow-Flyers

With winter fast approaching the Mount Holly Snow-Flyers have put last year's dismal season behind us and are optimistic for a great 2017 season! We have been very busy with trail work lately and they are in great shape currently! We hope we have a great winter for all winter sports enthusiasts!

We hope everyone had a Happy Thanksgiving! We wish everyone Happy Holidays! We hope that you enjoy time well spent with your family and friends. Don't forget to mark your calendar for our annual New Year's Eve Fireworks on Star Lake. We hope to see you there!



A reminder: get your Early-Bird trail passes (TMA's) before December 15<sup>th</sup> and save! This year you will automatically be entered to win a new snowmobile from VAST! (See their website for details)

Don't forget we have sweatshirts, hooded sweatshirts, long sleeve tee-shirts, and stickers available for purchase on our online store or in person at the Belmont General Store. They make great gifts for all riders!



Please remember to stay off the trails until December 15<sup>th</sup> or until our gates are open. Stay tuned to our Facebook or website for trail updates!

Think snow! We hope to see you on the trails soon! The Mount Holly Snow-Flyers

## A MESSAGE FROM GOD

In 1971, Ray Tomlinson was experimenting with ways people and computers could interact. When he sent a message from his computer through a network to a different unit in his office, little did he know that he had sent the first e-mail. Now decades later, more than a billion e-mails are sent (or leaked) every day. Many contain important news from family and friends, but others may carry unwanted advertising or a destructive virus. A basic rule governing e-mail is: "Don't open it unless you trust the sender."

God has sent us a message in the Person of His Son, and we can trust the Sender. In the Old Testament, God spoke to His people through the prophets and many rejected God's Word. But it was all leading to this: "Going through a long line of prophets, God has been addressing our ancestors in different ways for centuries. Recently He spoke to us directly through His Son. By His Son, God created the world in the beginning, and it will all belong to the Son at the end. This Son perfectly mirrors God, and is stamped with God's nature. He holds everything together by what He says---powerful words!" (Heb. 1:1-3 MSG)

We may be awed by the unforgettable mystery of Almighty God stepping from His throne, removing His robe of light and wrapping Himself in pigmented, human skin. We may be astounded that the light of the universe entered a dark, wet womb and was birthed into the cold night to sleep on cow's hay, yet remain hesitant to embrace Christ fully and place our lives in His hands.

Christmas is the unforgettable message of love, redemption, and hope sent by a loving God. His timeless message of eternal forgiveness is just waiting to be received.

Will you trust the Sender and open His message right now...today?

May this be the Christmas that you give Him your life, Pastor Glenn (The Village Church)





## Mount Holly Town News

Minutes are "DRAFT" until approved at the next Select Board meeting December 13<sup>th</sup>, 2016. NOTE: Most Select Board meetings are covered by LPC-TV. The videos can be viewed at their website, [www.lpcvtv.org](http://www.lpcvtv.org). Computers with internet access are available at the Town Library.

**SELECT BOARD ~ NOVEMBER 15, 2016** - The meeting was called to order at 7:30pm by Ted Crawford, chair. Ray Tarbell and Tim Martin were present. All stood and recited the Pledge of

Allegiance.

1. Additions/Deletions to the Agenda: There were several additions: under Highway, a letter regarding an issue between neighbors; under Treasurer's Report, a social services agency issue; and issues with the Selectboard computer, which were discussed immediately.

The Selectboard laptop computer was purchased in January 2011 and upgraded to Windows 10 during the summer. Since then, most Windows 10 updates resulted in the laptop not booting up properly. Larry Gold of EZ Computers said that really, computers from before 2013 are not compatible (drivers for video, printer, etc.) even though Windows 10 said they were. He recommended replacing the computer. Ted Crawford approved the purchase. The new computer should arrive by next week.

**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.**

2. Minutes:

- The minutes of the regular meeting of October 11, 2016 were sent out before the meeting for review. Upon motion made and seconded it was VOTED: To approve the October 13 minutes. (3-0)

3. Highways

- Jeff is on vacation, but sent an email to advise that the paving projects are done except for the store. Also the Odd Fellows Hall area was not done correctly, so they will be coming back for that. David noted that the paving will not get done this year, as the asphalt plant has shut down. Jeff

also noted that there was no report from the RRPC Transportation Council (TAC) and suggested that TAC be removed from the agenda unless there is a specific need. Jeff also suggested removing the Transfer Station as a regular item on the agenda (although there is an issue this month).

- A letter was received from a property owner concerned about vehicles and debris on a neighbor's property, including a new driveway access. The property owner is building a new structure (garage?), although there is no building registration form. A highway access permit is up at the garage awaiting Jeff's approval. Ted drove by the property, but did not see anything out of the ordinary. One or both of the other selectmen will also view the property before responding to the letter.

4. Report of Treasurer

- David Johnson presented an income and expense statement dated October 31, 2016 showing cash balances of \$3,518,882. Highlights: Property taxes received total \$4,067,000. Delinquent property taxes total \$223,677 on 103 properties (about the same as last year). Taxes were received late for 7 properties and 7 additional properties paid before the information was turned over to the tax collector. All have been penalized and interest accrued. The Town received the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter State aid payment. Solid waste (SW) labels sold thru October 18; some recycling income was received. Otherwise, not much to report.
- A social service agency (Child First Advocacy Center) was included on the warrant, but was inadvertently left off the ballot. The requested amount (\$400) was included in the tax rate. Upon motion made and seconded, it was VOTED: To pay the \$400 and include the agency as a new item on this year's warrant and ballot. (3-0)
- External Audit: David has reported that this is underway; he is trying to schedule an appointment for the auditor to come and get fire and rescue information and some additional town information.
- Okemo Valley Chamber of Commerce: During last month's discussion it was mentioned that the dental benefits might be of value to the Town. Research shows that the benefits we currently have thru VLCT are slightly richer and cheaper as well. Upon motion made and seconded, it was VOTED: To not join the Chamber at this time. (3-0)

5. Transfer Station

- The Town received a letter from the State (DEC-Waste Mgmt and Protection). On November 08, they conducted a site visit and found that there were a number of bags of trash on the ground and not in the compactor. The bags had been ripped open by birds and other 'vectors'. The Town has to correct the problem and respond to the State by November 16. The compactor was apparently full over the weekend, but it was not clear why the extra trash had not been put in the

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### Mount Holly Animal Control Officer

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spare containers on the site. Rhonda will call the State and let them know that it has been cleaned up and determine if a written response is required.

6. Insurance

- Health Insurance: The Board has provided premium support up to the amount of the platinum plan offered by BCBS. Employees may select any plan on the Exchange, as they wish. Upon motion made and seconded, it was

VOTED: To continue to provide premium support up to the level of the BCBS Platinum Plan. (3-0)

- Health Reimbursement Account (HRA): The total out-of-pocket limit on the health insurance has been raised to \$1300. It was suggested that the Board raise the HRA limit from the current \$1200 to that amount. Upon motion made and seconded, it was VOTED: To continue to provide the HRA, raising the limit to \$1300. (3-0)
- Rhonda will complete the necessary forms for continuing both the insurance and HRA plans.

7. Planning Commission

- Rutland Regional Planning Commission (RRPC): Bill McGrath was not present, but sent an email with his report, which Ted read. A speaker from the VT Dept of Health spoke of the new 3-4-50 program to improve the health of Vermonters by each town building walking and bike trails. When asked if there was money for this from the State, she said no. The City of Rutland has started a new series of ads to attract people to the city. Mr. Alldaire stated they were going to ask

every town to contribute to the fund, which has a budget of \$200,000. The Town has not seen anything on this yet.

- Rutland Regional Transportation Advisory Council (TAC): Jeff emailed that there was nothing pertaining to Mount Holly at the RRTC meeting (see above).
- Planning Commission Vacancy: There is one term expiring this month and there has been one interested party for the position. Upon motion made and

**Mount Holly Town Office**

Will be **CLOSED** the following dates:

**Monday, December 26, 2016 for Christmas**

**Monday, January 2, 2017 for New Years Day**

**Monday, January 16, 2017 for Martin Luther's Jr. Day**

seconded, it was

VOTED: To appoint Peter Berger to a three year term, expiring November 2019. (3-0)

8. Other Business

- ATV Ordinance: – Tim Martin handed out copies of a proposed ATV Ordinance for the Selectboard to consider at the December meeting. The Board requested that the proposed ordinance be published on the Newsflash and Chit Chat. They will be part of the minutes as well. Tim noted that there were a lot of changes from the previous version. This one is more like the Town of Benson's, with emphasis on agricultural use and leniency for ag users.

Fra Devine noted that the advisory survey settled the issue, with a majority against it. Tim stated that he gets calls asking when this will be allowed and he wants to do what the constituents are asking about. Ted noted that the survey was not a binding vote, and that some people said they were not offered one. Further discussion was delayed until next meeting; hopefully more people on both sides will come to the meeting.

- Auditors: The Auditors met and reviewed our town report and compared it with other towns. They are trying to get the size of the book down to save on printing and postage. They particularly liked the Danby town report contents and size. They have suggested the elimination of the following items: 1) the social services reports (20 pages); a few copies can be made available at the town office 2) community reports, except for the Chit Chat and Library (8 pages); ask those two to condense their report and put both on one page 3) schedule of compensation (1 page); it's in the budget as well; 4) dog licenses (1 page); 5) Haz mat (1-2 pages); 6) combine animal and constable to 1 page; or just put in the Chit Chat; 7) fire (rescue?) and auxiliary report, but keep the budget; 8) listers and planning commission combine on one page; 9) delinquent tax can be combined on next page.

The auditors also suggested that the book be mailed only to those that want it (about 100 people said they wanted it in response to the postcard last year) and we could drastically cut the 550 we currently print. Or we could not mail any and just notify people that the books will be available at the town office. Sue Covalla expressed concerns that the budget needs to go to all voters. She reviews the voter list and consolidates households so only one is sent per household. David noted that if the town report is not sent, the entire warrant is required to be published (Rutland Herald). Ted noted that there are 6 requirements in the Statutes that must be included.

The cost to print and publish is \$3775 for 2016 (600 printed, 495 mailed); \$3020 for 2015 (525 printed, 506 mailed). There seems to be consensus to reduce the pages. The Board requested that the Auditors suggestions be published so people can comment on them. The Board will make final decisions at the December meeting for narrowing it down, but still mailed out.

- Municipal Action Papers: Ted wanted everyone to know that VT League of Cities and Towns (VLCT) have issued 6 topics which include VLCT's position for legislative action. Topics include municipal self-governance, transportation,

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land use and energy, public safety, taxation and budgets, and water quality. All of the papers can be accessed via from the homepage of VLCT's website: [vlct.org](http://vlct.org).

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

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by motion made, seconded and approved, at 8:08 pm. Respectfully submitted, Rhonda Rivers

## **Town Of Mount Holly Ordinance All-Terrain Vehicle Regulations PROPOSED**

### **Authority**

Under the authority granted in Vermont Title 24 V.S.A. Chapter 59, 24 V.S.A Section 2291 (4) and Vermont Title 23 V.S.A. Chapter 31, Section 3510, the Select Board of the Town of Mount Holly hereby adopts the following civil ordinance regulating the time, manner and location of operation of all-terrain vehicles within the town. This ordinance and accompanying regulations are adopted as a supplement to and not a substitute for any Vermont statutes and regulations pertaining to all-terrain vehicles.

### **Purpose**

The purpose of this ordinance is to allow Mount Holly residents, landowners, and their guests, who have the appropriate permission to travel on private land, limited approval for their all-terrain vehicles to travel on identified and approved town highways (or sections of highways), to connect to other private property, while protecting the health and safety of all vehicle operators, residents, animals, property and the environment.

### **Definitions**

This ordinance will adopt the definitions of "All-Terrain Vehicle" or "ATV" and "Operate" as defined in Vermont Title 23 V.S.A. Chapter 31 section 3501.

"Active Farming" is to be defined as anyone engaging in the cultivation and harvesting of crops, hay, vegetables or trees bearing edible fruit; the raising of livestock, poultry, fish, bees or Equines; the harvesting of maple sap and the production of maple syrup; and the management and harvesting off forest lands enrolled in the Use Value Appraisal Program (UVA) also known as Current use.

"Gravel Road" is to be defined as any Town Highway or portion thereof, which Is not paved, and is maintained as a traveled road.

### **Operation Requirements**

The requirements below must be strictly adhered to when operating an all-terrain vehicle on town highways. Any violations will revoke the permission from the Town of Mount Holly to operate an all-terrain vehicle on the town highways and the applicable State laws will apply.

- 1) All-terrain vehicles must be registered and operated in accordance to the requirements of Vermont Title 23 V.S.A. Chapter 31.
- 2) All-terrain vehicles may only be operated on sections of Town highways that have been designated and approved by the Select Board.
- 3) All traffic control devices apply to the operation of all-terrain vehicles. ATVs shall obey all traffic regulations that apply to other motor vehicles permitted on Town highways.
- 4) All-terrain vehicles on the Town highway will travel to the far right side, single file, not be operated at a speed greater than is reasonable, safe and prudent under the conditions, having regard for the actual and potential hazards there existing. In every event, speed shall be controlled as necessary to avoid collision with any person, vehicle, snowmobile, ATV, or other object on or adjacent to the highway.
- 5) The operator of an ATV shall drive at an appropriate reduced speed when approaching and crossing an intersection or railway grade crossing, when approaching and going around a curve, when approaching a hill crest, when travelling on any narrow portions of the highway and when a special hazard exist with respect to pedestrians or other traffic by reason of weather or road conditions.
- 6) The operator of an all-terrain vehicle being operated on a Town highway will yield right of way to all other vehicle and pedestrian traffic including but not limited to bicyclist and horses.
- 7) ATVs used in active farming must display a slow moving vehicle sign on the rear of the machine.

### **Highway Approval Process**

- 1) All-terrain vehicles will only be allowed to travel on Town highways (or sections of highways} approved by the Select Board.
- 2) The Select Board reserves the right to allow or deny permission to operate an all-terrain vehicle on any Town highway (or section of highway). The Select Board reserves the right to rescind any or all permissions to operate an all-terrain vehicle on Town highways at any time.
- 3) The Select Board reserves the right to add or remove any and all roads from the "Allowed Highways" section of this ordinance at any time.

### **Allowed Highways**

- 1) All Class 4 roads within the Town of Mount Holly.
- 2) All gravel roads within the Town of Mount Holly
- 3) Any road, with the exception of State highways, when the ATV is being used solely for the purpose of active farming.

### Enforcement

This is a civil ordinance and shall be enforced by a constable/sheriff/police officer or any person(s) duly appointed by the Select Board as an issuing Municipal Officer through the Judicial Bureau in accordance with the provisions of 24 VSA Chapter 59.

### Severability

If any section of this ordinance is held by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such finding shall not invalidate any other part of this ordinance.

### Effective Date

This ordinance shall become effective 60 days after its adoption by the Mount Holly Select Board. If a petition is filed under 24 V.S.A Section 1973, that statute shall govern the taking effect of this ordinance.

### Signatures

\_\_\_\_\_  
Edward (Ted) Crawford

\_\_\_\_\_  
Raymond Tarbell

\_\_\_\_\_  
Tim Martin



### Adoption History

- 1) Agenda item at regular meeting held on \_\_\_\_\_
- 2) Read and approved at regular Select Board meeting on \_\_\_\_\_ and entered in the minutes of that meeting which were approved on \_\_\_\_\_.
- 3) Posted in public places on \_\_\_\_\_.
- 4) Notice of adoption published in \_\_\_\_\_ newspaper on \_\_\_\_\_ with a notice of the right to petition.
- 5) Other actions (petitions, etc.).

### Auditor's Suggestions for Town Report Changes



The Auditors have reviewed the Town Report to consider changes that would lower the printing and postage costs of the mailing of the report. Their recommendations were presented at the November 15, 2016 Selectboard meeting. Please also read the Minutes of the meeting.

The Selectboard is considering eliminating the following pages from the town report:


- social services-we can make a few copies for the town office if anyone wants to come see them-20 pages
- Community reports except for Chit Chat and Library-same as above-8 pages we get updates from these organizations all the time in the monthly chit chat. Perhaps ask the Chit Chat and Library to make their reports shorter and could do one page for both.
- schedule of compensation-it is in budget too
- dog licenses-1 page
- Haz mat-1 or 2 pages
- Combine animal control and constable reports on one page.
- fire and aux report, but keep the budget in
- listers and planning commission could be combined on one page
- delinquent tax can be combined on next page

The Selectboard welcomes your comments and thoughts on these recommendations or other thoughts you may have. Please send your comments to the Town Office or via email at mthollysb@gmail.com.

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## ***Ludlow Rotary Recaps Major Club Events***

The Ludlow Rotary Club recently discussed the results of two of its major event in its month tv program, Rotary This Month, aired over LPCTV, cable channel 8 (20 in Mt Holly). Pictured above are club President, Tesha Buss, on the left, and Glenn Heitsmith, on the right, as they recap the results of the annual Ralph Hogancamp Duck Race and the 26th annual Chili Cook-Off. According to Tesha, the duck race had the greatest number of entries in its history. Due to the race course's low water level (the Black River from the Depot Street Bridge to the Walker), Rotarians had to wade the course in order to ensure that all the ducks made it to the end. Glenn indicated that the Chili Cook-Off was a big hit with a large number of chili entries offered to the hundreds of happy tasters. The proceeds from the duck race benefited the Cavendish Recreation Department's Grevin Field while the Chili-Cook-Off went to the Black River Senior Center for its "Meals on Wheels" program.



### ***Ludlow Rotary's Duck Race Aids Cavendish Rec. Dept***

Following the completion of its 17th annual Ralph D. Hogancamp Duck Race, the Ludlow Rotary Club presented a check to the Cavendish Recreation Department in support of its efforts to complete funding for its skate park. The park suffered severely from the ravages of Irene. Pictured above, from left to right, is Sharon Bixby, the Rotary's lead person for the duck race, Kim Lampert, the club treasurer, and Terry O'Brien of the Cavendish Recreation Department as O'Brien accepts the check from the Ludlow Rotary Club.



### ***Check Presentation to Black River Good Neighbors***

The Vermont Association of Chamber of Commerce executive (VACCE) is comprised of 33 Chambers of Commerce. VACCE provides professional development to chamber executives and board members and represents the best interests of Vermont businesses at the local, regional and state level. VACCE represents the true demographic diversity of Vermont with individual chamber membership ranging from fifty to two thousand members. Together we represent over 13,000 businesses, employ more than 160,000 workers and represent every sector of Vermont's diverse economy.

Marji Graf, President of VACCE, (Vermont Association of Chamber of Commerce Executives), presents a check in the amount of \$500 to Audrey Bridge of Black River Good Neighbors at their Annual conference that was held on November 3 & 4 at The Castle Hill Resort & Spa, VT. The VACCE organization supports local food banks in the community where we hold our conferences every year.



### ***Cavendish Calendar Contest Concludes***

< Patience By Chery Leiner  
Divine By Jon Owens >

The Cavendish Community and Conservation Association's 2017 Cavendish calendar is now on sale, just in time for the holidays. CCCA selected the pictures that grace each month from their annual calendar photography contest in which entrants submit photos during the spring.

The winners and their winning photos are: January, Pat Moore, Snow Covered Trees; February, Hans Schrag, Brrrrrr; March, Tim O'Donoghue, Banks of the Beaver Pond; April, Andy French, Trillium; May, Jon Owens, Divine; June, Claire Walker, Phlox of Flowers; July, Penny Trick, Our Gazebo; August, Winston Churchill, Bridge Over Stream; September, Dan Sullivan, Glory of Autumn; October, Belle McKnight, Sugar House; November, Mary McCallum, Retired Workhorse; and December, Cheryl Leiner, Patiently Waiting.

Each year CCCA solicits photos in the spring for the following year's calendar. Photos have to be taken within Cavendish, including Proctorsville, by Cavendish residents, including second homeowners. Subjects can include anything that reflects life in this rural Vermont community. The next contest will be starting soon, so start taking your photos for the next calendar.

The 2017 calendars are on sale now at Crow's Bakery on Depot Street in Proctorsville, at Jill's Place in Cavendish Village, at the Village Clipper on Main Street in Proctorsville, and at Singleton's Market in Proctorsville. For additional information on the contest or any other aspect of the Cavendish calendars, please call Cheryl Leiner at (802) 226-7820.



## Okemo Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce

This past Tuesday, October 25, 2016, the Okemo Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce (OVRCC) held a Strategic Planning Session entitled “Maximizing Revenue: Achievements Of Regional Business Outcomes”.

The event, held in Chester at the NewsBank Conference Center, was attended by businesses as follows: OVRCC Board member Joe Evans and his wife and business partner Kathryn ran the meeting and began by offering an overview of the strategic planning process, highlighting the basic steps and a general timeline. Their advance work aided the efficiency of the evening, and much was accomplished.

Mr. Evans said the goal of the session was the creation of an initial “Future” Strategy Framework. The process used followed an abbreviated version of the strategy development framework developed and used by Joe Evans in his former company. It was explained that the outputs from the meeting would be used as significant input items for the surveys and follow-on work in subsequent strategy development efforts as a part of this process.

Based on their own research and discussion, the Evans presented four strategic themes around which visioning efforts would be categorized. Those themes were:

- Chamber Infrastructure and Financial Stability (financial and organizational sustainability)

**Town/Village Businesses, Attending:** Rutland 3, Weston 2, Plymouth 2, Londonderry 2, Weathersfield 1, Cavendish/Proctorsville 3, Chester 1, Ludlow 9, State Legislators 2

### TOTAL 25

*Increase funding and capability of the chamber to continue to provide or enhance member value*

- Economic Development & Support - *Increase member revenue through participation in chamber-driven region wide economic development initiatives that support member-based industries*
- Regional & Village Community Growth - *Increase community tax bases through legislative lobbying and marketing initiatives on behalf of members that result in growth of new residents and businesses*
- Regional Travel and Tourism - *Increase awareness about regional highlights (businesses, services, activities and events) through targeted marketing, advertising campaigns and strategically aligned partnerships*

The evening included many break out sessions as participants created and ranked the goals, risks and impediments associated with each strategic theme. Next steps in the process include online surveys and future meetings.



## Televised your seasonal salutations on PEGTV

*Free filming of holiday greetings for Rutland County residents and businesses*

Why not wish your community well this holiday season? It's quick, easy, free and a wonderful way to spread some seasonal cheer. Rutland Region Community Television (PEGTV) invites the public to stop in or reserve a time to record a short seasonal greeting to be aired on television throughout the upcoming holiday season.

Organizations, businesses or individuals within Rutland County can record a special non-commercial seasonal greeting on a pre-decorated holiday set at our Howe Center studio in Rutland. Or, if you would like PEGTV to come to your establishment, simply call up and reserve a time and one of our field producers will stop by to record your message.

Another option is to record your greeting using your smartphone and send us the video through a free service called dropbox. Please share all dropbox uploads with this email address: [skent@pegtv.com](mailto:skent@pegtv.com). Visit our website [pegtv.com](http://pegtv.com) for helpful instructions on how to do this.

Greetings will be played throughout the holiday season on Channels 15, 20 and 21 and on PEGTV's social media sites. If you would like to set up an appointment call the station by December 14 at 802-747-0151 or email [skent@pegtv.com](mailto:skent@pegtv.com).

PEGTV is comprised of Comcast Channels 15, 20 and 21 and VTel channels 163, 164, and 165 and is available throughout Rutland County to all cable subscribers. Streaming programming, hyper-local weather forecasts, and video on demand services are also available online at [www.pegtv.com](http://www.pegtv.com).

## FML's Pawliday Pet Supply Drive

The Fletcher Memorial Youth Library in Ludlow Vermont is excited to lend a hand to the community this season by organizing a “Pawliday” Pet Supply Drive. The drive which will run from Monday November 21<sup>st</sup> through Friday December 16<sup>th</sup> aims to collect an array of pet products to help the four legged residents of the Lucy McKenzie Humane Society located in Windsor, Vermont. Items sought include: Dog and cat toys, pet food, cleaning supplies such as bleach, paper towels and laundry detergent along with clean, gently used or new blankets and towels. All donations may be dropped off at the Fletcher Memorial Library during regular business hours. In addition to the drive, the library will be holding two programs that will allow participants hands on opportunities to contribute to the cause. On Tuesday December 13, 2016 from 3:00-4:00 children in grades K and up are invited to the library to make one of a kind dog and cat toys that will be donated to the shelter animals. Later that week, on Thursday the 15<sup>th</sup>, the Books & Cooks Cooking Club will be learning how to bake wholesome and delicious treats for the canine residents of the shelter. This program is open to grades 2 and up and is limited to 10 participants. Space can be reserved by calling Youth Services Librarian Sacha Krawczyk at 228-3517.

## LNR Associates >>Mount Holly, Vermont

### **Our Objective**

- \* Supporting & Promoting Net Zero Homes through "Alternative Energy" Education
- \* Providing the essential Information needed to make prudent decisions about our lifestyles and their effect on our "Living Costs" including the "Planet Earth".
- \* Working collectively within our communities to promote the "Effective" use of "Alternative Energy Sources"
- \* Learning what the "True Costs" are for the use of "Alternative Energy Sources".
- \* Realizing the benefits of a home with a "NET-ZERO" energy cost.
- \* Participating in, "Workshops": That will address, current "Market Conditions", affecting "ALTERNATIVE ENERGY" sources, and usages

To get started Please contact LNR Associates @ 802 228-1179 and make an appointment to join our "Community Effort". We, in turn, will offer you a "Site Evaluation" at no cost or obligation to you. Do so before the current "Incentives" expire.

## LNR Associates >>Mount Holly, Vermont

### **Answers to some important Questions!**

#### **Solar Panel Production vs. Solar Panel Cost**

- \* A 60 cell Solar Panel measures approximately 40" x 65" x 1.5" and weighs 40 #
- \* With a factory rating of 250 watts, this panel can produce 2000 watts of electricity per day. Under the existing rate structure that earns \$.41/ day or \$150.00 per year.
- \* At a cost of \$5.00! watt installed that means a panel costs \$1000.00. Therefore, a payback of 6 years and .8 months.

#### **Supporting & Promoting Net Zero Homes through "Alternative Energy"**

**Education:** By learning how to install Solar Panels at your residence it is possible to reduce that payback period to one year and 10 months.

**Providing the essential Information needed to make prudent decisions about our lifestyles and their effect on our "Living Costs" including the "Planet Earth".**

Keeping in mind that no two Solar-Sites are the same it is therefore prudent to evaluate each Residential or Business site carefully before making any assumptions or financial commitments.

It is also prudent to learn how your "Energy Consumption" might change once you become the power producer!!! Here the objective may become a "NET ZERO" home with its positive environmental impact.

#### **Working collectively within our communities to promote the "Effective" use of "Alternative Energy Sources"**

Solar Panels are one of several potential sources of "Alternative Energy Production". Wind also has good potential. Again, EDUCATION is the Key element.

We should also look carefully at siting for not only panel production but also visual impact. Here the "Solar GARDEN" can come into play.

**Learning what the "True Costs" are for the use of "Alternative Energy Sources".**

There are only TWO components that are critical to Electric Energy Production The energy collector and the Inverter.

Where and how they are made are both very important.  
**Realizing the benefits of a home with a "NET-ZERO" energy cost.**

Reducing or eliminating the "Energy Costs" associated with operating a Residence or Business makes either one more valuable. Here again the goal can be "NET ZERO".

**Participating in, "Workshops": That will address, current "Market Conditions", affecting "ALTERNATIVE ENERGY" sources, and usage.**

The "Alternative Energy Industry" is rapidly evolving and yet it is a very, uncomplicated one.

Participating in several brief "Workshops" will prove this quickly.

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**Do so before the current "Incentives" expire.**

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## SAY 'NO' (AGAIN) TO ATVs ON MOUNT HOLLY ROADS

We don't need an ordinance and additional regulations about ATVs (All Terrain Vehicles) in Mount Holly. Town residents who need to get from Point A to Point B on their ATVs or tractors do so now and rarely does anyone object. We know our neighbors and respect them. They in turn respect us. With the passing of a new ordinance we won't know the many people who will look to Mount Holly as an ATV haven, given that the majority of towns that border us do not want or allow ATVs on their roads. Let's leave well enough alone.

Last year, when the question of whether to allow all ATVS use of Mount Holly roads came up, the Mount Holly Select Board sought the opinions of the town's voters through an advisory vote. After the vote was taken and after the Board held a public hearing on the matter, it was clear that a large majority of Mount Holly residents were opposed to opening up the town's roads to ATVs, and the matter was dropped.

But despite last year's advisory vote the issue has been introduced again by Mount Holly Selectman, Tim Martin, who has proposed a similar ordinance that would basically open up the majority of Mount Holly roads to unlimited ATV use.

According to the proposed ordinance, all class four and gravel roads, would be open to unlimited ATV use, and the ordinance includes language that could allow ATVs even on paved roads. ATV operators would not need to meet an age requirement other than the state minimum of 12 years, nor wear a helmet or carry insurance. Unless posted otherwise on the road, the speed limit would be the state posted limit of 50 mph. Like last year, the new ordinance does not offer any effective means of identifying who is driving ATVs on our roads, so in essence anyone would be able to ride our roads. As mentioned most of the towns bordering Mount Holly, including Shrewsbury, Wallingford, Ludlow, Mt. Tabor and Weston, do not allow ATV's on their roads at all. Mount Holly could well become a magnet for out-of-town ATVers.

Enforcement of any statutes governing ATVs has always been a problem. Last year, when this subject was being debated the first time, a Select Board ATV advisory committee, of which I was a member, was told that ATV complaints and problems would be a very low priority for the Vermont State Police.

The arguments against opening our roads to ATVs are the same now as they were a year and a half ago:

**REGULATIONS:** Another regulation where the town does not have a current problem or need.

**SAFETY:** ATVs are not designed for on-road use and the manufacturers themselves clearly state on every ATV, "Never Use on Public Roads"

**ENFORCEMENT:** there are minimal enforcement provisions, plus the town basically has very limited capacity to enforce;

**LIABILITY/TAXES:** If ATVs are allowed on Mount Holly roads the town can potentially be held liable for injuries to non-riders. State law does not protect the town from lawsuits by pedestrians or drivers/passengers of cars. This may require higher taxes in order to obtain additional liability insurance or to pay for expensive lawsuits.

**ROAD MAINTENANCE:** The town road crews would incur additional costs and maintenance due to increased wear and tear to the roads. This would translate to more taxes for all of us.

Last year the town's residents were advised in a Chit Chat ad, to "LEAVE WELL ENOUGH ALONE!" In other words don't introduce ATVs and their inherent problems to Mount Holly roads. That opinion has not changed with this new attempt to introduce an ATV ordinance.

Please contact our Select Board members (mthollysb@gmail.com) and let them know that you are opposed to allowing ATVs on our roads, and please show up at the next Select Board meeting on Tuesday, December 13th at 7:30 PM when this new attempt to put ATVs on our roads will be debated. Francis DeVine



## Christmas 2016 -- Birth of a New Tradition

As the holidays approach, the giant Asian factories are kicking into high gear to provide Americans with monstrous piles of cheaply produced goods -- merchandise that has been produced at the expense of American labor. This year will be different. This year Americans will give the gift of genuine concern for other Americans. There is no longer an excuse that, at gift giving time, nothing can be found that is produced by American hands. Yes there is!

It's time to think outside the box, people. Who says a gift needs to fit in a shirt box, wrapped in Chinese produced wrapping paper? Everyone -- yes EVERYONE gets their hair cut. How about gift certificates from your local American hair salon or barber?

Gym membership? It's appropriate for all ages who are thinking about some health improvement.

Who wouldn't appreciate getting their car detailed? Small, American owned detail shops and car washes would love to sell you a gift certificate or a book of gift certificates.

Are you one of those extravagant givers who think nothing of plunking down the Benjamin's on a Chinese made flat-screen? Perhaps that grateful gift receiver would like his driveway sealed, or lawn mowed for the summer, or driveway plowed all winter, or games at the local golf course.

There are bazillion owner-run restaurants -- all offering gift certificates. And, if your intended isn't the fancy eatery sort, what about a half dozen breakfasts at the local breakfast joint. Remember, folks this isn't about big National chains -- this is about supporting your home town Americans with their financial lives on the line to keep their doors open.

How many people couldn't use an oil change for their car, truck or motorcycle, done at a shop run by the American working guy?

Thinking about a heartfelt gift for mom? Mom would LOVE the services of A local cleaning lady for a day....or a massage ..or a manicure or pedicure. Gift Certificates from the local grocery store or pharmacy for the older citizens. Gift Baskets filled with can meats, peanut butter or herbal teas..

My computer could use a tune-up, and I KNOW I can find some young guy who is struggling to get his repair business up and running.

OK, you were looking for something more personal. Local crafts people spin their own wool and knit them into scarves. They make jewelry, and pottery and beautiful wooden boxes.

Plan your holiday outings at local, owner operated restaurants and leave your server a nice tip. And, how about going out to see a play or ballet at your hometown theatre. Musicians need love too, so find a venue showcasing local bands.

Honestly, people, do you REALLY need to buy another ten thousand Chinese lights for the house? When you buy a five dollar string of light, about fifty cents stays in the community. If you have those kinds of bucks to burn, leave the mailman, trash guy or babysitter a nice BIG tip.

You see, Christmas is no longer about draining American pockets so that China can build another glittering city. Christmas is now about caring about US, encouraging American small businesses to keep plugging away to follow their dreams. And, when we care about other Americans, we care about our communities, and the benefits come back to us in ways we couldn't imagine. THIS is the new American Christmas tradition. From Pam Schoch

### *YOUR FIRST CHRISTMAS CARD*

**T'was the month before Christmas**

When all through our land,

Not a Christian was praying

Nor taking a stand.

Why the PC Police had taken away

The reason for Christmas - no one could say.

The children were told by their schools not to sing  
About Shepherds and Wise Men and Angels and things.

It might hurt people's feelings, the teachers would say

December 25th is just a 'Holiday'.

Yet the shoppers were ready with cash, checks and credit

Pushing folks down to the floor just to get it!

CDs from Madonna, an X BOX, an I-Pod

Something was changing, something quite odd!

Retailers promoted Ramadan and Kwanzaa

In hopes to sell books by Franken & Fonda.

As Targets were hanging their trees upside down

At Lowe's the word Christmas - was no where to be found.

At K-Mart and Staples and Penny's and Sears

You won't hear the word Christmas;

it won't touch your ears. Inclusive, sensitive, Di-ver-si-ty

Are words that were used to intimidate me.

Now Daschle, Now Darden, Now Sharpton, Wolf Blitzen

On Boxer, on Rather, on Kerry, on Clinton!

At the top of the Senate, there arose such a clatter

To eliminate Jesus, in all public matter.

And we spoke not a word, as they took away our faith

Forbidden to speak of salvation and grace

The true Gift of Christmas was exchanged and discarded

The reason for the season, stopped before it started.

So as you celebrate 'Winter Break' under your 'Dream Tree'

Sipping your Starbucks, listen to me.

Choose your words carefully, choose what you say

Shout MERRY CHRISTMAS,

not Happy Holiday!

Please, all Christians join together and

wish everyone you meet

MERRY CHRISTMAS

Christ is The Reason' for the Christ-mas Season!



## The Southwestern Vermont Council on Aging

The Southwestern Vermont Council on Aging (SVCOA), a nonprofit committed to helping individuals 60+ meet the challenges of aging by providing meal support, case management, information and assistance and connections to other Vermont resources, has been selected as a beneficiary of the Hannaford Helps Reusable Bag Program for the month of December.

This exciting program has been designed to support local nonprofits like SVCOA. For every blue Hannaford Helps Reusable Bag with the good karma messaging purchased at the Rutland Hannaford, The Southwestern Vermont Council on Aging will receive a \$1 donation in order to help fulfill its mission of being a community force in creating and sustaining opportunities for elders and caregivers in our region to help assure that elders are able to maintain maximum independence and quality of life.

The Southwestern Vermont Council on Aging has a goal of raising \$500 during December as a beneficiary of the program, which is equivalent to 500 bags bought in support of the cause. The Southwestern Vermont Council on Aging plans to use the projected funds to further carry out its mission of helping individuals 60+ meet the challenges of aging by providing meal support, case management, information and assistance and connections to other Vermont resources.

Learn more about The Southwestern Vermont Council on Aging by calling our Senior HelpLine 1-800-642-5119 or visiting [www.svcoa.org](http://www.svcoa.org).

For more information on the Hannaford Helps Reusable Bag Program, visit [www.hannaford.bags4mycause.com](http://www.hannaford.bags4mycause.com) or [facebook.com/hhbaggerprogram](https://facebook.com/hhbaggerprogram).

Heather L Baker, Southwestern Vermont Council on Aging, Development & Communications Coordinator, U.S. Route 4 East, Unit 2B, Rutland, VT 05701 [hbaker@svcoa.net](mailto:hbaker@svcoa.net) (802) 786-5990 Fax (802) 786-5994

### New Staff at BROCC



Jessica Steller (Left) and Janna Herchenroder (Right) have just been hired as counselors for the Housing Opportunity Program in our Bennington location. They will provide case management, eviction prevention and rapid re-housing services for homeless and at-risk clients.



### Press Release -2016

RSVP *Operation Dolls and More Project* will hold its annual event on Thursday, Dec. 1st at Trinity Church. This project provides families and children holiday support.

This program is volunteer driven and serves over 55 non-profit organizations. Items provided, such as dolls, toys, bikes, warm items, crafts, games, wooden creations, will find appropriate homes for children all around Rutland County.

The **Heart** of the program is the volunteers who work throughout the year, sharing their talents and time, creating beautiful gifts for others in need. Please come and visit our display that will dazzle and inspire you.

The public is invited to attend the preview on Thursday, December 1st at the Trinity Church on West Street in Rutland from 1:30 to 4:30.



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



## Community Health Clinics – December 2016 Rutland Area Visiting Nurse Association & Hospice

### December Blood Pressure/Foot Care Clinics

Thursday, 12/01/2016,	Rutland, Parker House,	10 am
Thursday, 12/01/2016,	Rutland, Bardwell House,	12:30 am
Wednesday, 12/07/2016,	Wallingford, Wallingford House,	10:30 am
Wednesday, 12/28/2016,	Rutland, Godnick Adult Center,	12:30 pm

*The cost of the foot clinic is \$10. No appointment necessary. Please call 802.770.1536 for more information.*



### RAVNAH also offers Cholesterol Screenings for \$30 every month:

Clinics held at the Rutland Office are the 1st Wednesday - call 802.775.0568 for an appointment.

Clinics held at the Dorset Office are the 3rd Wednesday - call 802.362.1200 for an appointment.

### Travel Well with RAVNAH's Travel Health Clinic

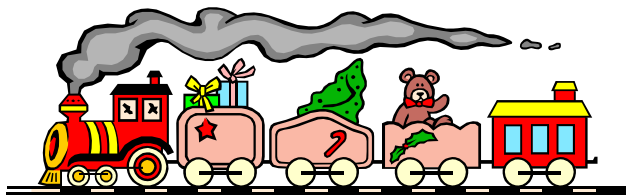
RAVNAH is the region's resource for comprehensive and safe travel health services including vaccines and individualized disease prevention plans to international travelers. For more information call Cathleen at 802.770.1536 for a personal appointment or email [gohealth@ravnah.org](mailto:gohealth@ravnah.org).

### Bereavement Group

RAVNAH's monthly bereavement group is held Tuesdays at 6pm at Grace Congregational Church. RAVNAH's Chaplain, Andrew Carlson, will be facilitating. For more, please contact Andrew at 770-1613. The group is free and open to the public.

### VT Ostomy Group

The next VT Ostomy Support Group meeting will be held on Saturday, December 10, 2016 from 10:30 am – noon at the Rutland Area VNA & Hospice, 7 Albert Cree Drive. There is no charge to attend the group. For more information please contact Kate at 802-236-0500.



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